



The Hovingham and Scackleton Newsletter



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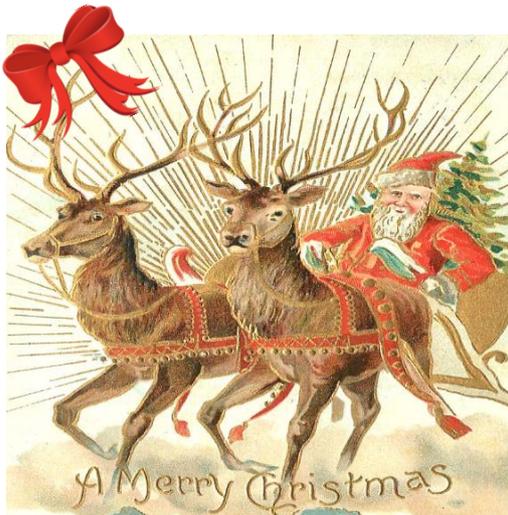
Welcome to the Hovingham and Scackleton Newsletter

Is it just my imagination? Is it just me getting older, or is the length of time between one Christmas and the next getting shorter every year? Here we are talking about Christmas again and it seems like only yesterday that we were putting away the Christmas decorations from last year. And whilst we anticipate our rather cosy Christmas here in Hovingham, with our two Christmas markets, Santa's sleigh, our singing of Christmas carols at the Worsley Arms Hotel and our Christingle Service at Hovingham Church, we are forced to consider the Christmas of those in other parts of this country and overseas less fortunate than ourselves.

This is forced upon us whether we like it or not by the constant appeals that we receive through the post or that we witness on the television. No doubt every one of these appeals is very worthy, but much as we would like to, much as we might feel we ought to, we cannot support them all. But we can all support one or two of them and I'm sure most of us do. Certainly, the 'Shoe Box' appeal, bringing Christmas joy to so many children throughout the world was well supported by the children, the parents and the friends of Hovingham School. So is the 'food bank', the collection point of which is in the Tower Room at Hovingham Church. The last time Maureen looked, the box was so full she could hardly lift it and she has had to put in place another empty box for more donations! Two charities, supported locally, which will bring some degree of the Christmas spirit to children in war-torn areas of the world, and a square meal to those in this part of the world who have fallen on hard times

Eddie Lucas

Christmas - What's On in Hovingham and Scackleton



Hovingham Christmas Market - Saturday 3rd December from 10.30am

Come hear the band and shop from local producers for this Christmas

Santa's Sleigh - Wednesday 7th December

Malton Lions annual collection - listen for the music

Scackleton Christmas Service - Sunday 11th December at 3pm

At St George the Martyr- Scackleton

Hovingham Christmas Market - Saturday 17th December from 10.30am

Enjoy local food & produce and those last minute presents & stocking fillers.

Carol Evening at the Worsley Arms Hotel on Sat 17th December at 6.30pm.

An informal evening of Christmas Carols, stories and readings.

Everyone will be very welcome, and once again we are extremely grateful to Tony and Sally Finn for the very warm welcome they always give us.



Christingle Service 24th December at 4pm at Hovingham Church

Always a delight, children singing, candles flickering - not to be missed -
Everyone is welcome

Christmas Day at 10.30am

Christmas Eucharist at Hovingham Church

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Hovingham Poppy Appeal



Very many thanks to our door-to-door collectors and donors for their support of the Poppy Appeal this year. Rumour has it that people had been very generous again.

The total raised isn't yet finalised as substantial amounts were still to be handed over to our Poppy Appeal Organiser, Rosemary Stewart.

The total amount will be published in the next edition.

A big thank you

I am very grateful to all of my friends in Hovingham for their kind messages and good wishes shown to me through my recent illness. I know many give this freely and don't want thanks but I really feel that it's right for me to say this and to thank you all in this way.

Dennis Anderson

Hovingham Neighbourhood Watch - WARNING - Unsolicited Calls

- Residents have been receiving unsolicited telephone calls and email messages from organisations such as **BT Yahoo, Apple and Microsoft.**
- The calls and messages are most likely from very convincing fraudsters; they will concern you that you have a serious problem needing instant rectification and ask you for your credit card or bank details, or alternatively want access to your computer so they can extract personal information or install virus software on your computer.
- If you are experiencing a problem then ask someone you know, such as a friend, relative or neighbour. Alternatively, you may ask them for details of someone they have used and recommend may be able to help you.
- If you are in doubt of the authenticity of a caller then phone them back using a phone number you obtained independently of the caller and ideally on a different phone number.

- **HANG UP** On unsolicited phone calls
- **DELETE** Unsolicited emails, never open them, attachments or install "FREE" software
- **NEVER** Divulge personal, bank or credit details to unsolicited callers/emails
- **NEVER** Open email attachments unless you are expecting them from someone you know
- **NOTE** Vehicle details, registration and name on the van of suspicious callers
- **ALWAYS** Close the door on cold callers

PLEASE REMEMBER - When it sounds too good to be true, then it is most likely a SCAM

Please Contact Trading Standards or Local Police on 101 if you experience a problem

