

# LOCKTON PARISH CRYER

## The Well Dressed Band

April 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

The Well Dressed Band is a ceilidh band based in Derbyshire who have visited Lockton most years in the last 7, staying in the Youth Hostel for the weekend and playing for a dance in the village hall. Ruth Strong's daughters, Rachel and Bridget, both play in the band – hence the Lockton connection.

A ceilidh is the celtic name for a barn dance. A caller takes the dancers through the steps so anyone can get up on their feet – even those who “can’t dance”! Ceilidhs are great fun and anyone of any age can join in.

There are about 20 people in the band playing a whole host of instruments; flutes, whistles, fiddles, mandolins, concertinas, melodeons, accordions, guitars, a bodhran, a clarinet and a banjo. The band plays jigs, reels, polkas, waltzes, hornpipes mainly from the British Isles but some beyond. The music is good to listen to as well. One tune the band plays is called the Hole of Horcum, written by one of the band who was inspired by that huge hole in the ground. Another is Billy Pennock's New Rigged Ship, written by Billy Pennock who was from Goathland. He is buried in Goathland church yard and one year the band gathered round his grave and played his tune! Wonder if he heard it!

A faith supper where everyone brings some food to share provides some sustenance mid way through the evening. There is also a raffle.

This year the proceeds of the evening will go towards the church and chapel. So the more the merrier – both to fill the hall and have a great evening, but also to raise funds. To see more of the band visit [www.welldressedband.org.uk](http://www.welldressedband.org.uk)

**Get the date in your diary now!**

**Lockton Village Hall**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm**

**The Pantry** We would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on the situation at The Pantry. As you know we have been considering selling the house and shop and until this week we had a buyer who was very interested in taking it on and running it in much the same way it is currently set up. This buyer has suddenly pulled out which has caused us to reconsider our situation.

In some ways this was a great disappointment, but in other ways a pleasant relief. The thought of actually leaving the village was not a happy one for us, as we really want to carry on living in the house. To this end we are considering offering the ground floor of The Pantry (currently the Shop and Muddy Boot Tea Room) as a self-contained shop unit for rental to anyone interested in taking it on. This could be an individual, a group, or someone interested in setting up a community shop. Any agreement would include the use of the fixtures and fittings currently in the shop. What is important for us is that the shop is used to benefit the village and to make this viable we are quite prepared to discuss a realistic level of rent for the premises. We would be very happy to talk to anyone who would like to consider this proposal.

If you would like to know more or just want to talk over any possibilities please do give us a call on 01751 460598, e-mail us at [thepantrylockton@aol.com](mailto:thepantrylockton@aol.com) or drop in for a chat.

Robert & Helen



## Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group

The Tuesday meetings have resumed following the festive break. We are sorting out the activities for the coming year. A new project will be starting with the Rosedale

and Appleton groups, probably based on the government Farm Surveys of 1941-43. Levisham members will be refreshing the Millenium Houses Project by photographing the houses again and asking residents to fill in a questionnaire. The WI is being asked if there is interest in doing the same in Lockton. Other projects continuing are: Publication of walks from Levisham Station, producing a walk/ information about the archaeological features on the moors, investigating St Mary's, improving accessibility of the archive etc, etc. Please come and join us.

### Newspaper extracts

Malton Messenger 19 Feb 1910

*Pickering RDC. Dr Scott said only Wilton and Lockton were still without a water supply. In Lockton there were only 2 deaths last year compared with 13 in the previous year.*

21 Feb 1880

*Sale of freehold property in Thornton and Lockton.*

*Lot 3 Butcher's shop & convenient farm etc in Lockton (1699 sq yds) now occupied by Mr Thompson & J Farrow resp.*

*Also 1/24 share of Manor of Lockton with rights and privileges.*

*All is freehold except share in Lordship of Lockton which is leasehold for the residue of 2000 years*

*Dwelling houses & buildings in Lockton have recently been rebuilt and the land is in a good state of cultivation.*

Does anyone know what has happened to the shares in the Manor of Lockton, do we have Lords living amongst us and what are their Rights and Privileges?

Website: [www.locktonlevisham.co.uk](http://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

## Christmas cards

Did you spend several pounds on Christmas cards to give to friends in the village? Have you thought that this money could be better spent if given to a local charity instead?

It has been suggested that there is a village Christmas card for those interested and that participants would make a donation which would be then given to St Catherine's Hospice. If you would be interested, please would you contact Jennifer Halmshaw on 460008.

## LL's Bells



We're currently enjoying a little break after a very busy Christmas season which this year, fortunately, wasn't disrupted by the weather! We played at the Victorian Weekend at Robin Hood's

Bay, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway at Pickering Station (where a very enthusiastic school group sang along with us to Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer!), Lockton Carol Service, Levisham Carol Service and finally the Pickering Lunch Club.

