



Warbler

A View from County Hall



As we entered the first lockdown, decision making powers were delegated to our CEO under emergency procedure rules. The “virtual meeting” soon emerged as a vehicle for the decision making process. This form of meeting was probably never envisaged when legislation around public meetings was agreed.

Agenda items at virtual meetings were debated by councillors in the usual way, but the final decision had to be handed over to our CEO as

there is no provision for a “virtual” vote. I am pleased to say our CEO never strayed from the will of the councillors!

Apart from the obvious, there have been other benefits from the virtual meeting including 131,338 miles not travelled with an associated saving of £55,221 and an estimated saving of 36.774 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. An estimated saving in terms of time not spent travelling to and from meetings of 5,013 hours or 668 working days is very pertinent to my own circumstance. Pre pandemic I could easily spend around 30 hours a month in travel time and many hours spent away from the community I represent.

Covid figures across the county are now much higher than the England average and are rising. It's clear we will have to live with this virus for a long time to come, so it would seem sensible to put in place small adjustments to protect ourselves. As the old year comes to a close and we look to what the new year holds and how we might keep ourselves safe, somewhere on my wish list has to be revised legislation around the virtual meeting. It would not of course be top of my priorities but could give us a quick fix for just some of the problems we face around Covid safety, climate change and efficient travel around this large county as we move towards a unitary authority.

Happy Christmas everyone,

Janet Sanderson

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WEAVERTHORPE SCHOOL CONSULTATION ON CLOSURE

By now, we are sure that you have heard that Weaverthorpe School and Nursery is in real danger of being closed at the end of July 2022.

We recently had a meeting with Weaverthorpe Parish Council, with the County Councillor Janet Sanderson in attendance, and at that meeting the Parish Council have given their full support to helping us to provide input to a consultation which is due to be held in January. The consultation will be for a period of six weeks during which time we hope that we can convince the LEA and the DFE that closure will have a catastrophic effect on the children and the community as a whole.

Shortly there will be a communication which will help us put our views forward by asking people to answer questions about how the closure will affect everyone who has a child of infant and primary school age, or indeed those who are of Nursery age in the catchment area of the school. We are working on the content of this questionnaire at the moment and ask you to take some time to help to try and keep Weaverthorpe School open.

More details will appear in the January Warbler.

Happy Christmas to all our readers!

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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Lutton Tom Garbutt, Weaverthorpe &
AMK Fuel Services for their support.

Wolds Valley Benefice

5th Dec	10.30 am Benefice Advent Carol Service (with Holy Communion) St. Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe
10th Dec	6.00 pm West Lutton Carol Service for the whole village and the school outside by the NEW Christmas Tree on village Green by Three Tuns
12th Dec	10.30 am Holy Communion St. Mary's West Lutton 6.00 pm Kirby Grindalythe Carol Service for the whole village outside the village hall
15th Dec	6.00 pm Helperthorpe Carol Service for the whole village outside on the village green
16th Dec	6.00 pm Wharram Le Street Carol Service for the whole village outside the church
17th Dec	6.00 pm Weaverthorpe Carol Service for the whole village outside on the village green between The Star & Bluebell Inn
19th Dec	10.30 am Quiet Holy Communion St. Andrew's Weaverthorpe 6.00 pm Duggleby Carol Service for the whole village outside by the village bus shelter
24th Dec	5.00 pm Teddy Bear Service St. Peter's Helperthorpe 11.30 pm Midnight Mass St. Mary's West Lutton
25th Dec	9.00 am Christmas Day Holy Communion St. Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe

All enquiries should be directed to :-
Rev Andy Bowden 07544 705064 or email woldsvallychurches@gmail.com

