



# Warbler



## A View from County Hall



Our November quarterly council meeting was a very sombre occasion as three days prior to the meeting our chairman died suddenly. This was the first time a NYCC chairman has died in office and the shock and sadness was felt throughout the chamber. Non the less, the work of the council had to move forward and business was progressed over the following six hours, the longest NYCC meeting I have ever attended.

The most complex debate was around the decision to levy 100% council tax premium for second homes from 1 April 2024. Legislation that would enable us to do this is currently passing through parliament and so the decision is subject to the required legislation being in place. There is a clear need to address the problems around the provision of reasonably priced houses for local people, but this has to be balanced with the needs of the visitor economy. It was a difficult decision, and no one thought it would be the total answer, however looking at modelling in Wales, the evidence showed that the policy had been effective as part of a raft of measures taken. Any extra income would be directed to improving and increasing local provision of housing.

In light of the chancellor's recent statement, our next task is to look at the budget for next year. I welcome the emphasis on education, our children are our future and to quote our children's policy, "Education is our greatest liberator". We are also pleased to see the significant funds directed at social care but this funding needs to be seen in the context of the current difficulties within care market. I've no doubt the statement will be the subject of much scrutiny over the coming weeks.

Finally, I encourage anyone struggling with the current "cost of living" challenges to visit the help section of the NYCC website. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cost-living-support>

Happy Christmas to you all and a very Hopeful New Year.

Janet Sanderson

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**Luttons Parish Council** (<http://luttonsandweaverthorpe.ryedaleconnect.org.uk>)  
**Kirby Grindalythe & Duggleby** (<http://kirbygrindalythe.duggleby.ryedaleconnect.org.uk>)  
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## Wolds Valley Benefice

Advent 2 Sunday 4th December	10.30 am Holy Communion, St. Peter's Helperthorpe
Friday 9th December	6.00 pm Carol Service, St. Mary's, West Lutton
Advent 3 Sunday 11th December	10.30 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Wharram Le Street
	6.00 pm Carol Service, Kirby Grindalythe
Wednesday 14th December	6.00 pm Carol Service, Helperthorpe on Village Green
Thursday 15th December	6.00 pm A Light in the Stable Carol Service, St. Mary's Wharram Le Street
Friday 16th December	6.00 pm Carol service, Weaverthorpe on Village Green
Advent 4 Sunday 18th December	10.30 am Quiet Holy Communion, St. Andrew's Weaverthorpe
	6.00 pm Carol Service, Duggleby at the Bus Shelter
Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve	5.00 pm Teddy Bear Service, St. Peter's Helperthorpe
	11.30 pm Midnight Mass, St. Andrew's Weaverthorpe
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	9.00 am Holy Communion, St. Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe

All enquiries should be directed to :-  
Rev Andy Bowden 07544 705064 or email [woldsvalleychurches@gmail.com](mailto:woldsvalleychurches@gmail.com)

## Driffield & Langtoft Benefice

Sunday, 4th December	9:15 am - St Mary's, Little Driffield (Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday, 4th December	11:00 am - St Peter's, Langtoft
Sunday, 4th December	11:00 am - All Saints', Driffield (Morning Prayer)
Tuesday, 6th December	7:00 pm - All Saints', Driffield (Hospices Carol Service)
Wednesday, 7th December	9:30 am - All Saints', Driffield
Sunday, 11th December	9:15 am - All Saints', Thwing
Sunday, 11th December	11:00 am - All Saints', Driffield
Wednesday, 14th December	9:30 am - All Saints', Driffield
Sunday, 18th December	9:15 am - All Saints', Thwing (Carol Service)
Sunday, 18th December	9:15 am - St Mary's, Little Driffield (Carol Service)
Sunday, 18th December	11:00 am - All Saints', Driffield
Sunday, 18th December	6:00 pm - St Peter's, Langtoft (Carol Service)
Sunday, 18th December	6:00 pm - All Saints', Driffield (Carol Service)
Wednesday, 21st December	9:30 am - All Saints', Driffield
Saturday, 24th December	3:00 pm - St Nicholas', Butterwick (Christingle)
Saturday, 24th December	6:00 pm - All Saints', Driffield (Crib Service)
Saturday, 24th December	9:30 pm - St Peter's, Langtoft (Midnight Mass)
Saturday, 24th December	11:30 pm - All Saints', Driffield (Midnight Mass)
Sunday, 25th December	9:15 am - All Saints', Thwing
Sunday, 25th December	11:00 am - St Mary's, Little Driffield (Book of Common Prayer)
Wednesday, 28th December	9:30 am - All Saints', Driffield
Sunday, 1st January	9:15 am - St Mary's, Little Driffield (Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday, 1st January	11:00 am - St Peter's, Langtoft
Sunday, 1st January	11:00 am - All Saints', Driffield (Morning Prayer)
Wednesday, 4th January	9:30 am - All Saints', Driffield
Sunday, 8th January	9:15 am - All Saints', Thwing
Sunday, 8th January	11:00 am - All Saints', Driffield

