

# The Hovingham and Scackleton Newsletter

August 2018



#### Welcome to the Hovingham and Scackleton Newsletter

It's uplifting to see the extraordinary weather bringing so much enjoyment and fun to the village. The beck is particularly popular at the moment with children playing and dogs venturing in for a much welcome drink and a cool down. A walk through the village is usually punctuated by many stops for a chat.

This newsletter once again reflects the many and varied activities and events that take place in the village. Behind every door, it seems that there's a remarkable person with a fascinating life story, talent, skill, career, family, who together create this community. In this issue, we celebrate and congratulate our local champions who have achieved external recognition for their farming, trees, fine dining, and athletic excellence. We also thank our newsletter distributors who ensure that you continue to receive the newsletter.

Caroline Davis

Keep those stories coming to newsletter @hovingham.org.uk - Next edition copy deadline is 20th September 2018

#### **Coming Soon – the 2018 Village Survey**

Yes, it has been 10 years since the last Survey, the results of which saw the creation of the Hovingham Village Market and the Scackleton and Hovingham Action Groups, all of which continue to be of great and ongoing benefit to the villages. In 2008 we achieved an 83% response rate making the questionnaire a great success and a true reflection of resident's priorities. The results not only informed the Action groups, but Parish Council, Ryedale District Council and NYCC. In addition, the report helped support funding applications.

A lot has changed in those 10 years; increased awareness about the impact of climate change; rapid technological change; and new housing and residents to the village, so we thought it would be very worthwhile to repeat the process.

#### What can I do?

Your views are important. This survey of local residents and businesses is critical in informing and engaging our community to identify what's important to you. Your responses will shape the priorities and focus for this project and wider community activities. This is your opportunity to have a voice and share your thoughts about the future you want for yourself and future generations.





#### What's going to happen?

In October 2018, all residents over 18, will be asked to fill out a personally delivered (and collected) anonymous questionnaire.

When all the questionnaires have been collected, the responses will be collated and a report produced and shared with the community containing the results and recommendations.

#### Who is involved?

The Purple Project, a sub-group of the Hovingham Action Group, is a long-term community project that acts as facilitator and catalyst to encourage residents and local businesses to reduce their impact on the environment and make a positive impact locally. They will be managing this Survey with the help of a small group of volunteers and with support from the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty and the Hovingham cum Scackleton Parish Council.

2018 Village Survey- Your views matter — this is your opportunity to protect and improve our Community

Contact: newsletter@hovingham.org.uk or (01653)-628364

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# **Hovingham Car Boot Sale Monday 27th August**



This car boot sale will be in aid of the electrification of the village clock on the Church Tower.

The clock winding team under the direction of Murray Stewart will be organising the event and running the café.

# We Remember – do you have the connection?

#### Does your family - or your house - have any connections with WW1?

Commemorative installations are planned for the churchyard around Armistice Day on November 11th.

We are looking for current residents who may have connections with WW1 (direct or indirect) to help us.

It may be that one of the Hovingham men who served, lived in what is now your home - even if he is no relation.

We have already found the homes of seven who served.

Even if your family had no connection with Hovingham during WW1, this is an opportunity to recognise the service of relatives from elsewhere who served.

You are invited to lay a wreath or a small Royal British Legion cross at the war memorial on Armistice Day.

If you have any information, the organisers would like to hear from you.

Please call Rob Thompson on 628640.

# Mobile Post Office in Hovingham – give it a try.



The Mobile Post Office is Now visiting Hovingham twice a week and parks outside the Malt Shovel.

Tuesday 2:30pm to 2:45pm

Thursday 9:45<sup>am</sup> to 10:00<sup>am</sup>

The Mobile Post office allows banking of cash and cheques for most banks.

Euros and Dollars are normally available, plus other currencies with a day's notice.

Please use this service.





Anticipation, excitement and warmth hung in the air on the day of our July Market. Our volunteers set up the stalls and erected an England Historic flag (Three Lions) in place of usual Yorkshire flag. Janet Stark's plants were treated to a backdrop of the England flag and the Clucking Pig scotch egg stall sold 'Red Army Parmo' scotch eggs.

