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### View from County Hall



It's doubtful that any of us will come out of this global crisis either physically or economically unscathed, but for now I want to explore some of the positive ways in which we may emerge at the other side. Before I do so, I would first like to pass on my thanks to all those who have worked in a voluntary capacity within their

communities. It has made a huge difference to our recourses at NYCC enabling us to direct services to the most vulnerable and for this we are very grateful.

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Last month we held our first virtual executive meeting. Despite many misgivings from some colleagues, everyone (including the public) was able to access the meeting and the

technology worked. A recent 'one to one' meeting with our Assistant Director of Children's Services gave me a real insight to how we might improve services as we emerge from this crisis. I was briefed on some of the more creative ways in which we were using technology to keep our children safe in these difficult times. My thoughts went back to a Health and Well-being presentation last year (pre COVID-19) from a team running the health services in the Scottish Highlands. We were given a fascinating whistle stop tour of their use of virtual appointments and meetings. Travel time and transport are the main issues we all have to address in any rural area and two details stuck out in my mind from this presentation. Firstly that what worked in one area of the Highlands didn't necessarily transfer to another, but the second extraordinary revelation was that it was the older generation that had taken more readily to the cyber meetings than the young. The struggle to get transport for their routine hospital visits sometimes including an overnight stay and the toll the travelling took on patients were cited as the reasons for this preference. No one was saying that this method replaced all types of appointments but it was clear that there were ideas for us to explore.

We are now forced into holding virtual meetings and appointments to keep ourselves safe. We are already looking at ways in which we can make these meetings more meaningful for the end user and I am sure that with increased use, our confidence will grow. Technology is now much more user friendly, we have greater broadband coverage and this should ensure that we

enable most people to have the opportunity to use this method of communication should they wish to do so. Of course as a society, nothing can replace face to face, but "needs must when the devil drives!"

At the end of my meeting with our Assistant Director, we both came to the inevitable realisation that now we have been forced into lock down and life as we know it has changed, we have been able to show that we can work in a way that makes us more efficient, gives us more quality personal time and not least, achieves the benefits to our environment that we have all been striving for.

Janet Sanderson

#### Contacts

Ryedale District Council - 01653 600666 North Yorkshire County Council - 01609 780780 Independent Domestic Abuse Service (IDAS) -03000 110 110

IDAS National Helpline - 0808 200 247 Wolds Valley Help the Community Group (Martin Pearce Co-ordinator) - 07971 963797 Ryedale Volunteer Network Team Facebook-Ryedale Covid19 Help Network

Don't forget the following Websites:

Luttons & Weaverthorpe (http://luttonsandweaverthorpe.ryedaleconnect.org.uk)

Kirby Grindalythe & Duggleby (http://kirbygrindalytheduggleby.ryedaleconnect.org.uk)

Foxholes with Butterwick Parish Council (http://foxholesbutterwickpc.co.uk) All Saints Church, Wold Newton (www allsaintschurch-woldnewton.com)





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**VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations** 

# STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY!

Friday 8th May 2020

The Wolds Valley community spirit prevailed on the 8th May when we all gathered (socially distanced) to celebrate this great occasion in our history.

From the photos you all sent in, everyone seemed to have a great time. Please keep the snaps you have coming in as I will soon be putting together the montage to be mounted in Weaverthorpe Village Hall. This will be an excellent way of not only commemorating VE Day but also of creating a lasting memory of the current Covid-19 situation.

#### Weaverthorpe Village Hall

100 CLUB Firstly - my sincere apologies. The Village Hall Committee forgot that Brunch Club should have been

last Friday i.e. Friday 15th May. Hence the 100 Club Draw is now a week late. But the draw results are here now!!!

Secondly might I just hope that you are all keeping fit and well and also occupied during these unprecedented times.

Ok. The winning numbers for the May 100 Club Draw are:

40 (£20 first prize),

57 (£10 second prize)

33 (£5 third prize).

Congratulations to the winners. I have email contacts for the first and second prize winners and will be ringing the third place prize winner.

If you are aware of someone who is a member of the 100 Club, but is not internet connected, could I please ask that you might just let those people know that the draw is still taking place and also the winning numbers? Many thanks.

On the plus side of the draw being a week late it is now only a short time until the next draw i.e. if we remember it will be on the 19th June! I will be in touch sometime around then.

In the meantime, keep, safe, keep well and enjoy the weather.

Martin Pearce

## Keeping our lovely churches safe

Sadly, the churches continue to be locked because of the virus and we are concerned that criminals might try and take advantage of that. There is NO building work planned at any of the churches therefore, if you live near or are passing one of our churches and you see any suspicious activity, please could you give us a ring on the relevant number below?