AONB Photography Competition

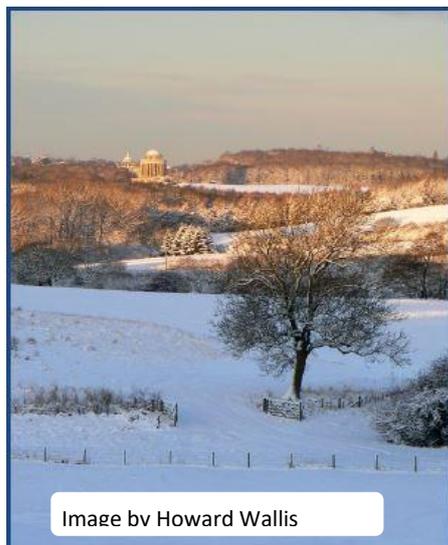


Image by Howard Wallis

Your opportunity to capture the special qualities of the AONB on camera

Categories: Landscape, Flora and Fauna, History and Heritage, Living and Working, Young Photographer

There will be an exhibition of finalists' images at The Yorkshire Arboretum, prizes in all categories

Sponsored by: The Yorkshire Arboretum, Joe Cornish Gallery, HPE, Castle Howard and McClarrons Ltd

Full details can be found on the Rural Action Yorkshire website at

www.ruralyorkshire.org.uk/hhaonb

Entries by 5pm on 10th January 2017

Our Christmas Markets on Sat 3rd and Sat 17th December bring cheer with sing along carols from the Swinton & Excelsior Brass Band. Our Community cafés offer warmth and comfort with home made soups, cakes and of course, the ever popular bacon or sausage butty. The Friends of Hovingham School and Hovingham Church will be operating the cafés.

Gillamoor School will be raising funds for Birunda Primary School for the Hearing Impaired through the sale of Birunda crafts and Christmas decorations. Look out too for Ryedale Dog Rescue and Cancer Research and of course, all your favourite local producers, designers and makers plus some new guest stalls too.

And some insider news - Father Christmas has asked his reindeers to drop him off at the Market on Sat 17th December to say hello.

The November Hovingham Village Market was well supported with around 640 visitors. The morning started brightly and ended with heavy showers. Chris Stark, The Wall@Coulton, created a life size Guy Fawkes and we "hung" Guy from the signpost outside the Market. We also had a blazing chiminea watched over by diligent volunteers, a wood fired pizza oven and Jack played much enjoyed tunes on his saxophone.

Both community stalls New Beginnings and the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal were well supported and the Howardian Hills of Outstanding Natural Beauty had a good response to their survey on rural tranquillity. Inside the Village Hall, visitors enjoyed reading a special booklet researched by Ann Chapman with unusual facts and stories about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night.

A record number of 21 volunteers helped to set up and dismantle the stalls and the village hall – a big thank you to every volunteer for making our special market.



Chris Stark wrestles with Guy Fawkes

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Caroline Davis & Murray Stewart



HOVINGHAM Village Market



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Hovingham Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Children's Assembly, led by Revd Anne Freestone on 10th November, was a time of rejoicing when The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes were received.

Once again we have to thank both adults and schoolchildren of Hovingham for their wonderful generosity to people less fortunate than themselves. There will be forty six children with smiling faces on Christmas day in those parts of the world where presents would otherwise be the last thing on their agenda. All thanks to you.

Carol Battersby



Hovingham Village Hall - Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th January at 7pm in the Community Room (the smaller room at the back of the village hall). All welcome. This will be followed by the regular Management Committee Meeting. If anyone wants to get involved, please come along without any commitment, or contact us (see below). We meet every three months with email communication in between if needed. We also carry out monthly building inspections inside and out.

We are seeking funding for several things: the car park, the front walls and an upgrade to the ladies toilets. This is still in the early stages of exploring what funding is possible and if we qualify. We are also working with Rural Action Yorkshire, who had some funding available to assist Village Hall Committees. This to help us make sure we have the best policies and procedures in place for running the Hall and that we as Trustees fully understand our roles and responsibilities. This is in progress after a series of workshops.

If you want to get in touch or find out more, contact Wendy Dawson, Secretary on 01653 628296 or email wendydawson@hovingham.org.uk.

Wendy Dawson

Scackleton News

We are having a three course meal at Church Farm on 10th December, to replace the Safari Supper.

Tickets available from Sue John.

The proceeds will go to Scackleton Church funds.



Our defibrillator has arrived in Scackleton. There will be a lesson on how to use it with confidence, in the church in January.

Wendy Swann



There are many valuable benefits in helping to maintain the unique character and beauty of Hovingham village and helping the community. Being involved in the projects shown below can be fun and you will get to know many people.

Activities usually take around 1 hour to complete and are not arduous - many are suitable for all ages and abilities. New volunteers are very welcome to join us in the projects shown, as and when they are available.

If you'd like to keep in touch about events in the village, email events@hovingham.org.uk. If you'd like to express interest in learning more about opportunities to volunteer, email action@hovingham.org.uk



