

Welcome to the Hovingham and Scackleton Newsletter

Autumn seems to have hit us very suddenly. Long summer sunny days (did we ever have any?) seem like a distant memory and we can look forward to dark evenings and cold weather and who knows, maybe even snow.

Plenty for us to grumble about you might think. And yet, when we look around us on world news on television we must recognise how lucky, even privileged, we are to live in and around Hovingham. Not for us the natural disasters such as the devastating hurricanes as those coming one after the other in the West Indies! Not for us the destructive earthquakes as those hitting Mexico! Not for us the man made ethnic cleansing which is apparently being suffered by the Rohingya in Myanmar!

We will of course continue to grumble about the weather. We always do, but let us at the same time be thankful that we live in Hovingham or Scackleton.

Eddie Lucas

The Royal British Legion – support for the living



Our Poppy donations honour the fallen - but what do they do for the *LIVING* today?

Our poppies honour those fallen in combat, from 1914 right up to 2017. But we're not just *buying a Poppy*, to wear with pride and gratitude for their sacrifice, we are supporting *TODAY'S* veterans and their families. Thankfully, huge progress in treating casualties within minutes of wounding, means there are many more survivors but this creates ever greater demands. The Royal British Legion provides an astonishing range of support: retirement homes, rehabilitation centres, legal and financial aid, employability support, simple D.I.Y. - and a lot more.

You can see how *effective* this is on www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/

And for the *HUMAN* story of how much it means to those we help, please listen to young war widow Kirianne Curley, describing the sensitive and very practical support she and her toddler son received.

www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/social-support/inquest-advice



Poppy Appeal - COLLECTION POINTS & Gift Aid.

In the past, some residents were disappointed to miss their usual doorstep collector so this year there will be collection points for donations at The Worsley Arms (from Nov. 1st) and at the Market on Nov. 4th. (See more on Page 3)

If you would like to add 25% to your donations Gift-Aid, envelopes are available at the Market and Worsley Arms.

From our Hovingham war memorial:

Three Hovingham brothers who died.

George Dawson, a farm labourer, and his wife Annie, of Hovingham Spa lost three of their four sons.

None of their sons has a known grave.

EDWARD DAWSON originally lived in Fryton, working as a plough boy for Thomas Leefe, before joining the Green Howards sometime before 1911. He was killed in France on 16 May 1915 aged 30.

REGINALD DAWSON an assistant butcher, was killed in France on 17 September 1916.

JOHN DAWSON *Military Medal* an auxiliary postman, was killed in France on 27 May 1918.

Tea Spot

We have been meeting at the Rolling Pin Cafe (formerly Spa Café/Hovingham Bakery) since the start of the year every second Thursday of the month. It is good that local women and gentleman can make use of their local businesses and great that we can regularly get together for a chat and catch up.

Why not join us on 12th October at 10.30am?

Chapel Harvest Services this year

Sunday 15th October at 10.30am conducted by Rev Mark Haynes

Monday 16th October at 6.30pm conducted by Robin Jackson, followed by a fun auction and the usual delicious Harvest Supper.

**Harvest in Hovingham**

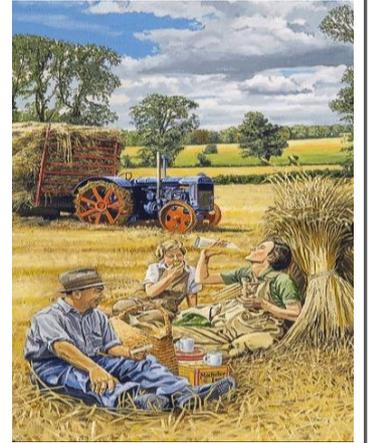
If you live along Brookside in Hovingham in August you certainly know when the harvest begins because the farm traffic suddenly quadruples. Huge trailers of grain pass backwards and forwards and trailers laden with straw pass by your front door many times a day. Then the theme of the October village market on 7th October is 'Harvest'.

Celebrating Harvest in Hovingham.

Celebrations of harvest took place on 1st October at 11.30am at All Saints' Church, followed by a harvest lunch in the village hall at approximately 1.00pm.

And the school held their celebrations in Hovingham Church at 2.30pm on Tuesday 4th October. The occasion was led by Revd Tanya Short, Methodist Minister in Malton

On 15th and 16th October, the Harvest celebration will be in the Methodist Chapel (see above for details).



Eddie Lucas

Hatha Yoga every Monday 6-7pm every Monday**Hovingham Village Hall**

Suitable for all abilities, ages, sizes and flexibilities.

Mats provided. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

£5 for your very first Anandini yoga experience!

£40 for 5 classes, to be used in an 8-week period. £35 for 5 consecutive classes.

£8 per class for those who can only practice occasionally.

For more information please contact Verity on 07821588117

www.anandiniyoga.co.uk

**Community Open Day – 10am - 2pm - Thursday 19th October****A selection of presentations and information at the Hovingham Village Hall**

Information stalls by a wide variety of organisations including community support and funding advice.

Presentations:

RDC - Broadband and Community Grants
 Ryevitalise - Restoring the Habitats of the River Rye
 Hovingham Action Group - Running a Community Market
 NYCC Director of Health Lincoln Sargeant - Public Health Strategy

**Free Lunch
 and
 Refreshments**

To book or for further information please contact:
 Mel Holmes, Community Officer, Ryedale District Council - 01653 600666
 ext284 or melanie.holmes@ryedale.gov.uk
 Maggie Farey— 01723 882303 or
 maggie.farey@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk

Once again, it's time to start thinking about the Hovingham and district Poppy Collection.

This year we are trying to make it a little easier for the collectors by leaving an envelope, if you are out when they call, which can be taken to the Worsley Arms or our market stall at the Hovingham Village Market on Saturday the 4th of November.

It will also give you the chance to Gift Aid your donation which will increase your gift by 25%!

We are always looking for volunteers to do house to house collections, so please contact me if you can help.

Rosemary Stewart



Hovingham Church News

As reported previously, Laurie Gibbon is now firmly established in his ground floor flat in Edinburgh and is being well looked after there by his daughter. However, when Maureen and I visited him there recently he did admit to missing Hovingham Church, as we of course are missing him.

