

# HB news

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*People and events in the parish of Hutton Buscel*

## Lockdown keeps gardens closed

A view of Neil and Carol Gardner's garden at Hornbeams – one of the gardens that would have been open on June 14th. We are featuring all the gardens on our centre pages. The village went into lockdown in March, and sadly the decision was made to cancel this year's St. Matthews church fundraising event. Although there appeared to be no activity in the village, it is obvious from the garden images that a great deal of hard work had been going on behind the scenes. A photograph may be worth a thousand words, but the joy of walking around a beautiful garden is something special. Let us all hope we are able to achieve this experience next year, on Sunday June 13th, the new date set for this village event.

Stasia Valentine



## Dog fouling mess blights our village

Dog fouling has again become a significant problem in Hutton Buscel despite the fact that there are five bins in the village for disposing of dog waste.

Parish Council chair Louise Thompson said: "This is unsightly, unpleasant, smelly and antisocial. I would ask all dog owners to make sure they clean up after their dog."

It is against the law to allow a dog to foul in a public place, and not to attempt to clear it up. The excuses that the owner was unaware of the fouling, or did not have the means to clear up are not valid in law.

Dog faeces are hazardous because of the risk of toxocarasis. This is caused by the roundworm, *Toxocara canis*, which lives in the intestines of dogs

which pass the eggs in the faeces. The eggs can remain infectious in the soil for at least two years. Toxocarasis is particularly hazardous for young children and can cause stomach upsets, chest infections, and occasionally seizures and eye infection causing blindness.



The options for dog owners: take it home or face a big fine.



## Cup award for Geoff

The Parish Council has awarded the Hutton Buscel Community Service Cup for 2020 to Geoff Gibson for his contribution to village life.

Geoff's connections with the village started in 1994 when his parents Robert and Mary moved to The Cottage. Geoff and his family moved from Hungary to join them in 2001. When he moved to the village he was keen to get to know village people and loves the feeling of community in Hutton Buscel. He has served as a Church Warden and is still on the Parochial Church Council. About 15 years ago, together with John Thompson, he set up the Wine Circle in the village, to increase social interaction and friendship. He is still the lynchpin of the group.

The church was struggling with raising money, and Geoff restarted Open Gardens which has become the main fundraiser.

He and Shirley Cooke formed an organising committee, which has been running the successful Open Garden event since 2010.

**VE Day party we'll all remember**



Sam Pearson in fine form as the village turned out in May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day with a socially distanced street party. Report and more pictures on Page 9.



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# Tireless voluntary worker dies at 93

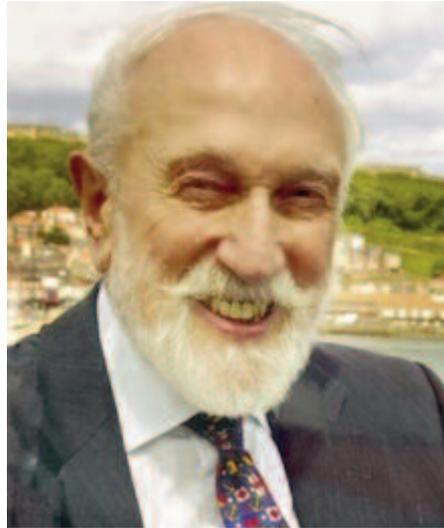
One of Hutton Buscel's best known residents, Sydney Garson died in June at the age of 93.

He was a long serving member and chairman of the Parish Council and worked tirelessly in Scarborough Chamber of Commerce and North Yorkshire Police Liaison committee. He was chairman of Scarborough RNLI and Sea Cadets.

He and his wife Valerie moved to the village in the 1970s, when work brought them to this area and bought their dream home at Mole End.

Mr Garson was born in Sydney, Australia on March 31st 1927 and had a twin sister, Rosemary.

His parents had moved there a few years before but returned to England to live in Hull when Mr Garson was four. This gave him dual nationality which he was very proud of.



The family moved to Liverpool where he joined the Sea Cadets and in 1944 the Royal Navy.