Driffield & Langtoft Benefice

5th Dec	9:15 am - St Mary's, Little Driffield 11:00 am - St Peter's, Langtoft
7th Dec	9:30 am - All Saints', Driffield Carol Service in Aid of St Catherine's and Dove House Hospices
12th Dec	9:15 am - All Saints', Thwing 11.00 am - All Saints', Driffield
19th Dec	9:15 am - All Saints', Thwing (Carol Service) 9:15 am - St Mary's, Little Driffield (Carol Service) 11.00 am - All Saints', Driffield (Carol Service) 11:00 am - St Peter's, Langtoft (Carol Service)
22nd Dec	9:30 am - All Saints', Driffield
24th Dec	3.30 pm St. Nicholas', Butterwick (Christingle) 6.00 pm All Saints Driffield (Crib Service) 9.30 pm - St Peter's, Langtoft (Midnight Mass) 11.30 pm - All Saints', Driffield (Midnight Mass)
24th Nov	9:30 am - All Saints', Driffield
25th Dec	9:15 am - All Saints', Thwing 11.00 am - St Mary's, Little Driffield
26th Dec	10.00 am - All Saints, Driffield

All enquiries should be directed to:-
Rev Stuart Grant :- 01377 257712 Mob: 07795 560065

All Saints Church, Front Street, Wold Newton

5th Dec	10.00 am Holy Communion
19th Dec	4.00 pm Christingle Service
22nd Dec	6.30 pm 'Carols by Candlelight' - a service of carols and readings followed by refreshments.
25th Dec	10.00 am Christmas Day Holy Communion led by Rev B Hodgson.

All enquiries should be directed to: Rev Barbara Hodgson - Tel: 01262 470873

Sherburn Methodist Chapel

5th Dec	10.30 am Holy Communion Service led by Rev Emma Morgan
12th Dec	10.30 am Rev Sue Sowden and the worship band
19th Dec	10.30 am Carol Service led by Christine Fenwick
24th Dec	2.00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service to include Holy Communion led by Rev Sue Sowden. This will be followed by a showing of the short animated film, 'It's a boy!' and light refreshments.
26th Dec	10.30 am Service led by Rev Emma Morgan

Monday Bible Fellowship and prayer group from 1.30pm
Tuesday Coffee Morning from 10-11.30am
Thursday Craft Group from 1.30pm.
You are invited to any or all of these services and events.

All enquiries should be directed to: Rev Emma Morgan Tel: 01723 361214

A message from Rev Nicola Penn-Allison (who likes to be called Nicky!)

Thank you for the warm welcome back into the Wolds Valley Benefice! It has been a good eleven months, since we moved in, of reconnecting with people and the churches. However, I realise that there are many people who must be scratching their heads wondering who I am! Well, for those of you who do not know me, I am Nicky and I have recently moved back to West Lutton with my husband, Julian, and dog Tia. We lived here for five years until 2012 until we moved to Durham where I trained at Cranmer Hall to be ordained in 2014. I served my curacy in Redcar but then worked in the Lincoln Diocese as a Priest in Charge of seven rural parishes.

Julian and I have longed to return to our home in West Lutton and we are so happy that we have been able to make this happen. I am also delighted that I am able to work as a 'volunteer' priest with the archbishop's 'Permission To Officiate' and Rev Andy's blessing.

So, you may well be seeing me at meetings, in worship and on projects around the parishes of the Wolds Valley Benefice, but I will also be helping around the deanery. I also serve as an Army Cadet Force chaplain for the Royal Army Chaplain's Department and Julian and I run 'Dog Walking Me' - our dog boarding and day care business, from home.

Should you want to give me a call our home number is 01944 738540. My email address is nicky.allison@outlook.com. I am really looking forward to working with you all and please do come and introduce yourself to me if we haven't had an opportunity for a chat yet.



Time to get your
Posh Frocks out!

**Christmas Ladies Lunch
Charity Event for
Weaverthorpe school**

Friday 10th December
At The Star Inn

Tickets £15 for 2 Courses

To book, please contact
Lucy Downes on 07969 958136

We want to raise as much money for
our local school as possible.



Weaverthorpe stay and play is still on every Monday up at the school 9.00 - 11.00 am
Everyone is welcome and we hope to see some new faces £2 per child extra £1 per sibling please bring a snack and drink.
Maisie and Gemma.