Not that we have been missing an organist fortunately. In Laurie's absence, we are always privileged to be able to call on Philip Moore and his partner Alison to play for us, but in addition we have been extremely lucky to have the services of Rob Sanderson. Rob, who lives in Manor House, opened his garden for church funds in the spring. When he is playing the organ, those passing the church on the Saturday before will hear the organ music on the road outside as Rob conscientiously practices playing all the hymns. Finally, we recently also had the services of Keith Johnson, a young man newly moved from the Durham area into Ryedale to play for us.

Many thanks to all our organists and to Margaret Silver who keeps finding new organists to play for us.

Fund Raising for the church – past and future.

Car boot August 2017

After last year's disappointing August Bank Holiday, when it poured with rain, this year was sunny and raised over £1000 towards church repairs.

Very many thanks to all those who helped on this occasion especially those who worked in the café.

'Car Boot - Seen from on high'

Thank you to Robert Wainwright for the photo

We are getting ready to hold the **"Jazz in the Hall"** to raise more funds towards the church repairs. As I type this, there are just a few tickets available.



Future events include a **Carol Concert on 2nd December** in the church. Ampleforth and Ryedale Choir are coming and there will be congregational carols.

Tickets will be £10.00 to include mulled wine and mince pies, but children under 16 years will be free.

The concert will begin at 5.00pm so that young children can come.

(Please note that the Safari lunch and the fish and chips supper are cancelled due to change in the programme).



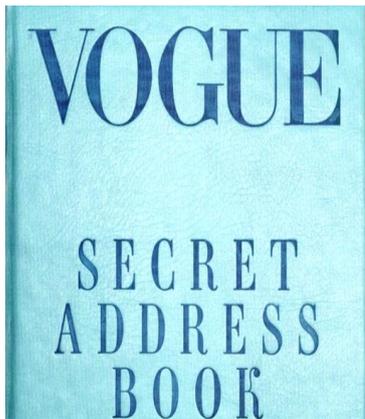
With all the events that Graham and Jackie Mason and their small committee have organised over the past three years, it should be possible in the near future for work to start on several of the necessary church repairs. We all have to be extremely grateful to Graham and Jackie for the work they have put in.

Eddie Lucas



Hovingham Market News – 8 years and counting

October marks the eighth anniversary of the Hovingham Village Market. A big thank you to all our visitors, stallholders, community and volunteers who together, ensure the continued success of our special community market.



On Saturday 7th October, with the culmination of harvest, we present locally farmed, seasonal produce and wonderfully attractive food. One of the characteristics that makes the Hovingham Market special is that the provenance is known and visitors are often served by the farmer or maker in person. Phil Clayton is the owner and baker at Haxby Bakehouse, and his bakery is listed in the October issue of **Vogue's Secret Address Book - Who to know and where to go: an insider's guide to everything**. Congratulations to Phil.

For those looking for birthday, (or dare I say it, Christmas gifts), you'll find some incredibly talented artists who willingly share the stories behind their creations, discuss potential commissions or even organise bespoke courses to learn new skills. Our October guest stalls include Hel's Bowls (soup) and Derek Jarman & Sue Jackson who design handmade jigsaw and drawing templates. The RNLi will be selling Christmas cards to the delight of our early Christmas shoppers.

Our September Hovingham Village Market was bathed in glorious sunshine and strongly supported by visitors. There was a relaxed atmosphere with fine melodies from our resident busker, Josh Finn. St. Michael's Church Crambe sold knitted stockings and appliqued sweat shirts to raise funds for the church. Age UK Scarborough were delighted with the warm response they received from market visitors too. Carmel Thompson wrote 'We met so many nice people, and it was a great opportunity to promote our service in Ryedale. It's a lovely community market and is clearly well supported...Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved in running the event, it is very well organised.' The Community Café raised funds for the continued maintenance of Hovingham Playground.

And our final celebration is the publication of an excellent article in the 3rd September [Yorkshire Post](#) about the Hovingham Bakery & Hovingham Market.

We look forward to welcoming you at our next Market and get ready to fill your shopping bags with glorious delights at harvest Time.

Caroline Davis



Charity Christmas Shopping Night – on your doorstep

Following on from the phenomenal success and support for the Christmas Shopping Night at The Park Hovingham, Gill, Becky & Gemma are opening their doors on **Wednesday 6th December from 5.30pm** for this year's event.

Funds raised will be donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance charity.

£5 per ticket including a glass of fizz.



Ryedale District Council - 12 month Community campaign starts

Ryedale District Council is launching a major new 12-month project to tackle issues we know are important to residents – such as fly tipping, waste, dog fouling, recycling and litter – to clean up our district.

'Don't be a Waster – reduce, reuse, respect' will focus on a different issue each month and we'll work with parish councils, community groups and local businesses to see how we can tackle the issues.

The campaign launches on Friday 1 September and the focus will be on litter, with Ryedale joining the #1PieceOfRubbish social media initiative – residents sharing images on social media with us showing them picking up one piece of rubbish and putting it in a bin, will be entered into a competition to win a number of great prizes supplied by the local business community. Ryedale Folk Museum, North Yorkshire Moors Railway and Everyone Active have already offered brilliant prizes that residents can win by supporting #1PieceofRubbish.

To join the campaign, share your image on Twitter using the hashtag #1pieceofrubbish and tag [@RyedaleDC](#).

Or share through our Facebook page [@RyedaleDC](#). Or email your images to webmanager@ryedale.gov.uk.

For further information visit www.ryedale.gov.uk/DontBeAWaster

Don't be a
Waster
Reduce / Reuse / Respect

Our ambitious 12 month campaign





Me & Thee Theatre and musicians from folk bands The Fine Companions and Malarkey have collaborated to stage a performance celebrating winter through songs, stories and poetry at Hovingham Village Hall on Saturday 25th November.

Listen to the original story of Sam North, a child looking for respite from caring for his father, and whose one wish is to visit the Ice Hotel. Discover the sinister antics of Jólakötturinn, the Yule Cat of Icelandic Folklore, who spends Yule Eve searching through the snow on the look-out for a particular kind of prey. Both pieces are interpreted and brought to life with some fine folk songs and tunes.

