

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Autumn edition 2013

August September October

Sand Hutton Claxton Flaxton
Gate Helmsley Upper Helmsley Bossall
Buttercrambe Howsham Harton
Whitwell-on-the-Hill Crambe Foston
Barton-le-Willows Thornton-le-Clay

Services for the Benefice of Harton

<i>Sunday 4th August</i>		<i>Trinity 10</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Foston
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Wednesday 7th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
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<i>Sunday 11th August</i>		<i>Trinity 11</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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10.30	Family Service	Flaxton
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Wednesday 14th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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<i>Sunday 18th August</i>		<i>Trinity 12</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 21st August

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 25th August</i>		<i>Trinity 13</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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10.30	Morning Prayer	Gate Helmsley
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Wednesday 28th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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September 2013

<i>Sunday 1st September</i>		<i>Trinity 14</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Crambe
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Wednesday 4th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
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<i>Sunday 8th September</i>	<i>Trinity 15</i>
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9.00	Morning Prayer	Foston
10.30	Holy Communion	Bossall

Wednesday 11th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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<i>Sunday 15th September</i>	<i>Trinity 16</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Buttercrambe
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Wednesday 18th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 22nd September</i>	<i>Trinity 17</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
10.30	Family service	Flaxton

Wednesday 25th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 29th September</i>	<i>Michaelmas</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Howsham
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October 2013

Wednesday 2nd October

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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<i>Sunday 6th October</i>	<i>Trinity 19</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Flaxton
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Wednesday 9th October

10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
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<i>Sunday 13th October</i>	<i>Trinity 20</i>
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10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 16th October

10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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<i>Sunday 20th October</i>		<i>Trinity 21</i>
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Upper Helmsley
Wednesday 23rd October		
10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
<i>Sunday 27th October</i>		<i>Bible Sunday</i>
9.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
10.30	Morning Prayer	Foston
Wednesday 30th October		
10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe

November 2013

<i>Sunday 3rd November</i>		<i>4th before Advent</i>
10.30	Benefice Eucharist <i>Festival of Lilies and Light</i>	Crambe
Wednesday 6th November		
10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
<i>Sunday 10th November</i>		<i>Remembrance</i>
10.30	Remembrance Service	Upper Helmsley
Noon	Act of Remembrance at Sand Hutton War Memorial	

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Crambe and Whitwell	Friday 20th September	6.30 pm at Crambe
Foston	Sunday 29 th September	6.30 pm
Gate Helmsley	Wednesday 2 nd October	6.30 pm
Flaxton	Sunday 13 th October	10.30 am
Howsham	Sunday 13 th October	6.30 pm
	To be followed by auction of produce and refreshments	
Buttercrambe	Sunday 20 th October	6.30 pm





High Flight

by John Magee

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds – and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung
High in the silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air...
Up, up the long delicious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark or even eagle flew –
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

Sunday 10th November
at 10.30am
St Peter's Church
Upper Helmsley
Followed by
Act of Remembrance
at Sand Hutton War Memorial

We will remember them...





Benefice of Harton
Festival of Lilies and Light
a special
Eucharist service
at St Michael's Church, Crambe
at 10.30 a.m.
Sunday November 3rd 2013

at which loved ones will be remembered

candles will be lit in memory of family and friends.
a roll of those to be remembered will be read out

If anyone would like to remember loved ones in this way
please contact Fiona Le Masurier email: churchmouse@yorlocal.com
or tel: 01653 619368, so their name or names can be included in the roll



Congratulations and good wishes to those who were married recently

4 th May	Kate Green and James Barber	Bossall
25 th May	Kathryn Green and Alex Willcox	Flaxton
14 th June	Carole Hanson and Richard Ellerby	Crambe
21 st June	Louise Bodkin and Andrew Watkins	Sand Hutton
29 th June	Hannah Burkeman and Alton Rudd	Flaxton
20 th July	Helen Bosanquet and Khuong Kamto	Flaxton

*Greetings to you all from
the Ministry Team,*



One of the things I love most in life is waking early to the sound of the birds outside the bedroom window and the sun streaming in through the curtains - this morning was no exception! Being in the fortunate position of not having to get up for work, I was able to experience again God's wonderful gift of His creation to us all whilst absorbing the peace and tranquillity of rural life.

Maybe because we live in the country we are more aware of God's goodness and provision at this Harvest time - a time when we are reminded how hard our farmers work to ensure a fruitful harvest after struggling with the effects of the adverse weather conditions on their crops. Again, as every year, there will be an opportunity for us all to express our thanks to God and to all those who work hard to provide us with our food. The Harvest Thanksgiving services are listed here in the Circular with all the other services taking place in the Benefice and you are warmly invited to any of the ten churches not just the one in your village, as the Benefice of Harton is, if you like, "The church with 10 roofs! "

So by now many of you will have had your holiday whilst others of us will be preparing to go to various holiday destinations, enabling us to experience the great variety and beauty of God's creation. In doing so let us not forget the areas of the world where lives are blighted by the struggle for survival because of political unrest and massive food shortages. For many the celebration of a harvest, however small, would be an indulgence whilst for us it is a huge privilege.