He trained as a naval photographer and served mainly on aircraft carriers. He left

the navy soon after the end of World War II and began a career in retail. He first worked as a buyer, travelling all over the world. In 1949 he met and fell in love with Valerie Chadburn at an amateur dramatics group in Coventry. The couple married in 1952 and had four children: Heather, Simon, Ruth and Penny.

In 1971 he was appointed Managing Director of Rowntree's Department Store in Scarborough, which later became Debenhams.

In 1984 he refused a move to another area and decided to retire aged 57. He threw himself further into voluntary work.

In 2004 he received the MBE for his services with the sea cadets and other voluntary work.

"I think it was his proudest moment," said daughter Ruth.

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### Who's this, then?

Can you name this canine resident?  
Answer on Page 10



## Photoshoot - celebrating the beauty of our historic village



I've spotted lots of roe deer in Revenge Wood this year, perhaps because of the caravan park staying empty so long. This young buck was in the field nearby with the sheep.

Lucy Hobkinson

## WI faces closure with shrinking membership

Unfortunately with such low numbers in our WI and no members willing to take on the President or Secretary positions the future is bleak and discussions are taking place about closing.

Last year was our W I centenary. It was founded by the Hon. Lady Dawnay with 60 members and a waiting list, we have shrunk to 12 members and no new members for 3 years.

Our 2019 celebrations were typical WI, very interesting speakers and experiences from lino printing ,laser shooting and virtually walking through the Andes.

Our members celebrated 100 years onboard the N.Y railway with a champagne afternoon tea, also in August a picnic in Wykeham with Just Brass entertaining our friends and fellow W I mem-

bers from Snainton and Ebberston ,Lady Downe attended and cut our celebration cakes.

This year we have only managed to have meetings in February and March ,then lock down and all the problems with Covid which has certainly changed our lives and those groups who meet to enjoy one another's company.

Denise Holtby

## Hutton Buscel Points Of Interest

### The Historic Village of Hutton Buscel

Hutton Buscel village dates back to around 1000. The Domesday Book cited four townships in this parish with Hutton Buscel being one of them. Excavating work shows that Hutton Buscel lived in the area around 1115 and the name of the town became known as Hutton Buscel in 1200. It is one of the oldest villages in North Yorkshire.

Although farming has been, and still is to a large extent, the main occupation of activity in the parish of Hutton Buscel, several other small businesses and enterprises have developed over recent years and there are three youth buildings, a care home, financial services, haulage and fishing and water sports at Whitlam Lakes.

### Revenge Wood

A fine area of wood on the west end of the village, planted by the Rev. Henry Stiles in November 1801 in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the death of King George III, which took place on 29th October 1760. The trees were planted by the Rev. Henry Stiles, an English cleric. (See Captain Robert Mousham's book 'The Story of King George III'). The wood is now a peaceful walk through the wooded area.

### Wildlife of Hutton Buscel

There is an abundance of wildlife in the area, which you may see on your way around the village and surrounding area.

Here are some of the more elusive species to look out for:

**Revenge Wood:** Warbler, Tit, Barn Owl, Sparrow Hawk, Goldeneye, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Pied Wagtail, Siskin, Magpie and Redpoll.

**Great Moor Road:** Barn Owl, Little Owl, White-throat, Yellow Hammer, Buzzard, Hawk, Lapwing, Kestrel, Sky Lark and Fieldfare.

**Trees Opposite Village Hall:** Tree Toad, Cuckoo, Brambling, Greater Spotted Woodpecker and Nuthatch.

**Malife Lane:** Barn Owl, Little Owl, Lapwing and Sky Lark.

**Stipsony Piece:** Tawny Owl

### The Hall

Until around 1814 when fire broke out during a house party - the exact date is unknown - a Hall stood near to the currently occupied by the Village Hall. At that time, it was the home of the Lord of the Manor George Chibalden, better known as Sir George Chibalden, a politician, Member of Parliament and outstanding sportsman with a fine list of the names of his titles.

It is likely that most of the stone from the Hall, which was used in the building of the church and schoolhouse in 1803.