With Wimbledon also in full swing, the Hovingham Tennis Club offered strawberries and cream and delicious cakes at the Community Café. Key fact boards about Wimbledon were displayed for visitors. Even the ducks were sporting with tickets on sale for the Slingsby Duck Race in aid of the Friends of Slingsby Community Primary School.

Our community stallholders included the popular Woodland Trust and Hovingham Church Roof appeal who were selling tickets for an illustrated lecture on the Roman Villa in Hovingham by Professor Dominic Powsland.

Local musician, Josh Finn delighted visitors with his fusion of gentle tunes including a melodic and calming version of what has become an anthem for the England Football team, Football's coming home.

Claire and Bertie of Butterflies Chocolate launched their support for the Butterfly Conservation's annual Big Butterfly Count and have butterfly identification charts available at both the July and August markets. Claire is donating 5% of the sales from market stalls during this period to the conservation trust. The Big Butterfly Count is the world's largest butterfly survey. More than three-quarters of the UK's butterflies have declined in the last 40 years with some common species, such as the Small Tortoiseshell, suffering significant slumps. This year's Count follows findings that butterflies are declining more rapidly in urban areas than in the countryside. The Count runs from 20 July to 12 August.



Butterflies Chocolates are holding chocolate making workshops for children during the summer holidays including Hovingham on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Textile artist, Pearl Loves Paisley (Justine Warner) has an Open Studios exhibition of recent work at West End in Sheriff Hutton on 10<sup>th</sup> 18-00-1900hrs, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1030-1700hrs.



We were fortunate with the weather for our June market. The areas around Hovingham experienced rain and it was only after we'd taken down the market that the rain arrived (thank goodness).

We've recently piloted a new location for the cheese and fish stalls which has freed up space for two stalls to face the Main Street and creates a larger area in the sunshine for outdoor café seating. This has been well received by our community, market visitors and stallholders.

We continue to attract new guest stalls. We've welcomed the Clucking Pig, Environmental Art, Rumah Home, Rafi's Spicebox and Country Cushions and Shades.

Two of our stallholders shared exciting news with their plans to open premises in Malton. Artist Christine of Paperspoon is building on her success at the Hovingham Market and opening a shop in the Shambles, Malton. Kate from Mind for Cooking/The Purple Carrot is raising funds through crowdfunding to open Malton's first vegetarian and vegan café and deli. The Market continues to encourage and nurture new talent and local enterprise. *Caroline Davis* 

A big big thank you to all of our volunteers and local community support.

Our next Market is on Saturday  $4^{th}$  August. We look forward to seeing you there.

# **Farming Champion**





Much of what our farmers do largely goes unnoticed. So, when Hovingham farmer Mark Wilson was advised that he'd been nominated for an award, he was almost lost for words.

Mark has been involved in countryside stewardship schemes for over 15 years. This involves a range of activities from setting aside parcels of land to encourage wildlife, creating grass margins around fields and looking after higher hedges, planting meadows with a mixture of plants to attract flora and fauna and wildlife bird plots. These habitats are also important in attracting bees and insects and encouraging pollination.

Sarah Hogg from Stephensons Livestock Centre nominated Mark for the Yorkshire Agricultural Society Tye Trophy. "I nominated Mark for this award as he works hard to combine his commercial farming alongside environmentally consciousness farming - not always easy to achieve. His farm is a great advertisement for British agricultural and the family farm."

The Tye Trophy recognises the contribution of farmers to conservation and environmental improvement on a commercial farm.

Reflecting on the award, Mark said "It's nice to be recognised and despite some of the things the press says about farmers, we do look after the countryside and are custodians of the land."

At the recent Great Yorkshire Show, Mark was presented with his 2018 Finalist Award for the North Yorkshire Area by the President of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, Bill Cowling.

Caroline Davis

# Sir William now 'National Tree Champion'.

Sir William Worsley, current Chair of the National Forest Company, has been tasked with setting a bold direction for the country's forests and woodlands over the next 25 years and supporting the Government's manifesto commitments to plant 11 million trees, plus a further one million in our towns and cities.

