



LOCKTON PARISH CRYER

Saturday August 4th – From 10.00am

The Saltersgate Farmer's Hunt

Country Show & Sports

at Saltersgate Bank Top

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs M Watson

Classes include: Horses, Carriage Driving, Dogs, Hounds, Terriers, Lurchers, Cookery,
Produce, Photography, Children's Classes & Sports, Vintage tractors

Come and watch the Hound Trail over the North Yorkshire Moors

Trade Stands, Farmer's Market, Car Boot Sale, Homemade Refreshments, Licensed Bar

Admission £4, children under 16 £1, under 5 Free

Free Car Parking – Show Field Parking £3 extra

LET'S MAKE IT A LOCAL EVENT

Help needed please on setting up the field and on the Show Day. Please come and support us. Any small amount of help will be greatly appreciated. Homemade refreshments, cakes etc. most welcome.

Bring your children & pet dogs along too. Classes for all

Please contact Freda Cockerill 460207, Sheila Garbutt 460468 or Stuart Warriner 460450





Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group

In early June the group made an excursion to the wilds of Newtondale to locate the ruins of Beulah House which was oc-

cupied by the Woodmansey farming family during the 1920s, then rented out and allowed to deteriorate. Does anyone have any more information?



Beulah House as it is today. This is the front overlooking Newtondale. At the rear is a yard and out-buildings.

Further up Newtondale, below Needle Point, are Newtondale Springs described as a spa in Victorian times. This will be the goal of our next outing.

Newspaper extracts

Malton Messenger 8 Sept 1877

Advert: Saltersgate Inn. Set in the midst of splendid and romantic mountain scenery & is a favourite resort for tourists in the summer season. Pic Nics and School Treats accommodation – a few days notice required for large parties. Home cured ham -Tea provided daily. Well aired beds. W Cooper proprietor.

31 Aug 1878.

Lockton School Board invite applications for the appointment of a teacher for their school at Lockton which is constructed to accommodate 60 children. Applications to state salary with half the government grant. Candidates will be required to provide instruction for the girls in sewing. Applications before Sept 15th.

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

Play area

The **springies** at the play area are now badly damaged and should not be used. Unfortunately, the play area does not have any funds to replace these at the moment. There is the possibility that a small grant might be available in the future which the committee is now looking into.

LL's Bells



Our Jubilee Concert in Levisham Church on 3rd June was a huge success and many thanks go to all the performers and the audience for their participation

and to Adrian and Duncan for the interval refreshments. We were quite overcome by the positive comments, including 'I came with my son who lives in the village and I thought I was going to be really bored, but suddenly it was the end of the concert and I wanted to hear more.'! The next day we were lucky with the weather and rang for the blessing of the new flagpole and official raising of the flag. We have also enjoyed our annual evening out with the Poetry Group on 3rd July at the Fox and Rabbit.

Then by the time you read this there will have been the 'All the Bells' performance on 27th July. This was a nationwide event dreamed up by the artist Martin Creed to get 'all the bells in a country ringing as quickly and as loudly as possible for 3 minutes' between 8.12am and 8.15am and it was broadcast on BBC Radio 2 and local BBC radio. We will have done our bit at the flagpole and Lockton residents were invited to the Square to do theirs! Any bell were acceptable – bicycle bells, cow bells, mobile phone ring tones, cooking timers, clocks, etc, etc. For more details of this amazing if somewhat daft event go to www.allthebells.com.

We are now taking a break from evening sessions until **Tuesday 11th September**, but the drop-in 'ring, coffee and chat' mornings will continue on **Fridays** at **10.30am** until **12 noon** in Levisham Village Hall. These are ideal for anyone who would like to give ringing a go and new faces are always most welcome - if your children are over 8 they are particularly welcome and it might be something different for them to do during the long school holiday. If there is enough demand we can always bring the bells to Lockton, or lifts across to Levisham can be arranged. Phone Anne (460274) or Sue (460329) for more details.

Village Hall

Spring clean – many thanks to the volunteers who came to help the Committee with the Annual Spring Clean.

Computer table – there is a spare computer table in the village hall. If anyone would like this, please contact Jenny Bentley on 460417.



