



LOCKTON PARISH CRYER

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt Annual Christmas Fair

Lockton Village Hall

Sunday December 7th 11.00am—3.00pm

There will be a wide variety of stalls including produce, bric-a-brac, cards, signs, cookery, candles and Christmas gifts. The highlight of the day will be a visit from Santa at **1.30pm**, he will collect 'letters to Santa' from the special postbox situated at the end of the Youth Hostel and then make his way to the village hall to give all the children gifts. Santa will also judge the competitions.

Adult Competition - A Christmas Tree decoration

Children 5 & under - drawing of a Christmas tree

Children 6 & over - draw & colour a Christmas tree

The competitions are free entry and are to be staged by **11am** - entries may be given to Sheila or Freda prior to the day - winning entrants will receive prizes

Come and join us at this festive event to see Santa, do some shopping and enjoy a cuppa with friends.

Entry £1 (children under 16 free) to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Further details from Sheila 460468 or Freda 460207

Carol Singing



Carol singing round the village in aid of St Catherine's Hospice will be on **Sunday 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 Chester on 460222.

Lockton Parish Cryer online

This is the first copy of the Cryer not to be 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.



Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group

The LLHG Christmas lunch will be held at The Horseshoe at **12pm** on **10th Dec**. If anyone is fancying joining the group but can't get round to it, here is a great opportunity to meet our members and find out more

about our activities. Please phone Ray if you would like to attend.

Newspaper extracts

Lockton School log book

7 April 1884. I, Joseph Stanley commenced duties as Master of Lockton Board School. I have drawn the attention of Mr John Dixon and Mr Croft to the filthy condition of the office.

Malton Messenger 13 Jan 1912

Levisham Xmas treat. Through the kindness of the rector Rev W G Armstrong, the children of Lockton and Levisham State School were entertained to tea and their usual Xmas tree in the parish room Levisham on Thursday week. The tree was laden with toys and useful articles. Each child received 6 presents including toys, sweets, books and clothing. The children gave some amusing recitations, a credit to their teachers Miss Coulson and the Misses Pernie. Food of every kind was indulged in until 9 o'clock when 3 hearty cheers were given to Rev Armstrong.

Malton Messenger 9 Nov 1912

The Lockton Annual Hare Supper at the Durham Ox. A large company sat down to an excellent spread served by Mr Robert Burnett. After supper the evening was spent in social and musical harmony.

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas

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

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt

Domino Drives – Lockton Village Hall

Tuesday 9th December

Monday 5th January - New Year's Draw & Dominoes

Tuesday 27th January

Tuesday 24th February

Tuesday 10th March

AGM

The AGM will be held in Lockton Village Hall on **Tuesday February 3rd**.



LL's Bells

Since we entertained Lockton and Levisham WI – and they entertained us by having a very creditable go! – at the beginning of November, we have been up to our ears in Christmas music getting ready for numerous gigs including Alba Rose on 2

December, Pickering Station for the Santa Specials and Pickering Church's 'Chocolate Christmas Party' on 6 December, Pickering Masons on 13 December, Pickering Cancer Support Group on 16 December, Lockton Carol Service on 19 December and Levisham Carol Service on 21st December. As well as the 'old favourites' we have some new music to get to grips with, including the Bach piece 'Sleepers Wake', which Sue Pearson has very cleverly transposed for 2 octaves of handbells.

We usually take a break after Christmas, but some of our keen members want to carry on, so....

Practices take place on **Tuesdays** from **7.00pm until 8.30pm** and **Fridays** at **10.30am until 12 noon** – the latter includes a break for refreshments and a chat. New faces are always welcome! Phone me (Anne) on 460274 for more details. Lifts from Lockton can be arranged.

Anne Deebank



Autumn is the most labour intensive time for the mini meadow, especially while it's in its early stages when the soil has not yet lost its fertility. A further cut was needed after the first late summer cut, plus the all-important raking off of the vegetation. It needed a lot of effort to get the grass length

down to its current short height and unfortunately we weren't able to employ sheep in case they strayed. The work was shared between several volunteers but special thanks to Ray Halmshaw and David Stephenson.

The areas of thick nettles and dock around the edge are clear indicators of soil which is too fertile for the meadow plants we'd like to encourage. It's been particularly crucial to control 'weeds' - ie the plants we don't want - in the first year to give the less vigorous plants a chance. We're also leaving a quadrant of the meadow without its final cut as an experiment to see what, if any, difference it makes to next year's survey results. Once established we hope the meadow will need much less effort.

David was on Radio York recently, this time only briefly. He spoke about the general purpose of our efforts in trying to link up areas of higher quality meadow through zones where other pressures on land are high.

If you would like to help or find out more about the mini meadow, please contact David Stephenson on 01751 460252.

