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LOCKTON PARISH CRYER



Barn Dance

With the Well Dressed Band

At Lockton Village Hall on Saturday March 12th

Raising funds for the village defibrillator

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 be all 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! If you can't come but wish to support the defibrillator fund, please send a donation or buy some raffle tickets.



Lockton Artists' Open Studios

Lockton Village Hall

May 28/29th through to June 4/5th 2016

We are organising our very own Lockton Artists' Open Studios in the village this year. We intend to have a hub exhibition in the village hall over the two weekends **May 28/29th** and **June 4/5th** and during the **half term week**.

This exhibition will show examples of work from all of the artists/crafts people taking part. In addition, at the weekends, (and by appointment during the week) various artists will open up their studios/ workplaces to the public, so that they can answer questions about their work, demonstrate, talk about ways of working and hopefully sell some work.

If you would like to support us in this village event, we would welcome help with stewarding at the village hall. We plan for there to be two people on duty at a time and we will provide you with a 'training session' closer to the time. It would be lovely if as many of you as possible were involved, we really need your help!

Also, if you would like to contribute as an artist/craftsperson to the exhibition, please contact one of us for details. We are busy getting a funding application in, and there will also be a small fee of around £10 if you would like to exhibit. We will need commitment **before Friday February 12th** as we will be gathering information for a leaflet and posters.

I hope you will support us in this venture.

Please contact Sue Slack/David Stephenson 01751 460252 sueslack@swiveynun.plus.com



Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group

We hope everyone had a Happy Christmas and the New Year is proving acceptable. The Heritage Group's Christmas break continues so we have no news. Our first meeting of

the year will be **2 February**.

In the meantime here are a few more of the extracts selected from the hundreds you haven't read – yet.

Newspaper extracts:

Malton Messenger 21 March 1902

Dr Scott reports that the Lockton School had to be closed for a period because of the prevalence of whooping cough.

Malton Messenger 11 March 1906

Pickering Petty Sessions. Mr Whitfield, Scarborough solicitor, made an application regarding the Durham Ox at Lockton. The license had been held in the names of Mr W Thompson and his sister Mrs Hodgson and had been in the family, with the exception of 1 year, for over 200 years. The application was for the renewal of the license under the name of Mrs Hodgson. There had never been a complaint against her conduct of the business. Application granted.

Malton Messenger 25 January 1908

Pickering RDC. The bridge near Levisham Mill has been washed down in the recent heavy rain. Suggestion that it is raised a bit. To be replaced.

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

Since the last 'Cryer' we managed to fulfill all our Christmas engagements without the weather interfering and hope that everyone enjoyed listening, and in some cases, joining in with us.

We reconvened on Friday 15th January, the music-changing fairies having been busy the previous week putting the Christmas music to bed for another year. We have started to practice for a visit to Alba Rose in April and a rally at Ganton on **23rd April**. This will involve several teams from the area, including those from Scarborough, Scalby and Filey, and possibly further afield. We will be ringing 3 pieces all together and then entertaining each other with 3 pieces from each individual team. As it is St George's Day, the massed ringing pieces are all patriotically themed and we are planning on showcasing 3 of our Beatles repertoire. And, of course, there will be lunch – large, no doubt - after all, it's very hard work!!

Perhaps this year there will be fewer invitations for us to ring as we seem to have completed the rounds of the local WIs in 2015!

We meet at **Levisham Village Hall** on **Fridays** at **10.30am until 12 noon** (coffee and cake provided!) and will restart our **Tuesday** practices on **1st March** from **7.00pm until 8.30pm**. New members are always welcome - you do not need to commit to both sessions, or, indeed, regular attendance. Phone me (Anne) on 460274 if you would like to find out more or come for a taster session. Lifts from Lockton can be arranged.

Anne Deebank

WI Open Meeting featuring 'The Wonders of the Antarctic'



Lockton and Levisham WI will be holding an 'Open Meeting' on **Wednesday 3rd February** to which all residents are warmly invited. Geoff Kell and Colin Culley have recently returned from a twenty day trip to the Antarctic and they would like to share with us some of their amazing experiences.

The twenty thousand mile adventure included visiting South America, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic peninsular. Their boat journey navigated huge icebergs and the tempestuous seas of 'Drake's Passage'. They have followed in the footsteps of the great explorer Ernest Shackleton, had close encounters with elephant seals, walked amongst thousands of penguins and witnessed the devastating impact of the whaling industry.