PROJECT	INFORMATION	TASKS
LITTER PICKING & SIGN CLEANING Equipment provided: litter pickers, gloves, bags, and highviz vests.	Once each year (around April) litter is collected and signs cleaned, usually followed by coffee and cake.	Within village limits litter is collected and all Hovingham signs cleaned, including traffic and street signs.
MARKET Equipment provided: gloves and highviz vests.	Every month, except January, our award winning local market is held in the village hall car park.	Volunteer activities include setting up & taking down stalls; recording visitor numbers; handing out literature & selling shopping bags.
MARKET CAFE	The Action Group and the Playground Group run 2 cafes per year.	Various activities in the kitchen from serving customers to washing up. The money raised is ploughed back into village amenities.
NEWSLETTER	Distributed every 2 months	Edit, publish or distribute the newsletter which goes to every house in the village. It includes many articles of local interest.
PLAYGROUND Equipment provided as required	Keeping the playground well maintained	Maintaining equipment, weed spraying, hedge cutting and other various tasks are undertaken in spring and summer months
SNOW CLEARING Equipment is provided: snow shovel, gloves and highviz vests	Moving snow from priority footpaths	Whenever there are substantial snowfalls we clear pavements to shops and other amenities.
WEBSITE	Keeping the website fresh and current	Contacting groups, businesses and organisations to review or update their content.
CHRISTMAS TREE	Each year in December the Market Group put up a Christmas tree in the village hall car park	Help to erect and place lights on the tree



Memorial Service for Pat Graham (1931 - 2016)

A memorial service for Patricia Graham was held in All Saints Church on November 12th, attended by her family and friends. Twenty eight years ago Patricia and Keith moved to Westwood Cottage, Park Street following Keith's retirement. They left Hovingham 6 years ago to live near to their daughter in Essex. Patricia died in June this year and Keith wanted to celebrate her life and bury her ashes in All Saints Churchyard. Her daughter, Sally, and son, David, spoke in church to commemorate their memories of their mother. The ceremony was followed by tea at the Worsley Arms.

Margaret Bell

Eye opening, interesting, challenging, fulfilling ...

I have recently returned from a humanitarian trip to Peru after raising almost £4,000 over 18 months through working and fundraising events.

The trip was one of the most eye-opening, interesting, challenging, fulfilling things I think I will ever do and I would like to thank anyone who supported me in my fundraising as I couldn't of had this wonderful experience helping people who needed it most if it weren't for you.

Whilst in Peru for 4 weeks we visited several communities and helped to build a cultural centre, a greenhouse and an animal shelter. The work was hard, especially since our bodies weren't used to the altitude and intense exercise. We also helped to teach English to some of the local children.

During our final week we Trekked to Mount Machu Pichu which was the hardest, most rewarding challenge I have ever completed. It was 5 long, hard days walking but when we finally reached the summit the view was INCREDIBLE.

Annise Bertucci



Fracking - Yorkshire update

On 22nd and 23rd November, Frack Free Ryedale and Friends of the Earth will be at a rolled up hearing at the Royal Courts of Justice to ask for a Judicial review of North Yorkshire County Council's (NYCC) grant of planning permission to Third Energy to carry out 5 fracks and produce gas from those operations for up to 9 years. Should the review be granted the hearing will last for one and a half days.

The grounds relating to the request for review are that climate change issues have not been dealt with correctly, nor have matters relating to a financial bond in relation to potential long term legacy issues.

Also at the moment NYCC's Joint Waste and Mineral Plan is in its final stages of consultation: the publication stage. There are many issues that relate to our immediate location in Ryedale covered in the proposed plan, for example, gravel workings and quarrying for stone.

As far as fracking (or unconventional hydrocarbons) is concerned, the policies published propose a 3.5km 'visual/landscape buffer zone' around the edge of AONB's or National Parks. There is also a 'separation distance' proposed of 500m between developed sites and receptors (a receptor is a house, school or any other building occupied by humans).

Also in November at the House of Lords, Francis Egan the CEO of Cuadrilla, said their fracking sites would typically be up to 2ha in area with up to 40 boreholes on each site. When one calculates that to drill down to 10,000ft below ground level may take up to 50 days, a 40 borehole site would take nearly 5.5 years of continuous drilling activity, not to mention several other very noisy site operations and all the traffic and disturbance that goes with that.

I would question if 500m gives enough protection to our most sensitive people, such as our children in schools and the elderly population as a whole.

Now is your last chance to have any input. I hope the Parish Council will be responding. The date for closing the final consultation is 21st December 2016. Full details can be found on NYCC's website.

David Davis

Driving through Hovingham regularly, Simon & Viktoria would often dream about one day owning their own bakery business. They both moved to Helmsley 10 years ago with their young family and fell in love with the area.

I met Simon and Viktoria at the end of their first week running the bakery. "What can we look forward to?", I asked. Simon's background as an experienced chef and kitchen trouble shooter, means that he brings talent and a vision involving a deep passion for bread, patisserie and desserts.

Simon was the Head Chef at the Feversham Arms for 7 years. Victoria and Simon met in Sweden and together they plan to bring a taste of Sweden to Hovingham with seasonal, traditional bakes. Glögg, a Swedish mulled wine served with gingerbread will tickle our taste buds in December.

This couple are keen to find out what their customers like. Each day there are samples on the counter to try in exchange for feedback. Today's samples included freshly baked sourdough and the response had been very positive.

Simon & Victoria plan to run the bakery pretty much as it is now until they close for refurbishment on 2nd January for 2-3 weeks. During this period, customers spending £5 in the shop or £10 in the tea rooms, receive a 10% off voucher. Patisserie including croissants are available on Saturdays and Sundays so there's plenty of temptation. The bakery will continue to provide freshly baked rolls to the Hovingham Village Market Community Cafés too.

Simon said "it's taken us three years to find this business as we are picky and knew what we wanted. It's like a dream come true to be here in Hovingham."

During the winter, the bakery is open from Wednesday to Sunday each week. Over Christmas the bakery is closed on Christmas Day, 26th & 27th December and open from Monday 28th December to 1st January. Yes, the bakery is open on New Year's Day. Look out for more news next year and on the Hovingham Bakery Facebook page.