The words of the Russian hymn, translated by Stuart Keene Hine, bring together the thoughts on creation in a meaningful way :-

Oh Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars; I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to
Thee, how great Thou art! How great thou art!

May God's peace be with you all.

Rachel Baker.
Lay Pastor



A note from the Joint PCC.....

The Joint PCC has finally become active after two and a half years of planning, and held its first meeting on 14th May 2013. We look forward to a productive time ahead, working on behalf of the Benefice of Harton. During the interregnum, elected officers will be: Chairman Delyth Harran, Honorary Treasurer David Fletcher and Honorary Secretary Ray Barry, maintaining the status quo. Hopefully, when a new vicar is appointed, he or she will chair the group.

The issues discussed at the meeting included future financing of the Diocese (more detail below), management of the interregnum, change of Rural Dean, change of Benefice Safeguarding Children Co-ordinator, and the possibility of re-establishing a choir for some church services. We are very grateful to Reverend Dr Peter Bowes for his help and support during the early part of the interregnum. On Peter's retirement, Reverend Rachel Hirst was commissioned as Rural Dean and we look forward to working with Rachel and welcoming her to some of our meetings.

Rachel Baker has acted as Safeguarding Children Co-ordinator for the last ten years. We are very grateful to her for undertaking this difficult area of work so diligently and for so long. We are happy to welcome Louise Watkins as Rachel's successor. Louise works professionally with children and brings a wealth of experience to this role. We are grateful to her for picking up the baton.

The next meeting of the Joint PCC will be on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30 pm at Orchard House, Gate Helmsley. Please contact one of the officers with any matters for discussion at that meeting.

An important live issue for our eight individual PCCs is the forthcoming change in Diocesan funding arrangements, and the amount of money they will be able to offer to the Diocese for its annual budget. For several years the Diocese has been funded through an imposed Parish Share (or “quota”). The new system will completely transform the philosophy of giving by inviting individual parishes to contribute as generously as possible by making their own Freewill Offering to a central pool known as the Common Fund. From January 2014, the Diocesan budget (and so the work the Diocese is able to support, including the payment of incumbents) will be determined by the size of the Common Fund, that is by the amount each parish is able to contribute.

This system has been used effectively in other Dioceses, so we are not moving into completely unknown territory. The principle behind it is one of Christian giving; those who can should give generously in order to support the work of mission, especially in those more deprived parishes that are not able to provide for themselves (see Psalm 37, verses 21, 25 and 26; 2 Corinthians verse 9 and verses 12 to 15). In other Dioceses, it has been found that parishes do give generously and the Diocesan budget has not suffered in the change. The year 2014 will be a test bed for the York Diocese.

Each local PCC should have had a recent meeting to determine their contribution. Those decisions need to be at the Diocesan Office by 31st July, so that their budget for 2014 can be agreed by mid-September 2013. It is to be hoped that the size of the Common Fund will be sufficient for the Diocese to sustain its current level of service provision, which costs £13.5 million annually. Most of this money comes from the parishes (and is returned to the parishes in terms of services – vicars, training, education, church schools, safeguarding, etc.), with some other significant contributors such as the Church Commissioners.

More information about these financial issues can be found on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofyork.org/freewilloffer.

We are pleased to report that the advertisement for a new vicar has now appeared in the Church Times, and we understand that there has been some interest shown in the post. We pray that the right person will be drawn to this benefice as our next vicar.

Delyth Harran

Celebrating
the journey
BRIDLINGTON PRIORY



Pilgrimage York to Bridlington Coming to a church near you

Bridlington Priory was founded in 1113 by Walter de Gant for Augustinian Canons Regular. It is one of the earliest such houses in England and is celebrating its 900th anniversary this year. The Augustinians laid particular stress on being practically involved with the local community and conducted services in parish churches, ran hospitals and cared for the poor.

As a part of the celebrations, there are two pilgrimage events in late August, culminating at the Priory on 28th August, the feast day of St Augustine of Hippo. One is to be from Beverley to Bridlington. The other starts at York on 22nd August 2013 and is open to any who wish to join for all or part of the way. Details of this pilgrimage can be found on www.priory900.org or telephone **07583 432 163** This pilgrimage will pass through the villages on the way to Stamford Bridge, then along the River Derwent to Kirkham Priory, climb the ridge to the Wolds to join the Wolds Way, follow this as far as Ganton in the East Riding Archdeaconry. It then goes to Burton Fleming and Boynton before finally arriving in Bridlington. The pilgrims will pray at local churches and enjoy the company of whoever wishes to join them.