Weaverthorpe Village Hall

Hello Everyone,

We still do not have planning approval for the proposed new ramp and porch to the west end of the Village Hall. We are hopeful that we will hear from Ryedale Council before the end of the month.

Some of you may have noticed that the outside light over the car parking area is not working. It appears that the transformer to the LEDs has failed. A new light has been ordered and will be installed as and when.

May I remind you that at the VH, in the kitchen lobby, there is quite an extensive library of books plus some jigsaws. For some it might be worth having a browse just in case you would like a 'stocking filler' for someone. Please remember that we ask for only a donation of 50p for each book or jigsaw you take. Once finished with just return it to the shelves - but don't expect your 50p to be refunded!

Now, moving forward. We intend to restart the 'Pop-Up Cinema' - probably starting in January and currently planned for the last Friday i.e. 28th. The planning is not quite complete, but will be very soon. I'm pretty sure that Trevor will have created a separate advert somewhere in this month's Warbler - so please have a look.

In the meantime, as usual, if you would like to hire the hall then please contact Trevor Thomson on 07972 132158 or 01944 738804.

Martin Pearce (on behalf of the WVH Committee)



100 Club

The 100 Club goes from strength to strength. Our members now have between them 104 numbers! Wow!!

However, we will not be renaming it the 104 Club - it will still be the 100 Club.

So, here's the thing. If any of you would like to join the 100 Club or perhaps would like to get some 'stocking fillers' for your children or grandchildren, just let me know. The cost would be just £8 per number for the remainder of the 2021/22 year i.e. 8 months' worth of 'draws' and potential wins.

If you are wondering how the system works with more than 100 numbers, it is quite simple - the winning numbers are 'drawn' using a Random Number Generator on an App on my phone. All that happens is that the limits for generating the numbers are set to between 1 and whatever is required as the upper limit - at the moment that is set to 110.

You can see therefore, that it is not a problem to have as many members and numbers as are wanted - we just extend the numbers available. So, just call or email me on - 07971963797 or martin.pearce54321@gmail.com.

The November 'draw' was done at the November Brunch Club and the winning numbers were 35 (1st Prize), 79 (2nd Prize) and 27 (3rd Prize). The winning members have been notified.

Best for now,

Martin Pearce (on behalf of the WVH Committee).



Weaverthorpe Brunch Club

The October Brunch Club (BC) was another great success with over forty people served breakfast! We even did two 'take-aways'! November was almost as popular with just short of forty people coming along.

We also have two new 'helpers' - Hazel Morley, from East Lutton, and John Carter, from Weaverthorpe. Thank you to both of you for your assistance - we hope you enjoyed your initiation at the November BC. Hazel has a background in catering and as a chef - so we hope to see her in the kitchen shortly.

The sad news is that we will be losing one of our 'helpers' - Liz Mills - as she and her husband are moving to Italy. Wow!! We wish them all the best for their move and thank Liz for her past help.

That still leaves the BC a little short of help so if there is anyone else out there who would like to give it a go then just get in touch with either myself or Trevor Thomson.

Moving on - our December Brunch Club will be on Friday 17th December. As it will be the Christmas BC we will be offering Bucks Fizz as well as mince pies. Please come along and enjoy a superb breakfast good company and possibly a glass with some 'bubbles' in it together with some live entertainment!!

We will be continuing with the 'two sittings' arrangement i.e. 09.30 and 10.45. So please contact Trevor Thomson on 07972 132158 or 01944 738804 to book your place and let him know you'll be coming along.

That's it for now, thanks.

Martin Pearce (on behalf of the WVH Committee)



Star Inn

WEAVERTHORPE

We are excited for the Christmas season. For December, we shall be open 7 days a week:-

Monday - Thursday 4pm - 10pm

Friday - Saturday 4pm - 12.30pm

Sunday 12pm - 9pm.

So come and enjoy a super meal in a great Christmas atmosphere.