### The Lychgate

Located at the east entrance to St. Matthew's churchyard, designed by Basil Champneys and given by the Rev. Thomas Colville Little, Vicar of St. Matthew's Church from 1875 until his death in 1917 in memory of his first wife, Elizabeth.

### The Pinfold

Just off Great Moor Road, this Manorial ground was built in the 18th century. The Pinfold was used by the village Pincher or Pincher, whose job it was to impound any animals until they were claimed by their owner. The Pinfold was retained in 1901, then in 2019 it was refurbished, repaired and for the opening stone event.

### The Old Horse Chestnut Tree

Manus Trees Chestnut Tree grows to a height of around 40 metres and are live up to 300 years. Although the exact age of the village's magnificent specimen is not known, it is now suggested that the tree was over 200 years old. However, in 1982 preservation order was placed on this tree and within the village conservation area, are automatically protected by tree preservation orders, and at that time, measuring approximately 22 metres in height, it was thought to be approaching 300 years old.

### Sixpenny Piece

This small piece of common land is currently known as the Stipsony Piece but in the past had various names including 'The Old Sixpenny Piece', 'The Old Sixpenny Piece' and 'The Old Sixpenny Piece'. The name came about due to the fact that as long as the land belonged to the Deveres family, a fee of sixpence was payable for its use. This area is highly important as it is a native village woodland group in the village of Hutton Buscel.

In 2011, a dry stone wall was built on the original boundary of a cottage, known as the Cottage at Malife Lane, and a stone wall has been built to provide access to a seating area. Just after WWII, after Condy and his family had died, the area was used as a site for a caravan park.

### St Matthew's Church

A Grade II listed building built in the 12th century with additions in the 13th and 14th centuries. It underwent further restoration by Architect, William Butterfield, in 1875, when the roof was redesigned and a completely new East End, North Wall and Font were added. Amongst the monuments in the church are those dedicated to Richard Chibalden, Archbishop of the Roman Church, who died in 1764.

The Abbot of Wharfedale by Reginald Flower and the tower part of the tower standing today belongs to that early church.

It is worth visiting the churchyard in springtime when there are swallows of snowdrops and staining trees to enjoy.

### Vicar's Walk

There are two approaches to the church, one which used to be the main entrance, to the east of the Church Lane, through the Lychgate, in the South Parish. The second entrance, known as Vicar's Walk, is now in common use but was only made available to the public in the late 19th century. Prior to this it was used solely by the Vicar and Lay Rector, as it crossed the grounds of the Old Hall.

Providing a walkway to the North Door of the church and to the churchyard, this is a peaceful and open space where people can sit and enjoy the surroundings. A Village Time Capsule, which marked the 900th anniversary celebration of St. Matthew's Church in 2015, was buried in Vicar's Walk in January 2015 and will be opened until the 1000th anniversary of St. Matthew's Church in 2111.

### The Village Hall

The Village Hall is a Grade II listed building. It was originally built by Thomas Stiles in 1803 as a new schoolhouse and was used as a school until 1814. It was destroyed by fire in the early years of the 19th century. During the pastor's most productive period, their end vegetables were produced in abundance, even in colder periods. In parts, the walls are double-thick, and there are still the remains of terraces used to maintain the ambient temperature within the growing area at a level to maintain continuous growth. Used more recently for growing stock, the Village Garden is now owned and managed by the Church of St. Matthew.

### The Walled Garden

The two-acre Walled Garden, which still exists on the north side of the village opposite the current Village Hall, was formed part of the estate of Hutton Buscel Hall until it was destroyed by fire in the early years of the 19th century. During the pastor's most productive period, their end vegetables were produced in abundance, even in colder periods. In parts, the walls are double-thick, and there are still the remains of terraces used to maintain the ambient temperature within the growing area at a level to maintain continuous growth. Used more recently for growing stock, the Village Garden is now owned and managed by the Church of St. Matthew.

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# Board highlights village

Each year, Hanson UK, have an agreement to make funds of up to £1100 available to individual parishes affected by Wykeham Quarry. The Parish Council discussed a number of ideas, resulting in the decision that the objectives and criteria of the fund would best be fulfilled by the provision of a parish Points of Interest board. Along with Councillors Stasia Valentine and Dee Edmonson, I agreed to take this project forward. We are grateful to local tradespeople, Don French, Signs of Seamer and Paul from Eastfield Joinery who produced and framed the board.