The pilgrims will be visiting some of the churches in this benefice on the first and second days. Do come and join us. On Thursday August 22nd we have a service at the Minster at 10 a.m. to send us on our way. We walk out of York and hope to arrive at Gate Helmsley at about 3.30 p.m. to pray before continuing to Stamford Bridge. On the next day we pray at Stamford Bridge Methodist Church before walking to Kirkham Priory. We shall hope to arrive at Howsham between 1.30 p.m. and 2.0 p.m.



The Prioress from The Canterbury Tales

INCREASE YOUR ADVERTISING COVERAGE

If you would like an advertisement for your special event included on the Benefice/ local church website please contact Michael Harran who will be happy to do this for you

**St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley
Centenary Organ Restoration Fund – "Pipe Up !"**

invites you to a

Summer Garden Tea Party

at

The Manor House, Gate Helmsley

courtesy of Capt Garnons-Williams

2.30 – 5.30pm on Sunday 11 August

Come and enjoy this lovely walled garden with teas; soft drinks; scones with jam & cream; cakes; raspberries & cream; ice cream

Cake stall, books, tombola

Tickets £7 (children free) from Michael Harran
01759 372215 / mi@mharran.freeserve.co.uk or at the gate

Please park in the Village Hall car park opposite Gate Helmsley Village Hall



AUTUMN LEAVES



Allen Warren, Sand Hutton PCC and Vice-President North Yorkshire Scouts
Invite you to

**celebrate the first
day of Autumn**



**with tea, music and verse in
the garden of 6 Sand Hutton, Upper
Helmsley Road, Sand Hutton**

**Sunday September 22nd
2.15 to 5.0 pm**

Entertainment from Tim Bayley and Ronald Clayton 2.45 pm
English afternoon tea with music from The Vale of Pickering Scout Ukulele Band 3.30
Children's programme

Stalls

Tombola

Raffle

FREE tickets from Brian Atkinson 01904 468226 or Ellen Stott 01904 468404

FOSTON AND THORNTON LE CLAY HISTORY GROUP

Thursday October 17th
7.30pm

Thornton le Clay Village Hall

£1.00

Refreshments

'Childhood memories of Foston School'

Brian Pillow and Geoff Duck are our guest speakers reminiscing about their early years and memories of our village school.

Please join us for a guided walk down memory lane!

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 2nd November 2013

Sand Hutton Village Hall 10am to 3 pm

This will be our 18th Year! Have you been to see why?

Quality stalls at affordable prices
for all your Christmas giving.

Stalls include Sand Hutton Gifts,
Chocolates, soaps, jewellery, toys, books,
Jams, bags, Christmas decorations.... etc.

**For information on stalls and details send an email to
giftsforchristmas@hotmail.co.uk**



Benefice of Harton



Saturday September 7th 2013

Rummage sale
at
Kyreham House, Crambe

11.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the individual churches
in the Benefice

Any items for sale should be given to the
representative in your parish

Come and grab a bargain!

If the day is fine, bring a picnic and enjoy the garden
Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits will be available to buy

For more information contact your local churchwarden
Or Fiona 01653 619368 Email churchmouse@yorlocal.com

Gate & Upper Helmsley Craft Group



Meet in the Village Hall at Gate Helmsley
every last Wednesday of the month at 7pm till 9pm

Come and join us and learn new crafts

ceramic painting ♦ patchwork ♦ sugar paste
recycling of paper etc. ♦ card making
demonstrations in cold porcelain and ceramics.



**For further enquiries please contact Maureen Parker on
01759 371318**

Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 10th August

Summer Saturday Social
10.30 - 12.30am

Saturday 7th September

Annual Village Produce Show

Friday 11th October

Film Night

Friday 18th October

Harvest Supper

And if you'd like to join our Monday walking group, just turn up at the Hall
at 9.30am any Monday, come rain or shine!

**For further information on events, contact Caroline Hall 468376
or email: clm.hall@virgin.net**

Summer Saturday Social

10th August from 10.30 a.m. at

Claxton and Sand Hutton Village Hall

**In case you haven't been to a Saturday Social before, this is what it's all
about.....**

The idea behind the event is that it draws together local people for exchange of ideas, information, spare veg, local products, gossip – you name it! We might not have a village pub, shop or playground but the Saturday Socials aim to bring the community (young or old) together for a couple of hours and are proving increasingly popular.

The event happens every 3 or 4 months and at each occasion, you'll find most of the local groups represented, e.g. Garden club, WI., choir, Heritage, Village Hall itself, with displays of information and news of upcoming events. We also invite representatives from our local police, District and County Councils; currently, Neighbourhood Watch is being revived and you'll be able to find out about that.

Then there are several local producers selling their goods – honey, pork pies, jewellery and so on. And we regularly run a plant stall; if you have spare plants to contribute, bring them along and you'll get some money back if they're sold.

A new initiative starting now is to invite a different local charity every time to run a stall to raise awareness and if they wish, to seek donations.

And finally, don't forget there's always free tea, coffee and scrumptious homemade cake!