We are open throughout Christmas including Christmas Day for drinks from 11am-1pm. Boxing day we will be doing our traditional Boxing Day Quiz, its filling up so call to book. New Years eve its our normal menu then party time.....



After a really busy year please be advised that we will be closing over the festive period as follows:

Dec 24th to 30th closed

Dec 31st open from 2:30pm for drinks, and pre-booked NYE dinner at 7pm

Jan 1st to 3rd closed

Jan 4th reopening as usual

Thanks,

Karl, Julia, Elsie and the Team

Christmas
Opening Hours



WEAVERTHORPE BRANCH

YCA Christmas meeting.

We would like you to join us on:-
Tuesday 14th December. 7.30pm

Weaverthorpe Village Hall. £5
Christmas songs with the Pickering Pop
Ukuleles.

Finger buffet & mulled wine. Raffle.

For catering purposes please
phone 01944 738804 to book.

Everyone is welcome.

Pay on the door.

Weaverthorpe Pop up Cinema in the Village Hall



We are looking at restarting the Pop Up Cinema in the Village Hall in January 2022, the date for your diaries is Friday 28th January. Watch out for more details in the January Warbler and could we ask that if you know someone who used to come to this event who does not get the e-version of The Warbler, please let them know? In the meantime we thought it would be useful if those of you that want to request a particular film please contact Jeff House on 01944 738841 or email at jeffrey.house@btinternet.com.

Ladies Keepfit



Starting January 2022
Fitness, Fun, and Friends
Weaverthorpe Village Hall
Every Monday 9.30 until 10.30
Maintenance Fitness for the
Over 60s will start every
Thursday Morning 9.30 until
10.30.
£5 per class. Please telephone
Diana on 01944 738003 or
email dpvercouteren@aol.com
for more information.

Rainbow Centre Collection



The children that attend my setting are helping The Rainbow Centre in Scarborough collect their target of 1,000 cans of baked beans, to send out in food parcels to the homeless.

If you have a spare can of beans please leave outside my front door in the wheelbarrow before December 5th (The Smithy Helperthorpe, the White House behind the tyre swings)

My children are going to have fun building a tower and counting, let's see how many we can collect...!

Thank you for your support—Jill Cade x

DOG MESS



Today is not the first time I have come out of my house in West Lutton to find dog muck on the path, in the road in front of my house and once even in my front garden.

I know this has been previously mentioned in the Warbler but it is still happening.

I have my suspicions that it is the same person each time with their small dog but have no proof yet although with the aid of CCTV I am more than happy to name and shame the person concerned.

Thank you.

A very frustrated West Lutton resident.

Zumba

£5 per session



Weaverthorpe Village Hall
Wednesdays 6.45pm -7.45pm

Phone Charlie on 07746 485138

Bilsdale Mast Refund



This is the link if anyone wants to claim. It's essential to follow the step by step guide.

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/19588080.bilsdale-transmitter-line-refunds-loss-tv-signal/>

PENNYS PLANTS



A huge thank you to everybody for your donations and to those who returned plant pots. Particular thanks to Jane and Graham Ashby for their plant donations and the Halloween pumpkins.

We made an incredible £741.60 and the money has gone to Next Steps Well-being Centre in Norton which supports people in Ryedale with mental health problems and well-being issues with, amongst other activities providing a drop-in centre, community café, showers and washing and drying facilities. Have a look at their website to find out about all the other facilities and support they offer,
<https://www.nextstepsryedale.co.uk/>

During the worst of the pandemic the staff and volunteers were making around 200 telephone calls per week to support their clients.

Thank you again. See you next year.
Penny – Boltby Cottage, Weaverthorpe.

WHARRAM LE STREET



We are really pleased to see the village defibrillator and now the cabinet are ready for installation. They will be put in place in a central position on the side of the B1248 in the very near future. As said before it has been made possible due to donations from the residents of Wharram, the Yorkshire Wolds Way Partnership and Birdsall Estates. Once again the parish council would like to thank Sarah Slingsby for her sterling efforts in overseeing the arrangements for obtaining the defibrillator.