We are putting a programme of music together in preparation for taking part in the Jubilee celebrations. I know that Levisham have plans with which we will be involved, but please remember we are Levisham and LOCKTON Handbell Ringers and so would be really pleased to contribute to whatever you might be planning.

We are looking forward to resuming practices on **Tuesday evenings**, starting on **6th March at 7.30pm** in **Levisham Village Hall** and we'll also be holding the drop-in 'ring, coffee and chat' mornings on **alternate Thursday and Friday mornings**, starting on **Thursday 8th March at 10.30am**, again in Levisham Village Hall. As always, new recruits will be most welcome - just come along to any session or phone Anne (460274) or Sue (460329) for more details. It's really easy to learn how to ring handbells and you don't need to be able to read music. We'll even arrange lifts from Lockton!



## THE NATIONAL TRUST

By the time you read this, our new property leaf-

let for the North York Moors will be ready. It contains a brief guide to our places and a 'what's on' section listing this year's events.

If you're hoping to get out of the house and head for the coast during February half term, please join us for a bracing wander to spot wildlife near Robin Hood's Bay at our 'Seawatch' event on **Friday 17 February, 11am - 1pm**. Enjoy the bleak beauty of the clifftops and watch for seabirds from the renovated coastguard lookout at Bayness. The cost is £3 per person, warming drinks included. Bring your binoculars! Call 01947 885900 to book your place.

The Old Coastguard Station visitor centre in Robin Hood's Bay will be open throughout February half term - **Saturday 11 to Sunday 19 February**. Drop in to enjoy our hands-on exhibition exploring life on the coast.

## Carol Singing

Thanks to everyone who came carol singing round the village this year. Many thanks to everyone who donated money that evening or who sent donations if they were away. £305 was raised for St Catherine's Hospice.



## St. Giles Church

Dear Friends,  
We've had such a wonderful Christmas at St Giles'. Some people have a most peculiar notion that religion and worship can't be fun and shouldn't have laughter and joy when really, with a party – the eucharist or Holy Com-

munion – at the heart of all we do, fun, laughter and joy are all part of what worship is about. Christmas at St Giles' certainly showed that.

The Christingle Service was absolutely fantastic; the Carol Service pure joy; the Communion Service on Christmas Eve such a delight. To see St Giles' with candles in the window bottoms and green foliage as decoration; to view the new Crib figures being placed in the Stable by excited children dressed as for a party; to hear LL's Bells as one came into church ... it was a thrilling treasure chest of a Christmas.

I thank our churchwarden Sarah Wilmore for all she's achieved, and join with her in thanking LL's Bells for their performance, Kay for the Christmas Tree, and every one of you who contributed in so many different, wonderful ways, to make this a magical and awe-inspiring and fun Christmas.

So we're into a New Year. What will it bring? Well, for me personally, I'm about to cease being Priest-in-Charge of

the Benefice of Pickering with Lockton and Levisham, and become Vicar. In terms of how I look, act or my pay packet it makes not an iota of difference, but it does give the whole benefice a greater say in how future changes in the deanery may affect it, so it's an important change for us all. I become Vicar at a rather amazing and ancient service in Pickering Church where I have to swear various oaths before the congregation and the Bishop of Whitby, and at which the Archdeacon of Cleveland and the Rural Dean lead me round the church to grip a door handle and toll a bell (to announce to the benefice that, after 4 years of being here, I've arrived!). I make light of it, but it is, as I say, an important service for the whole benefice, and I'd be personally grateful for your own support. The service starts at **7.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** in Pickering Parish Church. It will last an hour and there's wine after. Please do try and come to that.

Normality resumes. Lockton Church will have its Communion Services, as usual, at **10.30am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February; on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March; on Easter Day – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April** and then on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**.

I do hope to see many of you at Pickering Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, and then at Lockton as we move firmly through Lent and into Easter and beyond.

I wish you all a most blessed New Year.  
Fr Antony Pritchett, Vicar  
Tel: 01751 472983  
Email: vicar@pickeringchurch.com



## Lockton Methodist Chapel

Normal services every  
**Sunday at 6.15pm**

Everyone most welcome.



## 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.



### Recent meeting – January

The speaker for the evening was Robert Birmingham who gave a most interesting talk on his work as an Occupational Therapist. He described how people who have been incapacitated by illness or

injury can be helped to regain some measure of independence. Not only does this work assist patients physically, it can also have a tremendously beneficial effect on their mental health and general sense of well-being.

