

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Autumn Edition 2019

*News, views and forthcoming events
In our benefice and communities*

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

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Things are stirring.



'Mighty oaks from little acorns grow'

Things stir in autumn. After the lazy holiday season of summer, things start moving again. Children return to school in a new class, or a different school, young adults prepare for University and the season of Harvest lies just around the corner. Yes, things start to stir as summer fades and autumn is ushered in.

In church life, we too see things stirring: real signs of growth and potential, especially around families and young children.

One thing you learn about Rural Ministry is that things take time – you have to wait for the right time/season for small things to start growing and be nurtured – and that is what we are seeing: new growth.

With the ongoing success of Messy Church (a creative way of learning and worship, aimed at young children and families) we are exploring having a dedicated Children and Families person. With prayer and financial support, we are hoping to reach out even more to young families in our benefice and use our churches and village halls to engage more actively with them.

Our Pray One For Me (you've seen the cards with the pink/purple logo) continues to make sure that the communities in our villages know that we care for them and will listen and pray for their needs.

'Start Course' will be run again for those who want to explore what being a Christian is all about.

And of course, our Spa Church and Advent Reflections draw many people who just need time to be still and put life into perspective.

Hopefully, things aren't just stirring in our church life – they may be stirring in you as well. Have you never felt God actually stirring something in you?

Maybe you just haven't had the chance or the opportunity (or even courage) to explore or even talk about it.

Please don't just ignore it – we can help you explore what God maybe encouraging you to do....?

Yes, things are definitely stirring in our churches this Autumn – what about you?

Yours in Christ

Revd Chris Wingfield



*Planting seedlings at Messy Church.
The theme of the afternoon was 'Messy Creation'
Details of the next Messy Church can be found after
the schedule of services in this Circular*

Services for the Benefice of Harton

August 2019

<i>Sunday 4th August</i>	<i>Trinity 7</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Whitwell
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Wednesday 7th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Howsham
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<i>Sunday 11th August</i>	<i>Trinity 8</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Flaxton
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Wednesday 14th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 18th August</i>	<i>Trinity 9</i>
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10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Crambe
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Wednesday 21st August

10.00	Holy Communion	Flaxton
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<i>Sunday 25th August</i>	<i>Trinity 10</i>
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10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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Wednesday 28th August

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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September 2019

<i>Sunday 1st September</i>	<i>Trinity 11</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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10.00	All Age Worship	Gate Helmsley
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Wednesday 4th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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<i>Sunday 8th September</i>	<i>Trinity 12</i>
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10.00	Harvest Holy Communion	Foston
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Wednesday 11th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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Sunday 15th September**Trinity 13**

10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Howsham
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Wednesday 18th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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Sunday 22nd September**Trinity 14**

11.00	Harvest Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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*Followed by a Harvest Lunch at Aldby Park
(Please note change of service time)*

Wednesday 25th September

10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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Sunday 29th September**Michaelmas**

10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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6.00	Harvest Evensong	Crambe
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Followed by refreshments in the church

October 2019**Wednesday 2nd October**

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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6.30	Harvest Songs of Praise	Gate Helmsley
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Followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

Sunday 6th October**Trinity 16**

9.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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Wednesday 9th October

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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Sunday 13th October**Trinity 17**

10.00	Harvest Holy Communion	Flaxton
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Followed by a Harvest Lunch

Wednesday 16th October

10.00 Holy Communion Howsham

Saturday 12th October

3 – 5 pm

Messy Thankfulness

Sand Hutton VH (See the Messy Church page)



