



LOCKTON PARISH CRYER



Sue's Quiz Night

Saturday October 29th

7.30pm

Lockton Village Hall

In aid of Lockton Play Area

Raffle & Refreshments

This is the main fund raising for the play area. The annual public liability insurance is over £600 and now the aerial runway needs some maintenance before it can be used again. If your family use the play area please support this event. If you've not been before, the evening is great fun & there are questions to suit everyone. If you can't make it, please think about buying some raffle tickets or making a donation to help pay for the insurance. Thank you.



Harvest Festivals

Saturday October 8th 7pm for 7.30pm
Saltersgate Farmers Hunt
at the Fox & Rabbit.

Monday October 10th 7.00pm
St Giles Church

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Open Evening

Everyone is invited to an open meeting of the Levisham with Lockton WI on Wednesday October 5th at 7.30pm in the village hall. Jo Purdy will be giving a demonstration on wreath making.



Lockton & Levisham Heritage Group

No meetings have been held in recent weeks consistent with the AGM decision to scale down the group's activities as a result of the low membership.

The Timeline of Five Ryedale Villages is completed and we await a proof copy to be printed by HPE in Pickering.

Newspaper extracts:

Malton Messenger 4 August 1906

The Rising Sun Lodge of the Worshipful Order of Ancient Shepherds held their anniversary recently. The members marched in procession to the church accompanied by the Rawcliffe Band and a earnest sermon preached by Rev Armstrong. After the service the procession reformed and marched around the village accompanied by the band. The party subsequently sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Worshipful Master Harland at the Horseshoe Inn. The usual toasts were honoured and the annual report read. Year income: £173-13-6½d, Outlay: £189-11-1d. Total surplus in favour of the society £414-17-2½d. In the evening the cricket club held their sports in a field loaned by Mr Rollinson. The events were: bicycle race, high jump, throwing cricket ball, ¼ mile flat race, bowling at stumps, ladies race etc. At the close prizes were distributed by Rev Armstrong. The National Anthem brought to a close the most successful and enjoyable day's proceedings for many years.

Malton messenger 9 December 1871

Lockton Inclosure. A copy of the report of the valuer together with estimates of expenses in the matter of inclosure is now deposited at the Durham Ox Inn for the inspection of all interested parties. The Commissioner will hold a meeting in the Durham Ox on 4 January next at 11am, to hear objections.

Website: www.locktonlevisham.co.uk

Ray Halmshaw 460008

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.



LL's Bells



We had great fun taking part in the BBC's 'virtual orchestra' for the Last Night of the Proms, although we were a little disappointed not to see ourselves in the 'collage' on the night of the 1200 performers who took part. It was a bit of a technical

challenge to record it as we had to play it in time with the conductor, who is a little more subtle than I am, so I had to watch her and listen to the main orchestra through headphones while simultaneously conducting the team – you can see the confusion on everyone's faces in the photograph! Anyway, everyone enjoyed the challenge and we



learned a new technique of 'malleting' ie striking the bell externally with, you guessed it, a small mallet. Our thanks go to Dave Pearson who patiently recorded several attempts before we decided the first one was the best!

We are starting our autumn term on **Tuesday 4th October at 7.00pm to 8.30pm** and **Friday 7th October 10.30am to 12 noon**, at **Levisham Village Hall**. We shall of course, be practicing hard for our Christmas gigs, but before that we are going to entertain at the Farmers Breakfast in Middleton Village Hall at the beginning of November.

As I always say at this time of year, why not find something different, enjoyable and (sometimes) challenging to do once the dark evenings approach? New members are always welcome; you don't need to be able to read music, neither do you have 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

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.



St Giles Church

It was a great joy to keep our patronal festival in September with our ever-popular blessing of animals. Thank you to all who came and supported that, and to all who have so generously sent in donations or of-

f-ers of help for the annual 'Gift Day' appeal, which coincides with these St Giles celebrations. In an age with declining clergy numbers and financial pressures on the church, it is the support of the local community which keeps the mission on the road, as well as the building up and running. On which note... if you are still hoping to send in a contribution, don't worry, it's not too late: I'm assured that Jackie Edenbrow is still accepting Gift Day envelopes through her letterbox!

When you receive this edition of the *Cryer* we will be beginning our Harvest Celebrations across the benefice. **Lockton's Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Monday 10th October at 7pm**, to which everyone is warmly invited. The autumn Harvest hearkens back to Old Testament times with the celebration of the Feast of Booths (or Tabernacles), when the people would offer thanks to God for his continual provision of food for them, which he does by keeping the natural world ticking over. (As we sing in *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*, 'He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain'.) They would therefore offer sacrifices of animals, grain offerings and freewill offerings. Our modern take on this is to offer the crops we have harvested to those who are hungry – supporting a local food bank, for instance – or to complete some other charitable work – perhaps raising money by auctioning the harvest with money raised going to those in need – but the underlying principle is the same. So do come and join us on **10th October**, as we give thanks for all that God has given to us: have a happy and joyous harvest!

Fr. Christopher

For up to date information on services, check out our website www.pickeringchurch.com, like us on Facebook or follow @PickeringChurch on Twitter.