Alongside the Government's recently-launched review into National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Champion will help to improve the environment for the next generation and make the ambitions of our 25 Year Environment Plan a reality.

He will bring together mayors, city leaders and other key players across local government to prevent the unnecessary felling of street trees — alongside supporting the introduction of a new duty for councils to properly consult with communities before they cut down trees.

With a number of grant schemes already in place to help landowners grow woodland cover, the Tree Champion will support the development of a future scheme outside the EU – one that encourages large-scale tree planting, reduces carbon and rewards landowners for enhancing the environment.

As Chair of the National Forest Company, Sir William Worsley currently oversees the successful National Forest – which has transformed 200 square miles of industrial land in the heart of England and now attracts over eight million visitors a year – helping wildlife like otters, water voles and dragonflies to flourish.

Sir William Worsley said:

'I am delighted to be appointed as the Government's Tree Champion. Trees and woods are an important part of my life, as they are to local communities. They transform our landscapes, improve our health and wellbeing and help grow the economy.

I look forward to working with stakeholders and local authorities to promote these benefits and grow the country's woodland cover.'

Ann Chapman



# **Local Wildlife spotting**

Recently I had a visit of a green woodpecker in my garden, and a nightjar has been spotted at Scackleton. I disturbed a common frog when clearing some grass and have seen a hedgehog. I enjoy walking and have seen an egret, rough legged buzzard, snipe, curlew, great spotted woodpecker, barn owl, little owl, fieldfare, pheasant, partridge, house martin, blue tit, lapwing, heron, coot, kestrel, red kite, starling, rook, pigeon, wagtail, wren, robin, blackbird, thrush, deer, fox, partridge and pheasant as well as small birds such as yellowhammer, goldfinch, sparrow and many more in the hedge side. I have seen the flash of a kingfisher and would love to see one again on the beck side.

And for the first time I saw a Bullfinch in the garden and there are bees everywhere!!

Ann Chapman





Congratulations to Hovingham resident, Market volunteer and keen runner Jason Bertucci (on the left) who has recently completed his first half Ironman triathalon. With a formidable reputation for being the toughest of races, a full Ironman Triathlon is widely considered one of the most difficult one-day sporting events in the world.

An Ironman 70.3, also known as a Half Ironman, is one of a series of long distance triathlon races organized by the World Triathlon Corporation (WTC). The '70.3' refers to the total distance in miles (113.0 km) covered in the race, consisting of a 1.2-mile (1.9 km) swim, a 56-mile (90 km) bike ride, and a 13.1-mile (21.1 km) run. Each distance of the swim, bike, and run segments is half the distance of that segment in an Ironman triathlon.

Reflecting on the event, Jason said "Thanks guys it was the hardest thing to date. I'm not going to lie, I hit the wall hard on the run and couldn't take on any nutrition...Loved every minute of it though and 6 hours: 31 minutes :16 seconds was my official time. It's not bad for a first attempt."

Not bad! It's fantastic. We salute the achievement of Hovingham's supreme athlete who is well on the way to completing his first full Ironman. *Caroline Davis* 

# We remember

Our Memorial -A poem by the late Cissie Brown, the Hovingham poet

Pause for a moment and give them a thought.

To give freedom and peace, with their lives it was bought and in the melee and bitter strife, they paid for it dearly, their currency - LIFE.

Does it matter to you, the great price they paid?

For we do not know where their bodies are laid.

Each young life had so much to give
but they paid with their all, that this country might live.



#### From our memorial.

**Charles Ward**, the son of the local gamekeeper, was a general labourer, living in York. He died on the 10th July, 1917, aged 41.

**Robert Watt** was the son of a doctor and life insurance agent. He emigrated to South Africa possibly after fighting in the Boer War with one of the Yorkshire yeomanry regiments.

At 44, he was among the 500 casualties suffered by his unit of just 700 men on the 18th October, 1916.

**Arthur Wray**, lived from the age of six with his grandparents in Hovingham, separated from his family who lived in Malton where his father was a butler. He later became a gardener in Hovingham.

Aged 22, he fell on the Somme on the 7th October 1916. He has no known grave.

**Rob Thompson** 

# Hovingham's fine food talent



For the second consecutive year, the Worsley Arms have been recognised for the quality of their food with a 2 AA rosette award.

