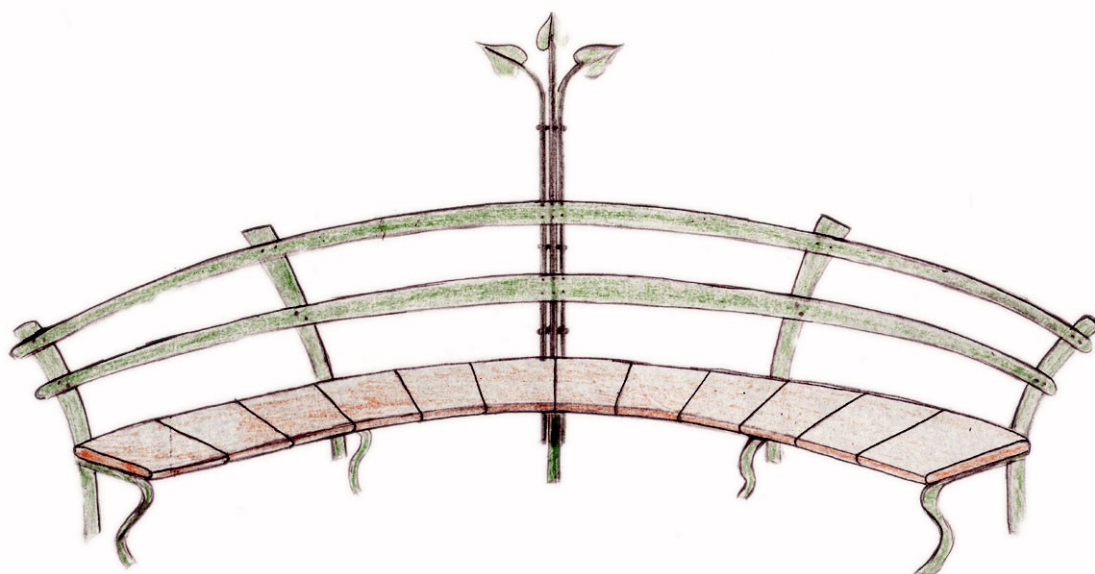




LOCKTON PARISH CRYER



New village seat

The Parish Council had originally planned on having a circular seat around the lime tree but that has not proved feasible. So this is the new seat design which David Stephenson is now starting work on. This will be placed somewhere near the lime tree. It is being paid for by a grant from the National Park and a legacy which the Parish Council was left a few years ago.

Thanks from the Well Dressed Band

Many thanks to all who came to the Barn Dance on Sat 3rd March at the Village Hall. It was a fantastic evening and I believe a record amount was raised for Church and Chapel funds. We had 2 new band members making their debut that evening and our caller, Jane, was superb.

We had our usual fun and action packed weekend at the Youth Hostel and lots of good food and drink. On the Saturday, following tradition, we went for a rather wet walk to the Bridestones ending up at the Fox and Rabbit. So good to be out in the fresh air. The snowdrops and celandine were lovely and we thought we saw a hare.

On the Sunday morning, we had our music workshop with 2 visiting tutors, and before we left, some of us played a few tunes for George who hadn't been able to get to the Barn Dance.

Thanks so much – it was a really great weekend and we'd love to come back next year!

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt

Coming Events :-

Saturday 6th April - Four Forfeits Pleasure Ride

Sunday 16th June - Terrier & Lurcher Show

Saturday 6th July - BBQ (Ken & Christine Brown)

Saturday 3rd August - Annual Show at Saltersgate

Further details of all events from Freda Cockerill,
Tel. 460207

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt held the last domino drive of the season on Tuesday 12th March. Despite bad weather there was a good turnout of all the loyal players who have supported us throughout the season and we should like to say a big thank you to them and to everyone who has helped at the events and given prizes. Geoff Wilson was the overall winner of the season and was awarded a cash prize and a shield.



Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group

Last time I mentioned the 50th anniversary exhibition of RAF Fylingdales, to be held in Sept. The expected meeting in Jan between Fylingdales and NYMNPA, to discuss plans, did not happen. We wait to see if we may contribute to the exhibition and become involved in the fieldwork.

Soon the better weather will allow us to get out and about. The quern stones and other stones on Rhumbard Snout (see examples on right) need further investigation and also Newtondale Springs, hopefully with some expert support from the National Park's archaeologist.