This promises to be a cosy evening of entertainment for everyone to enjoy (children 10+).

The performance commences at 7.30 p.m. (Doors 7.00 p.m.). Tickets, £9, are on sale at Hovingham Village Shop, can be ordered by phone – 01653 690212 and 01653 669107 or bought on the door on the night.

‘Italian Night’ raises money for Annise’s volunteer trip to Kenya in 2018



A traditional baker from Tuscany flew in especially and provided a wonderful evening of authentic Italian cuisine.

‘So, it was worth all the efforts and we had lots of lovely comments and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, it felt like a big Italian family event.’

Annise would like to say thank you to everyone that supported the evening and her fund raising for Kenya 2018.

Michelle Bertucci

Macmillan Big Coffee Morning

The Worsley Arms again hosted the Macmillan Big Coffee morning, this year on Friday 29th September.

Tony and Sally Finn say ‘A big thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning, those who came and those who donated cakes and raffle prizes, this made it a great success and we raised £242’.

Tony and Sally Finn



Hovingham Fireplaces
 Worsley Arms Business Park,
 Hovingham, York, YO62 4LA
 Phone: 01653 628222

Fireplaces
 Multi Fuel Stoves
 Marble & Granite surrounds
 Gas Fires,
 Stone Fireplaces
 Granite Worktops

www.hovinghamfireplaces.co.uk

www.edgemoor-vets.co.uk
EDGE MOOR
 VETERINARY PRACTICE

Dedicated small animal practice in modern purpose-built premises. Our friendly team of four vets, four fully qualified nurses and support staff are all committed to providing the best possible care for your pets. We are your pets’ GP, surgeon, dentist and midwife.



With branches at Kirkbymoorside & Pickering

www.edgemoor-vets.co.uk

At the Ryedale District Council (RDC) Planning meeting on 31st August, the Council agreed to complete the surfacing of the road and adopt it. The costs of the works will be shared between NYCC and RDC. After completion of the works, the costs incurred will be recovered from the developer/builder.

The Council has selected a contractor, Thomas Bow of Nottingham, to carry out the works and residents await confirmation of the date.

Graham Mason

Hovingham Tennis Club News

Brotherton Cup Success

Giles and Stephanie Bilton, members of Hovingham Tennis Club, were winners this year of the Brotherton Cup held at Wigginton on the 4th September.

The Brotherton Cup was presented by Ann Brotherton in 1959 to the Hovingham Mixed Tennis League.

The cup is open any members of the 15 tennis clubs which play every year in the league.



Murray Stewart

Jake Jones brings fine food joy to Cumbria



Local Hovingham chef, Jake Jones has moved from the Grand Hotel York and is now Head Chef at the Holbeck Ghyll Country House Hotel, Restaurant & Health Spa in the Lake District. Jake has made his mark and is growing a reputation for fine food created in a brand-new half a million-pound kitchen.

Jake had already won 3 AA rosettes at the Grand Hotel York and has now recently won 3 AA rosettes, this time for his food at the Holbeck Country House Hotel. Winning 3 AA rosettes in less than 12 months at Holbeck Ghyll is a remarkable achievement.

Jake has a kitchen brigade of 8 chefs and he is really making great strides in the world of fine dining. Watch this space.

Andrew Jones, Head Chef Worsley Arms and proud Dad



HOVINGHAM Village Market



50 Local Stalls Championing Local Producers

**Duke of York
Community
Initiative
Award Winner**

**Yorkshire
Farmers' Market
of the Year**



**Next Market
7th October
4th November**

**Special
Christmas
2nd December
16th December**

www.hovingham-market.org.uk

Fracking – Ryedale Update

Third Energy have received the final sign off on planning conditions from North Yorkshire County Council for their traffic management plan and other outstanding matters. The final stage is for the Secretary of State for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to provide permission for Third Energy to carry out their 5 fracks. Third Energy expect to conduct the fracks before the end of this year.

As at 22nd September, Third Energy have started to move large, heavy equipment requiring a police escort onto their site at Kirby Misperton. The escort is needed largely due the size of the HGVs travelling through the main street. Frequently, the police have closed local roads to enable exceptionally large HGV vehicles to enter the site.



HGVs and white vans with police escort arriving at the KM8 fracking site, 20th Sept 2017

There has been some press coverage about this controversial method of unconventional on shore gas extraction. There are concerns about the impact on the environment, wildlife, health, traffic, industrialisation and the cumulative impact on Ryedale should this method prove viable. Third Energy publicly stated to a Parliamentary Committee that their plans are to have 900 wells across Ryedale in the areas where they have Petroleum Exploration Development Licenses (PEDL). INEOS own the other licenses across Ryedale. We can expect up to 2,000 wells in Ryedale if fracking goes ahead to full production (there have been 9 conventional wells drilled in North Yorkshire in the past 40 years).

All hydrocarbons (oil and gas) development is governed by the County Minerals and Waste Plan. Consultation closed at the beginning of September to the final stage of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan publication draft for North Yorkshire. The plan is important in determining the framework for future development in the county. The next stage is for the submissions to be reviewed and the final plan signed off by the City of York Council, North Yorkshire County Council and the North Yorks Moors National Park Authority A date will be set for an 'Examination in Public' of the proposed plan by a Planning Inspector.

Caroline Davis



Beef, Lamb & Pork - Free Range Eggs - Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Choice of Sausages, Burgers and Sweet Cured Hams
Fresh Turkey and Chickens Available for Christmas
Orders taken NOW

We are only 2 miles West of Hovingham

Everything we sell is grown or
born & reared on our farm



THE WALL, COULTON
CORNER HOUSE FARM, COULTON, HOVINGHAM, YORK

OPEN 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK

PHONE: 01347 888293 www.thewall-coulton.co.uk

Thundercliffe's

TRY THUNDERCLIFFES THUNDEROUS FISH BOXES
Try a months supply of fish of your choice or a catch of
the day fish box. No minimum or maximum amount
Hovingham Deliveries Thursday's 12 - 4pm
or see me at the Hovingham Village Market.