Congratulations to Tony, Sally and Head Chef, Andrew Jones. For Andrew this is the 8th occasion he has received this recognition at the Worsley Arms. Hovingham has fine food talent.

Caroline Davis

#### Hovingham is represented at the Menin Gate

A wreath from Hovingham will be laid at The Menin Gate on August 8th to commemorate the men of Hovingham Parish who fell in WW1. The branch standard will join 1,400 standards in a special parade to mark the 90th anniversary of The Great Pilgrimage of thousands of veterans and war widows who wanted to see their menfolk's' graves and memorials. Our standard and wreath are very kindly being carried for us by members of York Branch RBL.



The wreath label reads:

78 men from our small parish served in WW1; 16 of them died. Recognising the sacrifices of these men, their families and their community of 1914-19, from the Hovingham community of 2018.

#### For details, see:

www.britishlegion.org.uk/community/calendar/remembrance-services-and-events/great-pilgrimage-90/

**Rob Thompson** 

# **Hovingham Sign Cleaning – Summer madness**

Each year members of the Action Group wash the Hovingham Street signs and yes it does make a difference. Here's our before and after. A big thank you to those that turn out.









Do I need to mention the weather? It is going to be rather hard to write this without doing that!

In my last article I said how we were still waiting for spring to arrive in the early days of April and how wet the land was with large lakes in places. Fast forward a couple of months and the land is parched and large cracks have appeared in the soil.

Crops were looking well as we went through May and into June rapidly going through their growth stages. The usual fungicides were applied to keep disease at bay and on the whole crops looked very promising. The lack of rain started to show itself in the crops during June when patches appeared in some of the wheat that was clearly the result of drought and the crop was prematurely dying off. Some of my land above Hovingham is on very shallow soils and in places only has about 4 inches of soil so a dry June is not helpful.



Now any wheat on the shallow soil is completely yellow and quickly ripening and any on deeper soils is still fairly green and hopefully ripening at a more natural rate.

Quite a lot of barley has been cut in the area as I write this and reports suggest yields are OK but not record breaking. Barley is an earlier ripening crop anyway so may not have been affected quite so much by the lack of rain. Oilseed rape will have been cut by the time you read this but at the moment very little if any has been done around here so yields are still unknown.

The first crop that I will cut will be oats. I expect they will be ready this week (last week of July) and they look OK but it will be only when the combine goes in that the true picture will be revealed. They look quite tall so hopefully this will give plenty of straw to bale and sell. With some crops suffering from lack of rain, this will lead to shorter crops so therefore less straw.

It is concerning to hear just how little grass has been cut to make into hay and silage. Usually livestock farmers can get 2, or even 3 cuts off a field to provide feed for stock over winter. Most first cuts were fine but the grass hasn't grown to even give a second cut. It has been reported that some farmers are having to start feeding this year's silage now as the fields have not got enough grass to feed the grazing stock. What will happen once winter comes and stock are inside is very worrying, especially if straw for bedding is in short supply as well.

Time will tell how harvest goes and what the yields and prices end up like. Things should be clearer ready for the next article. I hope that the weather doesn't break and then not know when to dry up as can sometimes happen. Whilst a good rain would help the grass to green up and maybe help a little to provide some grass, it is too late for the cereals. Maybe some rain at night then warm sunshine during the day to get on with harvest? If only it was that easy.....! *Mark Wilson* 

# Rainfall - 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	<b>558</b>
2012	49	16	20	148	48	102	110	76	113	97	137	122	1038
2013	57	24	52	14	83	48	26	55	57	90	55	57	620
2014	127	58	38	23	35	54	52	94	29	72	108	48	838
2015	26	20	36	21	89	15	79	67	<b>72</b>	71	110	151	<b>757</b>
2016	87	54	93	82	24	61	41	68	31	43	82	27	693
2017	32	<b>73</b>	44	13	43	122	55	76	91	68	57	66	<b>740</b>
2018	<b>73</b>	34	100	90	34	27							
Avg	63	47	43	50	54	63	57	68	57	77	72	64	715

<sup>\*</sup> Golly Gosh!! Now after ALL THAT RAIN we have sun, sun, more problems for the farmers crops and livestock

# Fracking News - fracking and democracy

You will recall that the North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (MWJP) was reported on in the last issue of this newsletter. The independent Planning Inspector (appointed by the Planning Inspectorate) broadly considered the Joint Authorities plan was sound (subject of course to the usual modifications) as of 13 April 2018. The gas industry representatives said at the Examination in Public that they would have to consider Judicial Review if that was the case.