Sunday 20th October

Trinity 18

10.00 Benefice Harvest Holy Communion Whitwell

6.00 Harvest Songs of Praise Howsham

Followed by an auction of harvest produce

Wednesday 23rd October

10.00 Holy Communion Bossall

Sunday 27th October

Last after Trinity

10.00 Harvest Holy Communion Upper Helmsley

Blessing of boxes and donation to The Amen Shoe Box Appeal

Tuesday 29th October

7 00

Pray14Me

Gate Helmsley

Thursday 31th October

7.00

Festival of Lilies and Light

All Souls

Crambe

A service at which loved ones will be remembered

November 2019

Sunday 3rd November

All Saints

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Gate Helmsley

Wednesday 6th November

10.00 Holy Communion Flaxton

Sunday 10th November

Remembrance

10.30 Service of Remembrance Bossall

12.00 *Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial* Sand Hutton

Wednesday 13th November

10.00 Holy Communion Sand Hutton



Welcome to those newly baptised

5 th May	Leo Harry Bruce	Sand Hutton
30 th June	Lily-Mae Grace Simpson	Buttercrambe



Congratulations to those recently married

25 th May	Jonathan Wilson and Rosie Anne Stapley	Howsham
15 th June	Mark Cook and Laura Baldwin	Gate Helmsley
22 nd June	William Hoad and Raseshkumar Patel	Howsham
6 th July	Myles Rawlings and Fiona Bolland	Sand Hutton
6 th July	Nicholas Bryant and Amy Stanley	Howsham
11 th July	Curtis Dickinson and Sarah McLoughlin	Howsham
13 th July	James Stephens and Stephanie Green	Sand Hutton
20 th July	Alex Miller and Jessica Thornton	Flaxton
26 th July	Billy Dawson and Rachel Ridley	Howsham



Our condolences to the family and friends of

14 th April	Alan George Black	Sand Hutton
5 th May	Morag Lorna Wilson	St Margaret Clitheroe
9 th July	Richard Charles Wheway	Claxton
15 th July	Teddy Denison	Bossall

Edward (Teddy) Alan Kitson Denison OBE TD MA BCL
13.9.1928 - 16.7.2019

The Reverend Michael Sinclair writes.....

Teddy, who died last month, was a much loved and highly regarded member of the Church in the Harton Benefice where he was Treasurer of St Botolph, Bossall for many years. During his stewardship the finances of that Church were much improved. He and his wife Mary (a former long term Bossall churchwarden) were Sunday by Sunday attenders in the Churches across the Benefice. Teddy also played an active and committed role on the Archbishop's Council in the Diocese of York.



Teddy was born in York almost 91 years ago and was educated at St Peter's School. After National Service in the army he went to Brasenose College, Oxford and read law. He started a long and distinguished career as a corporate lawyer, first in Leeds and then working for Shepherd Building Group. He set up his own practice in the City of York. He was a very astute, articulate, highly regarded lawyer with a client base throughout the United Kingdom.

Teddy married Mary (nee Peacock – well known Malton farming family) in 1957, 62 years ago. They have two children, Mark and Clare, and seven grandchildren of whom they are very proud. Mary was at Teddy's side when he died at their home in Bossall.

In addition to being a busy and able lawyer, he also played an important role in a variety of different undertakings across public life. For many years he served in the Territorial Army and concluded his military career commanding the 3rd Battalion of The Price of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment. He served on North Yorkshire County Council becoming its Chairman. He was a Governor of St Peter's School and became the first layman to be Chairman of the Governors since the foundation of the school in 627AD. During his tenure strong foundations were laid, enabling St Peter's to become one of the leading schools in the North of England today.

But so importantly, as well as being able and loyal, Teddy showed a very warm and generous disposition to all he knew and met and he was very wise. Over his long life he quietly helped numerous people, not just with their business or legal problems but also with private and personal issues. Very many of us, family, friends and acquaintances, have so much to thank him for, as indeed has the Church and all those organisations with whom he had connections. He made a real difference to very many lives

We thank God for him! May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

A Memorial and Thanksgiving Service for Teddy is to be held at Bossall Church on Friday 13th September at 12 noon.

Richard Charles Wheway
16.10.1929 - 9.7.2019

Mary Swann, Richard's stepdaughter writes.....

