

Sand Hutton & Whitwell Group of Parishes

The Circular



Summer edition 2012

May June July

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 Sand Hutton and Whitwell Benefices

MONDAYS – Morning Prayer 8.30am in St Mary Sand Hutton

Requests for prayers can be left on the board at the back of St Mary's

May 2012

Wed 2nd May – 10am Holy Communion **Foston**

Sunday 6th May	Easter 5
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Whitwell	IRH
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Wed 9th May – 10am Holy Communion **Crambe**

Sunday 13th May	Easter 6/ Christian Aid Week
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9.00	Holy Communion	Bossall	IRH
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10.30	Morning Prayer	Gate Helmsley	RFB
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10.30	Family Service	Flaxton	SMA+
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6.30	Rogation Service	Howsham	IRH
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Wed 16th May – 10am Holy Communion **Sand Hutton**

Thu 17th May – 7pm Benefice Eucharist **Crambe**

For Ascension Day

Sunday 20th May	Easter 7
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Foston	IRH
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Wed 23rd May – 10am Holy Communion **Howsham**

Sunday 27th May	Pentecost/Whitsunday
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9.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley	IRH
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10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton	JWV
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10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe	IRH
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6.30	<i>Evening Worship</i>	Flaxton	<i>Local</i>
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Wed 30th May – 10am Holy Communion **Buttercrambe**

June 2012

Saturday 2nd June 10.30am Thanksgiving for Jubilee **Sand Hutton**

Sunday 3rd June	Trinity Sunday
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10.30	Jubilee Benefice Eucharist	Crambe	IRH
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Wed 6th June – 10am Holy Communion **Flaxton**

Sunday 10th June		Trinity 1	
9.00	Holy Communion	Bossall	IRH
10.30	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley	IRH
10.30	Family Service	Flaxton	RFB
6.30	Evening Prayer	Howsham	RAH
Wed 13th June – 10am Holy Communion		Whitwell	JWV

Sunday 17th June		Trinity 2	
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Sand Hutton	JWV
Wed 20th June – 10am Holy Communion		Bossall	

Sunday 24th June		Trinity 3/ St John the Baptist	
9.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley	IRH
10.30	Holy Communion	Whitwell	IRH
10.30	Morning Prayer	Foston	SMA+
10.30	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe	JWV
6.30	<i>Evening Worship</i>	Flaxton	<i>Local</i>
Wed 27th June – 10am Holy Communion		Gate Helmsley	

July 2012

Sunday 1st July		Trinity 4	
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Howsham	IRH
Wed 4th July – 10am Holy Communion		Upper Helmsley	JWV

Sunday 8th July		Trinity 5	
9.00	Holy Communion (extension)	Whitwell	RAH
9.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe	IRH
10.30	Holy Communion	Crambe	IRH
10.30	Family Service	Flaxton	<i>Local</i>
Wed 11th July – 10am Holy Communion		Foston	

Sunday 15th July		Trinity 6	
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Bossall	IRH
Wed 18th July – 10am Holy Communion		Crambe	

Sunday 22nd July		Trinity 7/Mary Magdalene	
9.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley	IRH
10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton	IRH
10.30	Holy Communion	Foston	JWV
Wed 25th July – 10am Holy Communion		Gate Helmsley	

Sunday 29th July		Trinity 8	
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Flaxton	IRH
Wed 1st Aug – 10am Holy Communion		Howsham	
Sunday 5th August		Trinity 9	
10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Gate Helmsley	IRH

Description of initials:

These indicate who is responsible for the service, there may be someone else preaching.

IRH = The Vicar

SMA+ = Sister Margaret Ann CSPH

RAH = Tony Hewitt, Reader

RFB = Rachel Baker, Pastoral Assistant

JWV = Rev'd Jeremy Valentine Hon Asst Priest

Wednesdays: Assume the Vicar unless otherwise indicated.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

There is a short weekly service of Morning Prayer that is held
in St Mary Sand Hutton at 8.30am.

All are welcome to come along.

If anyone has a request for prayer then either email or ring Ivan, or put the request on the board at the back of Sand Hutton Church.

ROGATION

The celebration of Rogation is a time when Christians pray for God's blessing on the crops and other aspects of work on the land. It can involve leaving the church building and going for a walk through the village to bless fields and animals. It is a bit weather dependant, but is a wonderful service in which we can thank God for all his blessings to us in creation.

**The service will be held at St John's Church, Howsham
at 6.30pm on Sunday 13th May.**

Do come and join in!

Jubilee Celebrations in Church



Saturday 2nd June

10.30am in St Mary's Church Sand Hutton

there will be a simple ceremony to give
thanks for the 60 year reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Sunday 3rd June

10.30am in St Michael's Church Crambe

the churches of the Benefice will gather for a Jubilee Eucharist.

Confirmation

St Botolph's Church, Bossall

Easter Day 8th April 2012

By the Bishop of Selby

Teana Calder	of Flaxton
Lucy Fawcett	of Bossall
Kieran Potts	of Crambe
Venetia Mitchell	of Foston

Congratulations and best wishes on your Confirmation

TAPESTRY

Tapestry is not about needlework!