Since the last newsletter went to press, it is with disbelief that I have to report that the Government has changed the rules relating to fracking by publishing on 17 May 2018 a Written Ministerial Statement possibly in direct response to industry lobbying to the Government over the North Yorkshire MWJP.

Also contained in the same Written Ministerial Statement is the fact that the Government is proposing that exploratory drilling for shale gas should be considered as 'permitted development'. Permitted development is the part of the UK planning law that allows people to carry out improvements to their home or property such as a loft conversation or adding a small conservatory, without the need to apply to the local council for planning permission.

An online petition, organised by the Campaign to Protect Rural England against the permitted development proposals had more than 150,000 signatures at the time of writing.

The consultations are open to the public as well as the industry and interested parties. They run for 14 weeks until 25 October 2018.

#### What does this mean?

- The intention is that such exploration sites will be treated in the same way in planning terms (don't laugh) as putting up a small conservatory
- It means that oil and gas companies would not need to apply for planning permission from the local council to construct an exploratory well
- Exploratory sites will look similar to the one in the photograph and could involve building a 1.5 hectare well pad, with associated access roads, fencing and so on
- Construction of such sites will result in noisy day and night time drilling for up to eight months
- and require over sixty HGV journeys per day over the construction period

How does this compare to a small conservatory?

Photo of Tinker Lane Exploratory Site, North Nottinghamshire
- photo by Eric Walton



It then follows that if the exploration stage were successful that it would be difficult to envisage a planning authority turning down an application for full production on such a site as all of the main construction work will have been completed. Neither members of the public nor the planning authority will have any right to assess if the proposal is suitable for the locality nor any other right of redress. So, no local decision making.

What else is happening? The government is also proposing that fracking in England should be treated in the production phase as a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' (NSIP) like HS2 or the UK motorway network

- This would mean that planning applications for full scale, multi-well (up to 50 boreholes) fracking sites would be decided by a government-appointed planning inspector, not the local planning authority
- As above, this will follow the construction of exploratory sites, which will then simply be used for production subject to a decision made in Whitehall (but certainly not locally under the broad proposals)
- This effectively removes any control of fracking projects from democratically elected county councils and local communities, which may result in thousands of fracking wells being drilled all across the country and the industrialisation of the British countryside
- Unlike other matters where projects are under the NSIP regime there is no proposal for a right of compensation if your property were to be adversely affected by such a development
- There are many concerns about how a nascent, novel fracking industry could be classified as an NSIP.

Consultations were announced on 19 July 2018, during the summer recess of Parliament. It is deeply concerning that such operations should be given dispensation from needing planning permission for the reasons already discussed above.

#### In summary, the latest proposals

- remove the rights of any person or body to object at any stage
- and propose no rights to compensation, which given that this is an unproven industry, is concerning
- this is an **undemocratic** proposal which contradicts the Government's own policy of creating an environment where local people make local decisions

The Government's own Energy and Climate Change Public Attitudes Tracker: Wave 25 states that 18% of the UK supports fracking compared to 85% who support renewables.

I would urge all residents if you care about democracy let your elected representatives (at all levels) know that you are concerned – it is the thin end of a wedge.

\*\*David Davis\*\*

#### For more information:

#### Consultation on permitted development rights:

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/permitted-development-for-shale-gas-exploration

#### **Consultation on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects:**

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/inclusion-of-shale-gas-production-projects-in-the-nationally-significant-infrastructure-project-nsip-regime









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Events for you to share August

Film Club - "3 Billboards outside Ebbing
Missouri"

6 30 pm Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th

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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Supper Club @ 18.30

#### September

Sunday 9th Film Club 'Paddington 2' Family Matinee @3.30

Thursday 20th Supper Club
Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th Film Club
Friday 28th 10.30 Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please visit www.worsleyarms.co.uk or call (01653) 628234 for bookings and information

# **Hovingham Church News**

We have now had quotations for the repairs to the Church roof and the monies that we have raised over the last five years will be able to pay for the repairs to be carried out, so thank you for all the help that has been given to all the fund raising over that time.