New for the Summer Saturday Social

- if you've got a glut of veg (courgettes!), or fruit, bring them along to sell
- cut flowers: bring a bunch of flowers from your garden to sell
- Charity stall

Call in and catch up

Look out for updates on the village website www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk

Gate & Upper Helmsley Parish Council.

Dates for Gate & Upper Helmsley Parish Council meetings are 5th September 2013, 5th December 2013, 6th March 2014 and 15th May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Gate Helmsley.

Notices will be posted on public notice boards so please check nearer the times for any alterations.

If you have any queries please contact Janet Buckley, Clerk to Gate & Upper Helmsley Parish Council. janet.buckley@hotmail.co.uk or 07725 742977

Gate and Upper Helmsley Village Hall

The annual barbecue was held on 14 July in glorious sunshine in Maureen and Tony Parker's beautiful garden. Everyone had a great time, the food was delicious and we raised £731.87. This will be used to purchase more self-erecting gazebos, as the three purchased this year proved to be a great success and saved a lot of hard work.

The committee is indebted to everyone who helped with the setting up and dismantling of the marquees, tables, stalls etc. Without your help, trailers and enthusiasm, the annual barbecue would be far more difficult to hold. The committee would also like to thank everyone who provided puddings, tombola prizes, raffle prizes, help on the day and Maureen for her plant stall.

Note for your diary. Our next event is

Saturday 16 November

7.30 – 11.30

PURPLE MOODS

Elvis tribute singer

Pie and peas supper £12.

Around the Parishes.....

News views and information from:

BOSSALL

There is little to report since our last entry in The Circular other than to appreciate a solid number of worshippers at both our own services and for the Benefice Sunday. However a special occasion was the marriage on 4th May of James Barber and Kathryn Louise Green, daughter of our local gamekeeper Les Green.

Bossall Church's financial position remains sound due to a number of factors –a small increase in regular donors and their giving; careful evaluation of the price of work required; and some essential tasks being undertaken without payment.

Thanks to the time and understanding of Kathy Fawcett and a most helpful and experienced helper from Strensall - Mr Chris Chambers. - we have completed a detailed examination of the complex situation re Chancel Repair Liability and the relevant responsibilities of this Parish and the Church Commissioners and the potential liability for some neighbouring land owners. The formalities should be complete by the time this note appears.

Our next task concerns the grounds. We have been offered the help - once more - of volunteers for the annual clearance on a basis that retains the wonderful collection of wild flowers and plants. In addition - we are in talks re the trees between the main gate and the small gate opposite the Old Vicarage and a clean-up task may well have taken place by the time these notes are in print.

So - perhaps more of interest to report in the next issue!

CRAMBE

After a less than impressive start to summer (following an even less impressive Spring) the weather has turned and for the past few weeks we have been basking in the most glorious sunshine. St Michael's Church has had five services this quarter including the wedding of Carol Hanson and Ricky Ellerby on June 14th. This was a delightfully happy event and few will forget the



sight of a radiantly smiling Carol, her father and bridesmaids walking from her home at Green View to join a slightly nervous Ricky, surrounded by stalwart supporters in the church. The church was packed and the Revd. Jeremy Valentine, on fine form, drew many an appreciative chuckle. The service was also enlivened by Arthur the cat who kept the smallest bridesmaids entertained throughout the ceremony. After the service a reception was held at Carol's parents farm at Westow, everyone managing to get safely inside the marquee before the rain started.

Our main fundraising event this quarter was a concert by the renowned Filey Fishermen's Choir held on July 12th. The choir was on sparkling form and the evening finished with wine and canapés enjoyed in late evening sunshine

on the grass in front of the west door. The 100 Club is now well underway and three sets of lucky winners have benefited so far.

On November 3rd at 10.30 am. we will be holding our Festival of Lilies and Lights. This is a Benefice Eucharist at which people can make a special act of remembrance for loved ones who have died by the lighting of candles in their memory. A roll of names of those remembered will be read out. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way please let Fiona have the name, or list of names for inclusion in the roll. Contact her either by email or phone (see rear cover).

It is with great sadness that we record the sudden death of Edward Knock of Prospect House, Barton le Willows. We offer our deepest sympathy to Louise and the children in their loss.

FLAXTON

In May Flaxton Choir directed by Dick Blackford held a concert in church. There was a mixture of songs, some spirituals, madrigals, Old English songs and church music; some arranged by Dick himself. The evening ended with a glass of wine and nibbles. People are still talking about the concert and how much they enjoyed it. Watch this space for the next one!



We were well rewarded for all the hard work put into the organising of our Garden Fete in June. There was plenty of sunshine with the rain holding off until almost the end of the fete. It was good to catch up with friends in the village, those who have left the village but always come back to support the fete and to others from the Benefice. Besides the stalls of cakes, bric-a-brac, produce, tombola, blue stall, there were games, children's races and a competition of decorated headgear for adults and children. Sister Margaret had difficulty in judging a winner as they were all excellent. All in all a good time had by everyone. Our thanks again to Catherine, Hazel and Steven for opening up their home and garden once again.