Church Cleaning Rota

Please can anyone spare an hour or so a month to join the church cleaning rota? There are vacancies in January & February. Please contact Jackie Edenbrow (460398/locktonpcc@btinternet.com) for more details.

Upcoming Church Services

- Monday 10th October 7.00 p.m.**
Harvest Thanksgiving
- Sunday 23rd October 10.30 a.m.**
Holy Communion
- Sunday 13th November 10.30 a.m.**
Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
- Sunday 27th November 10.30 a.m.**
Holy Communion for Advent Sunday
- Sunday 11th December 10.30 a.m.**
Holy Communion
- Friday 16th December 7.00 p.m.**
Readings and Carols for Christmas
- Saturday 24th December 6.00 p.m.**
Holy Communion for Christmas
- Alternate Fridays 8.30 a.m.** Morning Prayer (B.C.P.)
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Lockton Mini Meadow



The meadow was cut and the grass cleared away at the beginning of September. Many thanks to Geoff Brown for all his help. It makes a huge difference not having to scythe or strim. The aim of cutting in late summer is to allow the flowers to provide for foraging insects and especially bees as long as possible. Leaving the clippings on the ground for a few days allows the seeds to drop out.

This year the meadow was only cut once, unlike in previous years when the grasses were so prolific by early summer that we needed to thin them out in patches to allow the wildflowers more of a chance. Although by September the grasses were high, they weren't as thick as in previous years, an indication that the meadow management is becoming more effective.

Now we need to wait until spring.

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



Future meetings

- Wednesday October 5th**
Wreath making – A demonstration by Jo Purdy
- Wednesday November 2nd**
Book Making – Janilaine demonstrating the art of book making
- Wednesday December 7th** AGM & Christmas Supper

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 October 17th at 7.30pm** in the village hall.

Parish Council news

Grass Cutting

The Parish Council has awarded the contract for grass cutting for the next two years to Stephen Hough from Thornton le Dale. There have been many positive comments on his work this year.

Conifer in Cemetery

One of the conifers in the cemetery has split at the base and this is causing it to lean. The Parish Council have been advised that it should be removed. This work will be carried out shortly by David Bayes. There will be a considerable amount of timber which the Parish Council would like to sell to offset the felling cost of £570. Please get in touch with Jackie for more details.

Audit

The external auditors have now approved our accounts for 2015/16. These will be available to view shortly on the village noticeboard, on the website www.locktonlevisham.co.uk or printed copies are available from Jackie for a fee to cover printing costs.

Dalby Forest

The vehicle recognition entry barriers are due to be installed in January/February 2017.

Lawn Tractor

The Parish Council would like to sell its lawn tractor. This currently is not in working order. If anyone would like to make an offer or would like to have a look at it please get in touch with Jackie.



Neighbourhood Watch

Messages are now starting to come through on the new North Yorkshire Community Messaging System (CMS).

If you would like to be included in the emails sent out by both the Neighbourhood Watch & Rural Watch schemes please email me (tony.edenbrow@btinternet.com) with your email details. Also following on from changes to my PC from a dual system PC to a Windows 10 PC, I might have lost some email contact details. So if you haven't had an email from me in the last month, please could you email me again.

Tony Edenbrow

Saltersgate Farmers Hunt

Our next event is the annual **Harvest Festival** at the Fox & Rabbit on **Saturday 8th October – 7 for 7.30p.m.** start. There will be the usual service followed by an auction. Any contribution of gifts and/or produce gratefully received. Proceeds to be split between the Hunt and local charities.

The **Opening Meet** will be in the Square at Lockton on **Saturday 5th November, 10.45a.m.**

Everyone very welcome but please no dogs at the meet.

Chairmans Dinner to be held on **26th November**, please contact Secretary for details.

Domino Drives – 2016/17 Season, all at **7.30p.m.**

November 8th	Lockton Village Hall
November 22nd	Newton-upon-Rawcliffe Village Hall
December 13th	Lockton Village Hall
January 10th	Lockton Village Hall – 'New Year Draw'
January 24th	Lockton Village Hall
February 28th	Lockton Village Hall
March 14th	Lockton Village Hall



THE NATIONAL TRUST

It's been a busy summer for the National Trust's North York Moors ranger team. On the practical side of things we've been making a concerted effort to get on top of the bracken at a couple of key places at the Bridestones. We've had groups of volunteers out every couple of weeks to knock it back in Dovedale and the lime rich pasture. It's made a real difference and we've been able to significantly increase the area of grassland in both locations. That's given us even more work to do now we're on to cutting and raking them. Hopefully we'll be seeing lots more wild flowers next year as reward for all the hard work.

Now that summer is behind us we're starting to look forward to our winter work programme. One quite exciting project we'll be starting on soon is the restoration of a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) on Bridestones Moor. This is a 930m long prehistoric boundary feature that has become quite badly overgrown with trees and scrub. We'll be calling on our volunteers to help cut back the vegetation and move a fence line that is also encroaching on the monument. It's going to be a big job and will probably take us a few years to complete.

Gareth Wilson, Area Ranger

The next Parish Cryer

Please could you let Jackie Edenbrow (460398) have any news or articles by **Tuesday November 22nd** for the next Cryer due for publication by the end of November, covering December & January.