Richard was born on 16th October 1929 in Handsworth, Birmingham to parents Charles and Phyllis. He was brought up, with his younger brother Martin, in Clifton, York and educated at Miss Meaby's until he was sent to Shrewsbury School aged 13. Academically he excelled at school and after National Service in the RAF (which he thoroughly enjoyed after the rigours of school life!) he read PPE at Exeter College, Oxford to which he remained attached for the rest of his life.



After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant he spent eight years with Coopers and Lybrand before moving to the Halifax Building Society, from which he retired as Finance Director in 1989.

In 1972 Richard joined the Council of York University and was Treasurer between 1987–95, he was made Pro Chancellor, and was awarded an Honorary doctorate in 1995.

It is worth noting that Richard served as both the Master of the Merchant Taylor's York from 1978 - 1979 and as Governor of the Merchant Adventurers in York from 1990 - 1991, an honour that was very rare and nowadays would just not happen. He was actively involved in both companies and many aspects of the culture and history of the city throughout his lifetime.

In 1987 Richard married Judith and in the process acquired four step children and eventually twelve step grandchildren, with whom he formed close relationships.

Soon after their marriage Richard and Judith moved to East Wing, Claxton House where they enjoyed 24 years together. After Judith's death in 2011, Richard continued to live independently in Claxton, remaining involved in all aspects of the community with particular emphasis on the local parish where he fulfilled the role of Treasurer of St Mary's Church Sand Hutton for many years. Richard had recently re-joined the church choir and was always disappointed to miss choir practice when detained in York hospital during increasingly regular bouts of ill health.

Richard will be sorely missed by his family and friends; in the words of Reverend Chris Wingfield, "everyone has remarked what a lovely man and gentleman Richard was - full of dignity and calm, but with a wonderfully sound mind and wit."

A service of thanksgiving for Richard's life will be held at St Botolph's church, Bossall on Friday 6th September at 2pm.

***Peace to each manly soul that sleepeth:
Rest to each faithful eye that weepeth.***

Thomas Moore 1478 - 1535

MESSY CREATION..... What we all did!

On a beautiful warm dry July afternoon, families from the Benefice met at Flaxton Village Hall to take part in 'Messy Creation'.



A bit of warm up fun!

There was a wide variety of activities for the children to take part in, one for each day of Creation, including clay thumb pots, fruit kebabs, flappy fish, sunflower seedlings, a night skyscape, paper people, ending up with a restful Day 7 'quiet zone' where children enjoyed some peace and calm and noticed what was around them.



'creating' light



Making fruit kebabs

We then took part in a tuneful Collective Worship led by Chris Wingfield, Andy Bowden, and the older children. Finally we enjoyed a buffet style picnic. Our summer Messy Church had a lovely outdoors feel to it and we had new helpers on hand from across the Benefice as well as our 'regulars'.



A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED ON THE DAY & BEHIND THE SCENES, IT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

WHAT'S NEXT at MESSY CHURCH!

Messy Thankfulness



Come and join us again as we explore ways to say . .

"Thank you"

. . for God's gifts at harvest time through crafts, stories and games for families to enjoy together

We'll end by sharing some refreshments

Saturday 12th
October

3pm – 5pm
Sand Hutton
Village Hall

As always, it will be lots of fun
*Suitable for children aged 4 – 11 and it's
FREE!*

(sorry, no unaccompanied children)

For more information please contact

Rachael Harrison – 07847 329015
rachaelharrison510@btinternet.com

or Rachel Baker – 01904 468809

PRAY14Me

We pray for each of our villages regularly but also focus particularly on one village at a time in more depth.

Our next two focused Pray14Me times will be for Gate Helmsley and Sand Hutton.



www.sandhuttongroup.org

We start in October with Gate Helmsley when we distribute prayer request cards to each household and business, culminating on Tuesday 29th October with a short service in Gate Helmsley church at 7 pm.

The Sand Hutton focus will be in November culminating on Tuesday 26th November with the short service in Sand Hutton church at 7 pm.

The service will last for approximately 40 minutes and include offering each of the prayers requested on the cards.