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



**COFFEE MORNING**  
Weaverthorpe Village Hall  
10am - 12 pm  
2nd Friday of the month  
**Friday 9th December**  
Books for sale.  
Everyone welcome.



**Weaverthorpe Brunch Club**  
Weaverthorpe Village Hall  
**Friday 16th December**  
Two Sittings  
9.15 and 10.45  
Text 07972 132158  
or P.M. me to book  
(Please state sitting when booking)



**Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

Wednesdays  
6.45pm to 7.45pm

Phone Charlie on 07746 485138



### **WEAVERTHORPE BRANCH**

Warmly invite you to our next meeting on Tuesday 13th December 7.30pm at Weaverthorpe Village Hall. Sing-along to Christmas songs with the Pickering Pop Ukuleles. Finger buffet, mulled wine & non-alcoholic punch. Raffle £5 pp Everyone welcome Contact Sue Thomson 01944 738804 for further information.

## All Saints Church, Front Street, Wold Newton

Sunday 4th December 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion Rev. B. Hodgson  
Wednesday 21st December 6.30 p.m. Carols by Candlelight to start your  
Christmas  
Sunday 24th December 6.00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service Rev. B. Hodgson

All information could alter, so if in any doubt please call one of the churchwardens:  
Carol 01262 470838 or Julie 01262 470546.

All enquiries should be directed to: Rev Barbara Hodgson – Tel: 01262 675014

## Sherburn Methodist Chapel

Sunday 4th December 10.30 am Service Led by Rev Emma Morgan  
Sunday 11th December 10.30 am Service Led by Mrs Nikki Warner  
Sunday 18th December 10.30 am Café Style Christingle Service for the whole  
family led by the Worship Team  
  
Saturday 24th December 4.30 pm at Sherburn Chapel. *'It's a boy' an  
animation to introduce all the family to the true  
meaning of Christmas.*  
  
Sunday 25th December 10.00 am Christmas Day Worship led by Christine  
Fenwick and Jean Brown

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

## Weaverthorpe Parish Council Replacing the birdmouth fencing around the village green

You may recall that in the October Warbler we asked that you to vote for the above project in Tesco's Driffield store. Tesco give money to communities for worthwhile projects. Our plan to replace worn out fencing with smart recycled plastic, that will last a lot longer than the forty years the existing fencing has, needs help from the community. We have been successful in being chosen as a recipient of some funds, but we need customers of Tesco to vote for us. There are three recipients of the funding but we need to get the most votes of the three in order to get the maximum grant of £1500. Everyone has the opportunity to vote by making a purchase at Tesco in Driffield. The voting takes place by the customer being given or asking for a token when you make a purchase. Please put your tokens in the box for our application. The voting has commenced and will continue until mid January 2023. So, even if you don't usually shop at Tesco in Driffield, with Christmas shopping coming up, if you can purchase some of your Christmas food at Tesco and ask your friends and family to do the same, then we will get a welcome boost to our funds.

Thank you  
Weaverthorpe Parish Council



**Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

With regards to our Porch Extension works, we are just waiting for our contractor to provide us with a dated programme. We do know that there is an intention to attempt to complete all the ground and concrete works prior to Christmas. This is in the hope that by doing so the works will be completed prior to any really bad weather.

Our electrical contractor has completed his work. We now have electrical power and lighting in both the Storeroom and Shed. When the light is on in the Storeroom we can now actually see - a great improvement!