Once the roof is repaired then we can think about renovating the organ. We need £40000 to complete the task and we have already raised over half of this. We are very fortunate to have the world-renowned organist Philip Moore living within the Benefice and he is working hard to try to get grants towards the project.

And, Philip recently entertained us with an organ crawl where he played all the organs in the Street Parishes and made them all sound wonderful, he really does make them talk.

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#### **Coffee in the Garden**

What a wonderful June it was for coffee in the garden, the sun shone, the cake contributions were superb and all three events were very well attended.

We raised £632.00 for the Church repair fund, but as always, the main aim is to enable the community to meet together in fellowship and this was very obvious from the many people who attended each event

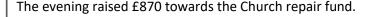
We thank Maureen and Eddie, Martyn and Frances and Carolyn for their hospitality.



# Roman Villa Talk raises more funds for Church repairs

The PCC are very grateful to Sir William and Lady Worsley for letting us use the Hunting Hall at Hovingham Hall on July 15<sup>th</sup> for the talk on the Roman Villa by Professor Dominic Powsland.

Over seventy people enjoyed wine and canapés and then listened intently to a very flamboyant and interesting talk on the site of the Roman Villa and bathhouse here in Hovingham. He had some interesting lines of thought particularly to the concept that from his mapping exercises he feels that there is a significant building on the site that could either be a Temple or a Court House, and that there was a large Roman presence here in this part of North Yorkshire.





Our thanks go to all those who provided canapés and who helped serve on the evening, it is wonderful to be able to ask people to help and get such a positive reaction.

\*\*Jackie and Graham Mason\*\*

#### Hovingham Estate <a href="https://www.hovingham.co.uk">www.hovingham.co.uk</a> – 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

Hovingham Methodist Chapel members and friends invited the late Joan Gaunt's eldest son Mike and his wife Jean to join them for afternoon tea at Lastingham Grange on Sunday 22 July 2018. It was then a surprise when they were shown a bench dedicated with an inscription 'Joan Gaunt 1928-2017, Presented by her Friends from Hovingham Methodist Chapel, With affectionate Memories.' For many years Douglas and Joan Gaunt had holidays at Lastingham Grange, enjoying the good food, peace and tranquillity there.

#### Harvest celebration.

Harvest services to be held on 7th October at 10.30am with Mr Robert Rayner, where we are joined by members of the Church of England. The following evening, we have another short service led by Rev Tanya Short at 6.30pm which will be followed by the sale of produce then a super supper.

Everyone welcome

#### **Rolling Pin Coffee Mornings**

And, can we say how much we appreciate the Rolling Pin Café and Bakery as a venue for our T-Spot on the second Thursday of the month. In July 14 ladies enjoyed each other's company as we had a cream horn with our drink. Our next date will be August 9th at 10.30am.

Sue Goodwill









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My mother and father Alan and Jane Watson and myself moved to Hovingham in March 1971. We moved from Kirkbymoorside. We lived in the house opposite the ford now Spa Cottage, the holiday cottage. My father had the Spa Garage where my mother helped serve the petrol in all weathers and attended to the bills and invoices (in those days all by hand as there were no laptops). My father did all the repairs on cars for the locals.

was not often that we closed: sometimes due to bad weather or a power cut but my father opened the garage each day at 8am prompt often reminded by the church bells chiming. We opened on the Sundays in the Summer months too and sold sweets, crisps and drinks. These were popular with the children as back then the Post Office (run by Mrs Elsie Davidson and her husband and helped by Betty Pottage) wasn't open Saturday afternoons or Sundays unlike the shop now.