Prayer cards can be written out for whatever is on people's hearts such as:

- Bringing to God areas where help is needed,
 - Personal concerns such as health issues,
 - The wider community,
 - Prayers of thankfulness to God.
- and more.....

We will make every effort to call back between the above dates to collect completed prayer cards. There will also be a box to post prayer requests in the Church itself for cards to be dropped back.

Please do come along to the service and join in praying for God's blessings for Gate Helmsley and Sand Hutton.

If you would like our Rector Revd. Chris Wingfield or one of our Prayer Team to visit you then please let Chris know. Contact details are on the back of this Circular

Benefice PCC.....

The last meeting of the Benefice PCC was held on 8th May 2019. These are some of the matters discussed:

- All churches in the benefice are now open dawn till dusk and some for 24 hours a day. All have welcome boards and most have prayer tables and visitors' books
- Messy Palm Sunday had been very well attended, with 41 children and their families. More volunteers are needed for Messy Church. The next session will be Messy Creation at Flaxton village hall on Saturday 13th July
- Safeguarding lead, Gill Littlejohn, reported that the benefice is up to date with the arrangements for safeguarding, and will be arranging training for new churchwardens
- Benefice finances are in good order, as reported by the honorary treasurer, David Fletcher. An additional £2,000 had been donated to the York Diocese. Some parishes in the benefice have been able to increase their freewill offering for the year ahead (2020)
- In his chairman's report, Reverend Chris Wingfield, expressed satisfaction with the new initiatives that are being developed, especially in the support and teaching of children. Rachel Baker has developed a pack for children to explain what goes on during the services as well as materials for colouring. Rachael Harrison has volunteered her services as a benefice worker for children and young people. Chris hoped that PCCs would consider some financial support for her in this work in the spirit of their generous giving

The next meeting of the Benefice PCC will be at 7.30 pm on 11th September at Wood House Thornton-le-Clay. As ever, the honorary secretary, Wendy Holman, would be pleased to receive items for the agenda.

Delyth Harran, Vice Chairman

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE.....

Christmas Amen Shoe Box Appeal 2019

**Shoebox 2019 leaflets are now available
from David Fletcher.**



**The deadline for returning shoeboxes is
Sunday 27th October 2019**

The filled boxes will be blessed
at the Benefice Service on that day at 10.00 am
at St Peter's Church, Upper Helmsley
after which they will be sent to Romania where, as in previous
years they will be much appreciated by the recipients

David will be distributing leaflets in Gate Helmsley soon and
is also available to arrange the collection of filled boxes

Tel: 07900 998 378 or email: davidfletcher165@hotmail.com.

In David's absence please try Mari Richards on Tel: 07930 338516

Please help if you can

**Last year you collected 121 shoeboxes
Can we top that this year!!**



**YORK DOWNS SYNDROME
SUPPORT GROUP
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
NEEDED!**



to support
our 'Chatterbox' Speech & Language groups.

Our school groups take place on a Friday morning
in Poppleton, near York.

We need help to transport our children and their accompanying
teaching assistants to the group from other schools across York.

**We pay mileage costs and other relevant
expenses such as any required additional insurance fees.**

If you have the time to spare on a Friday morning and would like
to know more please get in touch with our Chatterbox Co-ordinator
Tel:07847 329 015 or Email:rachaelharrison510@btinternet.com

BENEFICE OF HARTON

WELCOMES PRE-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
& THEIR FAMILY & CARERS TO A...

Babies & Toddler 'Play & Pray'



From...Monday September 16th 9.15 – 10.30

Fortnightly: 16th/30th Sept. 14th/28th Oct.

11th/25th Nov. 9th/16th Dec.

ST MARY'S CHURCH SAND HUTTON

For more info contact Rachael Harrison Tel: 07847 329015

Email: rachaelharrison510@btinternet.com

BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in joining a book group in the Harton Benefice?

The idea is to meet once a month to discuss fiction, both modern and older books.

Meetings would take place in the early evening and last about an hour and a half.