"All this with the help of The Yorkshire Ambulance Partnership Charity."

Roger Kay.

Body Shop at Home Party



A Body Shop at Home Party was recently held in St.Mary's Church, West Lutton. "We were so pleased to have 16 visitors to the event (many who had heard about it through the Warbler email) and we raised £65 for the Church. Thanks again
Amanda Spivack"



We always need fundraising ideas. If anyone has any ideas going forward, please get in touch with the Friend's.
New ideas are always welcome!

STAGE HIRE

We have a Stage 4 x 2m for hire £35 per day (including erecting and taking down time)
Hirer to collect and return

Any bookings or queries please contact Maisie on 07842 619341.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize £50

Plus many other fantastic prizes.

£1 per ticket or £5 a book

Tickets available from School, The Blue Bell and The Star Inn.

Weaverthorpe School is still very much open so Friends of Weaverthorpe School are still fundraising for the benefit of the children including trips and books

Many thanks for your continued support Friends Of Weaverthorpe School.



LUNCHEON CLUB. (at Kirby Grindalythe Village Hall)

On Friday 3rd December we were treated to the return of an institution! Marylyn and all her helpers prepared an excellent Christmas Meal including:-

- ◆ A welcome glass of Sherry.
- ◆ Turkey/Pork/Pigs in blankets/ Roast potatoes/Apple sauce/ Seasoning and a selection of vegetables.
- ◆ Christmas Pudding and custard.
- ◆ Coffee or Tea with mince pies and after eight mints.
- ◆ With after dinner port kindly provided by Martin & Sue Pearce.
- ◆ And a FREE raffle!

A veritable Christmas Feast!!

The Luncheon Club will continue from January. Payment will as usual be by donation, with a minimum of £3 per head. **(Editors Note! I personally think it's worth £5.00 all day long so dig deep!)**
Please ring Marylyn or John on 01944 738044 to book your seat as due to Covid restrictions places will be limited.

Marylyn's Pop Up Xmas Shop



Very many thanks to all the generous folks who turned up to the "Pop Up" shop and cleared out pretty much all my stock! Thanks to you and the very generous donation from Kirby Grindalythe Village Hall Committee, the Luncheon Club will get off to a flying start! Marylyn.

HUNMANBY AND DISTRICT GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting is on Tuesday December 7th at the Community Centre, Stonegate, Hunmanby and we welcome back Lynne Simpson of 'Daisy Dot' our local florist. Lynne will be demonstrating how to construct floral Christmas arrangements. Following the talk and demonstration we will be serving wine and festive nibbles alongside our popular raffle. Free to members and £2.00 for non members. Why not become a member? Its only £5.00 per year. As with all our meetings the talk begins at 7.30 pm.

For further information contact Steve Rose on 07531 610347.

Looking ahead to 2022 our talk on Tuesday January 4th is by the Revd. Tim Parker vicar of Hertford Benifice who will be telling us about Lessons from Birds. Again starting at 7.30 pm at the Community Centre, Stonegate, Hunmanby.

Finally the Committee would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New year.

www.hunmanbygarden.club



WOLD NEWTON

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

All information could alter, of course, depending on Covid regulations, so if in any doubt please call the vicar, Rev. Barbara Hodgson 07734467174 or one of the churchwardens: Carol 01262 470838 or Julie 01262 470546.

CHOIR Practice is on Thursdays 4.15 - 5.30 p.m. Any newcomers are very welcome to join our small group. Contact John (01262) 470210.

The church remains open daily for private prayer and contemplation; also for visitors wishing to experience its history and beauty and access to the village Library/Book Exchange.

All are invited to call in for a free coffee and biscuit from 2 - 4.00 p.m. on Thursdays. Parents collecting children from school are especially welcome and Anny (a qualified, registered Ed. Psych) is available to talk over any issues their children may have.

SUPPER CLUB

It is hoped to re-start these once a month at The Anvil Arms. Please contact John Butler 01262 470210 for further information.