### Future meetings – Lockton Village Hall 7.00pm

**February** – birthday party

**Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>** – The art & craft of copper repousse – a talk & demonstration about the repousse technique by David Stephenson

**Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup>** – The scientific tourist – an illustrated talk on a long & fascinating career in the UK Government's Oceanography Service by Robert LLoyd



## 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 next Parish Council meeting is in the Village Hall on **Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

## Parish Council News

### Precept Increase

For several years, the Parish Council has kept increases in the precept to a minimum by using some of the Council's reserves. Unfortunately, this cannot continue indefinitely and this year the precept has been increased from £1850 to £2050. This still will not cover the Council's expenditure but will help to ensure that the Council can continue with their current services.

### Horse chestnut tree by the cemetery

One of the chestnut trees near the cemetery has decay fungi colonising wood where the bark has been killed by horse chestnut bleeding canker. It has been recommended that this tree should be felled and other trees in that area should also be inspected. The Council is also seeking advice on the state of a chestnut tree in the Howl as this would require permission from the National Park before work could be carried out. The required work will be carried out as soon as the full scale of the problem is ascertained.

## Neighbourhood Watch

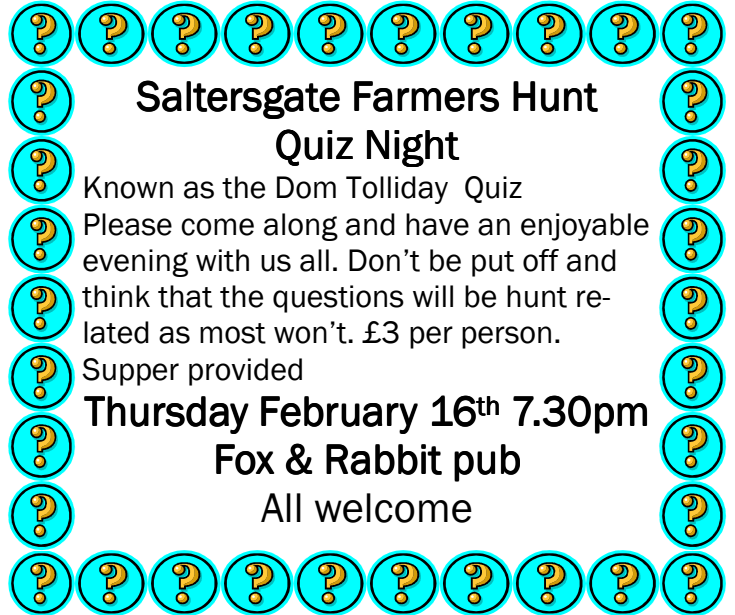
Just a reminder.

As many residents will know Lockton operates a neighbourhood watch system. If there is any sort of threat that the police think we should know about (thankfully these are mercifully few) they send me an email informing me of the situation; this I then forward to all residents on my list. If anyone not on the list would like to receive this information, please contact me at edenbrow@pcxinternet.com and I will add you to the system.

Tony Edenbrow, neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.

## The Queen's Jubilee

A few residents have commented that there should be an event in the village to mark the Queen's Jubilee. However, none of the village groups have sufficient volunteers who would be able to organise such an event. If you would like to help organise something or help in any way, please contact Jenny (Bentley) on 460417 or Jackie on 460398. Then they will book a meeting at the village hall for those interested to discuss their ideas.



## Saltersgate Farmers Hunt Quiz Night

Known as the Dom Tolliday Quiz

Please come along and have an enjoyable evening with us all. Don't be put off and think that the questions will be hunt related as most won't. £3 per person.

Supper provided

**Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

**Fox & Rabbit pub**

All welcome

## Saltersgate Farmers Hunt

### Forthcoming events

AGM **Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

Lockton village hall

Quiz Night **Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

Fox & Rabbit pub

Domino Drive **Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

Newton village hall

Domino Drive **Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

Lockton village hall

End of Season Dinner **Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Fox & Rabbit pub

Four Fun Frolic horse ride **Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Fox & Rabbit pub

## Fox & Rabbit

The Fox and Rabbit are holding a St. Valentine's Dinner on **Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Three courses, coffee and chocolates £27.50 each. Menu details can be found on the website [www.foxandrabbit.co.uk](http://www.foxandrabbit.co.uk) Please ring Tracey or Mel to book 460213.

Pie Night at the Fox continues **every Tuesday** (excluding 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.) until the end of March. Collect the vouchers and get a free pie!

## The Horseshoe

The Horseshoe Inn Levisham will be holding a Quiz on **Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm**. Supper will be served from 6pm (£6) Teams of 4 or just come along you will be most welcome. A donation will be sent to Hounds For Heroes again (£40 raised at Christmas Quiz) To book supper please ring Charlie 460240.

## Domino Drive

**Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm**

**Lockton Village Hall**

**In aid of Motor Neurone Disease Assoc.**