



LOCKTON PARISH CRYER

Christmas at St Giles' Church, Lockton

Friday, 18th December

7.00 p.m. Christmas Carol Service

Thursday, 24th December, Christmas Eve

6.00 p.m. Holy Communion for Christmas
with the Blessing of the Crib

All welcome!



Carol Singing

Carol singing round the village in aid of St Catherine's Hospice will be on Monday **December 21st** starting at

6.15pm in the Square. If anyone will be away over the Christmas holidays and would like to give a donation to St Catherine's, please contact Jenny on 460417.



SFH - Christmas Fair - cancelled

Regrettably, we have had to cancel the Christmas Fair, mainly due to health issues and pending operations for some of our team of helpers. We did not take the decision lightly and are sorry to disappoint the children but, hopefully, everyone will be fit and well in time for next year's event.



Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group

On 24 Nov we lunched at the Fox & Rabbit followed by a meeting to discuss progress with the timeline project. Each group (L&L, Appleton, Rosedale and Sinnington) is aiming to

compile a list of 100-150 items of interest in their areas from prehistory to the present time. This information will be presented on a poster with suitable decoration to make it an attractive publication. We are struggling with the artistic aspects of the design and would welcome assistance from anyone who would enjoy helping us.

Newspaper extracts:

Malton Messenger 17 Jan 1891

Early lamb at Lockton. Mr G Walkington of Warren Farm has a shearling sheep which dropped a lamb on 24 Dec. The sheep, not yet 2 years old, also had a lamb last March.

Malton Messenger 17 Jan 1891

Levisham, Seasonal Benevolence. William Cooper esq of Wrelton Hall kindly gave the poor of this place, beef for Christmas dinner. The recipients are very grateful and wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr Cooper for his kindness and hope he will live and prosper and be able in future to render more such acts of kindness.

Website: www.locktonlevisham.co.uk

The group meets in **Levisham Village Hall** from **2pm to 4pm** on the **first and third Tuesdays** of each month.

Ray Halmshaw 460008

Other contacts: Ruth Strong 460445 or Sue Pearson 460043

Lockton Tea Rooms & Gallery



Just a few things....We're still open **weekends 10 - 4pm** until **20th December**. There's also a small selection of arts and crafts on sale for anyone wanting something special,

original and unique as a Christmas gift.

There's a **FREE** Christmas floral demonstration on **Sunday 13th December** from **2-4pm**...treat yourself to a cake and cuppa and then sit by the woodburner and watch Jo Purdy create wonders...there will also be a selection of her creations on sale too.

ALSO First workshop of next year ...(also an idea for a **Christmas** gift?!) is Priscilla Jones, mixed media sculptures...

Please see attached posters if you are reading this online. If this is a paper copy, please ask at the tearooms for more information.

...the winter's definitely here and the burners always on....the tea & coffee machines piping hot along with winter warming food & a cheery welcoming smile....we look forward to seeing you.

Kevin, Janilaine & team



LL's Bells

As I mentioned last time, our repertoire spans a wide range of musical genres and we have recently been given a blues number from one of our Levisham residents, the author Richard Woolley. This all started

while I was on holiday (while the cat's away??!!), so I haven't heard it yet, but reports from the team as to its effectiveness vary wildly! It's on the back burner just at the moment while we get down to serious preparation for Christmas, but we will see if we can develop it in the New Year.

As usual we have a busy Christmas schedule, starting on Saturday 28th November when the team is helping me with a 'Learn to Ring Handbells in a Day' course for the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (the 'big bell' ringers). This is culminating in a 'concert' which the students will give to show off their new skills and anyone is welcome to be in the audience for this - Saturday 28th November, 3.00pm at the Parish Rooms in Hallgarth, Pickering. We are also doing a short learn to ring session at the Old Coastguard Station, Robin Hood's Bay, on Saturday 5th December followed by a half-hour concert as part of the Robin Hood's Bay Victorian Weekend activities. Subsequently we are ringing for Thornton Le Dale WI on 8th December, the Pickering Cancer Support Group on Tuesday 15th December, **Lockton Carol Service** on **Friday 18th**, Santa Specials at Pickering Station on Saturday 19th and **Levisham Carol Service** on **Sunday 20th**. Then we might take the following couple of weeks off!! We will reconvene on **Fridays only** during **January** and **February** starting **Friday 8th January**.