THE HINGE BOX

This is in the church porch and continues to be very well supported, providing much needed food and essentials for struggling, local families. Based in Bridlington, the Hinge is now receiving more referrals from local authorities and is even busier than it was. All donations are very much appreciated.

In 2019, 205 food parcels were supplied. The quantity has soared and this year 500 are required. They are now packing hampers for Christmas. This year will be especially hard for the homeless and families in difficulties. Several are on the breadline. If you would like to help one of these families any extras would be appreciated, as well as the usual foods and essentials. Thank you to anyone who can donate anything, even a tube of toothpaste or a tin of baked beans! Christmas is a time for giving.

WOLD NEWTON COMMUNITY Facebook Group

This continues to provide much needed community information. The Bus Shelter seems to have become a secondary Village Notice Board and most events are advertised there as well. Books and resources are now based in the church which is opened every day.

THE WOLD NEWTON CALENDAR 2022

2022 calendars of beautiful Wold Newton! Celebrating events, the landscape and village. All photos have been contributed by those living in the village; we are lucky enough to have a wildlife photographer in our midst, who has contributed some beautiful images to the calendar. Children at the school took part in a competition to draw the church and all entries are included! In an A4 format, with dates on a separate A4 page, where you can scribble important information!

Each calendar comes with an envelope and costs £10, obtainable from Anny Bibby 01262 470287, and Margaret Tansley 01262 470818

Carol singing



About a dozen people in the small Wolds village of Newton Rochford, peered through their windows in increasing dismay as the afternoon of the twenty-third of December wore on. All had hoped that the relentless rain would cease before evening fell and the volunteer carol-singers met in the church for the start of their traditional circuit. As they ate their early dinners, hopes for a dry evening flickered low and finally died.

Nevertheless, they trudged into the ancient church, rain dripping from waterproofs, to be met by the organisers who dispensed hot mulled wine from thermos flasks. Spirits rose, carol booklets were shared-out and promptly at 7.00 p.m. they set forth in waterproofs and carrying brollies as well as torches; not an easy combination.

The route was pre-determined and strenuous, taking in singing outside requested stops and homes occupied by those who were house-bound. Some householders gave donations, but they were not asked for at others. Collecting money for charity brought greater dividends in their last stop – the pub!

They entered through the back door, as previously arranged, and shed their dripping outerwear. Trousers clung wetly, however and feet remained cold and damp. Then through to the large saloon bar, clutching equally damp booklets. Drinks were ordered, the first sips taken to ease dry throats and then a well-rehearsed launch into 'O Come All Ye Faithful'.

Having gained the attention and understanding of the patrons a 'request' session followed. Throats were beginning to swell and close and voices to become hoarse, so, on the final line of the fifth carol, the charity box was passed around and the singers sank onto their bench seats around a long table and drank deeply and with satisfaction, letting the liquid trickle slowly down their throats. Gradually they warmed through and relaxed. Eight o'clock-ish, a bit after; they'd used the hour well.

Suddenly, Patti Stevens sat bolt upright in her corner seat. Everyone stared at her in bafflement. She was biting her lower lip and had a strained look on her face. She had been staring at her list of calls.

"Hannah," she said. "Old Hannah Harding – we've missed her!"

The faces staring at her registered various expressions, but after a minute all came together with the same look of disbelief.

"We couldn't have!"

"We did!"

"How could we do that?"

Babble ensued, but eventually they were all clear. Somehow, whether it was the weather and the desire to be in the warmth or whatever – they had missed the turning to Hannah's; the oldest woman in the village, now confined to a wheelchair and an ex-enthusiastic singer and tireless worker for others.

Recriminations began, but other voices snuffed them out and it was generally agreed that all were responsible.

"We all walked past the lane end," it was agreed.

"Yes, we're all to blame."

"Does it really matter?" came timidly from Sheila in the other corner. "Just a question, really – I know it does, now I've said it."

"She'll be in bed by this time. It's nearly eight thirty. I think her carer comes at eight."