We had good neighbours, Joyce and Stephen Skelton. Simon, Christopher, David and Jonathan spent lots of time together playing damming up the beck, playing games and walks. I remember one time we all had chicken pox and we spent days on end watching television and playing games indoors sharing the calamine lotion! I am still good friends with Joyce and visit her regularly for coffee and a catch up.

I used to help Mrs Elmhurst [where Mr and Mrs Lucas live now I to do her garden and mow her lawns. I think this is where my interest in gardening came from.

I remember going for walks with Katherine Worsley, now the the Duchess of Kent, through the woods and park land on the estate and she visited the village school regularly. I still speak to people who remember my parents at the garage as they called in for petrol or repairs and a chat.

I always remember the garage in winter could be so cold. We had a big heater that blew hot air out. It was so noisy you could hear it across the village. We left in 1989 due to my parent's ill health and came to live in Malton but I have still have very fond memories of my time in Hovingham. Latterly I had the privilege to help once a week to look after Mrs Gaunt on Brookside, a wonderful lady indeed, and some good memories. My work as a carer with North Yorkshire County Council continues to bring me back to the village regularly which I always enjoy. Hovingham will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you for letting me share my memories with you.

\*\*Adrian Watson\*\*



# 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

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Pastures Lane residents are delighted that NYCC have now adopted the New Pasture Lane.

'After many months of tribulation, it is a weight off our minds!'

Graham Mason



# Neighbourhood Watch – yet another scam

There are more scams about, a local resident has the following to tell:

'I have just reported to the police, and will alert Action Fraud on Monday, that I had a phone call from a person saying he was from Customs & Excise and he was bringing a case against me. I only gave him my name then was suspicious and hung up. Interestingly it was a Manchester code number 0161 850 6324 when I dialled 1471.'

Be very careful with telephone calls.

# In all that sunshine – use water wisely

You've no doubt heard about the impact of the hot weather on water resources. In Yorkshire, there is an increased demand for water in the region due to the hot weather. Over the weekend demand exceeded 1.5 billion litres a day. This is an increase of 200 million litres – which is more than the daily demand of water for Leeds.

Despite this our water stocks are in a healthy position - our raw water reservoirs are currently about three-quarters full, which is around the normal level for this time of year.

There are no water shortages currently. However, water is a precious resource and we would encourage everyone to do their bit to help by using water sensibly and responsibly. Please continue to report any leaks by visiting yorkshirewater.com/reportaleak. For water saving advice see <a href="https://yorkshirewater.com/savewater">yorkshirewater.com/savewater</a>.



## **Hovingham Village Hall**

Hovingham Village Hall is in summer mode with repairs and decorations going on in this wonderful weather. Very soon the roof will be re-worked so that the water that creeps in and marks the ceiling inside will be prevented. The external painting will not only give the village hall a fresh look but will also protect the woodwork where the old paint has peeled away.

Funding has now been secured in order for us to install a defibrillator in the next few months, a facility that could be a lifesaver in a rural community like Hovingham.

The possibility of installing an electric car charging point at the village hall is also being investigated, a forward looking move which would benefit visitors and friends and relatives of residents who visit in electric vehicles.

Administratively, the new constitution is still being implemented but we have found some technical problems that we have to sort out which are causing some delays.

Otherwise we are maintaining and improving our village hall thanks to the time and effort given by members of the village hall committee but we would welcome new members with fresh ideas to the committee – if you have a little time to spare, why not contact our secretary, Wendy Dawson, on 01653 628296 or email her at <a href="wendydawson@hovingham.org.uk">wendydawson@hovingham.org.uk</a>

**Richard Senior** 



## **Hovingham Action Group News**

#### Market - contact Peter Stark or Caroline Davis

- The weather forecast for the June market wasn't good, with heavy rain forecast, however fortune again smiled and apart from very light rain it was a successful market with new stalls doing well. Torrential rain however did appear after the market had been cleared away.
- The July market enjoyed wonderful summer weather and again had a very successful market with good visitor numbers. Both markets (June & July) had a great atmosphere which was appreciated by the visitors from far and wide.
- Community Groups wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.
- Market News is published prior to every Market; subscribe via the website to receive a copy by email.
- Thanks to everyone who help set up and run the market. New volunteers are always welcome.