Newspaper extracts

Malton Messenger 22 Mar 1873

On Friday evening the quiet little moorland village of Levisham was thrown into a state of consternation by a painful rumour about one of its inhabitants, a small farmer, J Lightowler, 67yrs. At 6pm he took his gun and told his sister, who kept house for him, that he would discharge it and clean it. He went into the barn and in a short time a report was heard. He was found later by Miss Lightowler, who went into the stockyard and heard groaning. He was carried to the house and found to be shot in the groin. Dr Robinson of Pickering was sent for, but Mr Lightowler died before he came. The deceased had for some time exhibited symptoms of unsound mind but not sufficient to excite suspicion. Judgement – temporary insanity.

Malton Messenger 9 Apr 1898

Presentation to ex Police Constable Bowes at the Police Station Pickering, who was retiring after 25years. He was presented with an armchair and his good wife a teapot.

Website: www.locktonlevisham.co.uk

The Heritage Group holds weekly meetings in **Levisham Village Hall** or somewhere in the field every **Tues at 2pm**. All are welcome.

Ray Halmshaw 460008

Other contacts: Ruth Strong 460445, John Gibbs 460358 or Betty Halse 476114



Wednesday April 3rd

'Behind the Scenes at Beck Isles'

Visit to Beck Isle Museum with our guide Hilda Sissons
A slight change has had to be made to our 2013 programme

due to unforeseen circumstances with the May & July meetings changing.

Wednesday May 1st 'It's What You Can Do That Counts'

Alison Brown From Friar Hill Group (& colleague Sandra Thurlow) will speak to us about the wonderful work of the 'Riding For the Disabled' charity

Wednesday June 5th 'On the Breadline'

Our speaker is Betty Halse, member of Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group. She will talk about poverty in the early nineteenth century based on the 1820 account book of 'Levisham Overseers of the Poor'

All meetings start at **7.00pm**

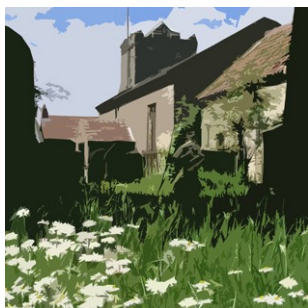


THE NATIONAL TRUST

If marine birds and mammals are your thing, you can join Rangers on a short coastal walk to look for coastal wildlife including porpoises. **Sea Watch** is on **Thursday 28 March, 11am-1pm**, £3 per person. Meet at the entrance to the Cleveland Way at the end of Mount Pleasant North, Robin Hood's Bay YO22 4RE. Call 01947 885900 to book.

Looking for something to entertain the kids over Easter? We are running Cadbury sponsored Easter trails this year – at the Old Coastguard Station in Robin Hood's Bay and Ravenscar Visitor Centre from **Saturday 30 March to Monday 1 April, 10am-4pm**. Follow the clues to win a delicious prize! £1.50 per trail.

For more information on our 2013 events programme, our new leaflets are now available from your local Tourist Information Centre. Call 01723 870423 or email yorkshirecoast@nationaltrust.org.uk for alternative formats.



St. Giles Church

Dear Friends,

Easter approaches: let's just hope for better weather!

In St Giles, **Easter Day, Sunday 31st March**, will have a service of **Holy Communion for Easter at 10.30am**. Don't forget that the clocks move

forward on that day, too.

The usual service on **Sunday 14th April** is cancelled at St Giles' – as are all services in the benefice – as our Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, will be visiting Pickering Church to preside and preach at the **10am** Eucharist. That promises to be another great day for our benefice.

All returns to normal at Lockton for **Sunday 28th April's 10.30am** service of **Holy Communion**. And we have a baptism booked for that day, too, after the main Sunday service.

Holy Communion will take place at **10.30am** on **Sundays 12th and 26th May, and 9th and 23rd June**.

Don't forget that St Giles' Church is your parish church. It is where you can be married, regardless of whether you come to church or not, or even whether you've been baptised or not. It is, after all, where people have been married and baptised and buried for so many centuries. It is a beautiful church, and thanks go to those who help care and maintain it for us all.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at which churchwardens are appointed and those who care for the church are elected to the PCC (Parochial Church Council) takes place at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 9th April** in the church..

Fr Antony Pritchett, Vicar
Tel: 01751 472983
Email: vicar@pickeringchurch.com



Lockton Methodist Chapel

Normal services are every alternate Sunday at **6.15pm**

Sunday March 31st
Sunday April 14th & 28th
Sunday May 12th & 26th

Everyone most welcome.