The voices chorused with excuses and reasons; but everyone knew what needed to be done and glasses were drained before they all rose to their feet.

"If she's in bed, we'll sing outside her window," was the unanimous decision as they shook raindrops off their outerwear, donned it miserably and marched off gloomily into the darkness. Christmas spirit was missing, squashed by a sense of duty.

It was a trudge up to Hannah's cottage; the lane became a stony track about two hundred yards from the village, but soon the carollers assembled outside her door.

A hearty 'We wish you a merry Christmas', preceded their knock on the door, where the paint peeled worse than last year.

"Come in! Do, please, come in," an elderly, sweet voice invited.

Peter opened the door. "We're rather wet," he explained.

"That's no problem, leave your coats in the hall." A wheelchair propelled itself towards them down the corridor and the tiny, white-haired occupant beckoned them in before backing away to give them space.

"Hello Hannah!" they chorused, before following her into the room where she passed most of her life.

Hannah was in her nightdress and dressing-gown.

Patti was quick to ask if they were too late.

"Oh, no!" Hannah beamed. "I knew you'd come so I told my carer not to put me to bed and that I had friends who would help me. I knew I wouldn't be sitting up all night in my nightie!" A chorus of female voices asserted their agreement, guilt subsumed for the moment.

Hannah moved her chair further into the room to create space. They could now see the table in the corner. It was laid with mince pies, glasses, flasks of mulled wine, plates and napkins. A party atmosphere – and Hannah beamed to see their faces.

"I've been out on nights like this," she said. "It's also 75 years today since I first went a-carolling round the village, so I thought we could have a little celebration! Now, singing first – could we have 'O Come All Ye Faithful'?"

Some twenty minutes later the singers finally helped themselves from the table. It rather naturally flowed that each person gravitated to Hannah for a chat and so she caught up with many aspects of village life. A huge pleasure for her and all present felt the happiness and 'rightness' of the evening.

It was almost ten o'clock, when the evening closed. Several ladies helped Hannah into bed and the carollers bade her goodnight and a happy Christmas. Somehow it transpired that they had agreed to sing outside her window on Christmas morning. There was much argument about that later, but as they tramped home through the lessening rain not one of the singers would have had anything different.

As they went their separate ways – they knew that Christmas had begun well.

Foxholes Community Hall



The Hall is available for private hire complete with all media facilities.

All enquiries:- Rod 01377 267054 / 07748 755607

'VILLAGE VOICES'

Friday 3rd December

A Family Evening of Carols and Christmas Songs. Come and join in the Spirit of a lovely start to your Christmas. Tickets are £5.00 on the Door. Starts at 7.30pm / doors open at 7.00pm Tea & Coffee + Mince pies.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME!!

Here is the Big One !!

'GARY'S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL'

Saturday 18th December

Live Music, Fun and Games & Dance the Night Away. Get your tickets early, don't miss out!! Tickets £8. Call Gary on 07769 593251

YOGA CLASS

Monday 6th & 13th December

Time:- 11.30am till 12.15pm
Normally every Monday.
New members welcome

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Monday 6th December the group's Christmas Meal at the Anvil

Monday :- 20th December

Time:- 7.30pm till 9.00pm / Meeting Room

ART GROUP

Thursday: 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd Dec

1.00pm till 3.00pm / Main Hall
Normally every Thursday.
New members welcome, Materials can be provided to help you start off.
Relaxed atmosphere and help given

CRAFT GROUP

Monday: 13th December

2.00pm till 4.00pm / Main Hall

New members welcome. Bring your craft and have a chat over a cuppa!

WHIST DRIVE

2nd Tuesday of Month

Tuesday:- 14th December

Start 7.30pm till 9.30pm/ Main Hall
New members welcome. This is a fun evening of whist, if you have never played and you want to try please come along and we will guide you along. No pressure just enjoy the company.

LINE DANCING

Wednesday 1st 8th 15th 22nd

Start 7.00pm till 9.00pm Every Wednesday.
New members welcome!
Great exercise and good fun!