The Sunday School is going well with 6-7 children attending regularly. So far they have heard the story of Noah and Moses and done some amazing pictures which are on the wall in church for all to admire. They had their

first opportunity to join in the Family Service for the Benefice on 14th July by singing “All things Bright and Beautiful” – well done to all of them. Children from other parishes are most welcome to come along and join in the fun.

So far this year we have had three weddings in Flaxton. Congratulations and much happiness to: Catherine Green and Alex Wilcox, Hannah Burkeman and Alton Rudd,. Helen Bosanquet and Khuong Kamto.

In August we have two fund raising events. On Friday 9th August, Celia Greetham, The Old Rectory, Flaxton is hosting a Mid-Summer Fun Evening for Ladies and Gentlemen. There will be jewellery by Stella & Dot, Wine & Nibbles and a Raffle. If you are free that evening then please come along – you will be most welcome.

On Tuesday 27th August we are at St Crux, in York, so if you are in town why not call in for a refreshing cup of tea and a chat

FOSTON

Churchyard

If you are visiting the churchyard, we hope you will be pleased to see that, thanks to a generous donation from the Foston Church Sydney Smith Trust, our headstones have been made safe and are all upright. We are also undertaking an on - going tidying up process and ask for your help in using the appropriate refuse bins, which are situated round the corner, to the left of the main door.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 29th September at 6.30pm. The service will be led by Revd. John Manchester and will be followed by a light supper.

Coffee & Lunches

We will be serving coffee,
homemade cakes and delicious seasonal lunches

Thornton Le Clay Village Hall

**Saturday 14th September and Saturday 14th December
between 11am and 1pm.**

raffle and tombola stalls and **entry is free.**

Come and join us!

we would love to see some new faces as well as our "regulars"

All proceeds to church funds.

GATE HELMSLEY

Our spirits have been uplifted because this year we seem at last to be having a real summer. It brings a smile to the face and it is such a joy to be able to spend so much time out of doors.

A happy group of people came together recently in Gate Helmsley Village Hall for the annual Strawberry Lunch. A big thank you to all those who helped with the arrangements and on the day, those (co-ordinated by Anne Podmore) who prepared the beautiful – and bountiful – lunch, and especially to Dick Garnons-Williams for running the raffle. A total of £702 was raised for general church funds.

There are a few more fund raising events to come for the rest of this year. For general church funds these are:

- **Wednesday 2nd October Harvest Supper** in Gate Helmsley Village Hall. This follows the Harvest Thanksgiving Service to be held in church at 6.30 pm
- **Saturday 7th December Christmas Fayre** at Orchard House 2.30 to 4.30 pm

Details about Pipe Up and its associated events are given below, under a separate heading.

We are serving free tea/coffee/soft drinks and light refreshments in the church each Tuesday morning in July & August (10am-12MD). Do come along for a drink and a chat. Try some of our quiz questions and find out some interesting facts about this ancient building.

Last year, as part of village Christmas celebrations, we gathered together in St Mary's Church to sing carols. We give advance notice of a similar celebration to be held again this year on Saturday 14th December. Details will be given in the next edition of the Circular.

Parishioners need to be aware that St Mary's church is going through a rather difficult period at the moment. For various reasons, the number of people running the church and PCC (Parochial Church Council) is gradually reducing. Our first problem therefore is the small number and increasing age of those charged with maintaining the church and its finances.

Secondly, in financial terms, we are living beyond our means. This is not because of profligacy but because there are regular annual expenses which have to be met, such as utility bills, insurance costs, general maintenance and payments to the York Diocese. This amounts to £200 per week for St Mary's

church. Our annual fundraising is now insufficient to cover these regular costs, so that our resources are slowly but surely being eroded.

We are very grateful to all those who support the church in Gate Helmsley in many different ways. As well as your help for general fundraising, we have been given excellent support for Pipe Up! for the restoration of the church organ. Even when Pipe Up! is complete, we will need to sustain a higher level of fund raising, both by organising events and by other means.

The church is in the village for all parishioners and not just for the few people who regularly attend services. What do you feel about your local church? Do you want it to be there for you and your family for life's milestones – baptism, wedding and funerals? Would it matter to you if the church was no longer open? We are determined to keep St Mary's live and open, but, in order to do so we need your continuing help and support. More information will be mailed out to parishioners in the near future.

While we continue to work to maintain the church buildings, it is salutary to remember that we the people of the village are the true church. But we have inherited a beautiful and historic church building which has to be maintained – if that is the will of local people.

“Pipe Up !”