The Friday Coffee Morning appears to be going quite well. There is a regular attendance - there is space for more - with attendees often also purchasing their reading matter from our extensive collection of second-hand books.

What about the Memories Evening - wasn't that an event! A quite amazing insight as to how Weaverthorpe village grew, its history, buildings and people who live/lived there. It was great to have past and present residents on hand to give freely their lives, their experiences and their knowledge of the village. Many thanks to them for coming along.

Thanks especially to Dennis Horseman for 'fronting up' the evening and presenting the slides in progressive order.

And then there was the 'light supper'. Wow! Thank you to all involved for an excellent evening.

Our last Market of 2022 was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Again, we were lucky with the

weather, but our overall footfall was not, by any means, as high as in October. We had 23 Stallholders - but the number of attendees was well below expectation. I think most people were content with the day - albeit that a few of the Stallholders had wished for a more lucrative outcome.

I must, once again, thank the team of volunteers that turned out early doors to set up the gazebos. A sterling effort - and one that I will not ask of you again. But very many thanks indeed for all your help both in the setting up and dismantling works.

At our next meeting the VH Committee will be making a decision as to whether the Market will continue next year. Watch this space and others for an update.

By the time this edition of the Warbler is published it is likely that the Quiz Night will have come and gone! Sold out - so should be a great evening.

That's it for now - except to say please take a look at the full page advert, later in this edition, for our brand new venture - a POP UP RESTAURANT!

Our intention is to provide restaurant quality food - created, cooked and presented by Hazel Morley. The venue will be the village hall - but not quite as you expect to find it. Places will be limited to a maximum of 24 - so first come, etc. However, should there be less than 20 bookings then the event will not take place. Read the poster - and make your reservation.

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 WWH Committee).

### WHATS ON IN DECEMBER:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Quiz Night - 19.00hrs til Late  
9<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning - 10.00 to 12.00hrs  
16<sup>th</sup> - Brunch Club - 09.15 to 12.00hrs

### Weaverthorpe Brunch Club

Our November Brunch Club (BC) was back to the usual numbers - just short of 40.

However, provided we are not overwhelmed by numbers, we think that for our Christmas BC we will go back to two sittings - at 09.15 and 10.45hrs.

As usual, our thanks go to all our guests - please keep coming as this monthly event is the bedrock of our annual income.

Th Christmas Brunch Club will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. As usual, please reserve your places by contacting Trevor Thomson, on 07972 132158 (by text), or email him on [weaverthorpevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:weaverthorpevillagehall@gmail.com) to let him know you would like to come along.

Martin Pearce (on behalf of the WWH Committee).



The November 100 Club Draw was held at our Brunch Club morning. The winning numbers were 65 (1<sup>st</sup> Prize); 13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize) and 37 (3<sup>rd</sup> Prize). Congratulations to the winners.

The first prize winner has been a member for over two years, and this is his first prize. Patience wins out in the end!!

I have now stopped pestering people to renew their membership - but if anyone remembers that they have not yet paid for their 2022/23 renewal I will still take your money!!

Should anyone wish to become a member, or would like more numbers, then please just get in touch - email above.

Best for now,

Martin Pearce (on behalf of the WWH Committee).



### War Memorial/Union Flag



It was great to see our National Union Flag flying over our village War Memorial, On Armistice Day, the eleventh day of the eleventh month, some thing I have wanted and hoped for all the years I've lived in Weaverthorpe. My thanks to the Platinum Jubilee Committee for achieving this despite objections from A N Other. I was disappointed that there were only a very small number in Church for the service of Remembrance on the Sunday. More were at the war Memorial for the two minutes silence which was nice to see, The vicar Rev Andy Bowden's service was excellent following on the lines of The Royal British Legions festival of remembrance at the Albert Hall on the Saturday evening and the hymns in Church on Sunday reflected the theme of Remembrance. Many thanks to the Bugler for sounding the Last Post and reveille (Rouse) as he has done for good few years now. Excellent! And further more for his musical accompaniment for the National Anthem God Save the King, Thanks to all who turned out to say a big THANK YOU to the Weaverthorpe lads who left these shores for far off places never to return, some as far as Egypt in the middle east.