It is a consideration of 'The Tapestry of Life and Creation'
as seen through a variety of 'threads' in the Bible.

It is a Bible Study with a colourful twist if you like!

We finish with night prayer and refreshment.

Do feel free to join us at Sand Hutton Vicarage.

The Benefice study group will meet 7.30pm at The Vicarage on:

Tuesday 1st May

Tuesday 5th June

Tuesday 10th July

Tuesday 31st July

You are welcome to come along.

Summer Children's Workshop

Pirates, Princes and Princesses.



As last year there will be a Children's workshop
at the beginning of August
on the theme Pirates, Princes and Princesses

'If anyone is interested in helping can you let Ivan know?

ivan.howitt@btinternet.com

Tel: 01904 468844



Greetings from the Vicarage

June 3rd marks the official celebration of our Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which is an event none of us will see again!!

Queen Elizabeth has been a wonderful steadying presence in an often turbulent and changeable world. She is gifted in being able to change with the times, whilst at the same time holding a wonderful dignity. She has a quiet but deep faith in God, and that faith has been a mainstay for her during her reign. For us the weekend will have many elements of celebration, but also of thanksgiving as we thank God for her time as our Queen.

She has been gracious and caring, she has been an influence of stability and we thank God for her on-going reign.

Sister Margaret Ann was one of the select few to meet the Queen on her visit to York on Maundy Thursday, and she has written a lovely piece about her experience which you can read further on in the Circular.

Many blessings

Ivan Howitt



Long may she reign!

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2012

On Maundy Thursday Sister Margaret Ann had the honour of receiving the Maundy Money from her Majesty the Queen. Here she shares with us what that special day meant to her.

What an amazing day 5th April was this year. Wall to wall sunshine, crowds of people lining the streets to welcome our Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Beatrice to our ancient and beautiful city of York. The Royal party arrived by train and after receiving permission to enter the city at Micklegate they proceeded to the Minster for the Service of Royal Maundy, and what an occasion that was.

People had been arriving at the Minster from 8 a.m. onwards and there was an air of anticipation and excitement as we awaited the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen.

At 10.55 a.m. the great west door was opened to welcome our visitors. A fanfare sounded and the procession began which included the Queen's own choristers from the Chapel Royal at St James Palace along with our own Minster choir. They were followed by representatives of other churches and organisations. Then what we had all been waiting for, the Queen's own procession, accompanied by the Dean and Chapter of York Minster. Lastly came the Royal Almonry procession. The Yeoman of the Guard, some carrying the dishes containing the alms, were accompanied by children from local schools bearing traditional nosegays and girded with towels, symbolic of the Washing of the Feet at the Last Supper on which the service was based, and the command to 'Love one another'

The service began with that great hymn of praise 'Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise'. As you can imagine the singing was amazing, voices filling every corner of that great building.

For me, the colours could not go unnoticed. The Yeoman of the Guard in their red and gold uniforms, the Queen's choristers in their ceremonial dress, the vestments of the clergy, rich brocades woven with golden threads. It was a truly wonderful sight.

The music and singing was just out of this world. As the Queen distributed the first lot of purses containing the Maundy Money the choir sang out – an adaptation from Psalm 21 'O Lord make thy servant Elizabeth our Queen to rejoice in thy strength, give her her heart's desire and deny not the request of her lips; but protect her with thine everlasting blessing, and give her a long life, even for ever and ever, Amen.'

After the first lesson from St John's Gospel, Her Majesty moved slowly along the long line of recipients handing to those unsung heroes the purses containing the Maundy Money. Then, there she was, standing in front of me. It was a very emotional moment. She looked absolutely beautiful and radiant. As she gave me the red and white purses, I dropped a curtsy. She looked straight at me and spoke to ask where I had come from and what I did. It was, indeed, a very special moment and one I shall never forget. I was left feeling very proud and humbled by the honour bestowed on me.

After the next lesson the Queen continued with the distribution of purses to one hundred and seventy two people in all. Eighty six men and eighty six women, one for each year of her life. Most of the recipients were from the York Diocese, but at the request of the Queen in her Jubilee year there were forty three people from other parts of the country.

Each red purse contained a £5 commemorative coin and a 50p piece minted of course, especially for this year. The Sovereign gives to each recipient a gift of £1, also £1.50 for provisions and £3 for clothing. The white purse contained specially minted Maundy Money. Small silver 1p, 2p, 3p and 4p pieces worth 86p, again the age of our Monarch.

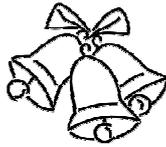
As I stood holding my own treasured purses and watching those on the North Aisle receive theirs I could hardly appreciate the music and the splendour of that great house of prayer. Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' filled it and my heart, and I felt warm and loved.

The Queen is truly amazing. She walked around the Minster twice giving everyone present a chance to see her quite closely wherever they were sitting.

The service ended with a general thanksgiving, and what a lot we had to say 'thank you' for on that special day. The concluding hymn was 'My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me' followed by final prayers by the Dean. The National Anthem was sung, the Blessing given by our Archbishop, then that great procession moved through the Minster to the great west door and the cheering, excited waiting crowds.

The Queen is welcomed to the Minster by Archbishop Sentamu for the Maundy service.