St Mary's, Gate Helmsley Centenary Organ Restoration Fund



Coronation by Anne Podmore

Thank you to all who contributed to our Flower Festival – **“Anniversary Celebrations”** in early May. Those who came to the preview evening or visited the church over the weekend enjoyed some inspirational floral interpretations of the various anniversaries chosen by the arrangers. Particular thanks to the members of the Viking Flower Club and to the

ladies from our village for such a splendid display. Many others contributed in all sorts of ways – and of course we had great support from many visitors to the church and the village hall. **The event raised £1400 and the Organ Restoration Fund has now just topped £12000.**

We have embarked on the process of applying for a Faculty and the PCC has agreed the recommendation of the Organ Fund Committee that Principal Pipe Organs (PPO), based in York, be asked to do the restoration work, subject to a revised estimate and review of the work required. We still have some way to go but progress so far has encouraged us to be confident that we can preserve a modest, but historic instrument for posterity. Obtaining a Faculty is an important milestone that will enable us to approach some potential grant-awarding bodies.

We have some exciting further events planned:

On Sunday 11 August between 2.30 and 5.30pm come and enjoy a Summer Garden Tea Party in Capt. Garnons-Williams' lovely walled garden at the Manor House, Gate Helmsley. (See advert for details)

On Wednesday evening 20 November we will mark the exact centenary of the dedication service for the organ installation with a **recital and talk about the organ by Geoffrey Coffin of PPO** who has nurtured and coaxed the instrument through its recent old age! I am sometimes asked why we need to spend so much on the organ as it "doesn't sound too bad" – especially when played by someone more accomplished than me who manages to mask the deficiencies! Geoffrey will explain some of the work required. As usual there will be refreshments. Firm details to follow.

We plan to make a recording of the organ before and after restoration and may be able to arrange the "pre-" recording at the time of Geoffrey Coffin's talk and recital. I am sure that, once the work is done, the difference will be clear to all!

There will be another event in February or March next year and of course we look forward to having the Stamford Bridge Singers with us in the Village Hall on 27 September 2014.

Remember, you can "sponsor a pipe" – with a dedication if you wish – or just make a donation.

All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.

Sponsorship forms, information about the organ and tickets for events are available from Michael Harran 01759 372215

Email: mj@mharran.freeserve.co.uk).

Thank you again for your support.

HOWSHAM

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bank Holiday Cake Stall. We raised well over £300 and were blessed with a lovely morning. The bridge was reminiscent of Harrods sale at one point!

Our next village event will be the
August Bank Holiday churchyard clean-up and Barbecue.

Please come along with tools, strimmers, cleaning things etc

2pm on Monday 26th August.

There will be a barbecue in the evening at the Great Barn.

Meat provided, please bring puddings, salads and your own drink.

This event is always hard work but great fun and very satisfying.

Howsham Hall, now completely renovated, has remained unoccupied since the School closed. Villagers would love to see it brought to life again and hope that the prospective purchaser is able to overcome the planning problems which seem to focus on the removal of 4 or 5 internal walls within the back domestic servant's quarters. The benefits of occupation must outweigh any perceived historic loss.

We now have a thrice weekly bus service into Malton and once a week to York. It would be good to support these.

Tom & Anna Baldwin, who had a cottage next to the Church and were great supporters, celebrated their Ruby Wedding in mid-July at their new house in Richmond.

Howsham Mill is now fully restored and producing electricity. The interior is also magnificent and well worth a visit. It can be used for small functions. There is usually someone around on Sundays to show people around, or this can be arranged by appointment.

The Churchwardens would be delighted to hear any fundraising ideas for Church funds. Gill 01653 618846 & Judy 01653 618673

SAND HUTTON



The wedding of Louise Bodkin with Andrew Watkins on Friday 21st June was a most wonderful occasion on a glorious day of celebration and rejoicing for Louise and Andy as they made their vows at St Mary's. We wish them every blessing as they settle into married life and with their commitment to each other and contribution to

the church life of our communities. Louise is to take over the role of Child Protection Officer for our Benefice of Harton from Rachel Baker.

Our parish fund raising events in aid of the church tower restoration fund have continued with a well-supported 'Strawberry Teas' at Holderness House, held on a beautiful afternoon. We sincerely thank all who came making it a happy occasion and for the contributions made which totalled over £800.00, a significant and welcomed boost to our restoration project. Also for those generously and willingly gave their time to work together thereby ensuring all was ready on the day. A special thanks to Paul and Louise Coulter for the donation of plants and Richard and Rhonda Morrit's delicious strawberries.

Future events later in the year will include a Garden Party at the The Lodge Sand Hutton on September 22nd.

St Leonards Ruins Project

Restoration works are completed and we are now beginning the task of routine maintenance of the standing remains and crypt. This continues to be the responsibility of the PCC in addition to St Mary's. We look towards the spring of 2014 hoping to hold a dedication event involving our local school and those who have supported the project with representatives from English Heritage, Ryedale District Council etc.