Chris Howe



THE MOTION PICTURE EVENT RETURNS

# DOWNTON ABBEY

## A NEW ERA

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15 MINS

ONLY IN THEATERS MAY 20

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**Wolds Valley Pop Up Cinema**  
Friday 27th January 7.30 pm in Weaverthorpe Village Hall  
£5 including either tea or coffee and a biscuit.  
There will be a selection of sweets, popcorn, cold drinks to purchase  
before the performance and ice creams during the interval.



Weaverthorpe Village Hall  
presents our

# Pop Up Restaurant

**Saturday 11th February @ 19.30hrs**  
**Fixed Price Set 3 Course Menu**

*French Onion Soup with mini Baguette*

— o —

*Beef Bourguignon*  
*with Boulangere Potatoes,*  
*Chantenay Carrots and*  
*Green Beans wrapped in Leeks*

— o —

*French Apple Tart*

— o —

*Tea/Coffee + Mints or Chocolates*

**2 Courses: £18; 3 Courses £23; BYO Drink**

All Bookings with £10pp Deposit Paid by Sat 28th January  
Book with Sue Pearce (BACS or Cash) at:  
Sue.pearce14@yahoo.co.uk or 01944 738461 or 0777 2005936  
Max of 24 Persons; Min of 2 Courses pp  
Note: If there are less than 20 Reservations  
the event will be cancelled.



**Coffee morning West Lutton  
Church Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**



**Bacon butties and cakes!**

**Luttons Monthly walk**

Fourth Sunday Every Month  
1pm outside the Three Tuns/church  
Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Carol Service**



**Welcome to All the Family  
6pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Candlelight service**

**We are delighted that Luttons  
School are taking part**

**Mince pies and cakes**



**Christmas Wreath making workshop**

**When:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10am & Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 9.30am and 11.30am

**What do I bring?** Greenery to use and share, decorations, florist/ garden wire.

**What will we provide?** A metal ring to build on, greenery to share, a few decorations  
Florist wire. Mince pies and mulled wine!



**Cost:** £10 /donation. Money raised will buy comfy chairs, to make the space more usable for  
community and church activities. A few new chairs will be available for this Saturday's coffee morning

**How do I book?** Contact Jess Haslam 07518747516 or  
[jess.haslam1234@gmail.com](mailto:jess.haslam1234@gmail.com)



**All welcome!**

# Community Ceilidh

11th December, 3-6pm  
in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance



**Live ceilidh band.** Free food and the hall has a licensed bar

Sherburn Community and Sports Club, Vicarage Lane Sherburn YO17 8PL

John and Jess are fund raising for the air ambulance. John was extremely grateful for their support following an accident. He was whisked away to Pinderfields, where he received excellent care.

The air ambulance service is completely funded by donations and it costs around £2,000 per day to run.

We would be so grateful for your support!

[Ceilidh for Yorkshire Air Ambulance Tickets, Sun, Dec 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**Control and click on the link to book your ticket.**

## Save the Dates

- May 7<sup>th</sup> Luttons Coronation Fete
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Open Gardens with Makers and Bakers/craft displays, with scarecrows in the village



# TRILOGY

## WINTER WARMER CONCERT

A evening recital to brighten your January after  
the festivities

SAT  
**21**  
January  
7.30pm

St Mary's  
Church  
West Lutton  
YO17 8TA

Doors open at  
7pm  
Refreshments &  
Mulled wine

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:  
[TRILOGYWINTERWARMER.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK](http://TRILOGYWINTERWARMER.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK)



Trilogy are returning to the beautiful Yorkshire Wolds to perform an evening of relaxing classical music with some well known works. This 'Winter Warmer' concert will be something to look forward to after the busy festivities. Trilogy are excited to perform at St Mary's Church in West Lutton after their debut concert in St Andrew's Church Kirby Grindalythe in 2019 where they raised nearly £2000 for the church. There will be mulled wine and refreshments available for the concert. Proceeds of refreshments will go towards the church.

If you are unable to purchase tickets online please contact Amy-Jayne on 07547 572954.

## Helperthorpe Bird Notes

An occasional series from a local birder and sound recordist.