Caroline Davis

Hovingham Stores win award



Congratulations to Mark and Rose Blades who are celebrating winning the 'Best Convenience Retailer' Award in a recent Minster FM competition. The award is on display at Hovingham Stores.

The Stores also does a great job in supporting local businesses. We all enjoyed walking past, carving up and eating Chris Stark's pumpkins in Halloween week. And it is also nice to have available in the shop some of the kitchen mats and notelets illustrated by the well known wildlife artist, Robert Fuller, who has a gallery in Thixendale. He often appears on local television for his work to protect barn owls in East and North Yorkshire, and he writes a monthly column for The Yorkshire Post and the Ryedale Gazette & Herald.

Margaret Bell

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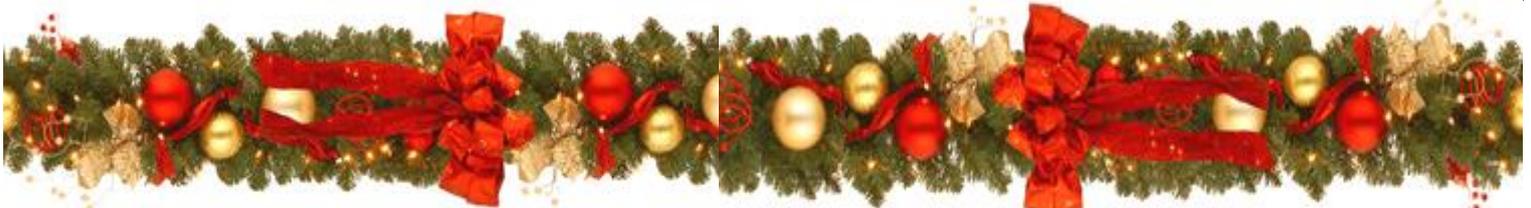
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Farm News

It is quite amazing how quickly time passes. It doesn't seem five minutes since I was writing about harvest and here we are about to head into December.

Once harvest was finished, thoughts soon turned to getting the fields drilled with next year's crops. The areas that had been flooded ploughed up quite well which was helped by sub-soiling beforehand. This made it easier to get them drilled and also to make a fresh start and try and forget just how much water had been there for so many months!

The weather this Autumn was very good for getting on with drilling without many interruptions. The wheat drilling started on 19th September was completed on 1st October with 125 acres drilled. Then I started to drill the oats and 55 acres were sown in 4 days. This left just 7 acres of oats to sow but I had some muck to spread on it. I hired a spreader and with the help of Pete Stark and his forklift, we got it done in just a few hours. This field was then ploughed and drilled. It is always good to roll the fields down once they have been drilled. This breaks up any clods and firms the soil around the seed to help germination. The good weather gave me plenty of time take the drill off the tractor occasionally and get the rolling done. Last to be sown were 18 acres of beans. These were broadcast on the stubble with the fertiliser spreader and ploughed in. This was then worked over with a power harrow to level it out.

All the wheat and oats have been sprayed with a herbicide to kill weeds and an insecticide to stop bugs attacking them. The beans got a weed killer sprayed on straight after sowing (pre emergence) which should stop weeds from growing. Hopefully this will mean that the crops go into winter in a strong and healthy situation.

It is not unusual at this time of year to find that someone has driven across a field during the night. This could be joy riding or possibly poachers looking for deer. However this year the damage is worse than I have ever known it with 8 fields with wheelings in them. Some wheelings are just straight across a field but some are circles where the vehicle has been going round and round at high speed. They even drive through hedges to get from field to field. I am not alone as various neighbours have also had a similar experience. It is impossible to block up every gate and hedge gap especially where you have public rights of way. Whilst the actual damage to crops is not great, having to look at these until next harvest is maddening to say the least!

I have just finished a three month battle with Natural England. After an inspection in June and despite the inspector saying all is fine, I was told it wasn't! He measured the areas I have in a Stewardship Scheme and found a couple of areas lower than I thought and some a little higher-we are talking fractions of an acre. Natural England refused to acknowledge the higher areas but penalise me for the lower ones. After countless communications on various levels of authority, I finally found someone who casually said "oh yes we can adjust your agreement upwards" I was slightly air locked which is unusual for me, but grasped the chance and got it sorted. I can rest easy knowing the civil service is still working efficiently!!!

As we head towards Christmas and winter, let's hope that we don't experience any flooding like we did last Boxing Day. Lets keep our fingers crossed.

Mark Wilson

Congratulations to James Wilson who recently passed his Tractor Driving Test. James is familiar with a tractor cab having much experience of farming with his dad, Mark. The legal age limit for driving a tractor on the roads is 16 years. However, it was a surprise to learn that the first time James was able to drive a tractor on a public road was on the actual day of his driving test.

Reflecting on the experience, James said *"The test took about 35-40 minutes and I was asked to undertake different manoeuvres including an emergency stop. I didn't know what to expect when I first drove on the roads but it was fine. Since my test I've driven to Slingsby, Wath and experienced a few hills driving up Cawkley's Bank and around Nunnington."*

Seeing James driving his dad's shiny blue tractor on test day with such calm confidence, driving any other vehicle should be breeze after this.

Caroline Davis

Hovingham School Report - November 2016

Number on role 35. My last report was at the end of June and as you can imagine a lot has happened since!