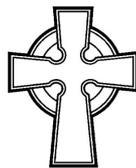
Congratulations and good wishes to those who were married recently

17th March Anna Shepherd to Henry Whitten Sand Hutton



Welcome to those newly baptised

11 th March	Samuel Isaac Jackson	Crambe
25 th March	Lucy Ellen Harran	Gate Helmsley
1 st April	Niamh Kate McCandless	Bossall
8 th April	Venetia Elinor Mitchell	Bossall



Our condolences to the families and friends of

10 th Feb	John Brian Lucas	aged 72	Whitwell
20 th Feb	Rosemary Stanfield		Foston
2 nd March	Thomas Sutton	aged 96	Bossall
4 th April	Gordon Drinkhall	aged 91	Gate Helmsley
13 th April	Cyril Hudson	aged 89	Foston

We commend them into God's gracious keeping

St Michael's Church Crambe



BOOKWORM LIBRARY

NOW OPEN!

Come and browse through
over 400 titles to find a good read.

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN TO EVERYONE

The church is open all day everyday
come whenever you like

There is no charge for borrowing books
All we ask is that you return the books once read

St John's Church, Howsham

Monday 7th May

**ANNUAL BANK HOLIDAY
CAKE STALL**



**from 10.30 a.m
on Howsham Bridge**

Cakes, plants, preserves
all gratefully received

Pray for a fine day!!

Gate Helmsley Village Hall



Strawberry Lunch

**Sunday June 24th
At 12.30 pm**

proceeds to St Mary's Church

to book please contact
the Podmores 01759 372320
Or
the Harrans 01759 371233

**St Mary's Church
Sand Hutton**

WANTED

If there is anyone out there who
would be willing to take up the post of

TREASURER to the PCC

Please contact
Graham Baker
Tel: 01904 468809



Sand Hutton Primary School PTA

MONDAY JUNE 18TH AT 7.0 P.M.

**AT
NORTON RAILWAY CLUB**

a fun way to raise funds for the PTA
if you love Bingo or fancy giving it a try
come along and support us!

for further information please contact
Susie Field Tel: 01904 468166



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FOSTON

in aid of church funds

Bridge Evening with supper and wine

Thursday 17th May at 6.30 p.m.

at

**Thornton Le Clay Village Hall
tickets £15 per person**

All enquiries please to Mrs Peter Diggle
Tel: 01653 618334



Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving

All are welcome to St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton

Saturday 2nd June 2012 at 10.30am

**With Heritage Display of Royal Memorabilia
and competition activity for the children.**

Followed by tea, coffee, juice and cake



If you have any photos, stories, medals or memorabilia which link our villages to the Queen, please contact Anne White on 468550. If you have more ideas or want to help, please contact Rachel Baker 468809 or Laura Edwards 468207. Hope to see you in June.

Look out for more information in the coming weeks and updates can be found on the parish website at www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk

St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley,

Pipe up! Organ Appeal

ARTFEST WEEKEND

May 25th—27th

Gate Helmsley Village Hall

PREVIEW EVENING

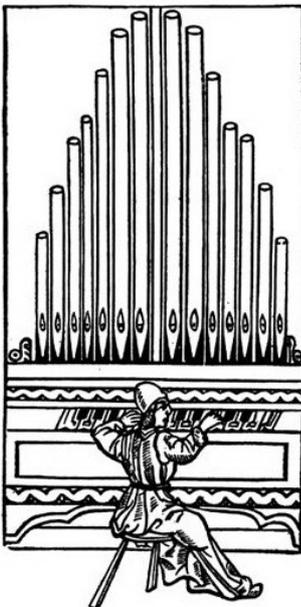
FRIDAY MAY 25TH

Tickets £10 includes refreshments

**Various activities will take place over the weekend
including a talk by**

SISTER MARGARET ANN

some of Sisters paintings will be on display



St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley

Pipe up! Organ Appeal

Wednesday June 13th at 6.30 p.m.

Professor David Howard

Dept. of Electronics, University of York

THE ACOUSTICS OF PIPE ORGANS

Professor Howard is an accomplished musician as well as being an expert on sound production both by the human voice and musical instruments.

His talks are highly entertaining as well as educational, with plenty of practical and computer-aided demonstration of the workings of organ pipes.

Not just for musicians!!

An event not to be missed

Refreshments provided. Tickets and further details will be available shortly from Michael Harran Tel: 01759 372 215



STRAWBERRY TEAS.



SATURDAY JULY 16th

2-30 p m until 4-30 p m.

**HOLDERNESS HOUSE
CLAXTON.**

Any items for a "PAST TIME" stall would be welcomed before the event
e.g. unwanted jewellery, scarfs, kitchen and household goods, etc.
(all in good condition please.)

Also an opportunity to order your CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS!!

ALL PROCEEDS FOR ST.MARY'S CHURCH TOWER FUND.

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1. Strawberry teas?
We'd love some please!
Go with your spouse,
to locate the house.
 2. Step right inside
you don't need a guide,
Look all around,
there's lots to be found.
 3. Cakes on a stall,
right next to the wall.
See Graham's train,
but beware of the rain!
 4. The raffle has prizes,
in all shapes and sizes.
Have a good look,
you'll find a nice book.
 5. Now find a soft seat,
and enjoy such a treat
Strawberry teas?
We'd love some please!



Does this seem familiar!?!.....

Say a prayer for the volunteers who keep our churches standing

A CURCHWARDENS LAMENT

By kind permission of The Spectator

When I take the dogs into the garden last thing at night, a dark shape looms up just beyond the garden wall. It is a 12th century stone building, with square tower, leaded and stone tiled roofs, and large plain windows. It looms even larger in my imagination since I am one of the two churchwardens (Bishop's or people's warden I can never remember which) so this building is in my charge. I feel as if I have a second home – with all the anxieties of owning an Umbrian farmhouse or Alpine chalet but none of the amenities – since I involve myself with the minutiae of its upkeep quite as much as I do with my own house. I worry all the time about the church's fabric, graveyard and congregation, and the parish which supports it.

Churchwardenship must be one of the strangest voluntary occupations you could imagine, since it is partly intensely practical and partly quietly spiritual. I inhabit a world of aumbries, risk assessments, blocked drains, corporals, coffee mornings, quinquennial architect's reports, vestments, child protection policies, intercessions rotas, gluten-free wafers, 'open gardens' and altar frontals. In the course of a week I may telephone an undertaker, polish the chalice and paten, write a Statement of Need in preparation for a Faculty application, deal with a query concerning a property in the village owned by the diocese (of which perforce I am a trustee) check the communion wine hasn't gone off, and assist the vicar on Sunday to serve the bread and wine, with as much reverence as I can muster.

I act as a sober usher at funerals, remove plastic flowers from grave sides and lock the church at night. I am partly preoccupied with centuries-old ritual and partly with how to raise £15,000 a year (just to stand still, without spending anything on maintenance, let alone improvements) in a village of 265 souls. And as always at the back of my mind, are pressing anxieties about the future: how can we attract sufficient numbers of the young or youngish, who won't write us off as a weird relict sect but who understandably look for better facilities, visual aids, and a more diverse liturgy? I know we must draw them in, both as a good in itself and to ensure that ours is not the last generation to have the care of the finest collection of medieval religious buildings in the world.

It is not all bad here by any means. I am fortunate in my fellow churchwarden, who has become a good friend– which is just as well, since we have business daily to discuss and must also bear the brunt of the inevitable criticism and dissatisfaction. We are extremely fortunate in our vicar who, though he doesn't live in this small village (as most clergy don't), knows his flock well and has the grace to trust and encourage us, and I never thought to write this but we are fortunate in our new bishop, who looks to promote growth rather than manage decline, and will not close country churches if he can possibly help it. There is a new and invigorating mood abroad, a sense that those above us finally recognise what churchwardens and church councils in villages face.

Our weekly attendance at services is more than 10 per cent of the village population, which is markedly higher than the average. It is gradually on the rise, thanks to the charisma, light-hearted charm and spirituality of our vicar and a concerted campaign by the church council to make potential worshippers feel welcome and valued. We hold a Sunday club for children and have an excellent relationship with the village Church of England school, so many of our family services are well attended and lively.

Our money raising activities are supported by many villagers whether churchgoers or not. We manage by a whisker to pay our annual Parish Share which funds clergy stipends and pensions. There are just about enough public spirited people prepared to sit on the PCC and one or two thank goodness, understand book keeping and building contracts. We churchwardens orchestrate the church's pastoral care, but we avoid even light touch evangelism, constrained as we are by our neighbours' correct belief that we are no better than they are. All in all we are luckier than many small villages which lack churchwardens – and congregations.

By Ursula Buchan



Around the Parishes.....

News views and information from:

BOSSALL

This year St Botolph's hosted the Benefice Easter Sunday Communion service with Baptism and Confirmation. The church was full with local parishioners, family and friends of the four candidates who were being presented to Bishop Martin, Bishop of Selby for confirmation. It was a very uplifting service. The music was greatly enhanced by the choir who sang the anthem 'God so loved the world'. Following the service refreshments of wine and cake were much enjoyed by everyone. Congratulations and welcome to the church family go to Teana Calder, Lucy Fawcett, Venetia Mitchell and Kieran Potts pictured below with Bishop Martin after the service.



The Roberts' family have been good supporters of Bossall despite not being seen here very often because the family place of business is in the Shetlands Isles, but they have reserved places in Bossall for burial. Sadly we record the death of Thomas Howe Sutton, the third member of the family to be buried here. The funeral took place on March 2nd

We lost a big part of the front fence of the churchyard in the early storms. This has been replaced by the generosity of Holgate Illingworth. The side gates have

been newly painted. At the Parish AGM it was agreed that the rickety old notice board by the post box should be replaced, this is due to be finished and erected on the grass space by the cemetery entrance any time now.

As most of our Benefice knows we held our first fund raising event for two years by means of a Hog Roast and Auction of Promises. So popular was it that we had to turn away some last minute applicants because we were at the limit permitted for the hall, but what a great evening it was! We are so grateful to the very generous donors for the auction and to our great band of helpers who made the evening such a success. We netted approx. £2350 which is a great result at a time like this.

It may not be generally known that - sadly - the decision has been taken to start the procedure for the closure of Buttercrambe Church which is a chapel-of-ease to Bossall. Church supporters have dwindled over the years. The church has been devotedly cared for entirely by Anne and Mick Archer. They have come to recognise the difficulties and problems of maintaining and supporting the church in such a tiny hamlet. We can only be grateful for the time and attention they have given to Buttercrambe over many years, and hope that Anne will still be willing to help out elsewhere - especially on the organ!

Special Thanks – Mary Denison

The helpers of Bossall Church would like to give a special vote of thanks to Mary Denison for organising us all to help with the recent Hog Roast. As Mary readily admits herself she is 'bossy' but that is what we needed, a born leader!

Thank you Mary.

CRAMBE

Spring at last! Well, we think it is. March came in like a lamb and stayed delightfully lamb like throughout until April, when it snowed. The warm weather and light nights resulted in a cacophony of lawn mowers and an early outbreak of shorts, only to be curtailed by a serious plague of chapped, pink knees caused by the sudden return to winter. Nevertheless we have got off to a good start here in Crambe. Ron and Florence Verity and Sam Cook have fine crops of Jacob lambs and Liz Jay returned from a successful trip to Crufts with her bearded collies who were in the prizes.

A well-attended Lent lunch at Crambe House raised £120 for the Camphill Trust at Botton Village and the closure of the mobile library service has been

offset by the setting up of a DIY library in the church. Thank you to everyone who donated the 400 plus books we now have for all to come and borrow. A special thank you to Robin Graham of Westow who constructed the book shelves.

The only other event in March was the annual coffee morning held at Barton Le Willows Village Hall. There were many stalls including an activity table for children with an Easter theme. Many thanks to all who contributed to this event which raised just short of £300 for the church.

There have been three services recently at St Michael's, including the baptism of Chris and Kirstie Jackson's son Samuel Isaac on March 11th. Congratulations too to Sam and Lisa Cook on the birth of their daughter Jessica Elizabeth on March 7th.

The bench situated in front of the village notice board, much frequented by the walking fraternity, has suffered from the elements and has been replaced by another from Elsie Simpson's garden. Elsie died in June 2011 and is buried in the nearby churchyard. A fitting memorial to the village she loved so much.

Finally we congratulate Sister Margaret Ann on being selected to receive the Queen's Maundy Money from Her Majesty at York Minster in recognition of the great contribution she has made to the Benefice community.

Congratulations and welcome also to Kieran Potts who was confirmed by the Bishop of Selby at Bossall on Easter Sunday.

Thank you too to Ivan and the Benefice team who do so much for us.

FLAXTON

Venetia Mitchell and Teana Calder, both regular participants in the church in Flaxton, knelt before Bishop Martin during the Easter Sunday service. Venetia was baptised and both girls confirmed their baptism promises. They also joined in singing the Easter anthem. It was a great pleasure, and a credit to their parents – also Ida Terry who has encouraged them at Sunday School, to hear their confident responses to the Bishop's questions about their faith and trust in Jesus.

A number of people in Flaxton spend a couple of evenings each month singing together, mainly for the fun of it, though the music is sometimes quite challenging too.

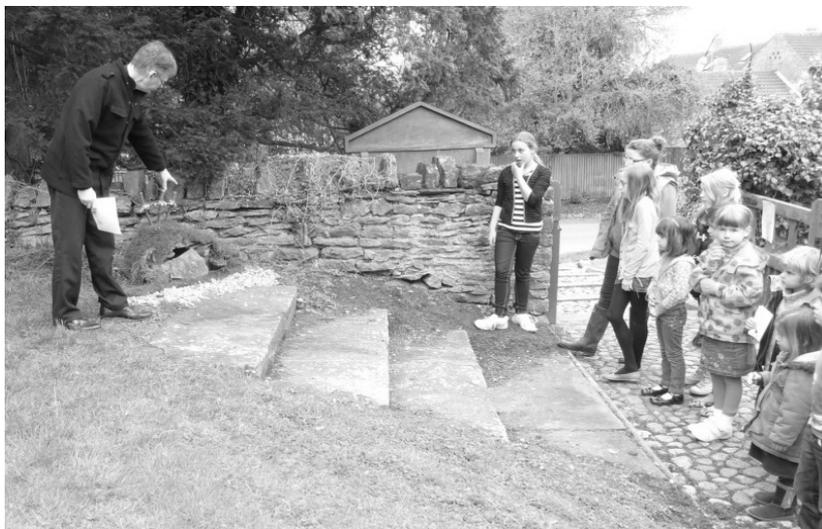
We are currently preparing some pieces ranging from spirituals and sacred songs to madrigals and folk songs, and warmly invite you to come along to listen on:

**Sunday May 20th at 7.30pm in church.
There will be a glass of wine afterwards
and a plate by the door for church funds.**

Should be a nice way to round off the weekend.

You will also be most welcome in the lovely garden of Flaxton House
on the afternoon of **Saturday June 23rd**
for the church summer fete.

FOSTON



A Children's Workshop was held at the church on Good Friday afternoon. It was well attended and much enjoyed by those who took part. The workshop was a fun way to teach the story of Easter to younger children. They particularly enjoyed imitating The Last Supper with fresh fruit and hot cross buns! The crosses and the

tomb built outside the church was especially symbolic and very much a talking point afterwards.

The APCM for All Saints Church will take place on April 30th at 7.30 p.m.

GATE HELMSLEY

PCC

St Mary's PCC Annual Meeting was held at Fox Farm Gate Helmsley on 27th March. A further PCC meeting will be held in church at 11.30 am on Sunday 29th April (after the service), to receive the annual accounts. Subsequent meetings are planned for 3rd July at 7.30 pm at Apple Tree House and 6th November at 7.30 pm at Orchard House. The Annual Meeting for 2013 will be held at Fox Farm at 7.30 pm on 23rd April.

Church services

Lady Day (25th March) was the occasion for the baptism of Lucy Ellen Harran in a very happy service at St Mary's. It was a double celebration as Lucy shared the day with her grandparents' Ruby Wedding anniversary.

Three evening meditation services were held at St Mary's in the early part of Holy Week, providing a good foundation for remembering the events of Good Friday and Easter Day.

Our Harvest Festival service will be held in church at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd October, followed by a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. (Please note that this is a different evening from our usual Thursday service)

There will be a family Communion service on Christmas morning.

Parish lunches A very successful fund-raising lunch was held at Orchard House Gate Helmsley in mid-January, raising over £700 for church funds.

Thank you to all who supported this event. We now look forward to another lunch on Sunday 22nd April at Fox Farm Gate Helmsley at 12.30 pm.

“Pipe Up !” Centenary Organ Restoration Appeal

Our appeal is progressing steadily. Thanks to Dick Garnons-Williams whose lunch raised £160 and to Anne & Andrew Podmore who raised £400 at a coffee morning. The Sponsor a Pipe appeal now stands at £680 – most of which has been Gift Aided. Dedicating a pipe to someone or to celebrate a special occasion is a good way of ensuring that the memory will sound for another 100 years!

Events to come!

See separate advertisements for:

ArtFest over the weekend 25-27 May Gate Helmsley Village Hall

Wednesday 13 June at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church Gate Helmsley,

In the autumn,

Saturday 1 September at 7.30pm

black-tie dinner in Gate Helmsley Village Hall

courtesy of Keith & Christine Potts.

A special after-dinner speaker has been engaged.

Tables of 10 – but places are limited, so book early!

Contact Keith Potts (01759 371233).

Tim Bayley and a colleague from the renowned York Waits will give an illustrated talk on mediaeval instruments. Look out for further details of this and other “Pipe Up!” events.

**Pipe sponsorship forms are available from Michael Harran
(01759 372215).**

Gate Helmsley Village Hall

Christine, Keith, Shan and Ceri Potts would like to thank all the family, friends and especially Sue Hayward for all the hard work before and during the Coffee morning held on the 18th of February in Gate Helmsley village hall. The sum of £3,120 was raised, £2,761.65 on the day which was superb and the monies were split three ways for York Against Cancer, The Cancer Care Centre and the Oncology Department of York Hospital. Many thanks to all who came along and supported the family

HARTON

Harton and Barton Le Willows Yard Sale

Despite the wet weather on Easter Monday the Harton & Barton le Willows Yard sale went with great gusto. Five households in Harton and Sixteen in Barton le Willows braved the elements and had a good day relieving themselves of unwanted goods, the ultimate recycling. Harton raised £60 for St Botolphs Church and Barton le Willows raised £150 for the Village Hall.

Many thanks to all who took part, helped baked cakes and supported the sellers.
Chrissie (Harton) & Espie (Barton le Willows)

HOWSHAM



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Saturday June 2nd

We are planning a short service in Church followed by "Safari" Lunch round the village. This is to end up at Howsham Hall for more celebrations and games. All welcome.

For more information please contact either Judy Tel: 01653 618673 or Gill 01653 618846

SAND HUTTON

St Mary's Maintenance Works

Replacement of a number of external eroded stones have been undertaken on the west wall of the nave together with defrassing works and joint re-pointing. However, somewhat a holding operation ahead of the anticipated need for further significant works.

St Leonard's 12th Century Ruin Update.

The repair works to the standing remains are now all but complete and landscaping is to be undertaken to restore the grassed areas. Remaining works comprise crypt door repairs, a final coat of paint on the entrance railings, carving and laying of the commemorative stone for which faculty has been granted. Watch this space for a celebration event in due course!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY SEPT 8TH there will be a **GIFT DAY**

at St. Mary's Church Sand Hutton more information in next circular.

URGENTLY REQUIRED TREASURER

For St. Mary's Church PCC

Please contact Graham Baker Tel.01904 468809.

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

10th Birthday

For ten years Senior Citizens have enjoyed a nice get together with lunch once a month in various venues. The lunches were first served in Claxton Chapel but now are held in Sand Hutton Village Hall. These events are enjoyed by everyone who attends and we are most grateful to the volunteers who provide our excellent meals.

Ten years have passed since first we came,
the welcome sight remains the same,
our places are set with napkins bright
and little candles all alight.

We sit amongst a friendly bunch
to eat a splendid monthly lunch
if someone's birthday comes around
you know a present will be found!

Each month we share a different dish,
sometimes it's meat, sometimes it's fish,
lasagne's welcome for a few
but some would rather have a stew!

Our cooks bring plenty on the day,
so 'seconds' always come our way!
the puddings have a magic taste,
no portions ever go to waste.

A cup of tea or coffee ends
a lovely meal we've had with friends,
thanks to all our volunteers.....
for all their kindness, give three cheers!

Dot Mills

UPPER HELMSLEY



On Palm Sunday Anne Archer was presented with a floral arrangement in appreciation for playing the organ at St Peter's. Mick and Anne are churchwardens at Buttercrambe church, where Anne is also organist, for thirty six years.

FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE

second hand goods, plants, produce, tombola and books etc.

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for further details.

News from our schools.....



SANDHUTTON CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a very busy time providing opportunities for every interest and ability – it is no wonder how quickly time flies by! Thanks, as ever to the staff and everyone who supports the school to enable us to present these varied opportunities to the children.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Children, parents and teachers were invited to enter the Sand Hutton School photographic competition with the theme ‘Our Natural World’ to encourage us all to look at and enjoy the environment around us. The response was terrific showing photographic skills across the ages and emphasising what a beautiful world we live in if only we are willing to take the time to look and appreciate. There were photographs of flowers, woodland, skies, snails, wasps, toads, frogs, tadpoles and many ladybirds! The standard was very high making the task of judging exceptionally difficult. Well done to our deserving winners Jamie Walton, Mary Wheldon, Charlotte Unsworth and Mr James Drury.

READING CHAMPIONS RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 8th of March at 1.15 p.m. eight small schools attended Sand Hutton CE (VC) Primary’s first ever Annual Small Schools Tag Rugby League Tournament. These were Sand Hutton CE (VC) Primary, Warthill CE School, Welburn CP School, St Hilda’s and Hovingham, Foston and Terrington, and Bugthorpe. The whole event had been organised by a group of six boys in Y5/6 with the support of Jack Stearman, Community Development Coach from York City Knights in order to gain a Reading Champions Bronze Medal; the programme is designed to encourage boys to read more and see it as a useful skill for life.

The event was a great opportunity for the small schools in the areas to get together and play rugby. Luckily the weather stayed fine and across two pitches six teams competed with great enthusiasm, fun and in the spirit of fair play. The event had been organised by the children in the class and they were responsible for all the hosting on the day including pitch management, raffle, refreshments and first aid.

The final was a closely fought contest with Welburn CP School winning the match and taking the shield home for the year. We would like to say a big thank you to all the sponsors, Newitts Quantam Stores, A.I.M.S. Construction, Duke of York Public House, and many others who supported the raffle, York City Knights and all the parents, teachers, children and staff who contributed to making it a fantastic afternoon.

CLASS 2 PRODUCTION – TOY MAKER AND SON

Class 2 (Years 2, 3 and 4) delighted the school and their parents when they presented their production of Toy Maker and Son which retells the story of Easter in an unusual way. The children showed tremendous concentration and focus as they confidently played their parts. They really rose to the occasion and performed very well.

WWW.SANDHUTTON.N-YORKS.SCH.UK

The school's new website has been launched – please take a look and find out more about our school. Grateful thanks to parents and IT experts Andrew Fawcett and Martin Wheldon for their skill, creativity and inspiration in getting the website up and running.



Claxton and Sand Hutton Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held at Sand Hutton Village Hall

Monday, 14th May 2012 at 7.30pm

Councillors for Sand Hutton : Caroline Hall, Peter Stott and 1 vacancy

Councillors for Claxton : Angela Steele, Susie Field and Jennie Whiteley

Litter Pick - Sunday 6th May – Volunteers needed

If you are able to help we will meet at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. Rubbish bags etc will be provided

Parking – Residents and Visitors

Please try to park your car without causing an obstruction – particularly keeping pavements clear for wheelchairs and pushchairs etc. Please park in your driveway if you have one or perhaps park on the same side of the road as other cars to avoid problems for buses and other large vehicles.

Previous minutes can be found at www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk under the Parish Council heading or on the notice boards in the villages. If you have any queries about the meeting or the council, please contact the Acting Clerk, Laura Edwards, email = clerk@claxton-sandhutton.org.uk

Gate and Upper Helmsley Parish Council

The meeting held in the village hall on Monday 27th February 2012 was well attended, and the Chairman welcomed District Councillor and leader of Ryedale District Council Mr Keith Knaggs to the meeting.

Minutes of this meeting can viewed/obtained from the Parish Clerk Maureen Parker Whinfield The Lane Gate Helmsley, York YO41 1JT.

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that the Parish Clerk Vacancy has been filled, and from May 2012.at the Annual General Meeting Mrs Janet Buckley of Forest Croft, Gate Helmsley will be in post.

Provisional Date for the A.G.M. is Monday 28th May 2012 subject to venue availability. Please look at the notice boards.

Police Surgeries are to commence in the Village Hall this summer on a three monthly basis two in the mornings and two in the evenings. Dates to be arranged.

There is an on-going problem with flooding in the Back Lane at Gate Helmsley and conditions are becoming worse every time it rains. Unfortunately funding to alleviate this problem has not been forthcoming this year but the Parish Council is continuing to press the importance of the issue with the highway authority.

Parish Clerk: Maureen Parker



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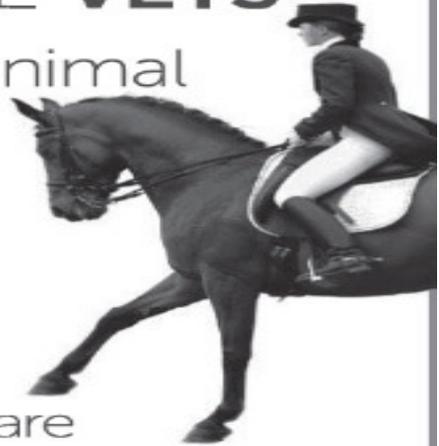
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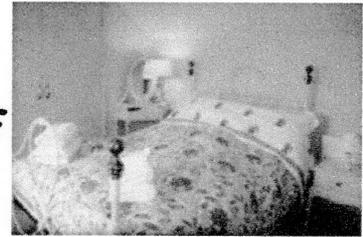
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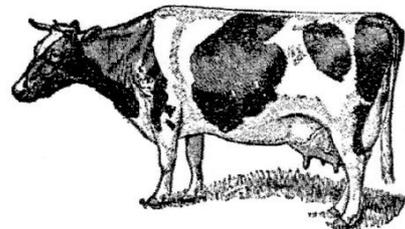


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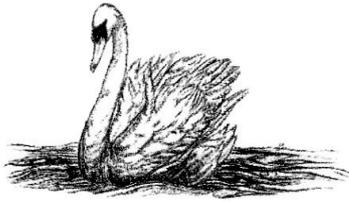
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Woodland Friends.....



The Friends had been becoming out of touch with the world and this should be checked. Mrs Dormouse elected to search Crambe International Tribune archives, Mr Squirrel elected to look at Times International, York edition while Mr French Partridge said his studies would take him to Internet. The next meeting was arranged for 2 months hence.

Things were unusually quiet in the interim, rumours that were circulated were derisory; and that was only the best of them. Without the intermediary of Mrs Dormouse, the calibre of tittle tattle was pathetic during her absence, Mr French Partridge's covey was quite uncertain of themselves. So much so that a number of them were lost on the first drive after lunch which was normally a clear one for them due to being able to see the guns' positions and whirr around them.

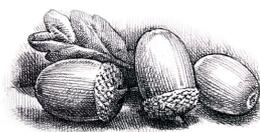
The strategic meeting came around when the 3 Friends pooled their gathered intelligence. Mr. Squirrel had sourced an atomic powered acorn locator. Not actually, but he was convinced that this piece of left-over Cold War kit could be easily converted with a tweak here and there. Time saved, acorns gathered and secreted could have an effect equivalent to the great leap forward when George Stephenson's locomotive first powered its way at 4mph to haul coal in 1814. And in some ways, such innovation might rival Davy's invention of the mining safety lamp in 1818.

Mr. French Partridge had also a revolutionary idea which would display a radar screen each spring, showing the sites that were inundated with insects. Particularly when Ascot week was inclement, partridge chicks perished by the thousand but if science could point the way to insects unlimited at this crucial time, it could lead to partridge coveys being large enough to darken the sky. Mrs. Dormouse huffed and her tail twitched in a manner that spoke of her being unconvinced. Such was science fiction; she was probably thinking, and much better to keep the feet on the ground. Her contribution was an extremely ingenious one concerned with mouse traps of the snap-trap type. Initially lo-tech with a specially shaped stick to do the disabling, it had the potential to be upgraded into an electronic instrument.



According to Trevor Baylis who had helped commercialise devices from hand-powered radios for Africa to hand-held chargers for flashlights and computers; amongst myriad other inventions. In fact, he was top of Mrs. Dormouse's list as potential helper in patenting and financing manufacture of her trap; perhaps the current needed could be provided by a photo-electric cell.

In reviewing the dazzling prospects and summing up their individual researches, Mr. French Partridge ponderously pronounced that 'To be alive is silver but to be young would be golden'.



Anon

And to end with, out of the mouths (or pencils) of children!

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A mosque is a sort of church. The main difference is that its roof is doomed.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

If you marry two people you are a pigamist, but morons are allowed to do this.

MATHS

I would like to be an accountant but you have to know a lot about moths.

MATHS

If it is less than 90 degrees it is a cute angel.

SCIENCE

Helicopters are cleverer than planes. Not only can they fly through the air they can also hover.



THE ARTS

In last year's ~~prats~~ Christmas concert, Linzi played the main prat. I played one of the smaller prats and I would like to have a bigger prat this year.

HISTORY

Then Joan of Ark met her end. She was burned as a steak.

GEOGRAPHY

The closest town to France is Dover. You can get to France on a train or you can go on a fairy.

NATURAL HISTORY

Crabs and creatures like them all belong to a family of crushed Asians.

Items for 'The Circular'

Copy deadline for the next edition July 18th

This will cover August September October 2012

Unfortunately it may not be possible to include anything received after the deadline.

PLEASE NOTE!



Many of you will be celebrating the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Please could you send me some photographs together with details of your event for possible inclusion in a review of the Jubilee in the next Circular.

**All photographs should be sent in JPG format
If anyone has a problem with emailing photographs, let me know.**

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