The site of this new board is behind the wall edging Vicars Walk, overlooking the main road. We are particularly grateful to Neil Gardner, who ensured historical and grammatical accuracy of the information contained on the board.

**Liz Waite**

## Content of the new Points of Interest noticeboard in Vicars Walk

# New bid for footpath cash

The condition of the footpath alongside the A170 between Dale Lane and Church Lane has been concerning the Parish Council for some time because the pathway is overgrown and now quite narrow.

A local community organisation decided it could not help because it was a high risk area and could not be covered by insurance for those undertaking the work. Attempts to find

a solution are still being sought. County Councillor David Jeffels submitted a case to NYCC Highways under the Government's allocation of £1.3m to the council to help bring about a satisfactory conclusion, using the argument that the route would benefit the convenience and safety of those working at such places as the Wykeham Estate Business Parks, and staying at the local caravan parks.

# Website gets overhaul

Regular Parish Council meetings have now resumed via Zoom. Members of the public are able to "attend" either by using the internet, or by a direct phone line. The details of how to join each meeting are on the monthly agendas, which are posted on the

notice board in the bus shelter and on the website. The management of the village website, which is hosted by the Parish Council has been taken over by Neil Gardner. He has added a lot more information and links onto the site, which is now

much easier to navigate. [www.huttonbuscel.org.uk](http://www.huttonbuscel.org.uk) The Council has requested action to prevent flooding in Dale Lane. The grips have been cleared out in the lanes and Middle Lane has been resurfaced.

**Louise Thompson**

# Search for our next vicar continues

St Matthew's was "locked down" from March 23rd to May 17th, when the church was re-opened on two days per week for private prayer. We were able to have our first "socially distanced" service on July 4th, and this was followed by a memorable wedding on July 11th (see Page 12).

We continue without a vicar and the diocesan advert for the post received no applicants by the closing date in April. It is being re-advertised in September but the diocese has made it a very demanding job, covering ten churches and seven parishes across a joint Benefice with Thornton-le-Dale. We are continuing with a repair/maintenance programme to the

church building and have had some roof work done over the south porch where there had been a leak for some years and we have had work on the drains and gullies around the church as well as some re-pointing. We hope to be able to re-plaster a section of previously damp wall on the south side of the church, attend to some crumbling stonework on the south-east exterior wall of the church, as well as some maintenance and cleaning work on some of the windows. This year we began to run into problems with covering the cost of the regular grass-cutting over the summer, because funds for this generally come from our collections and the Annual Open Gardens event, and these had either

been reduced or cancelled on account of Covid. We launched an appeal to church members and the kind gifts that we received have allowed us to continue our present pattern of cutting for this summer. My previous fellow churchwarden, Beverley Waldie, has now moved out of the area but we are delighted that David Jeffels has stepped in to cover this post, pending our Annual General Meeting, on Sunday October 4th, in St. Matthew's, at 5.30pm. We should be delighted if any of you were able to join us for that, or indeed, any of our services

**David Knowlden**

# A soft fruit favourite

## Strawberry and Almond Cake

I think this lovely moist cake is a must to try. Although our strawberry season will be over, I think this recipe would work well with other soft fruits like late raspberries, blueberries or any soft fruit of your choice.

### Recipe

3 tbsp. milk  
 175gr/6oz unsalted butter softened, plus extra for greasing  
 150gr/5oz caster sugar  
 150gr/5oz self-raising flour, sifted  
 2 eggs  
 100gr/3 ½ oz ground almonds  
 1tsp almond essence  
 400gr/14oz strawberries, halved, or

### Recipe for Success by Dee Edmenson



quartered if large  
 Icing sugar for dusting

### Method

Pre-heat oven to gas mark 3/170 C – 150C in fan oven  
 Grease and line a 23cm/9inch loose-bottomed cake tin

Cream butter and sugar together in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Then add in flour, eggs, milk, ground almonds and essence and mix well. Stir in fruit reserving a few for decorating.