St Hildas got the Ofsted call on 5th July to say they would be visiting the following day. It would be fair to say that after our experience at Hovingham, we were all slightly anxious about the visit, but at the same time hopeful that the experience would also be helpful. Governors were interviewed by the inspector the following day but were disappointed to hear that he then turned the inspection into a 2 day one. We hoped that it was because he wanted to find more evidence of "good" not that it was a sign of a "requires improvement"(RI) judgement. When we met the following day for his feedback we were very happy to hear he gave us a Good. Although the early years provision was graded RI, he said that he could see that we had identified where it needed to go and had the capacity to address the issues. Some of his points were:

- *"The new head teacher has high aspirations and acted quickly to bring about improvements in teaching, learning and assessment at key stages 1 and 2. Teachers use their good knowledge of individuals to plan learning accurately matched to their needs. Strong relationships promote learning well.*
- *Pupils develop a good understanding of grammar which they apply well to their writing.*
- *Pupils develop their mathematical understanding well through well planned practical work.*
- *Pupils at different ages and stages make generally good progress in reading, writing and mathematics.*
- *The most able, disadvantaged pupils and those with special educational needs make at least expected rates of progress. Pupils behave well, enjoy learning and contribute well to the positive and cooperative ethos of the school.*
- *Governors have developed a sharper approach to checking the impact of leaders' actions."*

Thankfully the report got turned around very quickly and we could report back to parents before the summer holidays.

At Hovingham we held the end of term leavers disco again at the Worsley Arms. The weather was great and once again it was a fantastic way to give the Year 6's a good send off.

Recently, the Thursday worship has been held in school rather than the church, however since the October half term it is now back in church. Feedback from the worship group was that they felt that the church setting gave more impact to the worship and provided greater focus for the children. We have such a dedicated worship group, co-ordinated by Martyn Boothroyd, who really enjoy spending time with the children.

We are due an inspection by the Diocese sometime this year and in preparation have had a visit from a Diocesan advisor. She was very happy with our school Christian ethos and values. In particular thinks the worship group do a fantastic job.

Our new starters have settled in well. By now they will have got used to the day to day routines in school and being part of the school and village community. The school held its harvest festival as usual but it was unfortunate that despite the efforts of Mr Pynn, we could not find enough children to attend the church harvest service.

As part of our drive to return the school to "Good", we have been getting support from the Local Authority. This Thursday 24th they are coming to do a monitoring inspection to evaluate our progress. This involves similar scrutiny to an Ofsted inspection including interviews with parents and Governors. We believe that the school has made great progress in the last year and look forward to demonstrating this on Thursday.

As always it is a delight to visit school and see how happy the children are. Please visit the school website (<http://www.hovingham.n-yorks.sch.uk>) where you will be able to see all what is happening and keep up with the latest news.

Mark Wilson (Chairman of Governors)



Harvest in Hovingham 2016

Harvest in Hovingham was well celebrated this year, not only in church and chapel but also in the Hovingham monthly Market on 1st October, where the theme throughout was "Harvest". Ann Chapman produced a small booklet outlining the different ways that harvest has been gathered in throughout the ages in this country and the children from Hovingham School produced in exhibition of drawings and paintings on the theme of Harvest. The paintings were judged by Sylvia Moss, who also exhibited one of her own paintings on the theme of 'harvest'.

The following day a harvest festival service was held at Hovingham Church, well attended not only by Anglicans but also by members of the Methodist and Catholic churches. The preacher was Father Edward from Ampleforth. The service was followed by the usual Harvest Lunch and was attended by about 50 people, both young and old.

Finally on the evening of Friday October 7th, the Methodist Church held their United Harvest Celebration led by Revd Ben Nicholson from Helmsley. The service was followed by their usual auction of produce, well loved by the children, and by their traditional scrumptious harvest supper.

The Orkney Italian Chapel - fundraiser for the Church Roof

On Thursday 13th October, Rob Thompson delivered his fascinating illustrated talk on the Orkney Italian Chapel, described as a micro-Cathedral in a Nissen hut. – how it came to be built by Italian prisoners of war drafted in by Churchill to make secure the British Navel base at Scarpa Flow, following a daring attack by a German U boat commander. Rob described the venture as a triumph of the human spirit and co-operation, involving incredible improvise craftsmanship and leaving a lasting legacy of peace and friendship.

Over 70 people enjoyed the lecture and the wine and canapés which preceded it, resulting in a profit in excess of £1300 towards the renovation of Hovingham Church roof.

Eddie Lucas

Rainfall at Hall Farm, Hovingham (in mm)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
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	55	57	620
2014	127	58	38	23	35	54	52	94	29	72	108	48	838
2015	26	20	36	21	89	15	79	67	72	71	110	151	757
2016	87	54	93	82	24	61	41	68	31	43			
Avg	61	44	38	48	57	63	57	68	57	76	72	68	706

* Lower rainfall than usual but snow already. Some predict a cold and snowy winter, but predictions are notoriously fickle.

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Imagine that 79 of Hovingham's young men were to march off to war, 17 of them never to return.

How did their worried families cope with the all work those men left? For 100 years, the names on the War Memorial and memories faded.

In late 2015, Hovingham Branch of The Royal British Legion felt it was time to revive the memories of those who died, seeing them as friends and neighbours we would have greeted daily. Ryedale Family History Group also wanted to provide more about the impact of war on our community. The answer seemed to be to add to the memorial where and when and when they died and their age (average just 23). Surface decay indicated that a new Memorial Stone would be longer lasting and provide the additional space needed. The RFHG started research to expand substantially their Hovingham Memorial Book.