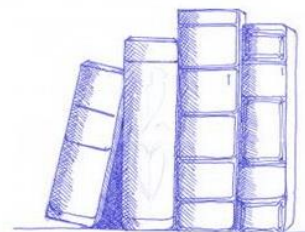
Members would take turns to host the meeting, and to choose a book for the group to discuss.

The only commitment would be to read the selected book ready for the discussion!

If this is something you might be interested in, please let me know.

**Gillian Colling
at Howsham**

gillian.morley@morley-colling.com



St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley

Consecration of the New Churchyard

Wednesday
7th August
2.00 pm



Service
conducted by
Bishop John
Bishop of Selby



Everyone Welcome
Refreshments afterwards



St Mary's Gate Helmsley



Wot – no spiky bits?



Unlock

-  the mystery of the missing pinnacles
-  things "written in stone" – are they really unchangeable?
-  multiculturalism in Gate Helmsley
-  the door to nowhere
-  and much more

History, geography, art, music, mystery, humour, tragedy - all on your doorstep!

Come and find out about the past, present and future during the weekend of **Sat 31st August - Sun 1st September** when the church will be open for guided tours and quizzes. Play the organ, try the bells. Refreshments available – oh, and we have an all-age service on Sunday with thanksgiving for a new baby.

Look out for more details on the Benefice website



**Sand Hutton,
Claxton & District
Annual Village Produce
& Craft Show 2019**



Saturday 14th September

2.00 pm

**Sand Hutton &
Claxton Village Hall**



Info rachel@no1claxton.f9.co.uk

01904 468336





St Peters Church, Upper Helmsley
Autumn BBQ

In the gardens of Upper Helmsley Hall

On Saturday 7th September
12:30pm—4:00pm

For tickets ring Mari 07930 338516 (mjb.richards1000@gmail.com)
Rachael 07847 329015 (rachaelharrison510@btinternet.com)

Adults-£10 Children (4-16) -£5

(ticket price includes entry, food & soft drinks; please let us know any dietary requirements prior to the event)



Claxton and Sand Hutton Parish Council

**Saturday Social
on 5th October**

in the Village Hall 10.30 – 12.30

Free coffee and cake!

Hosted by the Parish Council, Saturday Socials are about all things local: information on activities of local groups, local products, and businesses; update on local issues.

Freshly baked bread from the "Loafing on the Green" bakers

W.I. cake stall

Vicarage Farm pork pies

Community library open

Jigsaw swap

Plant sale in aid of North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre

And if you have items for recycling – silver foil, metal, books etc. – you are welcome to bring them along.





Barton le Willows Village Hall - Autumn Events



**Saturday 21st September - Jive Night....a lesson,
then dance the night away - £5**

Saturday 12th October, 4.0 pm-7.0 pm Harvest Market, with a "Bake Off".

There will be jams and chutneys, plants and refreshments for sale.

"Bake Off" categories -

1. A cake, any kind.
2. 8 small cakes or cookies, any kind
3. Something made with yeast e.g. bread, rolls, buns....
4. Children's class - Something baked, with an autumn ingredient or decorations. If you don't have time to bake, please feel free to bring harvest produce for the village hall stall - a pot of jam, chutney, vegetables....

Proceeds to be split between the Village Hall and the York Foodbank

Saturday 19th October 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm Apple Pressing

Come and press your apples at the Village Hall!

This was great fun last year, despite the dreadful weather and yielded quite a lot of apple juice, so please bring your apples along and save some clean, empty bottles to bring to take your juice away in!

We will be asking for small donations towards the cost of running the apple pressing afternoon (electricity for the shredder, heating the hall if cold etc.) There will be refreshments available throughout the afternoon and possibly into the early evening....

Enquiries please contact Jo: Danischewsky@gmail.com or 07792 242492

**Other Events - please see the village noticeboards, the website or our
Facebook page nearer the time for further details**

Thursday 7th November, 6.30pm - AGM.