Puffins Galore ... you can see puffins all season long ... there are 42 from Bridlington down to Spurn ... if you visit the Puffins Galore website you can find their location ... the artist whose

skills and imagination have come into play and what each looks like and the theme behind the decorated bird ... they are about 6 foot high and made of fibre glass ... favourites are Cliff and Starlet ... both close together on Bridlington prom ... trail closes during April 2023 ..

Some of our winter visitors have arrived ... fieldfare 160 Nov 12th ... redwing 30 Oct 20th ... brambling 2 Nov 6th ... as well as the occasional siskin flock moving thru ...

Other records ... golden plover 80 Nov 2nd ... a snipe Nov 12th ... long-tailed tit 25 Oct 28th ... a really large flock that all burst into their alarm call when over flown by a kestrel ... sadly no recording gear ... a woodcock Nov 16th ... flicked out of the hedgerow before diving for cover ... five seconds of wonderment ... if you get the chance to use the inter web ... locate its song flight which is used when roding its territory ... three buzzards and then three kestrels seen on separate days made for some interesting viewing ...



Out and about with a new bat detector late October ... managed to locate noctule bat ... 20kHz ...and common pipistrelle ... 45kHz ... there are two other pipistrelles ... the soprano ... 55kHz ... and the Nathusius ... the later is understood to cross the North Sea and has been logged travelling up to 300+ miles ... to confuse the issue there are records of the bat breeding in the UK ..? hopefully the detector will be used to locate grasshoppers and crickets out of my hearing range during the summer ..?

*David Mellor*



## Weaverthorpe Bird Notes

Thankyou to David Mellor for his November Bird Report.

It is good to see so many geese and now we know why we see them going in both directions. To and from their feeding grounds and roost.

In Weaverthorpe, the tits have returned to our gardens from their summer woodland quarters. There are families of Long-tailed tits flitting from tree to tree, making a 'see-see' call to each other. I had a Black cap on the Rosa Glauca. This used to be only a summer migrant but has become more of a resident now in the north of England. Buzzards can be heard with their mewing 'pee - oo' call. We see them near our garden boundary coming from the direction of Gara Farm.

I would love to hear from other observers in the valley.

*Jane Ashby email: Ashby480@btinternet.com*

**Dates for Social Activities at  
Foxholes Community Hall**

Thu 1 Dec Art Group 1:00 PM  
Thu 1 Dec Short Mat Bowls 7:00 PM  
Mon 5 Dec Fitness Training 9.30AM  
Mon 5 Dec Yoga Class 11:30 AM  
Wed 7 Dec Fitness Training 9.30 AM  
Wed 7 Dec Line Dancing 7:00 PM  
Thu 8 Dec Art Group 1:00 PM  
Thu 8 Dec Short Mat Bowls 7:00 PM  
Sat 10 Dec Coffee Morning & Library 10 AM  
Sun 11 Dec Famer Christmas Tractor Run All day  
Mon 12 Dec Fitness Training 9.30 AM  
Mon 12 Dec Yoga Class 11:30 AM  
Mon 12 Dec Craft Group 2:00 PM  
Mon 12 Dec Photography Cancelled (Christmas Party)  
Tue 13 Dec Whist Drive 7:30 PM  
Wed 14 Dec Fitness Training 9.30AM  
Wed 14 Dec Line Dancing 7:00 PM  
Thu 15 Dec Art Group 1:00 PM  
Thu 15 Dec Short Mat Bowls 7:00 PM  
Sat 17 Dec Fella's at Foxholes Breakfast Club 9:30 AM  
Mon 19 Dec Fitness Training 9.30 AM  
Mon 19 Dec Yoga Class 11:30 AM  
Wed 21 Dec Fitness Training 9.30 AM  
Wed 21 Dec Line Dancing 7:00 PM  
Thu 22 Dec Art Group 1:00 PM  
Thu 22 Dec Short Mat Bowls 7:00 PM  
Sat 24 Dec Coffee Morning 10.30 AM  
Thu 29 Dec PRIVATE PARTY  
CHRISTMAS BREAK UNTIL 2nd Jan 2023



**'FELLAS at FOXHOLES'**  
**Breakfast Club**  
Saturday 17th December  
9.30 till 11.00am

This is a new club which was formerly called 'Men at the Mill.' It is a Breakfast Club aimed at men to come along and enjoy a bacon sandwich and tea or coffee along with some convivial chat.

