



LOCKTON PARISH CRYER

Barn Dance

with **The Well Dressed Band**

at **Lockton Village Hall**

on **Saturday March 29th 7.30pm.**

All proceeds will go to the Church and Chapel (we play for free).

Faith Supper

The Well Dressed Band comes from the Peak District and Sheffield and we play a variety of instruments including fiddles, flutes, whistles, concertinas, melodeons, accordions, mandolins, guitars and percussion.

The dances are easy and are taught on the night and it's a great fun evening for everyone of any age.

We also play tunes for people to listen to.

Rachel and Bridget Strong are in the band and our mum, Ruth, has had a cottage in Lockton for many years.

As before, we'll be staying at the Youth Hostel for the weekend, walking, playing music and enjoying Lockton.

So do come along and support Lockton at the Barn Dance – you'll have a fun time and won't be disappointed!

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints regarding the significant increase in the amount of dog fouling in the village over the last year or so. This is occurring in and around the village on verges footpaths and greens. Please think about the person who cuts the grass or the children playing in the village and going to the play area.

Whoever is responsible, please be aware that this is not just antisocial but is also an offence for which the fine is up to £1000.

If fouling continues, the Parish Council will have no alternative but to inform Ryedale District Council for the dog warden to investigate. If anyone sees someone not cleaning up after their dog, please report this to the Parish Clerk, any member of the Parish Council or the Dog Warden at RDC.

Please clean up after your dog.

Lockton Cricket Club Domino Drive

There will be a domino drive in aid of Lockton Cricket Club on **Saturday April 5th** at 7.30pm in Lockton Village Hall.

Carol singing – Thank You

Many thanks to all Carol Singers who braved the cold but dry evening & to everyone who gave generously. £325 was donated to St. Catherine's Hospice. Also many thanks to John & Linda for lovely warm refreshments.

Many thanks
Jenny



Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group

The Tuesday meetings have resumed following the Christmas break. The first one was attended by the NYMNPA volunteer who led the ancient monuments walk mentioned in the previous Cryer. With his support we will be renewing our interest in the stones and history of Rumbard Snout.

The WW1 project is continuing. It is curious that Lockton does not have a Role of Honour, but we have found 4 men with next of kin from Lockton who were casualties and listed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Two of these are listed, perhaps incorrectly, under Pickering on the Memorial Hall. More research needed.

Newspaper extracts Malton Messenger 10 Feb 1883

Lockton. On Thursday evening an entertainment was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel by members of the Brethren of Temperance Societies. Mr B Brown presided. There was a good attendance with recitations and songs. The chief piece was a discussion between a publican and a teetotaler. The entertainment will be given in another place shortly.

Malton Messenger 10 Feb 1894

Levisham Shrove Tuesday. The Pancake Bell was rung at 11 o'clock as usual and the youngsters enjoyed themselves in various games during the afternoon in a field kindly lent by Mr Henry Newton. On Ash Wednesday the morning and evening services in the church were well attended. Kindly exhortations were given by the rector, the Rev G Heslip.

Website: www.locktonlevisham.co.uk

The Heritage Group holds weekly meetings in **Levisham Village Hall** or somewhere in the field every **Tues at 2pm**.

Ray Halmshaw 460008 Other contacts: Ruth Strong 460445 or Betty Halse 476114

LL's Bells



Christmas seems a long time ago now, and it was with some relief that we put the carols away for another year after our performances at the Victorian Weekend in Robin Hood's Bay, Pickering Station and the two villages' Carol Services.

We are taking a break until the beginning of March, when we will start practising for several WI/ Countrywomen's Association engagements. When we put on these 'shows', we end up with audience participation, so there will be some really simple tunes in our books – just right for anyone who would like to come and have a go at one of our regular sessions with a view to perhaps joining us! We meet in **Levisham Village Hall** on **Tuesdays at 7.00pm until 8.30pm** (from Tuesday **4th March**) and **Fridays from 10.30am until 12 noon** (from Friday **7th March**); the latter includes a break for coffee, cakes and chat.

Remember you do not need to know anything about music to play handbells, as we play from numbers not notes and the technique is really easy, and we are always pleased to welcome new members. Phone me (Anne) on 460274 for more details or just turn up on a Tuesday or Friday. Lifts from Lockton can be arranged.

Quiz Nights at the Horseshoe, Levisham

The next dates for quiz nights are **Wednesday February 12th & 26th at 8pm**.

Teams of 4 contestants arranged beforehand or on the night. Entry £1 per person.

A choice of supper (£6) will be served from 6pm.

Please book in advance by calling in or ringing 460240.



The Parish Council has now been given tools to help in the maintenance of the Lockton mini meadow, but there's nothing much stirring yet. With the mild winter we've had so far spring may not be that far away...though it may be snowing by the time you read this.

One of the plants we'll be hoping to see pushing through is yellow rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*). It gets its name from the sound it makes when the dry seed heads are blown in the wind. It's a partial parasite which is used to reduce the vigour of meadow grasses. Its roots lock onto those of the grasses and suck the life out of them, greatly reducing their fertility. It's highly prized by those keen to establish a meadow grassland rich in flowers because it's important to reduce competition from coarse growing perennials, including grasses. This can be done by stripping nutrients from the soil, for example by scraping off the overlying topsoil to reveal the poorer subsoil beneath, but yellow rattle achieves much the same results with much less cost and effort. It's an annual species that germinates in spring (typically March), flowers at the height of summer, and then produces its characteristic rattling seed heads in August. It can't tolerate being cut or grazed off too severely during this period, so is most at home in old-fashioned hay meadows, where grazing is excluded during the summer months. A late hay cut allows a good proportion of flowers to have successfully set seed.