This is an open meeting, all are welcome

Saturday 30th November 7pm - Christmas Quiz

St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

WITH THE MILLS FAMILY

Friday October 18th

Sand Hutton Village Hall at 7.0 pm.

Tables of 4 at £6 pp. Supper included....bring your own drinks.
there will be a raffle.

Tickets available from Dot Mills 01759 372601

Let's make this a really good occasion in memory
of Dot's greatly missed husband Bryan



GIFTS for CHRISTMAS
Saturday 2nd NOVEMBER 2019

Christmas is coming....!!

Come and see our quality stalls
at reasonable prices,
including SAND HUTTON GIFTS
(some great new ideas on our stall this year!)

Sand Hutton Village Hall
10.00 am to 3.00 pm entry fee £1

Caroline's Kitchen for light lunches

All proceeds will go to
St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton



I AM Road Smart.....or AM I?



Irrespective of your age and experience, if you drive a car or ride a motorcycle you probably do so through necessity, pleasure or both.

Given the intensity of today's traffic and the challenges of the motoring environment, have you ever given any thought as to how your driving has developed since you passed your test? The primary purposes of the Institute of Advanced Motorists are to improve the standards of driving and riding on the roads and to improve road safety.

Qualified observers of the IAM's York Group are currently offering free check drives for non-members.

Why not take this opportunity to have your driving skills evaluated in a supportive, non-threatening environment?

These drives last about 1-1½ hours, are undertaken by qualified observers and can be taken at your own pace. Once you have had a check drive and if you feel stimulated to take things further, your observer can tell you a bit more.

There is absolutely no obligation in putting yourself forward for a check drive and you will find your observer very helpful. Should you decide to take things further and elect to undergo training for "I AM Road Smart's" advanced driving test or evaluation, you will have the opportunity to have your driving skills recognised by a highly respected national, independent and influential motoring charity. Apart from taking a pride in your driving, you could benefit substantially from reduced insurance premiums.

If you would like to know more, please contact Simon Littlejohn on 01653 618846 or email him at simoncklittlejohn@msn.com with the heading 'Driving Evaluation'.

News, views and information from:

BUTTERCRAMBE

All is quiet at Buttercrambe! Our next event will be our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 22nd September. This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch at Aldby Park. If anyone would like to come to the lunch, please contact Sara Winn Darley by email: sara@winndarley.net or phone: 01759 371398.

CRAMBE



There have been few stirrings in the hamlet of Crambe this last quarter. Life goes on. However it is good to be able to report that Richard Jay who grew up in Crambe was married on 1st June at St Botolph's Church, Allerthorpe near Pocklington to Katie Cowley. Richard's sister Fiona was

the photographer for the day. We wish Richard and Katie every happiness as they set out on their married life

FLAXTON

It was a very cold day for our fundraising event at St Crux in York in April. Buyers for lunches and the outside stalls were very low. We were also low on helpers for various reasons. In view of this the PCC have agreed to have a break from this event. The representatives of the PCC send a huge thank you to everyone who has helped in any way over the years.

Flaxton choir gave a superb musical concert in May in aid of church funds for which we thank them most sincerely. Following the concert there was time for refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who came along in support.



Gazebos up, preparing for rain!

For the first time over the years the weather was poor for our Garden Fete in June. The Fete should have been held at Draft Farm hosted by Jane and Trevor Corner. However, undeterred the Fete went ahead at the Village Hall which worked very well. Thanks to who all who helped and to our supporters.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service this year is on Sunday October 13th at 11.00 am followed by “bring and share” lunch in Flaxton Village Hall. As before goods received will be forwarded on to the Salvation Army for them to distribute to those in need.

FOSTON

The churchyard is looking very well cared for during these lovely summer days. This is down to our very capable gardener Richard Pickard, who looks after all the grass, rose bushes and trees. Also, thanks to Nick Hall for repairing a broken crucifix headstone. It is now back in one piece and looks as good as new.