Telephone or Text 07948 502476
FACEBOOK TWITTER www.thundercliffes.co.uk

The WORSLEY ARMS Hotel

An exquisite, timeless country house setting
with open log fires and stylish furnishings.
All bedrooms have private bath, telephone, TV and room service.
Four-poster suite for special occasions.
Main Street Hovingham, York. Tel 01653 628234
www.worsleyarms.co.uk

Need help with your Computer?

Internet, hardware, software, upgrades, repairs, tuition,
or simply an introduction to your PC... sorted in your own
home.

Martin Underwood 01653 619293
07748 632563

Underwood Computer Services

Dennis was born in London on the 17th April 1920. Later the family moved to Brentwood in Essex where he was educated at Brentwood School. He had 2 brothers, Norman and Colin and a sister, Margot who resides in Hovingham.

Dennis was articled to a firm of Chartered Accountants where his father was a partner in the firm. Although Dennis was very keen on Mathematics he never felt that Accountancy was his forte. When war broke out in 1939, despite being in a temporarily reserved occupation, he saw an opportunity to make a break. He wanted to become a RAF pilot but, strangely enough, there were no vacancies at that particular time. He therefore volunteered for the Scots Guards in order to 'do his bit', as he called it, for King and Country. It certainly was 'a bit' for, like many others, he was not de-mobbed until 6 and a half years had passed! Commissioned into the Queen's Royal Regiment he transferred later to the Glider Pilot Regiment in which he completed his training as an Army pilot, flying amongst many other planes, the huge Horsa Glider. He remembered wryly that if you did not first learn to fly and go solo in a light powered aircraft within 10 hours you were axed and sent back to your infantry unit!

Dennis was wounded in action during the Normandy Campaign and was evacuated back to the U.K in 1944. He always saw the humorous side of army life and rarely spoke of the war as it really was. After the war he took up flying sailplanes in his spare time, and became an instructor for young boys who were hoping to join the RAF.

In 1946 he married my mother Margaret and they had one son, me!

With the end of hostilities Dennis qualified as a teacher and taught at his old school for a few years, then emigrated with his family to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) where he eventually became a head master of a European Primary School, first in Gwelo and later in Bulawayo. Some years after this, and long before Independence was declared by Ian Smith, the family returned to the U.K where he was appointed to a headship in Berkshire.

Margaret and Dennis (or Andy as he was known by his friends from the Army days) retired to Battle in Sussex in the early 80s. Sadly, my Mother died from cancer, before what would have been their Ruby Wedding Anniversary, in July 1985.

Dennis decided that he would travel the world and visit friends he had not seen for many years. It did not quite work out like that for he met up with Christina once again – they had first met on holiday when they were both 17, but had lost touch with one another during the war years. They married in 1986 and, after setting up home in Gateshead, moved down to Nottingham. During their years together they travelled widely through Europe, also visiting Canada and New Zealand, but perhaps their most exciting holidays were in Africa of which they had many, photographing wild life. He once described being charged by a 6-ton rogue elephant as just 'one of those things' but to be more careful next time!!

In 2009 they moved to Hovingham, but unfortunately, Christina died in 2013.

In 2015 Dennis received a letter from the French Ambassador in London stating that he had been appointed to the rank of Chevalier in the Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur for his services to France in 1944. He was later presented with the honour at Elvington in February 2016, with a number of friends and family in attendance.

He was just about to start yet another journey in his life, with a move to a British Legion Nursing Home in Taunton, to be nearer myself, however, on the 29th July 2017, following a fall at home he died.

On the 21st August, bearing in mind his express wish for no formality or fuss, Dennis was cremated at a private ceremony at East Riding Crematorium, and his ashes scattered in the garden of Remembrance, to join those of Christina.

This is but a brief look into my Father's varied and colourful life. A life which, one could say, was lived to the full?!

I am currently negotiating a permanent display of my father's medals, including his Légion d'Honneur, badges, pictures and memorabilia at a local Museum. My father felt a close affinity to it, after visiting a few years ago and finding quite a few references and displays there to Prince Chula, with whom he had flown when based in Bodmin. As it caters in the main to schools, cadets and the serving military, this will then be a permanent memorial to him, rather than the possibility of items being separated and scattered over time.

The Hovingham Branch of the Royal British Legion have advised that Dennis and his comrades will be specially remembered at their Remembrance Day service on Sunday November 12th. Details of the Glider Pilot Regiment and their vital role on D-Day can be found on www.armyflying.com and [www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation Tonga](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Tonga)

David G Anderson

Postscript: Subsequent to writing this, I have found in some notes Dennis made years ago, the following comment: "He is sorely missed by those who knew him. ??????!!!!!!Perhaps not!!!"

My father's witty comments aside, I think he will long be remembered by the many who knew him; Dennis both enriched his life and the lives of others in his interactions, and will be sadly missed by all his friends and those who supported him, especially in his later years.



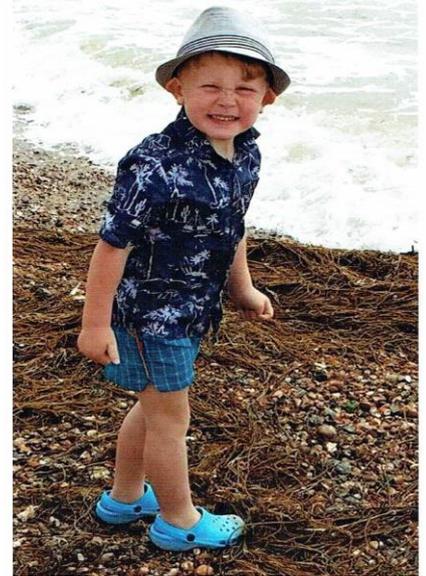
Harry's funeral service on Thursday 10th August was a mixture of sadness and joy, sadness for the death of so young a boy and joy for the love and happiness of his short life.

The service sheet was full of photos of Harry's happy smiling face, and Hovingham church was full of colourfully dressed family and friends.

His coffin arrived at the Church at the back of a tractor, decorated by colourful flowers. The music was a mixture of relayed pop music and organ accompaniment to children's hymns.

Readings and prayers were given by his headmaster, family members and friends and a tribute paid by his father. The service was conducted by the Rector, Revd Martin Allwood.