There will be a charge of £5.00 for the refreshment.

Open to any men from our local communities.

**WOLD NEWTON**

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

The church remains open daily for private prayer and contemplation; also for visitors wishing to experience its history and beauty as well as accessing the village Library/Book Exchange. (Light switches to the left of the door.)

**SEED EXCHANGE**

Two lidded boxes are in the church by the books (N. aisle, near the organ). Please just leave seeds in the box provided and help yourself to any that others have got spare and have donated. Please seal seed packets so they don't get mixed up!

**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. A can of beans- a Bar of soap ... all become major and welcome gifts. Any Christmas 'extras' would be a real bonus.

**WOLD NEWTON COMMUNITY Facebook GROUP**

This continues to provide much needed community information. Books and resources are now based in the church, which is opened every day.

**THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

For all information regarding hire of the Centre and events there please contact Judith 01262 470368

Wednesdays 10 – 11 a.m. Tai Chi. Last session before Christmas 14/12/22.



## A CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE



The year was dwindling as Christmas approached. Only three weeks to go and nine-year-old Marcus was excited by the crescendo of preparations at his village school. Free access to chocolate from his four advent calendars was dizzyingly exciting and sweet treats and promises filled his world. He knew all about 'helping others' and had brought and helped to pack presents for poor children overseas – but chocolate was chocolate!

So, when walking home past the church in the frosty darkness after school, temptation struck! Soon he was standing in the porch and opening the box of donations to the local food bank. There was just enough light to reflect the shiny wrapping of a Father Christmas figure and he was munching contentedly until the light brightened and he turned to see Miss Bainton, a teacher, carrying a torch! She unloaded her donations into the box and then marched an apprehensive Marcus home; all in silence.

The look his mum gave him was one that Marcus tried to forget. Even his little sister Jannie understood his disgrace. Mum sent him to his room after sad, angry words; but worse was to come. Mum and Miss Bainton had 'had a chat'.

When he was allowed down for tea, two slices of bread and butter were on his plate. Next morning his cornflakes were measured and unsugared. There was no biscuit for break and Miss Bainton ensured that his lunch portions were exactly right, with no extras. He felt really hungry by teatime.

The grown-ups knew; he felt it in their attitude. Genuine upset burned in him, but they carried on. At home, for the next days his meals were plain and treats had disappeared; worse, so had his advent calendars! Jannie still had hers, although her extras had also disappeared. He yearned after her chocolate Advent figures every morning.

At the end of the week there was yet another unpleasant surprise and Marcus truly realised his discredit.

Mum and Dad faced their children. Dad spoke.

"We know you are sorry, Marcus, and we hope that you now understand how wrong it was to steal from the poor, especially children." Marcus felt his eyelids prickle with hot tears, but Dad continued. "Actually, you've made us think. We've thought about how lucky we are, how much we waste and don't really need, and how we could help people who have nothing.

"So, for the next week this family is going to be living on what the people who need the food-bank have to live on. You can have one advent calendar back, but that is it as far as sweets are concerned. Mum has bought exactly what the food-bank allows a family like ours. All money saved will go to buy Christmas extras for the people who have no choice." Marcus and Jannie exchanged worried glances and Mum intervened.

"Don't feel bad. You won't be on your own. Miss Bainton spoke to the headteacher and messages have been sent around. Almost all the parents in your classes have agreed to join our Christmas Challenge and see how much money we can raise. Remember, it's only for a week. Now, dinner tonight is spaghetti with pesto sauce." She smiled. "That means I have saved enough to send two packs of spaghetti to the food-bank. I'm keeping a list of what we can give to others. Pudding is jam and bread." She laughed and continued, "We shan't starve, but it may be a bit boring."

After a few days Marcus, Jannie, their friends and everyone in school whose parents had accepted the challenge agreed with the 'boring' bit wholeheartedly! They were all a bit hungry too. Amazingly, all their friends and lots of other pupils had joined in the 'Challenge' and Marcus began to feel a much better. He was still ashamed of eating the treat meant for someone else and hoped and hoped that no-one, apart from his family and Miss Bainton of course, knew what he'd done. As the days passed and his secret stayed unshared, he perked up and enjoyed all the usual school excitements and decorations and at the end of the week, when his class wrote their weekly diary, he cheerfully detailed the 'voluntary' food restrictions and added that he was glad they were over!