Thank you, and hopefully we will be able to unlock the churches soon...

Vicar: Andy Bowden 07544 705064

Weaverthorpe Church Warden: Gill Trowsdale 07704 733957

Helperthorpe Church Warden: Anthony Milner 07831 223426

West Lutton Church Warden: John Clegg 01944 738044

Kirby Grindalythe Church Warden: Keith Acomb 07989 303816

Wharram Le Street Church Warden: Sue Teal 07896 768580



#### WEAVERTHORPE & DISTRICT PRODUCE SHOW

We are so sorry but it will probably come as no surprise to learn that the Produce Show for 2020 will be cancelled in light of the ongoing coronavirus situation.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your giant vegetables, delicious bakes and beautiful arts and crafts in 2021.

#### **RAREY HALT SHOP**



As from Monday 18th May the shop will be open 9am-1pm on Mondays. Thursdays.

Fridays and Saturdays.

The Post Office will be open as usual on Mondays and Thursdays, but still on reduced hours – 10-12 noon.

Rafters fruit and vegetables can still be ordered. Please order in the shop or by phone before 3pm Wednesday for collection on Friday morning.

Bread can still be ordered from Derventio Bakery for collection on Thursday and Saturday mornings. Please order in the shop or by phone before 3pm Wednesday for Thursday collection, or by 3pm Friday for Saturday collection.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for you continued support during these uncertain times.

Pete and Jill 01944 738282



#### Social Distancing

We in the Wolds Valley have been doing a fantastic job of complying with Social Distancing. Please don't be lulled into a false sense of security since the relaxing of the rules and be tempted to join the throng invading our beaches and other beauty spots. We still need to take precautions within our own villages so keep safe and stay well!



#### HUNMANBY SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Needs new members!

The PPG is having a fresh start and needs new people who have a little bit of time to commit to getting the group back on its feet. The group will be independent of the Practice but work in collaboration with it, by being a "critical friend". If you are a registered patient or a carer of one,

If you are a registered patient or a carer of one, then you are welcome to help improve patient experience by contributing your ideas and raising any issues concerning patient care, and feeding them back to the Practice.

The "Open Meeting" planned in March, had to be cancelled but when meetings are allowed, we are hoping to already have a group of interested people waiting to come along. Let your voice be heard!

Please contact me, Frances Turner (the new chairman) if you are interested.

Tel. 01262 470505/ mob.07770082454 or email: francesturner@fætmail.com



#### Respectful Reminder

Please think of others and do not be tempted to light bonfires at home in the garden or in public spaces such as allotments. A lot of people at home are vulnerable and any one of your neighbours might have respiratory issues or even be fighting Covid-19. Smoke inhalation can impair breathing so during this difficult time please put their needs first. Bonfires can also get out of control or cause accidents, creating extra pressure on the already busy emergency services.





All Saint's Church, Wold Newton
The latest Wold Newton initiative to bring everyone together and working for others has come from the medieval village church of All Saints. For years there has been a cardboard box inside the church door in which food has been collected to aid others who are in need, but it tended to be patronised only by churchgoers.

Now that the church doors are locked, a plastic, lidded box (proof against marauding squirrels, other rodents and birds) has been placed in the easily-accessible porch. Donations are invited of non-perishable, in date, foodstuffs (tins of beans, meat, packets of rice and spaghetti) as well as basic toiletries which will be collected regularly and donated to 'The Hinge' charity based at Bridlington. The Hinge has always existed to provide food, shelter and support for people in need and at the moment the need is very, very great. At the very beginning of this initiative the response has already been great from this generous-hearted community. Every donation helps to feed or give self-respect to someone in dire need at this time. We hope everyone will join in this effort to help others. Thank you to everyone who will help others in this way.



Chris Corbett of West Lutton has many books on a wide variety of subjects. He is kindly making these available to borrow.

> If you are interested, please contact Chris on 01944 738660 chriscorbett1430@gmail.com

The coronavirus outbreak has placed a strain on everyone, but especially those of us living with dementia. If you, or a friend or family member, currently live with dementia, here are some simple tips specially created to help make things more manageable.



#### Stay safe and well

Always stay three steps (two metres / six feet) away from anyone you don't live with higher, or start to feel breathless, phone 111. Seek and accept help – but only from people you know and trust, or a registered volunteer.



letters to online video calls. You can also feel closer to the important people in your life by thinking about them and looking at photographs.



#### Keep a sense of purpose

enjoy. Keep up your usual daily activities such as washing, dressing, eating, cleaning, gardening and watching your favour ite TV and radio programmes.







#### Stay positive

thoughtful, and support each other. There will be good days and bad days, but if you're feeling anxious, try using relaxation techniques or call a helpline such as the

We will get through this, and we will be together again.





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