For any of you who have seen our vestry “kitchen”, you will know it has definitely seen better days. Thanks to Andy Goodall we will soon be able to enjoy a lovely new kitchen area, with new cupboards, sink and worktop. It will certainly make offering refreshments a lot easier. Of course we can't improve on the cakes we offer, as they are already outstanding!!

Make a date in your diary for another fun filled Quiz night on September 28th (*see events section*)

GATE HELMSLEY

We are still buzzing after a very successful Strawberry Lunch on Sunday 14th July in aid of St Mary's Church. About 70 people attended and it was a very pleasant social occasion as well as raising the excellent sum of £880 for church funds. This will be a good contribution towards the cost of replacing the church's defunct boiler, and we hope to have the work done well before the cold weather. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this event.

The village hall had also been in use the previous evening (Saturday 13th July) for one of the regular dances. This was another sell-out and a good fund-raiser for the hall. The village hall committee are grateful to everyone who attended or offered their help.

The village hall library goes from strength to strength, continuing to meet on the third Saturday of each month between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. It is a good opportunity to have a chat over a cuppa, to discuss and borrow books, and to share jigsaw puzzles. You are also welcome to borrow or return books at any other time convenient to you, when you could pop into the church afterwards for your cup of tea or coffee.

The wedding of Laura Baldwin and Mark Cook took place in the church on Saturday 15th June. It was a very happy occasion. Laura and Mark were lucky to have a day of sunshine among the showers. We wish them both the best of everything for their married life together.

On a sadder note, we extend sympathy to the families of Margaret Fawcett and Sylvia Joyce Howells, whose ashes were interred in the churchyard. Both had close links with the village during their early life. Two people who contributed so much to the development of the Harton Benefice have also died recently – Richard Wheway of Claxton and Teddy Denison of Bossall. We send condolences to both their families.

We look forward to some exciting events to come over the next few months, beginning with the consecration of the churchyard extension on Wednesday 7th August at 2.00 pm by Bishop John, Bishop of Selby, and a church “open weekend” over 31st August and 1st September, including a service of thanksgiving for the birth of a baby on the Sunday at 10.00 am. The annual harvest festival service and supper will be held on Wednesday 2nd October at 6.30 pm.

We have engaged a new church architect who is working to develop specifications and a work programme for the replacement of the gas boiler, for the repair of the tower roof and eventually for the restoration of the south aisle roof and rainwater goods. We hope that our fund-raising events will help us raise funds for these works. We are very dependent on your contributions as parishioners. We thank you for your generosity to date and hope and pray that you will continue to offer your support to the continuation of **your** local church in Gate Helmsley.

HOWSHAM

We have so far hosted four of the six weddings arranged for this year. They have all been delightful occasions and we wish all the couples every happiness.

The new organ donated to us by Bossall PCC has been greatly appreciated by the visiting organists. We are now able to dispose of the old pipe organ as a faculty has been granted.

We are still awaiting repairs to the boundary wall. Several grants have been applied for the stained glass repairs, we anticipate hearing from them shortly. Our heating still needs attention and will unfortunately be costly. The churchyard looks very tidy thanks to Bill Selman's grass cutting.

We are, of course, having our church and churchyard clean up on Bank Holiday Monday August 26th followed by the BBQ. We would like to tackle restoring our telephone kiosk on the day as well.

Harvest Festival with supper and auction is at 6 pm on 20th October.

SAND HUTTON and CLAXTON

I guess we have all been enjoying the lovely sunshine, rain and hopefully holidays!

Sadly for some there have been and still are, sad times. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with those known to us, who have recently lost their loved ones within our community. Alan Black from Sand Hutton, passed away in April after a long illness, our condolences to Rosie and family. Dear Morag Wilson (Lyll) who passed away in May is greatly missed by many. We particularly think of her husband Ian with little Jamie, Ian, Helen and family as they adjust to life without Morag. Just a few days ago we heard the sad news of Richard Wheway passing away in hospital. We will all have special memories of this special gentleman and our thoughts are with his family at this time.

We were blessed with beautiful weather for The Strawberry Tea event which proved to be a big success with folks saying 'The best ever even though there were no meringues!' Will try harder next year!!