Sue Perutz





St Giles Church

Sunday 14th December at
10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 19th December at
7.00pm Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at
3.00pm Christingle

Wednesday 24th December at
6.00pm Christmas Eve Communion

Sunday January 11th at **10.30am** Holy Communion

Sunday January 25th at **10.30am** Holy Communion



Previous meetings

October

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Trevor Boag whose subject was "The Role of Women in the First world war". Trevor, a former teacher of English at Lady Lumley's school, illustrated his talk with a moving selection of letters and poems. As he often takes parties to the battlefields of Northern Europe he was able to paint a vivid picture of the effect such visits have on people. The Great War had far-reaching consequences on many levels and in his talk Trevor concentrated on the developments it brought for women in British society. Having taken over so many of the jobs formerly done by men women were never going to return to the restrictions of the female life of past centuries and the coming of the Emancipation of Women further enhanced these changes.

November

LL's Bells were our visitors for the evening. After playing some of their repertoire we were encouraged to have a go ourselves. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Future meetings

December

Wednesday December 3rd 7.00pm
AGM



Lockton Methodist Chapel

Carol Service

Lockton Methodist Chapel invite you to their Carol Service at **2.15pm** on **Sunday December 14th**.

Normal services are now held at **2.15pm** every **alternate Sunday**. Please see dates on the Chapel noticeboard.

A date for your diary

We also invite you to an open meeting concerning the future of the chapel which may close after Easter 2015. The meeting will be held on **Sunday March 1st** at **2.15pm**. All welcome.



THE NATIONAL TRUST

The chance to meet and socialise with other like-minded volunteers is one of the many benefits of volunteering. If you have a few hours to spare and think you might like to volunteer with us, whether you're interested in practical tasks, biological surveys, helping with events or school groups, visitor engagement, selling raffle tickets, admin or anything else we do, please do get in touch: 01723 870423. It could make a great New Year's resolution!

The Ravenscar Visitor Centre is closed and packed up for the winter months, while the Old Coastguard Station remains open each weekend year round. The Old Coastguard Station is proud to once again be involved in Robin Hood's Bay Victorian Weekend (**5, 6 & 7 December**), an annual tradition marking the height of the Christmas season in the village. Street entertainment, refreshments, gifts, stalls, fancy dress, live music and much more, all with a Dickensian flavour.

If you fancy travelling further afield to get into the Christmas spirit, Father Christmas himself will be visiting Nunnington Hall. See www.nationaltrust.org.uk for details.

More news of the 2015 events in the New Year. In the meantime, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and harmonious New Year.

Sue's Quiz Night – Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Quiz by coming, giving refreshments or raffle prizes or giving a donation. Just over £400 was raised which will go towards paying for the insurance. Also many thanks to Sue Warriner for putting on another very enjoyable quiz. So what will be the theme for next year's quiz?

Thank You

The Committees of the village hall & the play area would like to thank Saltersgate Farmers Hunt for their generous donation of £100 to each group from the funds raised at their Harvest Festival. Both groups have proposed projects for next year so these funds are much appreciated.

Parish Council

The Parish Councillors are:

Chairman	Chester Brown	460222
Vice Chairman	Jennifer Halmshaw	460008
Councillors	Liz Stead	460239
	David Stewart	460302
	Jenny Bentley	460417
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 will be held on **Monday December 15th**.

Parish Council News

Grass cutting

Firstly a thank you to the residents who have offered to cut the grass outside their houses. The remaining grass will be cut next year by a contractor. The contractor arranged for next year, John Naphine, currently cuts grass for several villages in the area including Thornton le Dale.

Gritting

It's round to that time of year again. If there is snow this year, please only use the grit provided by NYCC on the highway or footpath. If there is excess use of the grit supplied, NYCC will charge the Parish Council for its refilling.



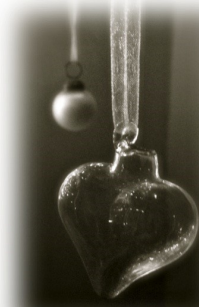
Lockton and Levisham Poetry and Prose House Group

During the winter months meetings will take place at **2.15 pm** on the **last Wednesday** of the month (**except December**).

Members take turns to host the meetings and everyone is welcome.

For more information please ring 01751 460373

"CURIOUS CHRISTMAS FAYRE"



**SATURDAY
29TH NOVEMBER 2014
AT
LOCKTON VILLAGE HALL**

A Christmas Fayre with a varied & wonderful selection of art, crafts and curious stalls including vintage and antiques for one day only. Serving festive snacks and hot beverages & helping raise funds towards Lockton & Levisham community projects. We're pleased to say that the majority of stall holders are from Lockton and surrounding villages,

Doors open from 10am - 4pm

for further details contact :
Janilaine Mainprize at Lockton Tea Rooms & Gallery
01751 460467 or 07825 047065

Lockton Tea Rooms opening hours

Our Christmas opening times are weekends only until the **28th December**, then closed for repairs & refurbishment until **7th February**, then still weekends only until **Easter**.
Janilaine & Kevin

The next Parish Cryer

Please could you let Jackie Edenbrow (460398) have any news or articles by **Thursday January 22nd** for the next Cryer due for publication by the end of January, covering February & March. Also if you want to insert an advert or birthday greeting, rates are very reasonable from £2 – or free for items to be given away.