We planted a large number of seeds on the patches of soil so let's hope they germinate successfully. If you would like to help or find out more, contact David Stephenson on 01751 460252.





St Giles Church

Services

Sunday February 9th
Sunday February 23rd
Sunday March 9th
Sunday March 23rd

All the services start at
10.30am

Everyone most welcome.



Lockton Methodist Chapel

Services

Sunday February 2nd
Helen Leng
Sunday February 16th
Ruth Duck
Sunday March 2nd
Sunday March 16th
Sunday March 30th

All the services start at **6.15pm.**

Everyone most welcome.

Church Cleaning & Flower rota

The church cleaning & flower rota is the same as last year. If you are unable to continue please cross your name off the list in the church porch. There are a few gaps so if anyone can spare an hour or so in a month, please add your name to the list.
Many thanks.



THE NATIONAL TRUST

A word from the National Trust Rangers on drystone walling at Roseberry Topping.

Back in December 2013 we spent a weekend on Roseberry Common with a group of our regular volunteers rebuilding a section of dry stone wall. It was a big job as most of the volunteers had not done any walling before and were learning as they went. So we returned on 12th January 2014 to finish the job.

The wall was in a bad state of repair so we took the opportunity to rebuild it from scratch. This meant taking down the old wall and digging out a shallow trench, into which we position very large foundation stones which form a stable platform for the wall to sit on for many years to come.

It was a very satisfying day's work. Everybody ended up with extremely cold fingers and toes, but feeling happy with the finished job.

If you fancy trying your hand at drystone walling, or many other practical countryside tasks, why not volunteer with our Ranger team? No previous experience necessary, a great opportunity to learn a new skill in a relaxed, informal setting. Please call 01723 870423 for details.



Recent meetings

The AGM took place at the December meeting. The reports from the President, Secretary & Treasurer were read, approved & signed. Despite problems with the weather in the early part of

the year, 2013 had been very successful. It was proposed & seconded that the existing Officers should be re-appointed & this was agreed unanimously. The Rose Bowl, awarded to the person scoring the highest number of points in the competitions throughout the year, was won by Paula Robson. The rest of the evening took the form of a Christmas Supper.

The January meeting was a members' night where the programmes for 2014 were distributed. Suggestions for the competitions for the year were discussed & added to the programme, a copy of which can be seen on the village noticeboard.

Future meetings

The February meeting will be our annual Birthday Party & will take place on **Monday February 10th** at the Buck Inn in Thornton. The regular meetings are held in Lockton village hall on the **first Wednesday of the month**, starting at **7.00pm**. Guests & prospective new members are warmly invited to join us. Why not come along & see what we get up to?

Wednesday March 5th

An evening of complementary therapies, treatments & demonstrations with Jane Cousins from 'Lite Work' in Thornton.

Wednesday April 2nd

The wreck of the Rohilla – An illustrated talk by Peter Thompson about Whitby's greatest maritime disaster – the loss of a hospital ship off Whitby at the outbreak of the First World War in 1914.



Lockton and Levisham Poetry and Prose House Group

During the winter months (November to March) the group will meet at **2pm** instead of in the evening. We meet on the **last Wednesday**

of the month. As the venue changes each time please ring 01751 460373 or 01751 460262 to find out where the next meeting is to be held.

New members are always welcome. We shall be pleased to see you even if you cannot come on a regular basis.

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 minutes of recent meetings can be viewed on the Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group website at

www.locktonlevisham.btck.co.uk.

The next Parish Council meeting is **Monday February 17th** at **7.30pm** in the village hall.

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt events

Domino Drives

All in Lockton Village Hall

Tuesday February 25th

Tuesday March 11th

The Hunt AGM

Tuesday February 4th in Lockton Village Hall.

Don Tolliday Quiz Night at the Fox & Rabbit

Tuesday February 18th

Four Forfeits Pleasure Ride will pass through the village

Saturday April 5th

Parish Council News

Gritting/ Snow ploughing

Not much snow yet! But just a reminder that the grit provided in the bins is only for use on the public highway & footpath and not for use on private drives. The bins will only be refilled if the weather is exceptionally bad. During snowy conditions, please park off the road if possible to enable the snow plough to clear as much of the road as possible.

Garden rubbish collection

The brown bins will not be emptied until March. The fortnightly collection will then restart. But there will then be a charge for this service. This will be £27 for collection from June 2014 to March 2015 excluding the winter period and then the annual charge will be £36. Ryedale District Council intends to contact all residents regarding these charges and more details will be included in this letter. Garden waste collections are discretionary and many Councils charge now.

Report on Lockton Christmas Fair held on Sunday 8th December 2013

A Christmas fair, organized by Saltersgate Farmers Hunt, was held in Lockton Village Hall on Sunday 8th December.

There was a wide variety of stalls displaying a fantastic array of goods and products, providing the ideal opportunity to buy those special Christmas presents and stocking fillers.

A big attraction on the day was Santa arriving by pony and trap,

Santa came through the village calling at the special post box for 'letters to Santa' and then proceeded



to the village hall to give gifts to all the children, after which he judged the various competitions and then disappeared on the pony and trap.

Colouring competitions were won by Imogen, Drew and Oliver

Table decoration was won by Rita Davison, who kindly donated her beautiful arrangement for auction.

Guess the weight of the cake was won by Mrs.

Braithwaite and Guess the Number of sweets was won by Mal Hall.



Lockton reared Oven ready Ducks

Free range, grain fed

All ready for Easter

Please ring George on

01751 460461

(evenings only please)

The next Parish Cryer

Please could you let Jackie Edenbrow (460398) have any news or articles by **Tuesday March 25th** for the next Cryer due for publication by the end of March, covering April & May. Also if you want to insert an advert or birthday greeting, rates are very reasonable from £1 - or free for items to be given away.