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Thursday 2nd 9th & 16th December

Start 7.00pm till 9.30pm / Main Hall
2x Lanes, All equipment is provided!
A relaxed fun evening of indoor bowls!
Benefits:- improves hand eye coordination and strengthens muscle tone.
All welcome, if you've never played before give it a go, it's good for the soul and mind.
No booking, just come along.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 10th December

7.00 till 10.00pm
Usual Quiz Master :- Rod
Team's of six or less. Please book a table as these are limited!
(Licensed Bar at this event)

COFFEE MORNING & LIBRARY

Saturday 11th December

We shall be offering mince pies and traditional fare along with a Xmas raffle.

Christmas party night!

Foxholes Community Hall

Saturday 18th December



A **Kittones Special**
It's That time of year!

Raffle

Doors open 7-30 Show starts 8-00

LIVE MUSIC

Bar available...

£8

Call Gary on 07769593251

Farmer Christmas Tractor Run

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Sunday 19th of December

Route as follows-

Start 4pm at

Foxholes to...

Langtoft to...

Kilham to...

Rudston to...

Burton Fleming to...

Thwing to...

Wold Newton to...

Foxholes Community Hall -

**Finish 6.30pm (ish) ready
for Farmer Christmas and
refreshments.....**

Tractors of all shapes and sizes lit up ready up for Christmas driving through our villages. Come out on route and enjoy this special festive spectacle.

Tickets booked in advance to meet farmer Christmas in his Tractor grotto in Foxholes Village Hall field in his tractor workshop and see the tractors up close from 6.30pm.

Children £5+ entry-Adults donation entry

All proceeds to North Wolds Lions, YAA and KPFA

See the KPFA or Scruton's Facebook page for more details and tractor entry link* or booking to see Farmer Christmas, or click QR code and link below or pop into Scruton's

ADVANCED BOOKING ONLY!!

Hot drinks and food available to purchase.

*Limited numbers please book in advance!!

Come and see the decorated tractors parked at the finish from 6.30pm in the Foxholes community Hall Field and Meet Farmer Christmas in his Workshop - book tickets in advance~ Wrap up warm & wellies recommended

Buy tickets - www.theentrypoint.co.uk/events and search Farmer Christmas Tractor Run

SCAN with camera HERE to buy tickets →



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Farmer Christmas Tractor Run

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SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2021

ARRIVAL AT YARD FROM 3PM,

£15 per tractor

PRIZE FOR BEST DECORATED TRACTOR* (*Christmas lights & tinsel etc please!!*)

1x passenger (over 14yrs only!) allowed at £5 also incl. supper

4PM SET OFF ON MARSHALLED ROUTE. RETURN ESTIMATED 6.30PM.

REFRESHMENTS INCL, WELCOME HOT DRINK AND SUPPER AFTER RUN.

Please decorate your tractor Christmas lights, tinsel, more creative the better!!

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Burton Fleming to...

Thwing to...

Wold Newton to...

Foxholes Village Hall - **Finish 6.30pm (ish) ready Farmer Christmas and refreshments. All proceeds from entry go to Kilham Playing Field Association, Buckets on route go to Yorkshire Air Ambulance.**

For more details find Kilham playing field or Farmer Christmas Tractor Run on Facebook, get in touch with Laura at Scruton's or email kpfaevents@outlook.com -Thanks for the support !!



Entry Form here using phone camera

or collect from Scruton's

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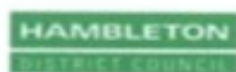
- If your home has an Energy Performance Rating (EPC) of D, E, F or G.
- Your household income is less than £30,000 or someone living in your home receives benefits such as Universal Credit, Income Support, Disability Allowance and many more.



Green Homes Grants



Funding provided by local authority delivery



* All applications made need to meet the eligibility criteria set for your local council area. A free home survey is also required before recommendations for the energy efficiency improvement can be made. Improvements are funded through the Government-led Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme, which aims to improve the warmth of homes, cut energy bills and help the UK to be zero-carbon by 2050.