A big 'Thank you' to all who helped whether setting up, in the kitchen, serving teas, attending to the stalls, not to mention the musical

accompaniment in the garden by Chrissy and Jenny. A special thank you to Paul and Louise Coulter who again gave us plants to sell, which will be seen in many gardens around the villages and to the entrance of the local caravan site! The event raised in excess of £650 (donations still coming in) of which £133 was given to 'When I grow up (UK)' a charity in Nairobi run by the Furaha Community Foundation, providing quality education for hundreds of children - the option needed to escape poverty. Well done Daniel who is 12yrs old, for organising the raffle and thank you to all who gave the many brilliant prizes. Finally a big 'Thank you' to all who came and contributed to the day!

NEW VENTURE!

Beginning on 16th September, Toddler group at St Mary's

Future Fund Raising for St. Mary's Church

Mills Family Quiz Night 18th October, Sand Hutton village hall at 7.0 pm.

Let's make this a really good occasion in memory of Dot's greatly missed husband Bryan

Gifts for Christmas 2nd November, Sand Hutton village hall

(For details of all events see Events section)

UPPER HELMSLEY



As well as our usual Sunday and Wednesday Services during May, June and July; the children of Upper Helmsley got together in St Peter's Church on Saturday 4th May.

Keeley, Sarah, Daniel, Ivan, Esme, Ellie and Catherine came together to celebrate the church being open to visitors throughout the day.

Painting stones: We painted pictures on some of the stones and others in all sorts of different colours. These were placed around the church to brighten it up.



We also made a special Peace tree for visitors to add ribbons to as a way of wishing for peace in our Community and across the World. Following these activities, we all enjoyed a nice lunch in the church.

Upper Helmsley is hosting an Autumn BBQ on Saturday September 7th
Lots of family fun to be enjoyed!
(For details see events section)



NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS.....

FOSTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

I hope everyone is having a fabulous summer holidays.



We wish our Year 6 leavers much happiness and success as they move on to secondary school. They leave us with much to be proud of. Not only their achievements academically but also their inclusive and caring natures that makes our school the special place that it is. Tears were shed but many happy memories shared in their last week.

We have had an amazing year with some fabulous opportunities for our children including a residential to Wales, many sporting activities organised by our sports coach, Mr Lamb, some thrilling topics with involvement from STEM science specialists, many trips to link with our topics and rounded off by an amazing barbeque.

We are proud and excited to announce

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In September we will, as usual be hosting a series of workshops for parents of younger children and babies to come along to our federation so look out for dates of these and bring your child to join in the fun but educational events.

On Sunday, 15th September

We will be holding our annual dog show
in conjunction with the village scarecrow trail.

We will also be celebrating our 175th year as a school and welcome old staff and pupils to look through our history. Our records date back to the 1880s and even list evacuees who attended the school. There may also be an embarrassing photo of one or two of you!

Don't forget!

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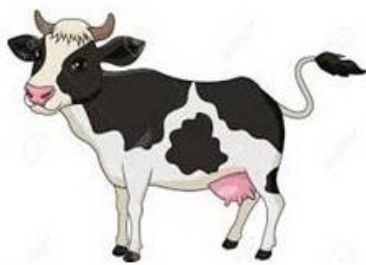


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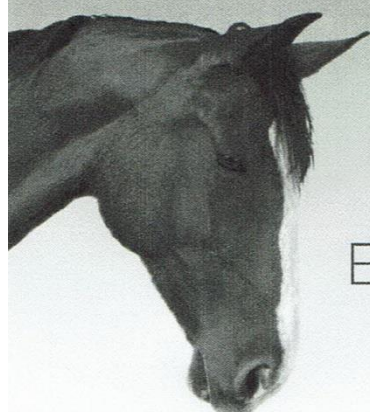
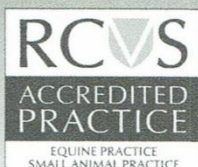
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