We meet at **Levisham Village Hall** on **Tuesdays** from **7.00pm** until **8.30pm** (until Christmas, then from March onwards) and **Fridays** at **10.30am** until **12 noon**. New members are always welcome - you do not need to commit to both sessions, or, indeed, regular attendance. Phone me (Anne) on 460274 if you would like to find out more or come for a taster session. Lifts from Lockton can be arranged.

Anne Deebank

Play Area - Sue's Quiz

Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz either by coming or giving a donation. With other donations received this year, we will now be able to pay the insurance & carry out some small maintenance jobs in the spring.

A huge thank you goes to Sue Warriner for organising the whole enjoyable evening. Thanks also to Stuart & Alex for all their work on the evening too.



St Giles Church

Dear Friends,

You'll see from the front cover that the Christian Feast of Christmas is being rightly and fully celebrated in Lockton Church. So as well as the **10.30am** service of **Holy Communion** on **Sunday 13th December**,

there will be a **Carol Service** at **7pm** on **Friday 18th December**, and **Christmas Communion** at **6pm** on **Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December**.

We move into a New Year, so Lockton's 10.30am services of Holy Communion are on **Sunday 10th** and **24th January**, and **Sunday 14th February**.

St Giles' Church is such a lovely church, and I'm so looking forward to seeing it decorated for Christmas, with its tree, and its stable helping tell of the wonderful story of God of all that is becoming as one of us, to experience our own joys and sadnesses, our fears and our triumphs. I do hope to see you there.

And I wish you a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Fr Antony Pritchett

Vicar

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W.I. news



At our meeting on October 7th. our "Speakers" were the Thornton le Dale Ukeleles. Their Leader, John Scoble, gave an interesting insight into how the group was formed and the development of

their wide-ranging charity fund-raising activities. Members were entertained with a well-chosen programme of items which had everyone clapping and singing along. Aided by members of the group we were then encouraged to "have a go" ourselves. It was a most enjoyable evening.

The November meeting took the form of a quilting workshop led by Jennifer Halmshaw. After a brief history of this ancient craft Jennifer showed us some of the wonderful quilts she has made over the years. She then produced a selection of materials and, making use of the techniques Jennifer had demonstrated earlier for the production of a quilting square pattern, was all made up a card enclosing a design we had created. Despite our initial misgivings the results were very creditable and a tribute to Jennifer's skill - and patience- as a teacher.

Our December meeting was the Annual General Meeting and included a Lucky Dip of individually wrapped presents. The positions of treasurer & minutes secretary had become vacant. Jennifer Halmshaw volunteered to be treasurer & Jenny Bentley will be the minutes secretary. Many thanks to Betty Hughes & Brenda Blakeley for all their work over the years.

Church Cleaning Rota

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped to clean the church during the year. The new rota will be going up in a week or two in the church porch and there are a couple of free months. If anyone would like to volunteer for a month, please add your name on to the list. Many thanks

Poetry and Prose House Group

The Poetry and Prose Group meets on the **last Wednesday** of every month except December. From October to March we meet at **2.15 pm**. Members take turns to host the meetings. If you would like to come along and join us and want to know where the next meeting is to be held please ring 01751 460373 or 01751 460262. Please bring a couple of short readings - serious or amusing. We will be very pleased to welcome you.



Steps have climbed the agenda for our Rangers across our North York Moors and Yorkshire Coast sites over the last few weeks. It has been a race against time to repair and replace various sets before the worst of the winter weather kicks in, ensuring safe access for the public. At Ravenscar, Rangers and volunteers collaborated with our property building team to replace the steps down a notoriously rugged cliff-side route down to the shore.