In May, an appeal was launched to cover the £1,750 cost with an initial deadline of Armistice Day 2018. No grants were readily available but, thanks to the prompt response and great generosity of the community, funding was raised in just five months. Modern technology in engraving, plus importing a granite slab from India, provided cost saving and greater durability. A surplus on the initial budget enabled additional work to be done - on the original memorial's foundations, thorough cleaning of the old stonework, improving the gravelled area, raising and reseeding the surrounding grass and providing a more durable edging.

On Remembrance Sunday, nearly 100 residents and visitors saw the new Memorial Stone being dedicated beside the original refurbished Memorial. The new Memorial Book was published and an archive version was placed in the church for all to read.



The finishing touches - November 2016

Research had revealed that private Cyril Judson was buried in Hovingham Cemetery under an official Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone but his name was missed off the original memorial. He had joined up in August 1914 aged 18, was invalided out within weeks but immediately re-enlisted. He was again discharged unfit in 1919, while still on active service in Afghanistan and died of his illness in Hovingham in January 1920. His name is now alongside that of his brother Harold on the new Memorial Stone. Cyril and Harold's niece, Margaret Judson of Driffield, laid a family wreath by the stone on Remembrance Sunday.

The British Legion would like to thank ALL the community groups, businesses, volunteers - and so many individual donors - whose support in cash and in kind has provided such a full and fitting memorial and archive.

Hovingham Branch, The Royal British Legion

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Christmas in **England** was 'banned' by various Protestant groups, and more forcefully banned in certain areas from 1641, until Oliver Cromwell banned it as punishable offence country-wide in 1647, seeing it as too pagan or unbiblical, considering it a Catholic invention with the "trappings of popery". Pro-Christmas protests followed and rioting broke out in several cities. For weeks Canterbury was controlled by the rioters, who decorated doorways with holly and shouted royalist slogans. In a popular move, Charles II reinstated Christmas on his restoration in 1660, to widespread popular joy.

The Parliament of **Scotland** officially abolished the observance of Christmas in 1640, claiming that the church had been "purged of all superstitious observation of days". It was not until **1958** that Christmas again became a Scottish public holiday.

In **Colonial America**, the Pilgrims of New England shared radical Protestant disapproval of Christmas. The Plymouth Pilgrims in 1620 spent their first Christmas Day in the New World working – thus demonstrating their complete contempt for the day. Meanwhile, Non-Puritans in New England deplored the loss of the holidays enjoyed by the labouring classes in England. Christmas observance was outlawed in Boston in 1659. At the same time, Christian residents of Virginia and New York observed the holiday freely as did the Lititz in Pennsylvania and the Wachovia Settlements in North Carolina.

Christmas fell out of favour in the United States after the American Revolution (c1776), when it was considered an English custom and disapproved of by George Washington. It wasn't until the 1820s that interest in Christmas was revived by several short stories by American author Washington Irving, which depicted harmonious warm-hearted English Christmas festivities he experienced while staying in Aston Hall, Birmingham, England. Alabama became the first state to legalise Christmas in 1836, Louisiana and Arkansas followed in 1838. Oklahoma being the last in 1907. *It's very strange that Christmas was so uncelebrated in the USA, when so much of what we consider 'a modern Christmas' seems to be heavily American in flavour.*

Under the state atheism of the **Soviet Union**, after its foundation in 1917, Christmas celebrations—along with other Christian holidays—were prohibited in public until 1991.

And in **the UK**, at the beginning of the 19th century Christmas was hardly celebrated. Many businesses did not even consider it a holiday. Up to the 1950s, many Christmas customs were restricted to the upper classes and better-off families who could afford them. For others a Christmas tree was rare, Christmas dinner might be beef—certainly not turkey. In their stockings children might get an apple, orange and sweets. Full celebration of a family Christmas with all the trimmings only became widespread with increased prosperity from the 1950s on - and perhaps the influence of Television.

National papers were still published on Christmas Day until 1912.

Post was still delivered on Christmas Day until 1961.

League football matches still continued in Scotland until the 1970s while in England they ceased at the end of the 1950s

Well I never!!! -

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Walking through Hovingham graveyard one day, I came across the most beautiful and unusual gravestone. I confess to finding graveyards relaxing and interesting places. The design and the headstone inscriptions provide an insight into the lives and loves of individuals. This certainly was the case when I first saw Letitia Trinick's simple yet eye catching headstone and I decided to find out more.

Letitia was born on the Isle of Wight and lived in Sussex until she moved to North Yorkshire in 1961. Firstly living at Thornton-le-Moor and then latterly in Easingwold. She had strong connections and a deep affection for Hovingham. Her daughter Jane lived locally and her granddaughter, Laura, attended Hovingham School and Church.

Keith Groom, a family friend who was an architect with Brierley, Leckenby, Keighley and Groom (now Brierley Groom) was commissioned by Letitia's husband, David, to design the headstone to reflect her passion and interest in the famous and influential Art Deco architect and designer, Charles Rennie MacIntosh. Jane said "my mother was very fond of Rennie MacIntosh and had a few prints and work in his style."

Such was Letitia's deep affection for Hovingham that a bench was presented to the school by the family in her memory. Both she and her husband were supporters of the work of the school whilst their granddaughter Laura was there.