Eddie Lucas



Hovingham Village Hall News

The Village Hall continues to change and improve. A new Constitution is being written that sets the legal boundaries of the Village Hall. When it is complete and adopted it will enable the management committee to update trading and working practices that will be posted on the website.

Modernisation and updating of things like the ladies' toilet, the storage areas under the stage and the storage rooms by the kitchen and kitchen utensils continues.

There are also plans to improve the wall at the entrance to the village hall along the main road, which has deteriorated.

The holes in the village hall car park are to be filled with tarmac and the drainage system is being re-gravelled all of which will greatly benefit traders and visitors to the monthly market.

Please continue to support your Village Hall and let us know if there are other improvements you would like to see.

Richard Senior



Home too small
to entertain?

There's a LOT
more space
at our place!

Hovingham Village Hall

Call Janice on 01653 628952 or visit www.hovingham.org.uk

Hovingham Estate www.hovingham.co.uk – Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.00pm

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



Well did anybody spot the summer? Apparently as the children were off school for 6 weeks it must have been summer but the weather certainly didn't suggest that! Maybe we were paying for the hot weather we had earlier in the spring? August is never a particularly dry month as Robert's records show, but this year there seems to have been more stop/start than usual with not many dry days strung together. That's the moan about the weather done-maybe it will get mentioned again later!"

Oats were the first crop for me to be cut. I had 65 acres which could have been done in 3 days but took 9 due to the amount of rain showers that came. The advantage of having my own combine is that I can start to cut when it is dry enough. It may almost qualify for the Antiques Roadshow but it works well – most of the time. This meant I got all the oats into the shed without the need to put them through the drier and they also yielded fairly well.

We moved into the wheat shortly after finishing the oats. Again, the rain kept stopping us just when we seemed to be progressing well. It was very frustrating but at the same time it gave me time to catch up with putting it through the drier. The yields varied a bit but on the whole, were OK-nothing record breaking but nothing terrible.

Last to cut were the beans. I only had 18 acres but they took 3 days due to rain and having to wait for a new alternator for the combine. Fortunately, they came in dry enough to be sold straight away without drying.

The yield was pretty good considering they were in a field that was on limestone rock with no great depth of soil. This perhaps helped them ripen sooner than usual which considering the weather since was a good thing.

Completing harvest is only part of the story. Lots of things to do both during it and afterwards. Getting the straw baled and cleared, spraying stubbles with glyphosate to kill grass weeds, hedge cutting, kettle surveillance with the neighbours to check on their progress....! Joking aside, this is important as comparing frustrations and broken-down machinery makes you appreciate all the problems are not just with you.

As I write this I am aware that many people still have beans to cut. I am very grateful to have completed harvest and got all the straw baled. Considering the amount of rain, we certainly got on well when the opportunity was there and in no small part down to the help I had. So, thanks to Graham Cook for his tractor and trailer driving and to Pete Stark for coming when his work allowed to relieve me of the combine driving. Finally, thanks to Clare for putting up with my sometimes less than happy moods and for the cups of tea brought into the field.

Right - next job - sowing next year's crops.....



View from my mobile harvest window

Mark Wilson

Autumn – Did you Know?

We typically think of 'Fall' as the North American version of the word 'Autumn', but it was in fact a shortening of the phrase *fall of the leaf* and in widespread usage in England until the 17th century. The word Autumn entered English from the French *automne* and didn't become common usage until the 18th century.

Generally speaking the **Autumn equinox** always falls on either 22 or 23 September, but not quite always. Because the Gregorian calendar is not quite in perfect symmetry with the Earth's orbit, the Autumn equinox will very occasionally fall on September 24. This last happened in 1931 and will next happen in 2303.

One of the most stunning signs of Autumn is the **turning of the leaves**. The shorter days are a sign to trees to prepare for winter when there is not enough light for photosynthesis to occur. The trees begin to close down their food production systems and reduce the amount of chlorophyll in their leaves, which allows other chemicals to become more prominent in the leaves. These chemicals are types of Flavonoids, Carotenoids and Anthocyanins and give the vibrant ambers, reds and yellows of Autumn. And, these same chemicals give carrots (beta-carotenes) and egg yolks (luteins) their colours too.



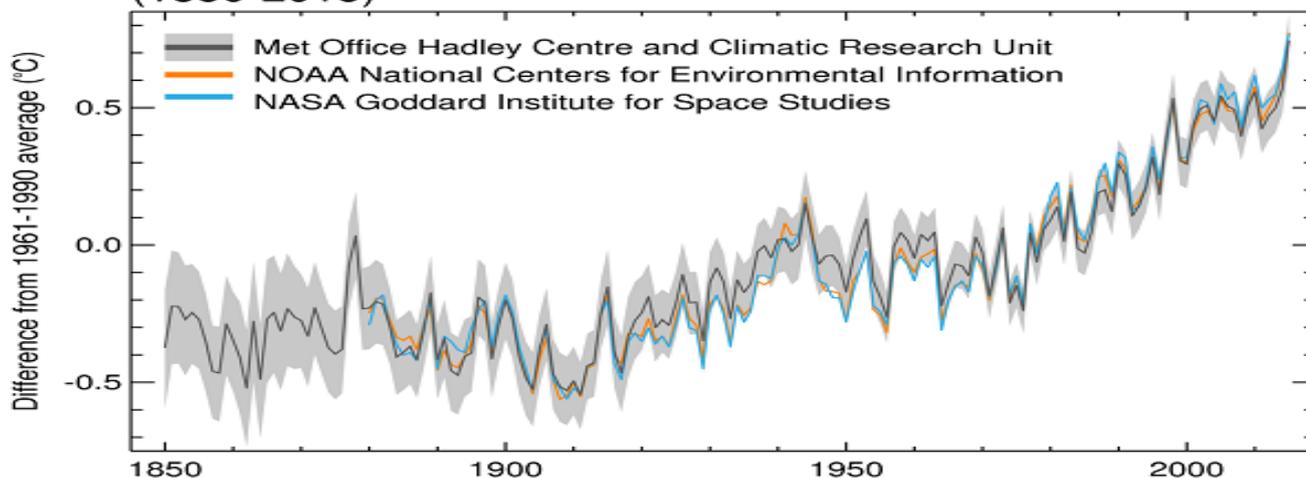
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2011	43	68	6	2	41	52	48	112	25	67	28	66	558
2012	49	16	20	148	48	102	110	76	113	97	137	122	1038
2013	57	24	52	14	83	48	26	55	57	90	55	57	620
2014	127	58	38	23	35	54	52	94	29	72	108	48	838
2015	26	20	36	21	89	15	79	67	72	71	110	151	757
2016	87	54	93	82	24	61	41	68	31	43	82	27	693
2017	32	73	44	13	43	122	55	76					
Avg	62	44	41	49	55	63	56	68	56	74	72	66	706