**Volunteers needed to help maintain St. Mary's church yard.
Please contact Graham 01904 468809**

FOUND

Sunglasses left at the Strawberry Tea event

Ring dropped in Foston Church

Contact Rachel 01904 468809

News from our schools.....



SAND HUTTON CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

After an exceptionally busy summer term we reluctantly had to say good bye and good luck to our Year 6 children as they left to start their secondary education. Josh Walton, Charlie Wilby, Amy Johnson, Alex Field, Magnus Fielding, Holly Ventress, Ryan Henry, Rebecca Edwards and Taylor McDonough are moving to Huntington and James Grant is starting at Bootham in September. They have been a special group and deserve to do very well in the future.

THE SEAL WIFE

For the past four years Sand Hutton CE School has taken part in a drama project in partnership with the Theatre Royal where the children have chance to perform at the theatre on The Studio stage. Congratulations to Class 3 for their wonderful production of The Seal Wife, a moving and dramatic performance. There were many very special individual performances enhanced by the lighting and sound people at the theatre. Thank you to Mrs Fraser for her direction and encouragement – the audience and children would agree it was so very worthwhile.

SUMMER DAY AT THE SEASIDE

Early in the term the whole school enjoyed the most perfect day at Bridlington. We arrived as Flamborough Head was shrouded in mist which quickly disappeared to deliver a gently warm day allowing us to be on the beach all day. The children paddled, built and played to their hearts content, a lovely day to remember.

SAND HUTTON PTA

The wonderful support of parents has continued both in the practical help the school receives and through their unstinting generosity.

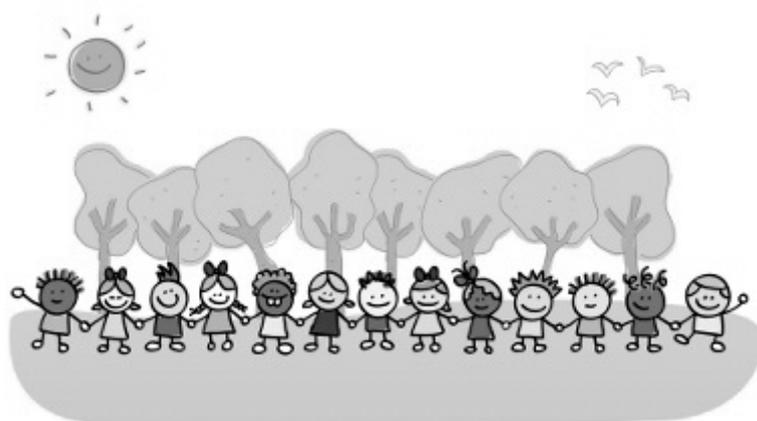
Our Bingo night raised £276

The BBQ and Quiz night held at The Duke of York raised £350

The Sponsored Walk took place in the last week of term. It was a beautiful walk on a perfect summer's day, setting off early in the morning before the day became too hot. The children enjoyed taking part in a Treasure Hunt or Scavenger Hunt along the way; it was lovely to be joined by so many parents and grandparents. We are still waiting for the final amount to be confirmed but I do know we have had some very kind sponsors. A very big thank you to all the PTA committee members, I know that at times it seems like very hard work but it does make a difference to every child within the school. The money is being put towards the new toilets and for paying for buses to take us off on our many visits out and about.

BUILDING PROJECT

Anyone passing the school will have seen the builders hard at work as they extend the school to include new toilets for Class 1 with cloakroom and wet room. We are looking forward to it being ready for the new academic year





Our Trip to the Palace



*Vanessa,
Bryan and Dot Mills
Outside Buckingham
Palace*

What a pleasant surprise to receive an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace!

We set off on Thursday morning by car, driven by our son-in-law, and our daughter who was going to the Palace as our ‘carer’ for the day.

A welcome pot of tea and biscuits awaited us at our ‘bed and breakfast’ house when we arrived. Changing into our fineries, we set off for our destination at 2.15 p.m. The journey to the Palace took about half an hour and we were directed (via a special pass!) into the ‘wheelchair users’ entrance. Halfway there, we drove through busy streets during a shower of hailstones – oh dear! - was this a clue as to the weather we could expect later on? Fingers crossed.

After entering the palace grounds amid tight security and production of passports, we ventured along the gravel path which proved difficult with a wheelchair, but a smiling boy scout very kindly gave us a helping hand. The beautifully kept lawns also proved a problem, as they were quite damp, and Vanessa lost her high heeled shoes more than once, much to the amusement of everyone around us!

Needless to say, more rain descended, plus a cool breeze and guests began to erect umbrellas and hurry to find shelter, which proved quite a task as there were about 8,000 of us!

Unfortunately we did not catch sight of any of the royal party, because as soon as they appeared, everyone rushed forward, brollies catching in hats, ladies trying to negotiate footwear in the wet grass – quite hilarious really, but everyone saw the funny side of it – what else could you do?