Mrs Trinick's family understand that the headstone was made by York Minster Stonemasons. Interestingly the architects Brierley Groom have a history that goes back to John Carr who designed Harewood House <http://www.brierleygroom.com/Brierley%20Groom%20history.html>



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Environment and Wildlife - contact [Ann Chapman](#) or [David Richardson](#)

- The Action Group assisted with the refurbishment of the war memorial in the churchyard. The aim was to complete before Remembrance Sunday.
- The possibility of electrifying the church clock is being assessed. However **if you would like to join the present winders of the clock please get in touch.**
- Winter is approaching and thoughts are turning towards what kind of winter we will get this year? The last two years have been fairly mild, without much snow. However in case we do get significant snowfalls in the village we need to be prepared and would like to appeal for volunteers to help out clearing snow from priority footpaths whenever needed. **Please get in touch if you can help, as and when snow arrives.**

Market - contact [Peter Stark](#) or [Caroline Davis](#)

- The October market had good weather throughout with approximately 730 visitors. Stall holders reported good sales figures.
- Many thanks to the volunteers, who help setup, take down stalls, record visitor numbers, hand out literature and sell shopping bags. **Regular or occasional volunteers are always very welcome to lend a hand with the setting up or taking down of the market**
- 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 working party completed the final hedge cutting after contractors earlier cut the majority of hedges surrounding the park. The Playground is run by volunteers, it requires regular maintenance to keep standards high and we rely on volunteers to help out. We would very much welcome an hour of your time once or twice a year to maintain this special playground. Look for details on the playground notice board or the weekly Hovingham email diary. **Contact us if you would like to be involved in the various initiatives that take place.**
- Funding for inspections, repairs, regular maintenance of equipment, grass & hedge cutting all diminish funds. **Donations, however small are greatly appreciated.**

Website – contact [Caroline Davis](#), [Janice Wood](#), [Phil Chapman](#) or [David Richardson](#)

- The new Village Website was launched in June and has seen over 4,200 visitors, a considerable increase from the older site. The main pages visited were Market Stallholders, arrangements for the car boot sale and Market Dates. The new Market Website has seen a trebling in the number of visitors since it was re-launched in March. Village Groups should review their pages to look at the accuracy and how they can be improved for the future.

Neighbourhood Watch - contact [Phil Chapman](#)

- As previously stated the village is now a cold calling free zone. There has been little adverse reaction to this.
- Another burglary in the village has been reported, all residents should continue to be vigilant, securely lock up their premises and report any suspicious activities to the police.
- Regular information detailing criminal activity in Ryedale is received from the police and passed on by email to residents.

Volunteering - contact [Ann Chapman](#), [Caroline Davis](#) or [David Richardson](#)

As can be seen from the different initiatives above, the Action Group is always in need of more volunteers. If you would like to help just for an hour or so please get in touch.

Please contact any of the groups directly or via emails to action@hovingham.org.uk

David Richardson, 24 November 2016

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 Teasdale on 01653 628037

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



RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL (RDC)**from Councillor Robert Wainwright (Hovingham)**

- At the **Parish Liaison Meeting** NY Police announced they have a Rural Task Force of 16 Officers. Ryedale Community Transport made an appeal for volunteers who should contact Linda Thorpe (linda@ryecat.com) if interested, the mileage allowance is 45p a mile.
- The outcomes of the **Peer Review**, that took place in October, were highlighted.

GENERAL

- **Ryedale District Council** have proposed making the field at the rear of the Worsley Arms Hotel a VIUA "Visually Important Undeveloped Area". Although this does not absolutely stop development it does provide an additional obstacle. The Parish Council supported this proposal.

SCACKLETON

- **Dinner** - A sit down meal with take place on 10th December, cost £15 including a raffle, to replace the Safari Supper.
- **Defibrillator** - This has now been received and installed on 17th November. Training will take place at Scackleton Church on 25th January 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Minerals and Waste Joint Plan is available for representations to 21st December 2016.
- CAB have notified the Parish Council of their AGM and it was agreed to make a contribution of £25 to them.
- Sir William Worsley will be asked if the Hovingham Estate to could provide under cover space for the village seats of both villages and allow their annual maintenance to be performed.
- The Meals on Wheels service is no longer provided in Ryedale however, some villages have local lunch clubs.
- The very bad condition of the road by Scackleton Mill was noted and will be reported to NYCC Highways.

FINANCE

- Financial summary was circulated. The financial position remains healthy. We have received most of the income for the Financial Year. There is money available should a small project arise.
- It was agreed to spend £48 on new notices for "No Parking", "No Dog Fouling" and to keep the recycling area tidy.

