



LOCKTON PARISH CRYER



The Church of St Giles, Lockton

Celebrating Christmas
at Lockton

Friday 16th December

7pm Service of Carols
& Lessons
for Christmas

Christmas Eve

6pm Christmas
Communion

For more details, please contact the vicar,
Father Antony Pritchett (tel: 472983) vicar@pickeringchurch.com

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt

A seat has been erected near Wedlands gate overlooking the Griffs and Warren Farm in memory of Bryan Brown. We hope the view from the seat will bring as much pleasure to both locals and visitors, as it did to Bryan.

The Opening Meet on Saturday 5th November got the season off to a stormy start – thankfully that was only the weather !! The meet was excellent, hosted by the Warriner family with additional contributions of food from members and supporters. Thank you to everyone. There was a good turnout of horses/riders and foot followers but it was great to see so many locals, we hope you will all continue to join us throughout the season. You are all more than welcome both at Wednesday and Saturday meets, as well as functions and events.

Diary Dates

Domino Drives - 7.30pm Lockton Village Hall

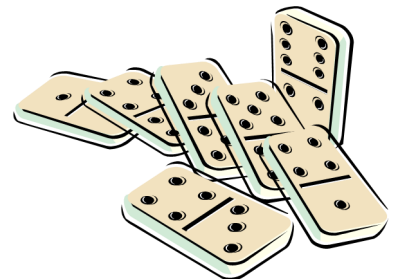
December 13th

January 10th - inc.
'New Year Draw'

January 24th

February 28th

March 14th



Domino Drive



Lockton
Village Hall
January 14th
at 7.30pm
In aid of play
area funds



Offers of help with food and raffle
prizes would be most welcome

Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group



A proof copy The Timeline of Five Ryedale Villages has been received. The images below show the layout and some of the detail. The designed size is A0 (47"x33") for hanging on a large wall, for example in a village hall. We intend buying copies for both villages halls from our remaining funds. They are rather expensive at £20 for paper and £38 on plastic film. Smaller sizes of A1 and A2 will be proportionately cheaper and still legible. If anyone is interested let me know.

HISTORY OF FIVE RYEDALE

	LEVISHAM	LOCKTON	
feet	8000BC End of Ice Age. Newtondale Gorge formed in a few decades by melting ice releasing the glacial lake in Eskdale	200-150 million years ago. Formation of Tabular Hills. Subsequent erosion has formed the Bristonestones, Blakey Topping and the Hole of Horcum.	200
ered in	7000-3000BC Stone Age. Evidence of worked flint (arrowheads, scrapers and spearpoints) found in the Levisham and Lockton areas.	C4th Pieces of Roman tile and found plaster on site near Farwath and Roman villa at Blansby Park are evidence of Roman occupation.	silt
d in	2000-500BC Bronze Age. Pollen analysis suggests clearance of forests by farmers using slash and burn methods. Walls and cairns on Rhumbard Snout and the outline of at least one hut circle. Higher on the moor are barrows (burial mounds).	625 Lilla Cross (oldest Christian cross in north of England) erected at extreme north of modern Lockton parish.	pla
oded	500BC-200AD Evidence of enclosures, dykes, field systems and pottery.	C7th to C10th The name Lockton suggests an Anglo-Saxon settlement.	Tr
nt route	200-410AD Roman influence in the area. The Roman moor road ran within 3 miles of Levisham. Iron bloomery on Levisham Moor thought to date from this period.	1086 Domesday Book mentions Lockton and gives hints of the "harrying of the north". Taxable value 5 gelts. 4 ploughlands.	Sto
e and n	C5th -C8th. The place name "Levisham" probably dates from this time, and indicates the place of settlement of a leader, possibly Leofgeat, who settled in the valley on Levisham Beck. The place ending "ham" indicates an Anglo-Saxon homestead.	C12th Manor of Lockton held by 4 Lords, one being Ralph de Bolbec.	2,0
as	C8th& C9th. Some interaction with Viking raiders/settlers.	C14th Documentary evidence Lockton Church in existence. In 1314 the Archdeacon of Dorset was charged with not paying the annual salaries to the priests of Loketon and Cropton.	im
ave	C10th Grave cover (Dragon stone) and stone crosses indicate Christian site in the valley. Found in the valley church and Dragon Stone now displayed in Levisham Church.		60
85 the		1456 Middleton great tithes sold to Kistall Abbey.	Tr
Mary's		1530 John Storye's will – bequeathed his body to be buried at St Gyle's (Lockton church) also 6/8d and 1 sheep.	C3
obot has		1578 Vicar of Middleton in trouble with Church Court for enjoying the income from Lockton and Cropton although they were 'evil served and lack their sermons'.	(Sp
and		1611 Quarter Sessions records. Robert Teske innholder in Lockton.	sto
for 1/2		1616 Malo Cross erected on east side of Whitby Pickering road.	C9
ne part		1633 Two chapel wardens before Church Court for not having 'gone out of the church in prayer time to find such as were absent from church' After dissolution care for the poor and sick fell to the local community. Poor Rate was levied, supplemented in Lockton by a poor man's box in church.	9th
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until	1066 At the time of the Norman Conquest Levisham was attached to the manor of Pickering, under lordship of Morcar, younger son of Algram, Earl of Chester, and made Earl of Northumberland by Edward the Confessor. Morcar was implicated in the northern rebellions, provoking William 1's retaliation, the 'harrying of the north' (1069-1070).		Ste
eriod	1086 Domesday Book lists 13 villages linked to Pickering Manor, including Levisham, and indicates that the value of the manor had been reduced from £88 to 20/4d, suggesting William's actions had devastated the area.		10
eas	C12th Levisham re-established as planned village by Ralph de Bolbec (one of William 1's Norman knights).		10
thes	Stone church built in the valley by Ralph de Bolbec.		10
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Newspaper extracts:

Malton Messenger 1 Feb 1862

Members of the Lockton Choral Society held their annual tea on the 17th inst when upwards of 100 persons sat down to a most excellent repast provided by several ladies who served at table. After everyone had enjoyed the good things, singing was introduced by members of the society under the conductorship of Mr Sherwood their teacher, who was very successful in bringing on his pupils under the Hullah System of teaching. The company separated at 10 o'clock apparently highly satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

Malton Messenger 13 September 1862

On Wednesday an inquest on death of Ann wife of James Hick, farmer of Lockton. The deceased had been quarrelling with her husband on Saturday night and refused his company afterwards. She retired to rest alone and was afterwards joined by her daughter. On Sunday on waking she took some tea and during the day suffered from sickness and diarrhoea which appears to be the cause of her death. Verdict: Died from purging and vomiting.

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Ray Halmshaw 460008



St Giles Church

Dear Friends,

Christmas! Which, as you would expect, is celebrated well and beautifully at your lovely little parish church of St Giles. A service of **Holy Communion** will be held on **Sunday 11th December**; and then on **Friday 16th Decem-**

ber at 7pm, a Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas.

The **Communion for Christmas** will be at **6pm on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December.**

We move into a New Year, so Lockton's regular 10.30am services of Holy Communion are on **Sunday 8th and 22nd January**, and **Sunday 12th February.**

I do, though invite you to a special service at **10.30am on Sunday 15th January at Pickering's Parish Church** when all the churches in the Deanery of Northern Ryedale will come together for one service, presided over by the Archbishop of York.

St Giles' Church is such a very 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, especially over this Christmas season.

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

Fr Antony Pritchett, Vicar

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Church Cleaning Rota

Many thanks to all the volunteers who clean the church each month. The rota for 2017 will be prepared shortly & emailed out.

Neighbourhood Watch



Just to confirm that there still are very few Neighbourhood Watch emails coming through at the moment. Any messages received are from Rural Watch.

LL's Bells



We embarked on a very busy autumn term at the beginning of October. We decided to have a change of bells, so we drew names and then numbers out of a hat, which produced some interesting combinations,

but everyone is coping well now they've settled into their new places. We've already played at the Farmers' Breakfast in Middleton Village Hall at the beginning of November and have now dusted off the music for Christmas and are practicing hard for numerous engagements, including Newton on Rawcliffe, Alba Rose, Hutton le Hole Victorian Weekend, Helmsley Luncheon Club, Pickering Parish Church Christmas Fair, and our two local Carol Services.

We meet every **Tuesday** evening at **7.00pm** and on **Friday** mornings at **10.30am**, the latter includes coffee and cakes, in Levisham Village Hall. Why not come along to see what we do or have a go? New members are always welcome; you don't need to be able to read music, neither do you have to commit to both sessions, or, indeed, regular attendance. Phone me (Anne) on 460274 if you would like to find out more. Lifts from Lockton can be arranged.

Anne Deebank



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.

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
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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 9th 2017 at 7.30pm** in the village hall.

Parish Council News

Conifer in cemetery

The work to remove the conifer is scheduled for **December 21st**. The wood will then be available for sale. Please contact Jackie with any offers. The Parish Council will then make a donation to the play area fund. There will also be wood chippings left over the road from the cemetery. Please help yourself to these.



Play Area Quiz

Many thanks to everyone who came to the quiz, brought raffle prizes & food or gave a donation. Just over £950 was raised in total which will cover the cost of next year's insurance and go towards the maintenance costs which will be incurred. Also and most importantly, many thanks to Sue Warriner for all her work in preparing the quiz and keeping the teams in order on the night. Thanks too to Stuart & Alex for all their supporting work. We all look forward to another quiz evening next year.

Lockton Mini Meadow



Apart from a very active resident mole, nothing much is happening in the meadow at the moment. While we wait for spring you might like to listen to a fascinating account of one of our most common wildflowers, the daisy (*Bellis perennis*) given by Prof Fiona Stafford.

It's called 'The Meaning of Flowers: the Daisy', and is available as a podcast on the BBC iplayer.

Many people have pleasant childhood memories of making daisy chains, or pulling off petals one by one. The daisy was a favourite of Chaucer, who called it 'eye of day' because the whole head closes at night and opens in the morning. Stepping on several of them at a time is traditionally seen as a sign of spring. If you are a keen lawn gardener or golf enthusiast you may be less keen. Fiona Stafford describes them as 'tiny golf balls on elongated tees, vigorous clumps on golfing lawns, uninvited guests at the garden table... their leaves spread out like a pile of old fashioned ping pong bats.'

Daisies are amongst the hardest wild flowers to eradicate. Much better to leave them and enjoy their golden centres and pearl white petals with rose tinted underside. They have been widely used by herbalists for a wide range of conditions, including acne, arthritis, constipation, kidney infection, migraine, menstrual and testicle problems, stomach ulcers etc. An all-rounder in fact, also referred to as 'bruise wort'. They will be pushing through the cemetery grass early next spring, or even in winter, if it's very mild. Let's enjoy them when they come.

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

Sue Perutz

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.

The next Parish Cryer

Please could you let Jackie Edenbrow (460398) have any news or articles by **Tuesday January 24th** for the next Cryer due for publication by the end of January.