



LOCKTON PARISH CRYER

Barn Dance

with The Well Dressed Band

at Lockton Village Hall on Saturday February 28th 7.30pm

Raising funds for the village hall external refurbishment

Faith Supper

Raffle

We're really pleased that the Well Dressed Band from the Peak District & Sheffield are coming to Lockton for another Barn Dance. Two of Ruth Strong's daughters are in the band & they'll all be staying in the Youth Hostel for the weekend.

They 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. They also play tunes for people to listen to.

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



Lockton Methodist Chapel

Normal services are now held at 2.15pm.

Sunday February 8th

Basil Wilson

Sunday February 22nd

Rev. Norah Davey

Sunday March 8th

Rev. Ruth Duck

Sunday March 22nd

Rev. Jackie Hale

Sunday April 5th

Rev. Ruth Duck

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.

Lockton Tea Rooms & Gallery



We have had a few major issues that have arisen while renovating... So it looks like we won't be re-opening until **Thursday 19th March**. We will be opening **Thursday -**

Sunday (as before!) & once the application has been approved by the parks & council we will be offering a new menu & possibly opening times too... In the meantime we are busy making the Tea Rooms warmer & hopefully a little bit more comfortable too! Looking forward to re-opening & seeing everyone in the spring...

Many thanks
Regards

Janilaine & Kevin



Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group

The Levisham Jubilee Album now has been printed comprising photographs of all the houses in Levisham together with owner's comments. The booklet was produced largely by the efforts of John Gibbs who died in 2013 and is dedicated to him. Copies are being sold initially to Levisham residents.

A meeting with other villages in what is now called the Ryedale Villages Heritage Group was held on the 2nd Dec at Rosedale Abbey. It was decided our next project would be 'our villages through the centuries' A list of events/items of interest are being compiled with a view to producing a timeline, exhibition, booklet or wallchart in due course.

Newspaper extracts:

Malton Messenger 3 Feb 1894

Pickering Rural Sanitary Authority. Dr Scott's Annual Report:

Lockton comprises the villages of Lockton & Levisham. There were 16 births and 10 deaths the last year (Birth rate 34.18/1000 Death rate 21.36/1000) [therefore, the population was 468]

There was one death from typhoid fever in the isolated house at Saltersgate. No cause of the outbreak could be found.

The water supply at Levisham is being considered, an engineer consulted, plans drawn the water analysed and awaiting approval.

Malton Messenger 9 Feb 1901

The death of Queen Victoria. (half a page was dedicated to villages acts of condolence) At the meeting of the Lockton School Board on Jan 30th a unanimous vote of sympathy and condolence was placed, the members standing with King Edward VII and the rest of the Royal Family. On Saturday a largely attended memorial service was held at the Methodist Chapel. A good address was given by Mr G Sedman

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



LL's Bells

We have hardly had time to draw breath since our seemingly endless round of gigs before Christmas - Alba Rose, Pickering Station Santa Specials, Pickering Church's 'Chocolate Christmas Party', Pickering

Masons, Pickering Cancer Support Group, and the two villages' Carol Services - before starting our new year on 13 January. We have welcomed three new recruits - Helen from Newton on Rawcliffe and Louise and Pam from Levisham - all of whom are showing great promise already, so we are hoping they will enjoy ringing with us and become fully-fledged team members.

Although we are reasonably well-off for members, we are rather short of Lockton representatives - only two on our books now - both of whom have homes elsewhere. We have people from Ebberston, Newton, Thornton le Dale, Malton and Pickering as well as Levisham, but it would be really good to get the balance back. After all, we are Levisham and LOCKTON Handbell Ringers!! Please do think about joining us. 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. You don't need to commit to every Tuesday and every Friday; we have members who only come on one of those days and others who only come every so often when they can. Neither do you need to read music, although an ability to count to four is a distinct advantage! Phone me (Anne) on 460274 if you would like to find out more or come for a taster sessions. Lifts from Lockton can be arranged. Anne Deebank

I decided to go along and have a go at handbells for the social aspect. Being relatively new to Levisham (and migrating all the way from Australia where I left all my friends behind) I am finding things a bit lonely social-wise and thought that it would be worth a try, plus Anne has dropped subtle hints a couple of times (subtle? Me? Anne). I was surprised at how much fun it was and although I feel completely inadequate and made loads of mistakes, everyone was so encouraging and very friendly and welcoming. I look forward to making some good friends and having a good laugh too.

Pam Kerrigan

Carol Singing



Many thanks to everyone who gave generously to the Carol Singers this Christmas, to all the Carol Singers themselves & to those residents who gave them refreshments during the evening. £300 was raised for St Catherine's Hospice.

Many thanks
Jenny Bentley



St Giles Church

Dear Friends,

After a good Christmas so we look forward to services and events at St Giles' Church in 2015.

Services follow the normal pattern of the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10.30am. So these are as follows:

Sunday 8th February at 10.30am, Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd February at 10.30am, Holy Communion

Sunday 8th March at 10.30am, Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March at 10.30am, Holy Communion

On **Monday 9th March at 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall** we are holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is a short meeting when members are elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council which works with the Vicar to care for St Giles' Church. It's a really important meeting as we look to the future of the Church in Lockton. Do come.