* After June's deluge July and August were more normal. But September threatens to be another high rainfall month, so challenging conditions for the Harvest. Then there's Climate Change, here's the latest temperature figures below

Avg - rainfall figures calculated from 1997 to 2016

Rainfall Figures reproduced with the permission of Robert Wainwright

Global average temperature anomaly (1850-2015)



The **FootMan**
Chiropody ~ Podiatry

Alan Cawthorne. BSc (Hons) HCPC Registered.
<http://alancawthorne.wix.com/thefootman>

Services offered:

- Nail care and Callus (hard skin) reduction
- Biomechanical assessments
- Custom, hand-made orthotics / insoles
- Diabetic and vascular foot checks
- Verrucae treatment and corn removal
- Fungal nail and Athlete's foot treatments



If you would like to book an appointment or discuss whether treatment would be suitable for you, please contact me.

Home Visits Available

Covering Helmsley and all surrounding areas.

Every Friday at Bondgate Clinic
16 Bondgate, Helmsley, York, YO62 5BR

Tel: 01439 771196



THE PARK- hair, beauty and café

is family run with 30 years experience



We provide excellent hair & beauty treatments using top of the range organic products.

And a selection of gifts too. Pop in to see what we have to offer.

Gillian, Becky & Gemma, The Park, Park Street,
Hovingham 01653 628969

info@theparkhovingham.co.uk

www.theparkhovingham.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/Theparkhovingham/>

Harvest Time in Britain - traditions and history

Harvest in Britain

The word Harvest derived from the **Old English** word *hærfest*, meaning "Autumn".

In early and medieval times (as in many parts of the world), when whole villages belonged to a lord or baron, the tenants were obliged cultivate his land. The harvest festival, provided by the lord, was a way of thanking god for a good harvest and thanking his tenants for all their hard work.

The Lord of the Harvest

At the start of the harvest, villages would appoint a strong and respected man as their '**Lord of the Harvest**' to negotiate the harvest wages and organise the fieldworkers. The harvest ended with a **Harvest Supper**, eaten **on Michaelmas Day**. **The 'Lord of the Harvest'** sat at the head of the table. A goose stuffed with apples was eaten with a variety of vegetables. Goose Fairs are still held in English towns at this time of year.

Other Harvest traditions

St. Michael's Mass or Michaelmas is held on September 29. Fairs featured markets with game and especially horseracing. The colour gold features and all the harvest decorations, being the colours of harvest and bounty of the land.

The Christian tradition

Originally, Harvest Festival was celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1st August and was called Lammas, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church, which were used as the Communion bread during a special mass thanking God for the harvest. The custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church, and nowadays harvest festivals are at the end of the season instead.

The modern Harvest tradition dates from 1843 and Reverend Robert Hawker who invited his parishioners to a special thanksgiving service.

Harvest Labour



Harvesting required more labourers than any farmer would employ year-round, so entire village populations would turn out, moving around in a pattern between farms. Also, unskilled urban workers came out from the towns, hoping to earn enough money to keep them out of the workhouse over the winter.

It was usual for day labour rates to be double normal wages during the harvest season, as working days were so long (often over 12 hours)

Children and the Harvest

Oh, those lovely summer holidays for children; not so. School Summer holidays coincided with Harvest to allow children to help with the harvest once schooling for children became commonplace in the 19th century.

Rural children had an eight-week period off to bring in the harvest. City children only had about 2 weeks off in the whole year. Over time a compromise of six weeks holiday was built in for all school children over harvest time, whether they lived in the country or not.

Now summer holidays have moved to allow for the better weather - and children are not needed for harvesting any more - it's all done by machine.

Harvest Time - Mellow fruitfulness

Harvest Failure - it's nothing new

When the harvest failed it was tempting for the poor to steal food. In Tudor times, they risked public flogging or hanging. Around the world, harvest frequently failed (about every 7-10 years) with catastrophic failures every 30-40 years and even years of successive failures. Death, disease and civil unrest and even revolution resulted.

And we are not immune today!

Britain 2013: The wettest autumn since records began, followed by the coldest spring in 50 years devastated British wheat, forcing food manufacturers to import nearly 2.5m tonnes after many farmers grubbed up their failing, waterlogged crops and replanted fields with barley.

Taxes

And in many places, Harvest time was and in some places, still is the time to collect taxes, that tax sometimes being a share of the harvest itself!

"To Autumn"

John Keats. 1795 – 1821

Composed September 19th 1819
while walking near Winchester

-1-

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells

-2-

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spare the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

-3-

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.



The Harvest Moon

The "harvest moon" is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox (22 or 23 September). and is unique because the time difference between moonrises on successive evenings is much shorter than average.

The moon rises approximately 30 minutes later from one night to the next, as seen from about 40 degrees N or S latitude. Thus, there is no long period of darkness between sunset and moonrise for several days following the actual date of the full moon **allowing farmers to continue their harvest late into the night by the light of the full moon.**

Harvest festivals are traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. In two years out of three, the Harvest Moon comes in September, but in some years, it occurs in October

Ann Chapman

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

- An owl box located in the field adjacent to the cemetery had fallen down and in pieces; put back together and refitted.
- The recycling area has been refurbished. The fence rebuilt, the area cleaned, bins power washed and new notices fixed. It is hoped users will keep it tidy.
- 4 street signs and 1 bridge sign all desperately needing attention were taken down, refurbished and put back up again. The signs look splendid and many, many thanks to Adrian Wass for his highly professional work on the signs.