The Queen, Princess Anne, and the two young princesses, Beatrice and Eugenie were mingling amongst the crowd but they were a long way from our area.

Two military bands were playing the whole afternoon, excellent musicians, but they must have been cold, having been seated the whole time.

The royal group returned indoors after about an hour or so, having taken light refreshments in their 'special tent' because of the disappointing weather. We had already had quite a scramble to select a small plate of eatables and a drink, but guests were staying around in the marquee because of the rain.

Sometime around the New Year, we decided to book a West End show to round off our weekend. What had we chosen – can you guess?

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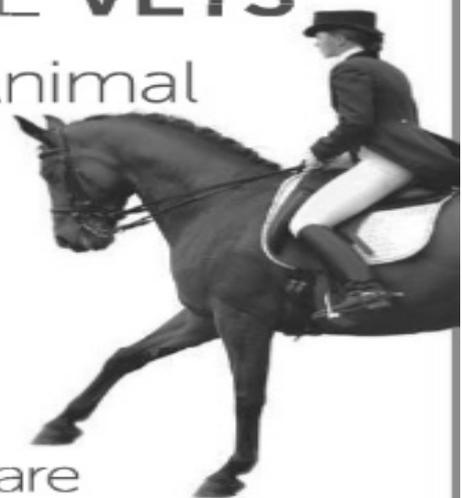
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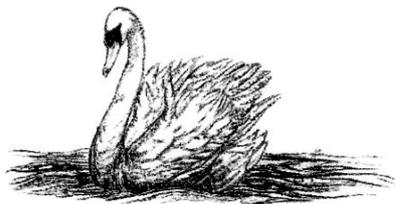
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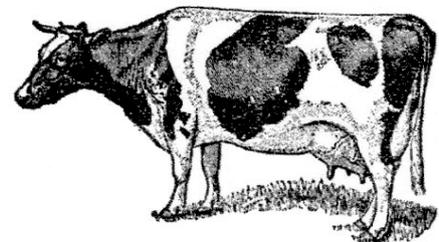


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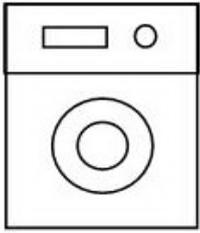
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Many of us have fallen foul of environmental bureaucracy in one form or another particularly in relation to bats, however this story concerns beavers and is true!!.....

The Dam Story

This is an actual letter sent to a man named Ryan De Vries regarding a pond on his property.

State of Pennsylvania's letter to Mr. De Vries:

File No.97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec 20; Lycoming County

Dear Mr De Vries:

It has come to the attention of the Department of Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced parcel of property. You have been certified as the legal landowner and/or contractor who did the following unauthorized activity:

Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond. A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity. A review of the Department's files shows that no permits have been issued. Therefore, the Department has determined that this activity is in violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.

The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at downstream locations. We find that dams of this nature are inherently hazardous and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders you to cease and desist all activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams from the stream channel. All restoration work shall be completed no later than January 31, 2010.

Please notify this office when the restoration has been completed so that a follow-up site inspection may be scheduled by our staff. Failure to comply with this request or any further unauthorized activity on the site may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action.

Sincerely,
David L. Price
District Representative and Water Management Division.

Here is the actual response sent back by Mr. De Vries:

Re: DEQ File No. 97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Lycoming County

Dear Mr. Price,

Your certified letter dated 11/17/09 has been handed to me. I am the legal landowner but not the Contractor at 2088 Dagget Lane, Trout Run, Pennsylvania .

A couple of beavers are in the (State unauthorized) process of constructing and maintaining two wood 'debris' dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, authorize nor supervise their dam project, I think they would be highly offended that you call their skilful use of nature's building materials 'debris.'

I would like to challenge your department to attempt to emulate their dam project any time and/or any place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic.

These are the beavers/contractors you are seeking. As to your request, I do not think the beavers are aware that they must first fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity.

My first dam question to you is:

- (1) are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers, or
- (2) do you require all beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request?

If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, through the Freedom of Information Act, I request completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits that have been issued. (Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.)

The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event, causing flooding, is proof that this is a natural occurrence, which the Department is required to protect. In other words, we should leave the Spring Pond Beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling them dam names.

If you want the dammed stream 'restored' to a dam free-flow condition please contact the beavers -- but if you are going to arrest them, they obviously did not pay any attention to your dam letter, they being unable to read English.

In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their unauthorized dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam rights than I do to live and enjoy Spring Pond. If the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection lives up to its name, it should protect the natural resources (Beavers) and the environment (Beavers' Dams).

So, as far as the beavers and I are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more elevated enforcement action right now. Why wait until 1.31.2010? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice by then and there will be no way for you or your dam staff to contact/harass them.

Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office.

THANK YOU,

RYAN DEVRIES & THE DAM BEAVERS



Items for 'The Circular'

Copy deadline for the next edition October 15th 2013

This will cover November December January 2014

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