If you're looking for an unusual experience to get you into the Christmas spirit, you can learn how to ring hand bells in a one-off workshop at the Old Coastguard Station. The event will take place on **Saturday 5 December** as part of Robin Hood's Bay's annual Victorian Weekend - a Dickensian celebration of Christmas. From **12noon until 12.45pm**, local bell ringer Anne Deebank (some readers may know her well!) will be your tutor as you learn some seasonal tunes. You will have the chance to show off your skills performing in a small concert for the public that afternoon. A fun and informal setting to explore a new talent and unleash your inner musicality. No experience or musical knowledge is required. Places are limited, to book please call 01947 885900 (weekends only) or email anne.deebank@gmail.com.

Parish Council

The Parish Councillors are:

Chairman	David Stewart	460302
Vice Chairman	Jennifer Halmshaw	460008
Councillors	Liz Stead	460239
	Jenny Bentley	460417
	Mark Bentley	460143
Clerk	Jackie Edenbrow	460398

email locktonpc@btinternet.com

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

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday January 4th 2016** at **7.30pm** in the village hall.

Parish Council News

Grit bins

Please remember that the grit in the bins is for use on the roads only & not for private use. Only some of the bins will be filled by NYCC in the future. Those which have been filled will only be refilled again this winter if the weather is particularly harsh.

Snow ploughing

If snow is forecast, if possible please park your cars off the road. This will help the snow plough to reach & clear as much of the village as possible.

Lockton Parish Cryer online

The Cryer is no longer automatically sent to every household. A paper copy can be sent to anyone in the Parish who requests one – just give Jackie a ring (460398). If you would like to be sent a copy by email as soon as it is produced, please email Jackie (locktonpc@btinternet.com) to be added to the circulation list. The Cryer will also be set up on the heritage website www.locktonlevisham.co.uk.

Defibrillator

Fundraising continues in earnest. If you would like to make a donation or buy (or make!) a lovely hand made tea cosy or other wonderful fund raising goods please see Janilaine in the Lockton Tearooms. If the Tearooms are closed, donations can be left with Julie at Box Tree Farm or with Jackie at Old Barn Cottage.

Janilaine, Julie & the Parish Council would like to thank the Hunt for their very generous donation of £302 from their Harvest Festival.

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt

AGM

2nd February 2016 SFH AGM in Lockton Village Hall

Hunt Calendars on sale £6 each

Domino Drives – Lockton Village Hall

8th December

9th January New Years Draw

26th January

23rd February

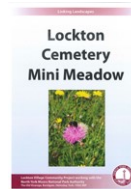
8th March

All start at **7.00pm** for **7.30pm**.

Harvest Festival 'Thank you' to everyone who supported the Harvest Festival by donating, helping and attending.. We had a successful evening and were pleased to donate the sum of £300 to the village defibrillator fund.

Thank you

Lockton Mini Meadow



September's sunshine helped hay-making, but it would have been a very long job without the help of Geoff Brown and his tractor mower. Many thanks to Geoff. The grasses were then raked up and removed, to reduce the fertility of the soil. We're always keen to welcome any offers of help, whether it's raking or just checking to see what's growing.

It's important that the species we encourage are the ones which represent our locality and have conservation value. We need these local species to create the wildlife corridor. There's a lot of awareness now about the need to provide for pollinating insects etc. but the mini meadow aims specifically to encourage plants which occur locally. Lots of wildflower seeds are available now and these are great for gardens or wildlife areas but may not be right for the mini meadow. It's worth checking first that they are really local.

A new graduate trainee called Kate Bailey is working with Ami Walker (North York Moors Park Authority). She contacted us recently to introduce herself. She reported that she had been looking through the Grassland Volunteer surveys done in 2014 and 2015 and comparing results. Lockton mini-meadow came out on top, with 13 more species found in 2015 compared to 2014. Six species had increased in frequency too. So we're making progress, even if the meadow doesn't yet have the colour and variety we're hoping to achieve eventually.

We would be delighted if you would like to help or find out more about the mini meadow. Please contact David Stephenson on 01751 460252.

The next Parish Cryer

Please could you let Jackie Edenbrow (460398) have any news or articles by **Thursday January 21st** for the next Cryer due for publication by the end of January, covering February & March.