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

- The July & September markets had good visitor numbers, but this was surpassed at the August market by a record attendance for a summer market. Reports have indicated great atmosphere at all 3 markets and credit to everyone who gave time and effort in making this happen.
- Market News is published prior to every Market; subscribe via the website to receive a copy by email.
- **Regular/occasional volunteers to help with the many tasks involved in making this such a successful enterprise are very much appreciated**

Playground - contact [Ann Chapman](#), [Carol Battersby](#), [Rosemary Stewart](#) or [David Richardson](#)

- A working party carried out tasks mentioned in the independent annual report; this included fitting protective membranes round all the posts to avoid strimmer damage. This was a difficult task involving over 50 posts. Many thanks to all the volunteers who turned out.
- Hedge cutting has been carried out by contractors. The cost for this, inspections, repairs, regular maintenance of equipment and grass cutting all diminish funds. The Playground requires regular attention and checks to keep standards high. We rely on volunteers to help out, so many thanks to those who contribute valuable time in making the playground a pleasant place for children and accompanying adults to use.
- **Please contact us if you would like to be involved in the various initiatives that take place. Donations, however small, are always greatly appreciated.**

Neighbourhood Watch - contact [Phil Chapman](#) or [David Richardson](#)

- Please keep eyes and ears open for any suspicious activity to keep the village safe.
- Scams remain a concern, especially emails and phone calls. Be careful answering ANY email which looks dubious. If in doubt contact us or speak to a neighbour before replying to anything that doesn't sound right.
- **You can subscribe to regular Neighbourhood Watch email alerts by subscribing on the Village Website.**

Newsletter - contact [Ann Chapman](#), [Caroline Davis](#) or newsletter@hovingham.org.uk

- The newsletter is an excellent source of local information, news and comment and is delivered to every house in the village. The editorial team welcome all articles sent in.
- Colour copies are available on the Village Website and you can subscribe to also receive copies by email.
- **Please contact us if you would like to help write, edit or distribute the Village Newsletter.**

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

- To receive the Weekly Village Diary by email, subscribe via the village website.
- Details of events of interest to residents are welcomed for inclusion in the Village Diary and the website. Email events@hovingham.org.uk with details.
- Local businesses and Community Groups are encouraged to send details, or updates for their entry on the site.

New initiatives

- **Please contact action@hovingham.org.uk if you would like to be involved in the following initiatives.**
- Creation of an interactive map detailing the location of key village infrastructure.
- Community Energy; explore the potential for generating electrical power and benefit from recent Government grants
- Electric car charging points; look at the feasibility of having super-fast charging points in the village.
- Restoration of the village telephone box.

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

- The Action Group welcomes new volunteers. If you would like to help, just for an hour or so, to enable Hovingham to remain a special place to live please get in touch. Contact any of the groups directly or via an email to action@hovingham.org.uk

GENERAL

NYCC Highways Parish Portal – This is available to Councillors and Clerk to register highway problems. A similar (public) portal is available on the NYCC website.

Annual Parish Meeting – The Parish Council encourage residents to come to any PC meeting and ask questions, to provide an immediate answer to a question. The need for an Annual Parish Meeting in May to discuss current topics will be considered if required.

Reserve Funds – The Parish Council must not hold more than two times the precept (£6,130 x 2) for unreserved purposes at the end of year. The Council may reserve funds for particular purposes as and when required.

Signing of Annual Return – The Parish Clerk should sign this as the “Responsible Financial Officer”, overcoming any problem with the Chairman signing it twice.

Summons to PC Meetings – It has been noted that Councillors must be ‘summoned’ to the PC meetings.

Village Hall (VH) Car Park – Cllr Robert Wainwright was thanked for refurbishing the **donation box**. **New signs** have been placed around the Car Park, at a cost of £28.08, to make visitors aware of their responsibilities and to request a donation to help with the running costs. The **recycling area** has been cleaned.

VH Car Park Wall – Unfortunately Mr C. Marwood is unable to carry out the requested work. The Clerk is seeking quotes from potential contractors to rebuild the wall. The AONB is still happy to consider providing a grant.

VH Constitution – The current draft was circulated to Councillors (and is also available on website). The Clerk will write to the James Russell (of Community First Yorkshire) and Richard Senior (VH Management Committee) requesting details of alterations to template

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

from Councillor Caroline Goodrick

Savings of £160m have been made, they still need to find £9-10m.

Fire & Rescue NYCC and RDC both favour that the Police and Crime Commissioner should be a member of the Fire Committee and not run it. However, this could be overridden by the Home Office.

Highways could take up to 12 months to deliver No HGV sign for Scackleton. Their performance on this and other maintenance issues is of considerable concern to the Parish Council.

Care Provision has a short fall of workers while the number of older clients rise. NYCC is working on ways to attract more people into working for this service.

Locality Grant - There is a small amount of money available and those projects match funding will have a priority. An application for a (£500) grant to help with the Village Hall Wall was made by the Parish Council.

RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

from Councillor Robert Wainwright

Ms J. Waggot - the current CEO, left RDC on 15th September to take up post in Selby. Ms C. Slater will be the interim CEO for up to 6 months. RDC has gone out to tender to find suitable applicants for this role.

New Pasture Lane – A contractor has been appointed to lay the wearing surface for New Pasture Lane, which should take 3 days. Payment will be by NYCC and RDC, RDC to then claim payment back from Stirling Mortimer.

Milton Rooms and **Ryedale House** present funding issues for RDC.

CCTV in Malton, Norton and Pickering is supported by the Police however, they will not make a contribution.

SCACKLETON

No HGV Signs - The absence of these signs continues to frustrate Councillors and residents. Various options to provide (private) signs were discussed. Damage is being caused to the Mill. Cllr. Caroline Goodrick will continue to chase NYCC Highways Department.

HOVINGHAM

Action Group A report is available on website

Dog Bin on York Hill It was agreed to purchase bin to be sited near the beginning on Middle Way.

Flooding – Cllr Mark Wilson reported Mr J Anderson had cleaned out Beck between first and second bridges. The Environment Agency are being asked to check Beck below the second bridge. Work has been completed on Diversion Channel; costing £180 which is 50% of total shared with the Hovingham Estate.