HOVINGHAM

- **Action Group** - A report was submitted. Additional volunteers are still needed and a Stall at a 2017 Market will be used to publicise and recruit. There is no further information regarding the feasibility and cost of electrification of the Church Clock.
- **Car Park Resurfacing** - Additional quotes for this work are being obtained by the Village Hall Management Committee. Due to the potential magnitude of the work (£32,000+) they are investigating potential grants that may be available.
- **Cemetery Wall Repairs** - Wall is still being repaired and continue to be monitored when weather allows.
- **Dog Waste Bin at Hall Farm** - This has been moved to the entrance of sewage farm by RDC.
- **Flooding** - There is concern about weed growth that may restrict flow. The flood warden will contact the Environment Agency to ensure they are aware.
- **Memorial Project** - The Parish Council thanked Mr. R Thompson for this project which was completed with a contribution of £113.94 from the Parish Council.
- **Mini-Recycling Area** - New signs have been erected. The site continues to be occasionally in a poor state. Hovingham is the last village in Ryedale to have such an area and the Parish Council would like to keep the area in principle, however, it must be kept clean.
- **Pasture Lane** - No progress between Trilandium and Stirling Mortimer. They continue to be chased.
- **Pot Holes** - Condition of local roads is very poor. Residents are encouraged to report via the NYCC website and to contact our NY Councillor Clare Wood if no action is achieved. The Highways Officer for this Area is now Mr James Malcolm.
- **Railings on Top Green** - Strimmer guards are still to be fixed to remaining standalone posts and adjusted on three others by Mr. P. Beecroft.
- **Speeding in Hovingham** - Both the Ryedale Inspector and our Police and Crime Commissioner have been contacted however, no sign of action yet from either.
- **Speeding by Wath Court** - There is concern about the speed of vehicles here, in particular with the Nursery and vehicles entering and leaving. NY Highways are responsible for the signage and are aware of the concerns. The road surface around Wath Court is also of considerable concern, NYCC Highways are aware.
- **Village Hall Constitution** - The Management Committee continue to work on this, with support from RAY (Rural Action Yorkshire).

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - start at 7pm

- It was agreed to amend date of the next meeting to January 18th 2017.
- Subsequent meetings are on March 8th, May 10th (Annual), July 5th (Scackleton), Sept 13th & Nov 8th.

Everyone is very welcome to attend

December 2016

1 st Thur	Hovingham Eucharist - 9:30am Hovingham Church
3 rd Sat	Hovingham Village Market - 10:30am to 1:30pm - Hovingham Village Hall Please come along and support the Market; Friends Hovingham School will be running the Community Café.
	Christmas Concert in All Saints' Church Slingsby - 3pm - All Saints' Slingsby Given by Terrington Village Choir. Proceeds to the Slingsby Church roof repairs.
4 th Sun	BCP Eucharist Service - 10:30am - Hovingham All Saints' Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - M. Sellers
5 th Mon	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins
6 th Tue	Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green
7 th Wed	Santa Sleigh - Malton Lion's Annual Visit to Hovingham
8 th Thur	Hovingham Morning Prayer - 9:30am Hovingham Church
11 th Sun	Eucharist Service - 10:30am - Hovingham All Saints' Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - N. Smith Scackleton Christmas Service - 3:00pm Scackleton St. George the Martyr Church
	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin
	Supermobile Library in Hovingham - 5pm until 7pm - Location Hall Green
15 th Thur	Hovingham Simple Said Eucharist - 9:30am Hovingham Church
16 th Fri	End of School Autumn Term
17 th Sat	Hovingham Village Market - 10:30am to 1:30pm - Hovingham Village Hall Please come along and support the Market; Hovingham Church will be running the Community Café.
	Joint Village Carol Service - 6:30pm at Worsley Arms, led by Revd. Martin Allwood
18 th Sun	Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - A. Hudson Slingsby Carol Service - 3:30pm-4:30pm Slingsby Church
	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins
19 th Mon	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins
22 nd Thur	Hovingham Morning Prayer - 9:30am Hovingham Church
CHRISTMAS EVE 24th Sat	Christingle Service - 4pm - Hovingham Church
CHRISTMAS DAY 25th Sun	Christmas Day Eucharist Service - 10:30am - Hovingham Church
27 th Tue	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin
29 th Thur	Hovingham Simple Said Eucharist - 9:30am Hovingham Church

January 2016

1 st Sun	Simple Said Eucharist - 9:30am Barton Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel
3 rd Tue	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins
4 th Wed	Start of School Spring Term
5 th Thur	Hovingham Morning Prayer - 9:30am Hovingham Church
8 th Sun	Combined Covenant Service - 10:30am Slingsby Chapel
9 th Mon	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin
	Supermobile Library in Hovingham - 5pm until 7pm - Location Hall Green
12 th Thur	Hovingham Eucharist - 9:30am Hovingham Church
	AGM of Hovingham Village Hall - 7pm - Community Room - For more information please contact Wendy Dyson on (01653)-628296 or by email: wendydawson@hovingham.org.uk
15 th Sun	Morning Praise Service - 10:30am - Hovingham All Saints' Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - B. Shackleton
	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins
18 th Wed	Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council - 7pm - Community Room-All very welcome
19 th Thur	Hovingham Morning Prayer - 9:30am Hovingham Church
22 nd Sun	Scackleton Benefice Eucharist Service - 10:30am - Scackleton St. Georges Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - M. Graham
	AGM of THE Hovingham Village Market - 7:30pm - venue to be decided Please contact to get involved, volunteer and attend this AGM; Email themarket@hovingham.org.uk
24 th Tue	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin
26 th Thur	Hovingham Eucharist - 9:30am Hovingham Church
28 th Sat	Amotherby Young Farmers Ball at York Racecourse This will raise funds for AYF, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Farming Community Network. Tickets on sale; Please contact Sophie on (07817) 862031 or email Sophie.nichol_1471@hotmail.co.uk .
	Benefice Eucharist Service - 10:30am - Hovingham All Saints' Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - Circuit Service, choice of venue
29 th Sun	Benefice Eucharist Service - 10:30am - Hovingham All Saints' Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel - Circuit Service, choice of venue
30 th Mon	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins