

The Benefice of Harton

The Circular



Wild flower summer meadow – Linda Tennant

Summer edition 2013

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

Wild flower summer meadow
(acrylics)

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www.lindarosegallery.co.uk

A note from the Editor.....

It seems a long time since I gave you all graphic accounts of our battle with the vestry printer. Maddeningly, in the end, the printer stubborn as ever, won the battle. We have had to give in and move it to more luxurious surroundings where there is constant warmth. A certain amount of humble pie has had to be eaten by the printing mice, who were convinced, up until the last ditch and waving of the white flag, that it was just being temperamental. Thanks to the generosity of two of our parishioners, it is now happily installed in their tiny office, churning out anything we ask of it without so much as a whimper. It has almost reduced the whole exercise of printing 'The Circular' to that of 'boring'.

Meet Toffee the cat who has joined the printing team to keep the mice and printer in order. We are teaching her to count the copies as they emerge. While the new accommodation is very much more comfortable both for the printer and the printing mice, there have been complaints from two



mice that they can no longer while away the hours minding the printer, by playing on the organ. We were wondering if we could install one in the spare bedroom next door, also there is barely enough room for the knitting mice to wield their needles, and a distinct shortage of heavy Bibles to flatten all the copies.

You will notice that the cover of this edition is in glorious colour, this is thanks to a generous donation of £50 to cover the cost of the colour page on 1000 copies (our standard print run). Not only does it make it easier to find when lost in a pile of newspapers, it brightens up the publication enormously. We would very much like to be able to have a colour cover on every edition. This would only be possible if people were willing to sponsor the cover page, either individually or as a group or organisation. If there is

anyone out there willing to contribute please contact the Churchmouse. We do have a small mouse bank to which any small contributions are most welcome.

We would also like to invite our local schools and local artists too, to design a suitable picture representing one of the four seasons (Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn) which we could reproduce on the appropriate front cover. After all, this is your magazine and we would like to display your talent!

This is a good opportunity to say a special thank you to all those unsung, anonymous (to most of us) people, who footslog round our villages in all weathers delivering your magazine to your door.

We hope that you find it not only full of useful information about church services and local events, but also a 'good read'. Your contributions are what the magazine is all about. If you have something you would like to share with the community, an article or photographs, serious or light hearted, please send them in. We have had some great stuff so far, just keep it coming! With ten villages in our Benefice it is good to read about what is happening in each of them. Similarly if you have any comments or suggestions for improving the magazine we would like to hear from you.

Contact details for the Editor can be found on the back of this magazine

The Churchmouse



Services for the Benefice of Harton

Please note that some changes have been made to the services for early May that appeared in the last Circular

May 2013

Wednesday 1st May

10.00 Holy Communion Upper Helmsley

Sunday 5th May

Rogation Sunday

10.30 Benefice Eucharist
Flower Festival Gate Helmsley

Wednesday 8th May

10.00 Holy Communion Whitwell

Sunday 12th May

Easter 7

9.00 Holy Communion Sand Hutton

10.30 Benefice Family Service

Flaxton

Wednesday 15th May

10.00 Holy Communion Howsham

Sunday 19th May

Pentecost

10.30 Benefice Eucharist Bossall

Wednesday 22nd May

10.00 Holy Communion Foston

Sunday 26th May

Trinity

9.00 Holy Communion Upper Helmsley

10.30 Morning Prayer Crambe

Wednesday 29th May

10.00 Holy Communion Buttercrambe

June 2013

<i>Sunday 2nd June</i>		<i>Trinity 1</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Flaxton
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Wednesday 5th June

10.00	Holy Communion	Bossall
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<i>Sunday 9th June</i>		<i>Trinity 2</i>
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9.00	Morning Prayer	Foston
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10.30	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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Wednesday 12th June

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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<i>Sunday 16th June</i>		<i>Trinity 3</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Whitwell
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Wednesday 19th June

10.00	Holy Communion	Gate Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 23rd June</i>		<i>Trinity 4</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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10.30	Holy Communion	Bossall
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Wednesday 26th June

10.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
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<i>Sunday 30th June</i>		<i>Trinity 5</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Howsham
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July 2013

Wednesday 3rd July

10.00	Holy Communion	Crambe
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<i>Sunday 7th July</i>		<i>Trinity 6</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Gate Helmsley
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Wednesday 10th July

10.00	Holy Communion	Foston
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<i>Sunday 14th July</i>		<i>Trinity 7</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
10.30	Benefice Family Service	Flaxton

Wednesday 17th July

10.00	Holy Communion	Whitwell
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<i>Sunday 21st July</i>		<i>Trinity 8</i>
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10.30	Benefice Eucharist	Bossall
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Wednesday 24th July

10.00	Holy Communion	Buttercrambe
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<i>Sunday 28th July</i>		<i>Trinity 9</i>
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9.00	Holy Communion	Upper Helmsley
10.30	Morning Prayer	Howsham

Wednesday 31st July

10.00	Holy Communion	Sand Hutton
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August 2013

<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
10.30	Benefice Family Service	Flaxton



Our condolences to the family and friends of

9th March

Eveline Lane (nee Crossley)

Sand Hutton



Congratulations and good wishes to those who were married recently

Sept 7 th 2012	Richard Anthony and Pamela Simpson	Sand Hutton
Oct 26 th 2012	Wayne Flemming and Kelly Holroyd	Sand Hutton
Mar 9 th 2013	Tom Owen and Lucy Young	Crambe



Congratulations to Bryan and Dot Mills

Who have been invited to tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace at the end of May. Have a wonderful day. We know you will enjoy it. It is such an experience and you so deserve it - and thank you for your faithful and loyal ministry among us.

LENT LUNCHESES

The two Lent Lunches held in the Benefice were very well attended and judging by the vats of delicious homemade soups that were consumed, much enjoyed by those who came.

£373

was raised for the charity

SASH

(Safe and Sound Homes)

who work with young people in crisis
in York and across North Yorkshire

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING**

St Botolph's Cottage, Bossall
April 2013



My Dear Friends,

At long last Spring has arrived with the promise of longer, lighter warmer and, hopefully, drier days ahead. Over the last few days I have managed to spend some time in the garden, clearing up after the winter, pruning fast-growing roses and shrubs and generally getting the treasured outdoor space ready for those times when I shall be able to sit and enjoy it and possibly even eat outside! It is such a wonderful time of year when we are surrounded by new life and a new hope in what is to come. Everywhere things are bursting into life and the colours of the spring flowers, crocuses, daffodils, primroses, violets all remind us of the beauty and wonder of our God, who so generously and lovingly created them all and brought us into being to share that glory.

As I look around me I am reminded of our new Benefice of Harton and the possibilities and wonderful opportunities it presents to us all as members of the Family of the Church. I completely understand how hard it is for some people to get their heads around change. Ten churches, one Vicar (hopefully) and a lack of resources for us all. I am afraid gone are the days when we could worship every week in that church that adorns our own village, with our own Vicar presiding.

We must never forget to thank God for those beautiful historic buildings and all those faithful souls down the ages who have not only worshipped in them, joining their prayers to so many others, but who have also worked tirelessly to maintain them and keep them beautiful for the next generation. And yes it is only natural that this is where we want to worship week by week, but sadly, in present times, this is no longer possible. Working and worshipping together is the only way forward for us all, if we are to survive as a church, the family of God, in this beautiful place in which we find ourselves.

All those who were at our Easter Day Benefice Service at St Mary's, Sand Hutton will have got a real sense of what it is like to be the Benefice of Harton. The church was full, standing room only, with a good few young people too, which was a joy to see. The Reverend Bill Ankers took the service most beautifully and gave us so much of the Easter message - hope for our future, like the Spring, as we begin our new lives together; to be there for each other whoever we are, worshipping together and enjoying

fellowship together. Each of our churches is as important as the next, each one having its own unique contribution to make to our Benefice; sharing our resources whatever parish we are in, and our ideas so that God's Name may be glorified throughout this area; encouraging each other in what we believe.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who provided refreshments after the service and the Easter eggs for the children. Thank you. It was such a wonderful celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, bringing us all new life in Him and new hope for the future of the Benefice of Harton.

Enjoy the better weather. Appreciate your gardens and all the open spaces around us. For in it all we see the glory and wonder of our Creator God.

May the peace and the power of the Risen Lord Jesus
be present in your life day by day.

*Your loving sister,
Margaret Ann CSPH+*



Goodbye Benefice Council.....Hello Joint PCC

The Benefice Council has, at last and after several years, achieved its ambition to get itself abolished. This desire was not prompted by any perverse sense of self- destruction, but in order to replace a Council informally supported by the York Diocese with a statutorily recognised Joint PCC (Parochial Church Council).

At a recent meeting of the Archbishop's Council, our proposed scheme was accepted and the Joint PCC came into existence on 1st March. It is something of a "virtual" body at the moment while the individual parishes elect their representatives (and deputies) during the current round of PCC Annual Meetings. As well as parish representatives, membership will include the Ministry Team and up to four non-voting members who are able to offer specific expertise. **The first meeting of the new body will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th May at Fox Farm, Gate Helmsley.**

As these changes are just a formality, they should not materially affect you as parishioners. But we hope that the new structure will serve to revitalise the co-ordination of our numerous parishes, especially at this difficult time as we seek to recruit a new vicar. We must not forget that there are several other local benefices without a vicar, so we have plenty of competition. Anything that enables us to work together better and more closely will be a bonus in attracting a new incumbent.

Delyth Harran

CLAXTON & SAND HUTTON

Community Defibrillators



Wendy Patmore Hattie Coulter Philip Orton Louise Coulter undergoing training at the village hall

After reading an article about Defibrillators in the Gazette & Herald, Liz and Bill Heath carefully researched the possibility of either joining a "First Responder Team" or installing a defibrillator unit in each village. As the two villages are situated on the edge of the 8 minute reach time for an ambulance and on the wrong side of the A64 especially at busy times, they decided to take a pro-active response.

This resulted in an initial "Take A Deep Breath" Community Event given by Neil Marsay from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, followed by First Aid Courses which incorporated Giving and Getting Help in a Medical Emergency. Over 80 villagers attended.

They decided to install a Defibrillator Unit in each village with access 24/7/365, stored in a high-visibility weatherproof cabinet only opened by an access code given out by the emergency services via a 999 call

The Community Heartbeat Trust provided literature, help and guidance. In June 2012 Liz and Bill initiated the Defibrillator Appeal.

By leafleting every household and contacting businesses and charities donations began to arrive, from villagers and then NYCC, York Lions Club, Parish Council, Rose Trading, Therapy in Praxis, York Round Table,

Strensall & District Patients Fund, surplus money from the discontinued crime watch in Claxton & Sand Hutton.

All donations have been "ring fenced" in our Parish Council Accounts. £5,203 was raised. After purchase, the balance will remain on account for maintenance over the next seven years. Donations towards running costs can still be made. Thank you.

£200 kindly given to Liz & Bill for winning the Minster FM "Local Hero Award" "Make a Community Difference Award" was put into the fund which allowed them to go ahead and make the purchase.

The Defibrillators purchased are fully automatic taking the fear and risk element out of using the equipment in an emergency. Once in use, the Defibrillator gives audible and visual instructions (for the hard of hearing) on what to do while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

On March 20th two defibrillators were delivered, a 2 hour training session was given by Martin Fagan from the Community Heartbeat Trust and 32 people attended in the village hall.

Correct location in the villages of the defibrillators was vital to ensure easy access and correct functioning. They can be found at:

SAND HUTTON:

on John & Caroline Goodrick's wall at Whey Carr Farm, next to the telephone box.

CLAXTON:

on the garage wall outside Bill & Liz Heath's property at Lawnswood.

Clear signs have been placed at each point. The electricity used to keep them at working temperature will be met by John & Caroline Goodrick and Bill & Liz Heath.

On April 22nd at Lawnswood, Claxton, an "Unveiling Ceremony" was carried out by Clare Wood, County Councillor. All donators and villagers were invited. An instructional leaflet has been sent out to every house in the two villages along with outlying houses and businesses.

**We are very grateful to all the people
who have helped and donated to this project.**

At the end of the day we hope they are never used.

**Further information from
Bill & Liz Heath, Lawnswood,
Claxton, York
YO60 7RZ**



Tel: 01904 468428

Email: Bill@Lawnswood.co.uk

St Mary's Church,

Gate Helmsley

FLOWER

Friday
May 3rd



FESTIVAL

7.0 p.m.

preview evening – with refreshments

Tickets for the preview evening, price £10, are available from Michael & Delyth Harran

Tel: 01759 372215 or mj@mharran.freeseve.co.uk.

There will be a draw for 3 "lucky tickets" – so bring yours with you!

Sunday Lunch

at



at the Podmore's
Fox Farm

Sunday May 19th
12.30 for 1.0

Tickets £15 (bring your own drinks)

Please contact Anne Tel: 01759 372320
as numbers are limited early booking is advised

*(Anne regrets that this will be the last of her fundraising Sunday lunches)
All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley*



St Michael's Church Crambe

BOOKWORM LIBRARY

COME AND BROWSE THROUGH OVER 400 TITLES

the library is open to everyone

come whenever you like

the church is open all day every day

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR BORROWING THE BOOKS

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if you have any queries please contact Fiona Tel: 01653 619368

**St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton
Tower Appeal**

**Folk evening
Saturday May 18th
at 7.15 p.m.**

Featuring



The Foresters

entertaining the folk in the York area for 40 years!

Come and join us

at Gate Helmsley Village Hall

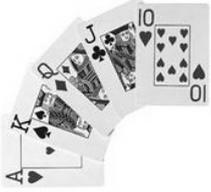
Pie and pea supper plus selection of desserts

Raffle, Auction of promises, bar

Tickets £10

Available from: Rachel Baker: 01904 468809

Ellen Stott: 01904 468404 Brian Atkinson: 01904 468226



All Saints Church, Foston



Calling all Bridge players!

BRIDGE EVENING

May 10th 6.30 p.m.

Bridge Evening with supper and wine in aid of church funds
at the Village Hall in Thornton - le - Clay.

Rubber Bridge and Chicago

Lovely prizes to be won!

Tickets £17.50 per person

if you are interested in joining us please contact Sylvie Diggle

via email: pjdiggle@aol.com or Tel: 01653 618334

Gate and Upper Helmsley

Saturday June 1st 2013

**will celebrate the diamond jubilee of
the Queen's coronation**

at a

**“Coronation Carnival”
at the Duke of York**

games ♦ activities ♦ bouncy castle for
children at 11.30am

followed by lunch – bangers and mash, onion gravy and vegetables for the
over 70's and hot dog or beef burger with chips for the children (no charge).

The evening festivities begin at 8pm – 50's theme (dressing up optional)
BBQ and live music by “Uncut”. Cost £10 / head.

Details and booking forms will be circulated in the villages to be returned to
Dee Hillier at the Duke of York by Saturday 25 May.



This is the third of our recent community celebrations (we began last Summer with a Jubilee party followed by Christmas carols and a party in December). They have proved a popular way of getting together, meeting neighbours – and having fun! Although not primarily intended to be fund-raising, the surplus funds from previous events have allowed us to make a donation to St Leonard's Hospice and to arrange some planting to brighten up the roadsides in our villages.

Gate and Upper Helmsley Jubilee Committee

Notes for your diary

Saturday 1 June Coronation Carnival at the Duke of York – see above for more details.

Saturday 14 December Christmas Party



**St Michael's Church
Crambe**



**Friday July 12th 2013
at 7 p.m.**

The Filey Fishermen's Choir

by popular request they are back!

come and join us to hear the wonderful voices of this famous choir

Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine and canapés

as seating is limited advance purchase of tickets is advised

please contact: Fiona Le Masurier, Crambe House, Crambe, York YO60 7JR

Tel: 01653 619368 email churchmouse@yorlocal.com

If you would like your tickets by post, SAE with application would be much appreciated



STRAWBERRY TEAS

SATURDAY JULY 13TH

2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

at

Holderness House, Claxton

you are cordially invited to come and enjoy
a get-together, the garden, and the heritage model railway
(weather permitting!!)

and of course.....

Strawberries and cream



*All donations received will go to
St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton Tower Fund*



St Peter's Church Fundraising Garden Party

TEA, COFFEE and CAKE

At Home Farm

UPPER HELMSLEY

20th July 2013

10.30 a.m. to 3.0 p.m.

Tombola ♦ Cakes ♦ Plants ♦ Clothes ♦ Bric a Brac ♦ Raffle

Please could villagers donate items from their attics, cupboards and garages

To arrange delivery of any items please contact

Pauline Harrison Tel: 01759 371240

THANK YOU

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
01759371318.**



THE CLAXTON AND SAND HUTTON HERITAGE GROUP

New Heritage Trail Launch

Saturday 22nd June

from 1.30pm, to leave Claxton and Sand Hutton Village Hall by 2.00pm.

We are launching the second edition of the Heritage Trail with a treasure hunt for all ages, finishing with tea in the village hall. Come and enjoy this village event in our local environment and learn about its history.....
or just come for tea which will be served until 4 p.m.

Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall

Events in 2013

Sunday 19 May	“Lights Out Land Girls” A sequel to the Badapple Theatre company’s hit “Back to the Land Girls”, in which the Land Girls cope with the ending of the war
Friday 31 May	Asparagus Supper
Saturday 7 September	Annual Village Show
Friday 15 October	Harvest Supper
November (dtba)	Wine Tasting

Watch for further details on notice boards, emails, and our website www.claxton-sandhutton.org.uk/ where you’ll also find information on all the regular events at the Hall, or ring Caroline Hall 468376

Gate and Upper Helmsley Village hall

St Valentine’s Dance

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, it was a sell out and everyone had a wonderful time. Northern Rock ensured that the dance floor only emptied when supper was served.

The amount raised was £909

which will be spent on new signage for the car park, lighting improvements in the large hall and five new tables, the surplus will be put in our building fund. Thanks also to everyone who helped out with the food, setting up and clearing the hall and donating raffle prizes. The committee could not manage without you.

Our next event will be our **ANNUAL BARBECUE**, and Maureen and Tony have again offered us the use of their beautiful garden, so please put **SUNDAY 14 JULY** in your diary and join us for a great family day out.

Around the Parishes.....

News views and information from:

BUTTERCRAMBE

Aldby Park was once again the venue for a fund raising musical evening, a series that started 20 years ago, the last one being 6 years ago. Our new hosts were George and Sara Winn-Darley.



Performers from left to right were: Ann Wottge, Sir Fred Strickland-Constable, Nicholas Sykes, Carolyne Storey, Ray Barry, Dennis Hardy, Sara Winn- Darley and George Winn-Darley.

Ray Barry conducted the proceedings and in addition to the lively and very varied musical offering ranging from Scott Joplin to opera there were a number of humorous readings. Following the performance there was a delicious finger buffet with wine.

Considering that a formal closure procedure for Buttercrambe church started about a year ago, and we have gone from that, to a sell-out performance within that time is encouraging for the future of the church.

CRAMBE

After a pretty miserable winter, which seemed to go on well into April, spring has finally arrived. There's a powerful breeze, the odd shower, but it's all coming up from the south and at last there is warmth in the air. Daffodils have suddenly sprung into flower, Ron and Florence Verity and Sam Cook (ably assisted by Bobby on the night shift!) have successfully finished lambing, trees are budding and the grass is growing. Perhaps the surest sign yet was George Chapman at Howsham Gates crossing wielding a lawnmower AND wearing shorts!



Tom and Lucy Owen of Leeds were married at St Michael's on 9th March in a ceremony conducted by Lucy's brother-in-law, Revd. Matt Knox, from Berwick upon Tweed. Not being 'local' Lucy and Tom had been set a formidable assault course of services to attend during the preceding six months, which they achieved with honours including

introducing us to both sets of parents, Lucy's coming all the way from Leicestershire. Well done to you both. Despite the appalling weather it was a marvellous day.

We are looking forward to 14th June when Carol Hanson and Ricky Ellerby, both from Crambe are to marry in St Michael's Church. We hope that they might look forward to rather better weather than that experienced by Tom and Lucy!

As ever fundraising loomed large at our first PCC meeting of the year, and the first event, The Spring Coffee Morning was held at Barton le Willows Village Hall on April 13th when we raised £393, a magnificent result. Thank you to all who helped make it a success, and of course to all those who came for a chat and a coffee.

Our next event will be a concert by Filey Fishermen's Choir on July 12th (see separate advertisement).

There are still some places available in the 100 Club with three cash prizes to be won each month.

The Way Ahead Project Committee: held its first meeting on April 11th. This was attended by Phil Thomas, Diocesan Buildings advisor and Dominic Lockett, our Church Architect. It was a most informative meeting. Phil outlined his role at the diocese, and what the various choices facing the community are in seeking to adapt the church to meet the future needs of both church and community. What was very clear to the committee was that we **have** to find a way forward. If we do not, and the church has to close, we will never get it back again, and all use of both building and churchyard will be closed to us for good.

It is therefore imperative that we manage change ourselves before change is forced upon us by the closure of the church. At the moment time is on our side but any change will take time to achieve, and we need to be sure that whatever we do, we don't leave it until it is too late. There will be plenty of opportunity for both church and community to comment on, and influence whatever suggestions are put forward by the committee. We hope that everyone will take an interest and join in the journey which will enable us to have a sustainable future, meeting the needs and aspirations of everyone, both present and future generations. If anyone would like to join the committee would they please contact Fiona: 01653 619 368 or via email: churchmouse@yorlocal.com

FLAXTON

At our Annual General meeting in March as is the normal practice, our two Churchwardens Hazel Williams and Wendy Holman stood down from their role and did not wish to be re-elected. I decided to put myself forward for the role and I was duly elected. I think most people will know me but for those who don't, my name is Ida Terry and I live in Sheriff Hutton. I am a Bradfordian and went to St Philip's church of England primary school and worshipped at the church into my adult years and became a member of the PCC. I left Bradford over 30 years ago just before my daughter was born and came to live in Flaxton. We as a family were welcomed into the village by everyone and the Clergy, Peter Gregory and Muriel Warrilow got me involved in church events which has continued. My daughter Lucy was christened in Flaxton and went to the school until it closed. She is now also a member of the Flaxton PCC bringing our PCC membership up to nine.

June 22nd is our Garden Fete (opening at 2.00pm) at Flaxton House

weather permitting - if not it will be in the village hall. Bring your friends and family – all will be most welcome.

Sadly this may be the last occasion it will be held at Flaxton House as Catherine (Bourne) and Hazel and Stephen (Williams) have decided to sell up and move nearer to York. We as a PCC would like to thank them for opening their home and garden over the years and also for offering us a warm room for PCC meetings.

Sunday School: I am pleased to be able to report that following a notice in our village circular we have 6 new members in our Sunday School aged between 3 and 7 years. There is no restriction on age so please get in touch if you are interested (01347 878 432). As far as I am aware there has been a Sunday School in Flaxton for over 40 years. I hope this can continue as it is important we encourage the younger generation to come along to church and be able to take part in services no matter what age.

FOSTON

At last we have two wardens again. Linda Fothergill and Karen Armistead, which is a great relief. They and most of our PCC members have been very busy to give All Saint's a thorough spring clean in anticipation of the Archbishop Sentamu's visit on April 28th. The Archbishop had been chosen by Councillor Eric Hope, who is retiring as Chairman of the District Council to lead the civic service and to thank Eric for his work over the last year. We are very proud and pleased that the Archbishop has accepted this invitation.

GATE HELMSLEY

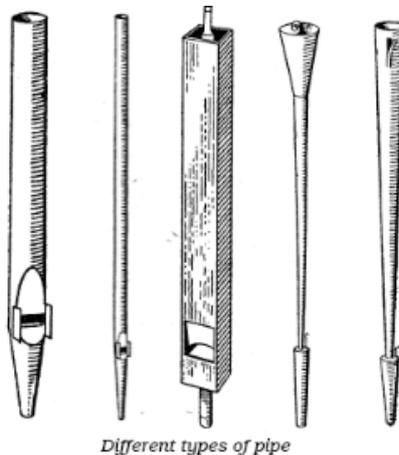
It is wonderful to see the village of Gate Helmsley springing back into life as the weather improves. At long last the daffodils have come into bloom and we all feel decidedly more cheerful and a bit warmer.

May will be an eventful month for us at St Mary's. At the start of the month, we will be holding a three-day Flower Festival in aid of the organ restoration fund "Pipe Up" – more details about this elsewhere. We are again grateful to members of the Viking Flower Club, Stamford Bridge, for their support in putting on this event. Do come along to the Preview Evening on Friday 3rd May at 7.00 pm. The refreshments will be good and the flower arrangements

wonderful. The Festival continues Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm, including a Benefice Eucharist Service in church at 10.30 am on the Sunday. Various stalls and refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

Our second fund-raising event (for general church funds) will take place on Sunday 19th May. Anne and Andrew Podmore are kindly hosting a lunch at their home, Fox Farm. This will be Anne's final fund-raising lunch, so do hurry to order your tickets and book your places for what will be a veritable feast. (see separate advert)

Our PCC Annual Meeting will be on 23rd April 7.30 p.m. at Fox Farm. Unfortunately we will be losing the services of Keith Potts as PCC Honorary Secretary. We will miss Keith's help and would like to thank him for all the work he has undertaken in this role over a period of several years



“Pipe Up !”

St Mary's, Gate Helmsley Centenary Organ Restoration Fund

This year marks the centenary of the installation of the organ in St Mary's Gate Helmsley.

What else happened 100 years ago – or 50, 150 or 200? Come along to the **Flower Festival** during the early May bank holiday weekend and you will see some notable anniversary events of the past two centuries portrayed in flowers. Many visitors enjoyed the Flower Festival held in the lovely setting of this church two years ago and, by popular request, members of the Viking Flower club and ladies of Gate Helmsley have kindly agreed to show once again their exceptional skills, using flowers to illustrate some fascinating subjects.

**There will be a preview evening – with refreshments
on Friday 3th May, at 7pm.**

Tickets for the preview evening, price £10, are available from Michael & Delyth Harran – 01759 372215 or mj@mharran.freeserve.co.uk. There will be a draw for 3 “lucky tickets” – so bring yours with you!

The church will be open to all on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May. Entry on these days is free, with donations invited for the organ fund. The village hall will be open on Saturday and Sunday for refreshments and various stalls. There is plenty of space in the car park opposite the village hall. Please note that there is a Benefice Eucharist service in the church at 10.30am on Sunday 5th May at which everyone will be welcome.

The organ was dedicated at a service in November 1913 and we are arranging a recital close to that date – look out for details in the next edition of the Circular.

Thinking of anniversaries, why not “sponsor a pipe” to celebrate an anniversary, a family event or a special memory? The sponsors’ book will hopefully be around for others to read at the next centenary in 2113! Sponsorship forms and information about the organ are available from Michael Harran (01759 372215).

Thank you again for your support.

HOWSHAM

We had a successful raffle at the Annual Gun Dog Scurry at the Great Barn.

Monday May 6th

**The Bank Holiday Cake Stall
on Howsham Bridge from 10.30am**

**any contributions of cakes, jams, biscuits or plants
very gratefully received – or just come along and buy.**

SAND HUTTON

The first months of 2013 have been quiet at St Mary's as we settle down to the Interregnum pattern of services. We were privileged to hold the two Easter services in our benefice this year; 'An Hour at The Cross' on Good Friday and Easter Sunday's Eucharist to celebrate the Resurrection of The Lord Jesus Christ.

However, fund raising activity will blossom with events organised with the aim of providing an impetus to our continuing need for support for eventual repairs to our church tower.

At Gate Helmsley Village Hall on May 18th we are holding a Folk Evening with 'The Foresters' with Raffle, Auction of Promises, Bar and Supper (see separate advertisement)

Looking further ahead, on July 13th Rachel and Graham Baker will again open Holderness House, Claxton, to all for our 'free' Strawberry Tea event where opportunity will be given to make donations also towards the church tower fund. We cordially invite all to come to our home and enjoy the get-together, the garden, heritage model railway display (weather permitting) and of course the strawberries and cream!

Repairs are always with us it seems as our ageing buildings demand. The long awaited solution to the ingress of water to our old vestry roof has now been completed. The restoration works on St Leonard's Ruins are now all but complete apart from some tidying up. The stone commemorative carving with its significant design input from the pupils at Sand Hutton School is now in place, protected at present whilst settling in place on its plinth. We plan to have a dedication event to mark completion of the stabilisation project at which all involved will be invited including English Heritage, Ryedale District Council, Claxton & Sand Hutton Parish Council, Sand Hutton School and the many individual contributors.

We are privileged, to acknowledge with thanks, the significant help we receive with some of the many behind the scenes tasks that are necessary to both maintain our building and churchyard and to prepare the church for forthcoming services.

Sand Hutton resident, Jack Rowson has chosen to undertake The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Programme Volunteering Section at St Mary's, where there are many opportunities to work both individually and as a team. Thank you Jack for your willingness to help!
We wish you all the best.

WHITWELL

Change of Date: The Next PCC meeting is to be held on Wednesday 1st May at The Hall, Whitwell at 7pm Whitwell PCC would like to welcome Gabby Parsons and Laura Boddy as new committee members.

Please could you return any completed Electoral Roll forms to The Forge, Whitwell.

Friday 3rd May from 6pm
At the home of Mrs Gabby Parsons
Blackberry Cottage, Whitwell
(up the lane opposite Whitwell House).

Open Evening/Get Together

Coffee/tea/drinks and light refreshments will be served.
Everyone is very welcome to come along.

News from our schools.....



SAND HUTTON CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEDERATION

After many months of consultation Sand Hutton CE Primary School is now federated with Warthill CE Primary School. In many ways this does not involve any change as the two schools have worked closely together for a number of years, however, there will now be one governing body working across both schools. The governors are representatives of parents, staff, the church, NYCC and the local communities. We are looking forward to a future of strong collaboration for the benefit of all the children.

SCHOOL LIFE

Despite the on-going snow, cold and wet of this term we have managed to stay open to enjoy the usual array of events that complement the life of the school. Class 2 entertained their parents on their Egyptian afternoon when they demonstrated all they had learned including mummification! Class 1 were able to share a visit with their friends from Warthill to have first-hand experience of a range of unusual animals including tarantulas, snakes and lizards which certainly enthralled us all. Class 3 have been looking closely at St Mary's Church, Sand Hutton resulting in some very lovely water colour painting.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Children from Warthill and Sand Hutton continue to come together for a range of after school clubs. This term there has been Drama Club resulting in a wonderful performance of 'Mr Nobody', a play created by the children themselves. Parents were also treated to exciting performances by the Street Dance Club and the newly formed Taekwondo Club. Football Club continues and whilst success and goals seem to be in short supply the team is not short on resilience as they have contended with swamp like conditions!

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

We are very fortunate to be very well supported by our parents and grandparents and we welcome them into school for our fortnightly Sharing Assembly when we celebrate the children's work and progress. This term they were invited for lunch and a playtime, it was good to have so many visitors enjoying time together.



WARTHILL 150 YEARS CELEBRATIONS
since the school opened.
on 29 June 2013 at 11.00 a.m.
the school will be open to mark the occasion.



There will be many special events including a display of the original log books, songs from the decades and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque made and designed by the children. Anyone who has had past association with the school is very welcome to come along and share this special occasion with us.

**No doubt, along with everyone else, we now hope for,
and look forward to a warm, sunny summer term!**

FOSTON CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Last term KS2 completed a topic on the Romans. One of the highlights was a visit from Malton Museum service which involved sorting and handling Roman artefacts and dressing up in Roman costumes. KS1 have been working on a dinosaur project which will involve a dinosaur themed day at the village hall with Terrington infants.

The school Easter Fair was a big success and raised £132. There was an Easter egg hunt and parade around the village in Easter bonnets. Our Easter service was celebrated on Maundy Thursday at the chapel, led by Will Swires, with readings, prayers poems and hymns prepared by the children. In the school holidays we had a gardening day. Thank you to all the children, parents and grandparents who helped out.

This term topics will include the Sea. The children will also plan and run a village café on 18th July, which will include food made from produce grown in the school gardens by the children. We would love to see you at this and further details will follow nearer the time.



**As usual if you have children due to start school
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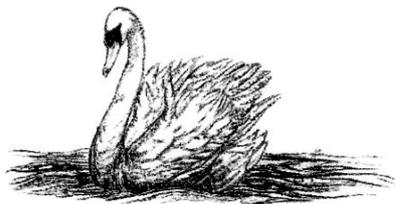
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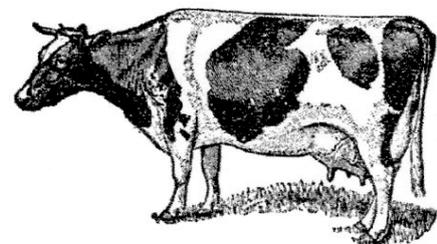
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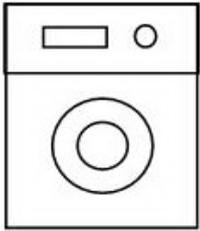
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A Yorkshireman takes his cat to the vet.

Yorkshireman: "Ayup, lad! I need to talk to thee about me cat."

Vet: "Is it a tom?"

Yorkshireman: "Nay! I've browt it with us."

A Yorkshireman's dog dies and, as it was a favourite pet, he decides to have a gold statue made by a jeweller to remember the dog by.

Yorkshireman: "Can tha mek us a gold statue of yon dog?"

Jeweller: "Do you want it 18-carat?"

Yorkshireman: "No! I want it chewin' a bone yer daft 'apperth!"

A Yorkshireman's wife dies and the widower decides that her headstone should have the words "She were thine" engraved on it.

He calls the stone-mason, who assures him that the headstone will be ready a few days after the funeral.

True to his word the stone-mason calls the widower to say that the headstone is ready and would he like to come and have a look.

When the widower gets there, he takes one look at the stone to see that it's been engraved "She were thin".

He explodes: "'ell's bells man, you've left the "e" out. You've left the flippin' "e" out!"

The stone-mason apologises profusely and assures the poor widower that it will be rectified the following morning.

Next day comes and the widower returns to the stone mason. "There you go, sir, I've put the "e" on the stone for you".

The widower looks at the stone and then reads out aloud: "E, she were thin".

..... *a bit of advice*



Never buy owt wi wooden andles - It alus means ard work...

Items for 'The Circular'

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From the end of May the new Rural Dean will be, Revd. Rachel Hirst

She can be contacted via Delyth Harran or members of the Ministry Team. We wish the Reverend Peter Bowes well on his retirement and thank him for his help and support to the Benefice of Harton over the past months.

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