St Giles Church

Dear Friends,
We still have no church-warden in Lockton, (and following my last article here no-one contacted me to ask about what it might entail), but members of the Parochial Church

Council are setting up the church for services, and it is thanks to them and all their efforts that Lockton Church remains open as a Parish Church. It would be so sad if, now that St Giles' is so well restored and looks so beautiful, and after 1000 years of history in the very centre of the village, it were to close in our generation. So thank you to all who work to keep it open: your efforts ensure that Lockton Church is a welcome place for visitors, and remains here for baptisms, weddings and funerals, and to mark events in the life of the village.

Those of you who open and close the church, and who care for this loveliest of churches by cleaning and keeping it fresh with flowers: *you* make such a difference, for by making that effort you make the church so welcoming to all who visit. So thank you.

Services coming up ...At the usual time of **10.30am**, **Sunday** services of Holy Communion will be held on **August 12th** and **26th**, **September 9th** and **23rd**, **October 14th** and **28th**.

A **Service of Harvest Thanksgiving** will be held at **7pm** on **Friday 5th October**. Well-loved and well-known hymns, of course.

To this, and to all services and events, you are most welcome: it is your church.

Fr Antony Pritchett Vicar

Tel: 01751 472983

Email: vicar@pickeringchurch.com



Lockton Methodist Chapel

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

Everyone most welcome.



Recent meetings

The speaker for the June meeting was Mrs Dilys Cluer, a Green Party member from Scarborough, who gave an illustrated talk on "Climate Change". The urgency of find-

ing solutions to the problems arising from climate change were vividly demonstrated by graphs and photographs. Dilys emphasised that the extent of the threat to the planet should not deter each of us from "doing our bit" and had many suggestions as to how we could all help in this most important area.

The speaker for the July meeting was Mr Derek Haswell of the Beck Isle Museum who shared with us his memories of growing up in London during the Second World War. Though not without its amusing incidents (the tale of the mouldy blancmange for example), this was a deeply moving account of the almost unimaginable horrors of this period in our history. Derek painted a vivid picture of the appalling destruction and loss of life which he had personally witnessed. A truly unforgettable evening.

Future meetings — from 7.00pm

Wednesday September 5th

"Every step of the way" Sally Millington will talk about Macmillan Cancer Support, an organization which provides practical, medical & financial support to cancer sufferers and their families.

Wednesday October 3rd

"Not just a pretty face" Ralph Fieldhouse and "Teddy" will enlighten everyone as to how Hearing Dogs can provide their lucky owners with a life-changing level of independence, confidence and security.

YOU'RE INVITED

to a coffee morning with pampered chef,
sale of homemade jams and raffle
at Lockton Village Hall
on **Monday October 8th**
from **10.00am** until **12 noon**.



Thanks for the holly

Sorry but I forgot to include a note of thanks in the last Cryer. Many thanks to the person who anonymously left some holly plants at Old Barn Cottage for the village hall garden.

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt News

Graham Cockerill and Keith Acomb have been appointed temporary Joint Masters of Saltersgate Farmers Hunt. They have said that it is their intention to be "guardians for the season". Denis Brown has been appointed Huntsman and Simon Richardson 1st Whipper-in. Graham & Keith have plans for the hunt. For instance, they would like to consider putting up some jumps in some places to make the country more fun for the youngsters who join us. They also intend to work hard to gain more country for the Hunt. For Denis Brown, his appointment as Huntsman continues the long association of the Brown family with the Saltersgate Hunt. He has been interested in hunting hounds since he was at primary school and there are hunt members who remember those days!

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.



Dalby Forest Ride Drive & Walk

in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Sunday September 2nd

Full details from Sheila – Tel. 460468
email dalbyride@hotmail.co.uk

Any offers of help on the day or donations of cakes or tombola prizes would be gratefully appreciated.

RARE TURTLE-DOVES VISIT LOCKTON

"Like a pair of loving turtle-doves
That could not live asunder day or night"



When William Shakespeare used this quote in Henry VI, Part 1, he was well aware that turtle-doves were famous in folklore as a symbol of love and devotion. During his lifetime turtle-doves were widespread across England and Wales. Today this seed eating summer visitor is on the UK's Bird Conservation 'Red Status' List (this is the highest conservation priority group needing urgent action for survival).