Posts and Railings – These have been painted and two new posts are to be placed on Top Green. Painting of these two new posts and the posts on York Hill will take place when weather allows.

Traffic on Brookside – The grass verge is being damaged by increased farm traffic and residents parking. The old railway line is being upgraded, there are problems with entrance/exit to main road. Consideration is being given to possible exit via the sewage plant. The noise from late night vehicle movements is also causing problems.

FINANCE

Report presented and available on website.

Clock Winder Account does not include a contribution from the Parish Council; a contribution will be considered once the account nears its target.

Inspection of Accounts No charge was made by auditors.

It was agreed; to spend up to £200 on dog waste bin; £100 for additional rail painting; £28.08 for car park signs; £17 for use of Scackleton Church for July meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Community Event – This will take place on 19th October in the Village Hall. Further details on website.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 8th November 2017
- 14th March
- x9th May (Annual Meeting of Parish Council)
- 25th July (St. George’s Church Scackleton)
- 12th September
- 10th January 2018
- 14th November
- All start at 7pm in the Hovingham Community Room, except July meeting which is in Scackleton Church
- All are very welcome, full details are on the website

October 2017

7 th Sat	Hovingham Village Market - 10:30am to 1:30pm - Hovingham Village Hall Please come along and support the Market; Scackleton St Georges Church will be running the Community Café.	
8 th Sun	Hovingham Eucharist - 10:30am Hovingham Church Methodist Service - 10:30am Hovingham Chapel, Revd. Tanya Short, Holy Communion Scackleton Harvest Festival - 3pm - Scackleton Church	
9 th Mon	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins	
10 th Tue	Garden Waste Collection - Garden Waste Bin	
12 th Thu	Hovingham Tea Spot - 10:30am to 11:30am Hovingham Bakery - Rolling Pin Tearoom Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month for a cuppa, chat and company. Organised by Hovingham Methodist Chapel, with the kind permission of the Rolling Pin Tearoom. If you need transport then please call Louise (628064) or Sue (628077) and we will pick you up. All ages welcome.	
15 th Sun	Morning Praise 10:30 Hovingham Church	Methodist Harvest 10:30am Chapel, Rev Mark Haynes
	Old £1 Coin no longer legal tender - From 11:59pm shops do not accept the old £1 coin	
16 th Mon	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin	Supermobile Library - 5pm until 7pm
	Methodist Service and Harvest Supper - 6:30pm - Hovingham Chapel, Robin Jackson To be followed by a fun auction and the usual delicious Harvest Supper	
19 th Thu	Community Open Day - 10am to 2pm - Hovingham Village Hall An interesting series of presentations and information. Contact Melanie Holmes at RDC for details	
22 nd Sun	Benefice Eucharist - 10:30am Barton Church	Methodist Service - 10:30am Chapel
23 rd Mon	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins	
24 th Tue	Garden Waste Collection - Garden Waste Bin	
29 th Sun	Benefice Eucharist - 10:30am Hovingham Church	Methodist Service - 10:30am Chapel
30 th Mon	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin	Supermobile Library - 5pm until 7pm

November 2017

4 th Sat	Hovingham Village Market - 10:30am to 1:30pm - Hovingham Village Hall Please come along and support the Market; Hovingham All Saints' Church will be running the Community Café.	
5 th Sun	BCP Eucharist - 10:30am Hovingham Church	Methodist Service - 10:30am Chapel
6 th Mon	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins	
	Garden Waste Collection - Garden Waste Bin	
7 th Tue	Hovingham Women's Fellowship - 7pm - home of Sue Goodwill Talk by our guest speaker Rob Thompson on the history and work of the British Legion	
9 th Thu	Hovingham Tea Spot - 10:30am to 11:30am Hovingham Bakery - Rolling Pin Tearoom Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month for a cuppa, chat and company. Organised by Hovingham Methodist Chapel, with the kind permission of the Rolling Pin Tearoom. If you need transport then please call Louise (628064) or Sue (628077) and we will pick you up. All ages welcome.	
12 th Sun	Hovingham Remembrance Service - Eucharist - 10:45am - Hovingham Church	
13 th Mon	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin	Supermobile Library - 5pm until 7pm
19 th Sun	Morning Praise 10:30am Hovingham Church	Methodist Service 10:30am Chapel, B. Nicholson
20 th Mon	Recycling Collection - Recycling Bins	
21 st Tue	Garden Waste Collection - Garden Waste Bin - Last Collection of the year, until March 2018	
25 th Sat	Winter - A celebration - 7:30pm - doors open 7pm - Hovingham Village Hall A celebration through Songs, Stories and Poetry performed by local folk bands. The Fine Companions and malarkey in collaboration with Me & Thee Theatre. Entertainment for all (children 10+ years). Tickets £9 available from Hovingham Village Shop or (01653)-690212 or 669107. May also be purchased on door.	
26 th Sun	Deadline for the next Newsletter (December Issue)	
	Benefice Service-10:30am - Hovingham Church	Methodist Service -10:30am Chapel, R. Duck
27 th Mon	Landfill Waste Collection - Green Bin	Supermobile Library - 5pm until 7pm

These Events normally take place weekly (except bank holidays)

Mon	Stretch & Flow Class - 11:15am-12noon Village Hall - Aimed at all abilities; Please contact Katie Mae Ellis (07515) 406097 or katie_mae3@hotmail.co.uk for further details Hatha Yoga 6pm-7pm -Village Hall-for all ages, abilities & flexibilities! £8 each or £35 for 5. Mats provided & booking essential. Contact Verity (07821) 588117 vez_4@hotmail.com	
Tue	Hovingham Primary Tennis After School Club (except School Hols) 3:45pm-4:45pm Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green, opposite Village Hall	
Thu	Ryedale Family History Group - 10am to 3pm - Community Room Drop in any time; Further details available from www.ryedalefamilyhistory.org	
Fri	Pilates Class - 10:45am for one hour - Village Hall run by Tracey Prest - All Welcome; Further details available at www.pilateswithtracey.co.uk or (07789)-990261	