The weekend was fun and 'back to normal' - and somehow it was more fun than ever. In fact he and Jannie refused several offered 'treats'. They weren't quite sure why, it was just that they didn't need them.

Monday: the last week of term, so back to school and the end of term buzz. There were forgotten cards to make and deliver and everything was in a festive rush. The last-minute rehearsal of the nativity play and carol service at the church on Tuesday, before the real thing which ended the term on Wednesday, kept them all busy.

On Wednesday, Marcus sat quietly in his place on the pew, listening to the Head talking about the term's achievements, as usual.

Then he listened harder and sat up.

"..... a tremendous end of term response and effort by many of our pupils and families who lived on rations for a week in order to understand the hardships of others. The money saved has bought this ..."

The Head made a signal and, from the back of the church, parents pushed forwards a gaily decorated wheelbarrow, full of Christmas fare. Puddings, cakes, crackers and more goodies than Marcus could count widened their eyes.

The Head continued, explaining that the gifts would be taken to the food bank that afternoon, to brighten many lives for a while.

Then Marcus' ears burned as the Head added, "This is all due to Marcus, who drew our attention to a need that we could help to fill."

Marcus, head down, sneaked a look at Miss Bainton, who just smiled at him.



## Christmas Tree Light-Up!

Let's start the festive season with a lovely community event!



**Sherburn Village Hall**  
Saturday 3rd December  
Gates open: 6.00pm  
Light up: 6.30pm



Raffle

Christmas Tree Light Up

Children Activities

£1.50 per adult (children free)

Coffee/Tea and Mince Pie included!

All Proceedings to Sherburn Village Hall  
Any donations for raffle prizes would be  
greatly received!



**Sherburn Local History Society**

# **SHERBURN WINTER ARCHIVE COLLECTION**

**Monday 5th December 6.30pm**  
**Sherburn Village Hall YO17 8PG**

**Premier public viewing  
of archive film of Sherburn**

*Sherburn Brass Band in the East Riding Pub,  
Christmas Carols and Sherburn School  
Nativity Plays from 1966/67*



There will be historic photographs  
from the John Clarke and Pete Marston collections  
Bring along any photos you have  
to show and chat

## **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

***Tea, coffee and mince pies***

**Entry £2 members, £3 non members**

**For more information contact: [sherburnlocalhistory@gmail.com](mailto:sherburnlocalhistory@gmail.com)**

# Christmas Taster Evening

With Trotters &  
Tate Smiths!



Christmas  
Music



Prize  
Draw

Saturday 10th December  
at 7pm  
at

Sherburn Village Hall

£6 per person for  
entry, entry to our Prize Draw  
and a free drink!

Tickets on sale from November, contact the  
Village Hall Facebook Page, or any committee  
member, for tickets!



**Malton, Norton & District Lions**

Santa's Sleigh will be down the valley  
on Saturday 17th December

## How do chalk stream winterbournes make you feel in different phases of the year?

Chalk stream winterbournes are unusual compared to perennial chalk streams because they naturally fluctuate between flowing, ponded and dry phases, in response to changing groundwater levels. But how do we feel about winterbournes in those different phases, and do our moods and emotions about them change over time? How do winterbournes affect our lives, relationships, feelings, and activities near or in winterbournes over the course of a year?



I am Tim Sykes, a part-time PhD researcher at the University of Southampton. I am studying our relationship with temporary streams and would like to recruit participants who will keep a personal diary in which they express their feelings and emotions reflecting on their relationship with their winterbourne over 12 months. Participants are asked to visit their winterbourne at least two times per month for a year, creating a new diary entry on the day of each visit – 24 diary entries in total. A small reward is offered for your time. I would protect your identity and at the end of the study you would be able to keep your diary. Owners of winterbournes and local stakeholders are ideal participants.

If you would like to learn more about this research and how to participate in the diary study, you can contact me via a third party to protect your privacy, or contact me directly at:

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This is the Hambleden Brook, a chalk stream winterbourne in Buckinghamshire, in its flowing, ponded and dry phases, shown for illustrative purposes.

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