Pour mixture into cake tin. Bake for about 1 – 1 ¼ hours.  
 Pierce cake with a skewer, if it is clean, it is cooked.  
 Do not overcook.  
 Turn cake out of the tin onto a wire rack to cool and dust with icing sugar.  
 Serve warm, or at room temperature.

Enjoy.



Little Owl



Barn Owl



Tawny Owl

# Owls are a feature of village life

We are very fortunate and the envy of many birdwatchers to have three species of Owl nesting within the boundaries of the village: Barn, Little, and Tawny

The **Barn Owl** is the one most frequently seen, as up until early summer we had at least three pairs – one at the West End of the village which can often be seen over Revenge Wood, many times late into the morning; a pair at the crossroads on the A170 to Charm Park that hunt along the old railway embankment, and the end of the Point to Point Course: and another pair nesting in the Old Barn opposite the walled garden. This pair deserted their nest and three

### Village Wildlife Notes by Alan M Hunt Wildlife Artist and Ornithologist



chicks when the building was put back into use for the horses. I didn't realise this until four weeks later when it was too late to save the chicks. This pair hunted each morning over Great Moor Road to the delight of the early morning walkers.  
**Little Owls** have also nested in this barn but their main nesting site has been in holes in the wall of the Walled Garden, the male often sitting on either what remained of the old barn roof or on top of the wall. He must be the most

photographed Little Owl in North Yorkshire. They only raised one chick this year because of the work being done on the Walled Garden, but are still in this area usually hiding away in the trees.

I'm not sure how many **Tawny Owls** we have nesting, but I suspect two pairs. We most certainly have one in the chestnut tree opposite our house, and over the last few weeks two chicks have joined their parents flying around, often perching on the telephone posts in front of our bedroom window.

I am sure, like me, many of us have had all three species in our gardens at some point, and not even been aware of them!

## Fast fibre spreads through village

Very little has changed in terms of broadband connections to properties at West End Farm, but it isn't quite the end of 2020 yet when the promise was that they would be connected.

Otherwise from the frequent appearances of Openreach vans in the village it seems that there has been a good take-up of fibre to premises connections. From some of the comments I have received the

majority of people have gone to BT for their new fibre connection. Depending on the package, new speeds vary, but the majority have gone for the 'middle of the road' deal and are now getting close on 50Mb/s speeds. From my own point of view this has meant that I have enjoyed Netflix during lockdown without the constant stop start reception I used to have!

David Burnley



# Lockdown laughs with the Guthries



From left: Hugo and Emma; a cheeky depiction of mum Nicola; the birth of Angie's calf and Hugo's creation from old wine corks.

When lockdown started in March "what are we going to do to fill out our spare time" must have been the question in most peoples' minds.

And while many started to occupy themselves with tackling all of those overlooked or put off jobs, three amazing village youngsters - Emma, Hugo and Ben Guthrie came up with an innovative solution to keep themselves busy.

Their idea was to produce a weekly newsletter about the things that were happening in their lives and to entertain us with humour and poking gentle fun at some of the village residents.

So entertaining was this weekly bulletin that each issue was eagerly awaited. Nine issues were produced with a final supplement concluding one of their on going storylines - the well being of Angie the cow and her new calf, Mini Moo.

So, interested to find out a bit more about the idea and the editors, I went along to Church Meadows to meet Editor in Chief Hugo and Chief Editor

By David Burnley

Emma and ask them a few questions.

**DB:** Tell me what is the distinction between these titles?

**Emma:** The Chief Editor does more articles than the Editor in Chief.

**Hugo:** Ah, well yes I suppose so!

**DB:** How did the idea come about to do a weekly news letter?

**Emma:** A few years ago I did three issues which were very similar to these so we thought about doing an up to date issue during lockdown.

**Hugo:** The format is based on The Week Junior with lots of short news items.

**DB:** Who came up with the title for this publication?

**Emma:** That was Mum's idea, but Dad is bossy so he got involved too.

**DB:** Your artwork is amazing. Who is the artist?

**Hugo:** We did all the artwork between us and we shared the text attached to the artwork

**DB:** I really enjoyed all the weekly fea-

tures. In particular, where did the idea come from for the Village Villain?