Don't forget that Morning Prayer is held at St Giles' Church on **Fridays**, alternating with Levisham. Each service is followed by a said service of Holy Communion. Fr Christopher takes these, and you are welcome to these services as you are to anything at St Giles' Church, your Parish Church.

Fr Antony Pritchett, Vicar Tel: 01751 472983
Email: vicar@pickeringchurch.com



Recent meetings

December

The Annual General Meeting took place in the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 3rd. The Reports for 2014 from the President, Secretary and Treasurer were read, approved and signed. Each year the Competitions Rose Bowl is awarded to the Member with the highest number of points scored in the monthly competitions. Paula Robson was presented with the Bowl for 2014. Paula thanked everybody and expressed the hope that Members will enter as many competitions as possible during the coming year, especially those in the Ryedale, Thornton and Saltersgate Shows. The rest of the evening took the form of a Christmas Supper.

January

The January Meeting, which was Members' Night, took place in the Village Hall on the 7th. Programmes for 2015 were handed out and displayed an interesting and varied year ahead. A copy is to be found on the Village Notice Boards.

Programme for 2015

2015 is the WI's 100th birthday and so a very special 12 months for all members nationwide. The North Yorkshire East Federation is organizing a programme of celebratory events across the region. These include a Centennial Fair at the International Centre in Harrogate, an exhibition of WI members craftwork at Kiplin Hall, Richmond, a Picnic in the Park at Castle Howard, Lunch at Betty's and Ladies Day at the Races in York.

Levisham with Lockton WI will be celebrating locally by holding a Garden Party in Lockton Village Hall on **Saturday 20 June** to which everyone is very welcome.

Our speaker for **February's** meeting on **Wednesday 4th** is Amanda Agar who joined us as a member recently. She will give an illustrated talk about her work with malnourished children in Sub Saharan Africa. In **March**, members will be enjoying a meal together in the newly refurbished Lockton Tea Rooms.

We have an interesting and varied programme of speakers and visits this year, if you would like a copy of the programme with all the details, please contact Sandra on 460250 or speak to any WI member.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to come along to a monthly meeting initially as a guest, again contact any WI member. All villagers are welcome to our two annual 'Open Meetings.'



THE NATIONAL TRUST

Free February guided walks

If you'd like to join our Ranger team on the coast for an interesting and informative guided walk, the first ones of the season take place in February. Both are free, funded via Natural England's Higher Level Stewardship environmental scheme which allows us to work closely with our tenant farmers to manage the countryside sustainably while also promoting public access and learning. Please call 01947 885900 to book.

24 February The Town That Never Was
10.30am-12.30pm

Ravenscar

A guided walk with our Ranger telling the story of a unique village and the surrounding countryside. Meet at Ravenscar Visitor Centre, YO13 ONE. Free roadside parking.

19 February Hayburn Wyke Wander
1.00-3.00pm
Hayburn Wyke

Join a Ranger for a walk in the woods, see how the National Trust looks after this special place. Meet at the Hayburn Wyke Inn car park, 2 miles north of Cloughton off the A171, YO13 OAU.

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 February 23rd**.

Parish Council News

Precept 2015/6

Unfortunately the Parish Council have had to increase the Precept for next year from £2450 to £2820. The increase has been forced upon us by the cuts imposed by NYCC which have resulted in the payment from NYCC towards our grass cutting to be reduced from £360 a year to £15.

General Election

The General Election takes place in May this year. You can only vote if your name is on the current register of electors. If you want to check if you are on the register, please contact either Jackie on 460398 or ring RDC on 01653 600666.

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt

The Christmas Fair seems so long ago now, however we would like to thank everyone who came and supported us. With a special thank you to Santa and his elf.

Competition winners were:-

Evie Harland (number of sweets in jar)

Stephen Eddon (teddy's birthday)

Guy James (weight of cake)

Tree decoration winners were:- Sheila, Paula and Mary

Budding artists were:- Lace, Lennon, Imogen and Lorrie

Forthcoming dates:-

Tuesday February 3rd

AGM, Lockton Village Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday February 17th

Don Tolliday Quiz, Fox & Rabbit Inn 7pm

Monday March 2nd

Show meeting, everyone welcome, Village Hall 7.30pm

Friday March 20th

End of season dinner

Saturday March 28th

Four forfeits pleasure ride

Saturday May 9th

May Ball

Sunday June 14th

Terrier, Lurcher & Whippet show

Saturday July 25th

Saltersgate Country Show

Sunday September 6th

Pleasure Ride

Domino Drives:- All at Lockton Village Hall, 7.30pm

February 24th & March 10th



There's not much going on in the mini meadow right now so I'm going to digress. My son lives in Austin Texas, a city which is well known in the US for the work of Lady Bird Johnson, wife of President L B Johnson. Many Americans think of her as the reason why there are wildflowers blooming

along the nation's highways and fewer junkyards and billboards. She encouraged local groups to adopt stretches of highway which they look after by removing rubbish and encouraging wild flowers. American highway verges are far bigger than ours but if more of our roadside verges could be managed for wildlife as well as for road safety, they could provide hugely valuable corridors for linking up different areas of habitat. Could we learn from the US?

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



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.

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

For more information please ring 01751 460373

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 anyone 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 March 24th** 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 £2 – or free for items to be given away.