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

- Annual street sign cleaning was concluded early July and all village signs were given a thorough clean and spruce up.
   Many thanks to all those who gave their valuable time and play their part in making the village a lovely place to live.
   See the difference it makes on Page 6.
- If you would like to be involved in the restoration of the village telephone box contact <a href="mailto:action@hovingham.org.uk">action@hovingham.org.uk</a>

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

- Later than normal the weeds under the playground hedges were sprayed to discourage further growth. Many thanks to Murray Stewart & Mark Wilson for their assistance with this yearly task.
- This summer we have had exceptional weather with the playground being well used by visitors who appreciate the location and equipment provided.
- An honesty box has been donated and fixed by Robert Wainwright, all donations, however small, are much appreciated.
- Weekly checks continue throughout the year so standards remain high. The playground is solely run by volunteers so please contact us if you would like to be involved in the various initiatives that take place throughout the year.

#### <u>Neighbourhood Watch & Speedwatch</u> - contact Phil Chapman or David Richardson

- Speedwatch is now fully operational in Hovingham. Many vehicles have been logged each week in the sessions run by the volunteers. Each infringement of the 30-mph limit is reported to the police and speeding drivers receive a written warning. The main thrust of the process is to reduce speed of vehicles through the village and this has been achieved. If you would like to take part please contact action@hovingham.org.uk
- You can subscribe to regular Neighbourhood Watch email alerts by subscribing on the Village Website.
- Check out this Newsletter for the latest news on scams and police warnings. see Page 13.

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

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

#### Website - www.hovingham.org.uk contact action@hovingham.org.uk

• 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

#### <u>Project Purple - contact: purple@hovingham.org.uk</u>

- Ann & Phil Chapman, Caroline Davis, Monica Gripaios, Kim & Frank Colenso are working hard on this initiative and
  exploring opportunities around renewable energy, recycling and energy efficiency. A survey of residents and local
  businesses is planned to engage, inform and shape the project. If you would like to be involved or want to contact the
  group please email: <a href="mailto:purple@hovingham.org.uk">purple@hovingham.org.uk</a>
- See the article on Page 1, about the upcoming 2018 Village Survey.

#### **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 please get in touch. You can contact any of the groups directly or via an email to <a href="mailto:action@hovingham.org.uk">action@hovingham.org.uk</a>

**David Richardson** 

The meeting was held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July and with the Newsletter going to press on the 26<sup>th</sup> meant there was not time to produce a write up of this meeting.

Check the Hovingham Website and Notice Board for the minutes, which should be available within a week or so.

# **Hovingham Beck - falling**

# Hovingham Beck at Hovingham



# Current River Level: # 0.048m, falling

Within the usual range for this location

Current level recorded at 6:30am, Thursday 26th July BST (5:30am, Thursday 26th July GMT)

Change from previous measurement: -0.001m

(recorded at 6:30am, Wednesday 25th July BST)





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# Hovingham and Scackleton Diary – Weekly events

# These Events normally take place weekly (except bank holidays)

Mobile Post Office visits Hovingham - 2:30pm to 3:00pm - outside Malt Shovel

Hovingham Primary Tennis After School Club (except School Hols) 3:45pm-4:45pm

Tue Scrumptious Fish & Chip Van - 5:35pm Hall Green, opposite Village Hall

Hatha Yoga 6<sup>pm</sup>-7<sup>pm</sup> Village Hall-all ages, abilities & flexibilities! 1<sup>st</sup> session £5, then £8 or £35 for 5.

www.anandiniyoga.co.uk Mats provided, booking essential Verity (07821)588117 amandinyoga@hotmail.com

Wed Barre Concept Class -11:15am - Village Hall, run by Katie Mae Ellis (details above)

Mobile Post Office visits Hovingham – 9:45am to 10:15am - outside Malt Shovel

Thu Ryedale Family History Group - 10<sup>am</sup> to 3<sup>pm</sup> - Community Room

Drop in any time; Further details available from www.ryedalefamilyhistory.org

Pilates Class - 10:45am for one hour - Village Hall run by Tracey Prest - All Welcome;

Fri Further details available at www.pilateswithtracey.co.uk or (07789)-990261