LL's Bells

We have restarted our meetings both on **Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm** and **Friday mornings at 10.30am**. Unfortunately we have 'lost' Sue and David Wright who were stalwarts of the team; they

will leave a big hole! We wish them every happiness in their new home in Malton and hope to see them on the occasional Friday. It was also with great sadness that we said farewell to Rene Warriner who was an original team member. We were asked to ring at her memorial service and appropriately rang along with 'Cwm Rhondda', which had always been her favourite piece of music to play.

The loss of 3 members means that we are really struggling to reach minimum numbers to play – especially on Tuesday evenings – so please, please, if you have ever thought you might like to join us, now is the time!! I have said it before – you do not need to be musical or know anything about reading music to ring handbells, but playing something recognizable as part of a team is really rewarding, especially if you have never played a musical instrument before.

All our sessions are currently held in **Levisham Village Hall**. Our Friday morning meetings are slightly more sociable with a break for coffee and cakes. We can arrange transport across from Lockton; just phone me (Anne) on 460274 to arrange this or for more details about what we do.

Church Flower & Cleaning rotas

There are still one or two vacancies on both these rotas so if anyone would be willing to help, please add your name to the copy in the church porch.
Many thanks.



Lockton & Levisham Poetry & Prose House Group

The group meets on the **last Wednesday** of each month at **7.15pm**.

Members take turns to host the meeting. We always welcome new

members – bring along a couple of favourite readings or, if you prefer, just come and listen.

To find out where the next meeting is to be held please phone 01751 460373.



Parish Council

The Parish Councillors are:

Chairman	Chester Brown	460222
Vice Chairman	Jennifer Halmshaw	460008
Councillors	Liz Stead	460239
	David Stewart	460302
	Chris King	460364
Clerk	Jackie Edenbrow	460398

e-mail locktonpc@pcxinternet.com

The minutes of recent meetings can be viewed on the Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group website at www.locktonlevisham.btck.co.uk.

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday April 15th** at **7.30pm** in the village hall.

Lockton Neighbourhood Watch



As a number of new residents have moved to the area, it would seem like an appropriate time to remind you of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Thankfully, Ryedale is a very low crime risk area; however this is no reason to be complacent. I receive a small number of e-mail warnings from North Yorkshire Police and also (probably more appropriately) from the Fylingdales Police who operate the Rural Watch scheme.

Warnings are not restricted just to criminal activity but also cold callers, internet and telephone scams. If you would like to receive this information by e-mail, please e-mail me at edenbrow@pcxinternet.com and I will add you to the list.

Tony Edenbrow
Lockton Neighbourhood Watch coordinator

Parish Council News

County Council Elections

The County Council elections are on Thursday May 2nd. If you want to check if you are on the electoral roll, please ring Jackie (460398). If you've recently moved or find that you are not on the electoral roll, you will need to ring Ryedale District Council (01653 600666) as soon as possible if you want to vote.

Parking in the village

We had a long "questions & answers" session on parking when P.C. Andy Marsden came to a recent Parish Council meeting. Several interesting points came out of this.

- It is legal to park with 2 wheels on the pavement as long as there is room for a pushchair/ wheel-chair to pass by
- It is illegal for cars to park at night facing the wrong direction. Cars should be parked facing the direction of traffic so that their rear reflectors catch the oncoming headlights
- It is illegal to leave a car with the engine running on the street with no one in it
- It is illegal to park blocking someone's drive when they want to leave

So the message from Andy was to park with consideration for others and if you have holiday accommodation, to ask your visitors to do the same.

Japanese Knotweed

Japanese knotweed has been a problem in parts of the Howl for a few years and up to now we have been unable to get any help with its removal. It is a non-native invasive plant species which smothers native plant species. However, we now have help from the National Park who have arranged to have its removal as part of their apprentices training. The apprentices will inject the Japanese knotweed stems with a herbicide & spray the smaller plants. This work will be carried out in September This year & in the following two years. This is at no cost to the Parish Council.

Dog Fouling

Please remember to clean up after your dog if it fouls any area within the village.

The next Parish Cryer

Please could you let Jackie Edenbrow (460398) have any news or articles by Wednesday May 22nd for the next Cryer due for publication by the end of May, covering June & July. Also if you want to insert an advert or birthday greeting, rates are very reasonable from £1 – or free for items to be given away.

Lockton & Levisham Playing Field AGM

The AGM for the play area will take place in the village hall on **Tuesday April 2nd at 7.30pm**. The play area is a charity which receives no outside funding so we have to fund raise to pay for the insurance to keep the play area open. We desperately need some new Committee members – the few we have are all over 50! So we really would welcome some younger members especially any residents with children. We only meet once or twice a year with one or two fund raising events. So please come along to the meeting to give your views.