Over the last few weeks turtle-doves have been regular visitors in the gardens at Mount Cottage and at Old Barn Cottage. Look North also reported that they are nesting in Dalby Forest. The turtle-dove is smaller and darker than the collared dove and its upperparts are distinctly mottled with chestnut and black. It has a small distinctive black and white-striped patch on the side of its neck.

The cause of their decline is not fully understood, but the bird's diet consists of small seeds from wild plants which grow in crops and hedgerows. Changes in farming practice and the removal of hedgerows mean that these plants are becoming less common in the countryside. Turtle doves are also suffering from illegal shooting, particularly in Mediterranean countries during their migration. They frequently feed on the ground and could easily be mistaken for the common pigeon.

Perhaps you have also had the pleasure of observing these beautiful and increasingly rare birds in your garden. If so do please let us know. The RSPB and York Ornithological Club have been made aware of the turtle dove sightings in Lockton.

Colin & Sandra 460250

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

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

Parish Council News

Community Investment Fund

City & District Councils around the country have received government money for areas where new housing or barn conversions have been carried out. In many cases, these Councils have just added this money to their own funds. Ryedale District Council has decided to distribute this money in the form of grants to those Ryedale wards where there has been work. As a result Thornton le Dale ward has been allocated £8529.00. Following from an initial meeting of representatives from the Parishes within Thornton ward, any group within Lockton or Levisham who would be interested in applying for a grant of up to £2000 should send a brief description of their project with an outline of costs to Jackie Edenbrow, Lockton Parish Clerk, before the next Parish Council meeting on **Monday September 3rd**. Also if you would just like more information on the type of activities which could be funded please ring Jackie on 460398.

National Park Design Guide 4

We now have a copy of design guide 4 which covers the re-use of traditional rural buildings. If you would like to borrow the copy, please get in touch with Jackie.

Electoral Roll

Please make sure you complete & return your annual canvas form to Ryedale District Council before October 1st in order to allow you to vote in the Police & Crime Commissioner elections which will be held on November 15th.

Affordable Housing in Thornton le Dale

There are now 2 two bedroomed homes available in Thornton le Dale on a shared ownership basis. This can be from a 25% to 75% basis. These are only available to local people and anyone with links to Lockton is eligible to apply. For more details please contact the Ryedale Rural Housing Enabler, Colin Huby, on 01653 600666 extens. 354.

The Pantry

Well, I can't believe that it has been over two months already since we arrived at the Pantry. It has been a steep learning curve and both Graham and I are very thankful for everyone's support and warm welcome which we have received.

We have tried several versions of our opening hours already and in trying to find a balance of work and family life have decided that we will be closing on Thursday's. So our **opening times** are:

Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri, Sat 9.00am—5.00pm

Sun 10.00am—4.00pm

Closed Thurs

This seemed to fit best around our delivery days, which include our new bread supplier, Roots and Fruits Home Bakery. This very small company makes and bakes all of their delicious, organic bread by hand and is delivered to us on a Wednesday and Friday morning, so if you would like to place an order, please pop into the shop. Unfortunately we have been unable to retain the previous business number for the Pantry, so here is the new one 01751 460237. Many thanks again for your support.

We would like to thank everyone who attended our 'tasting evening' earlier this month. It was great to see so many of you and hope that you enjoyed meeting Karen from Roots and Fruits Organic Bakery. We are sure we will be holding more in the future. We will make sure that we have more wine glasses next time!

Kind Regards
Nadine & Graham



THE NATIONAL TRUST

With the aim of getting people outdoors, on Monday 16 July our team joined with many other properties across Yorkshire and the North East to highlight our nationwide campaign '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾' in time for the start of the school summer holidays. The concept was for each property to choose one or more activities from the '50 things' list and invite staff, volunteers and local organisations to take part, get in touch with their inner child and play!

The Evening Gazette covered our story, so hopefully families will be inspired to get out and try out as many of the '50 things' as possible for themselves over the summer. You can find a downloadable chart of suggestions for the best places across Yorkshire to do this at: <http://bit.ly/Liaylp>.