If you would like to see their photographs and learn more about the last remaining pristine environment on our planet, please do come along and join us. The presentation will start at **7.45pm** in Lockton Village Hall and there will be refreshments afterwards. We look forward to welcoming you.



St Giles Church

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful Christmas at St Giles, and well into the new year now, our thoughts as Christians move towards Lent, that time we recall Jesus spending in the wilderness, though for us, a time of preparation for Easter; a time for allowing a sense of space and reflection in our full, busy lives.

Ash Wednesday's services are at **Pickering**, at **7pm**, but services of **Holy Communion** at Lockton in Lent will be at **10.30am** on **Sundays 14th and 28th February**, and **13th March**.

Easter Day, 27th March – and when the Clocks spring forward one hour – is Holy Communion also at **10.30am**. However, that day two of our younger members of Lockton Church are to be Confirmed at a very special service conducted by the Bishop of Whitby in **Pickering Church**. That service of **Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist** starts at **10am**.

To this, and to all services whether at Lockton, Levisham, Marishes or Pickering – all the churches of this benefice – you are, as ever, most warmly invited.

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

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.



Lockton Mini Meadow



Winter – a quiet time for the mini meadow. Wet, but not as wet as further south and west. Lockton has had its flooding problems though, when the drains failed to cope with a deluge. Pickering's 'Slow the Flow' flood measures have met with a great deal of interest recently.

The flood meadows at Clifton Ings and Rawcliffe play a crucial role in flood defence for York and their rich flora and fauna have led to their designation as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI). A 16th century account of the role of flood meadows comes from the *The Boke of Surveying and Improvements* (1523), about the 16th century feudal system.

"yf there be any rynnng water or lande flode that may be sette or brought to ronne ouer the meddowes from the tyme that they be mown vnto the begynning of May – and they wil be moche the bettr and it shall kylle, drowne and driue awaye the moldywarpes and fyll vp the lowe places with sande & make ther grounde euyn and good to mowe..."

Although moles ('moldywarpes') may not survive inundation, apparently earthworms are fine. They get oxygen through the skin, from air or water. Feeding and reproduction is not so easy underwater but the next generation of worms is present in the soil as cocoons and they can repopulate the area. Apparently the cocoons even have a natural anti-freeze which protects them under sub-zero soil conditions.

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



Carol Singing – Thank you

Many thanks to all the Carol Singers that turned out on a bitterly cold night

We raised £300.00 which has been sent in to St Catherines Hospice.

Also many thanks to John and Linda for their lovely warm refreshments

Jenny

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
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 is on **Monday February 8th** at **7.30pm** in the village hall.

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt

AGM

2nd February SFH AGM in Lockton Village Hall

Domino Drives – Lockton Village Hall

23rd February

8th March

All start at **7.00pm for 7.30pm**.

Coming events

8th February Quiz Night at Fox & Rabbit

19th March End of Season dinner

2nd April Four Forfeits Pleasure Ride

14th May Hunt Ball Tel. 07709497395

12th June Terrier & Lurcher Show,

Fox & Rabbit Farm

23rd July Country Show & Sports at Saltersgate

Parish Council News

Precept

The precept will be increased for 2016/7 by £235.00 to £3055.00. This increase will mean that in future years, the precept will cover all the normal Parish Council expenditure without having to dip into our reserves.

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 March 22nd** for the next Cryer due for publication by the end of March, covering April & May.

WI News



Previous meetings

December

The December meeting was the AGM held in the Village Hall. Paula is to stay as president and Mollie as secretary. Brenda stepped down as minutes secretary and Betty as treasurer. Jenny B was elected to take the minutes and Jennifer H was elected as the new treasurer. Paula won the prize for the most points in the 2015 competition. Amanda who is Events secretary discussed next year's meetings which are looking good. We had a lovely Christmas supper with Secret Santa presents.

January

The January meeting was held in the village hall. A green theme linked with climate change was discussed. It was decided to have the Birthday meal at the Tea Rooms. Brenda was given a Hellebore plant for her garden to thank her for taking the minutes for the last 6 years. Resolutions were given to Mollie after listening to 5 of our members giving a resume about some of the chosen subjects.

Future meetings

Wednesday February 3rd

This is an open meeting with a slide show and talk about Antactica which Colin and Geoff visited in 2015.

Wednesday March 2nd

This is a talk by Wilf Norman entitled 'Raptors and owls of the North Yorkshire Moors'.