**Emma:** This idea for the Villain came from the fact that Andy Sarney and Hamish Hobkinson were always winning at the village show so, was there something suspicious about their entries?

**DB:** I was wondering if your Mum and Dad were still helping with the regular supply of corks?

**Hugo:** Oh yes, I've got stacks of them, and I make things with them.

**DB:** Do you have any plans for future editions?

**Emma:** We think we will do something in the future.

**Hugo:** Maybe a Christmas Special or something like that.

**DB:** I also believe you have had many letters from your readers? What would you say your amazing project has done for your readers?

**Emma:** Everyone said it made them happier.

## 'Hidden army' backs NHS

When Janette Bristowe heard that the NHS "frontliners" needed more masks, more scrubs, she jumped at the opportunity to be involved. Janette approached Angie Brown who was also eager to do her bit to support the NHS. Once garment and mask patterns, and boilable cotton fabric was dropped off, work started producing the much needed protective clothing. Janette set up in her summerhouse, and Angie worked from her garage. Once an agreed number of garments were completed, these were collected and more fabric left. Janette was happy to help anyone in the village who wanted to get involved. So many ladies did get involved joining forces throughout this area to form an army of hidden workers supporting all NHS workers.



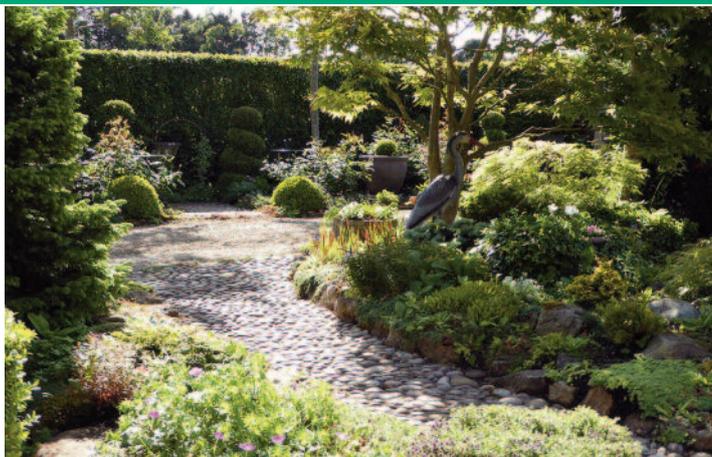
Janette Bristowe (right) and Angie Brown, both of West End Farm.

## Volunteers forced to take a break

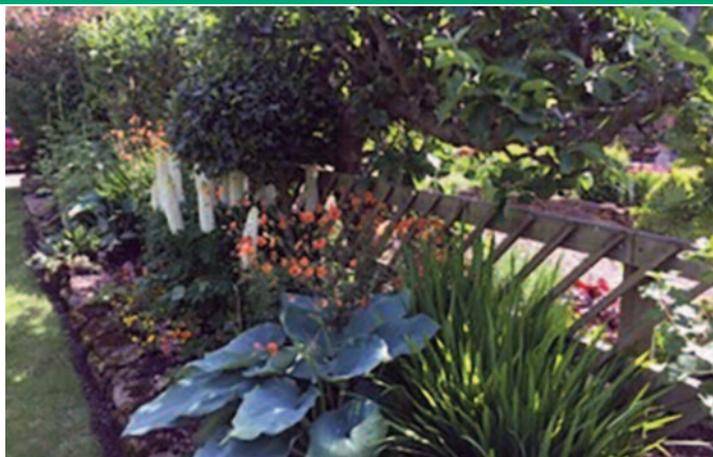
The village volunteer group had planned some group activities this spring, involving work at the Sixpenny Piece, clearing the kerbing at the west end of the village and maintaining the Dale Lane path. These have had to be postponed because of the lockdown.

A small group of four volunteers did some work at the Vicars Walk in August mainly to prepare the ground for the installation of the new notice-board.

# Revealed: The 'Open Ga



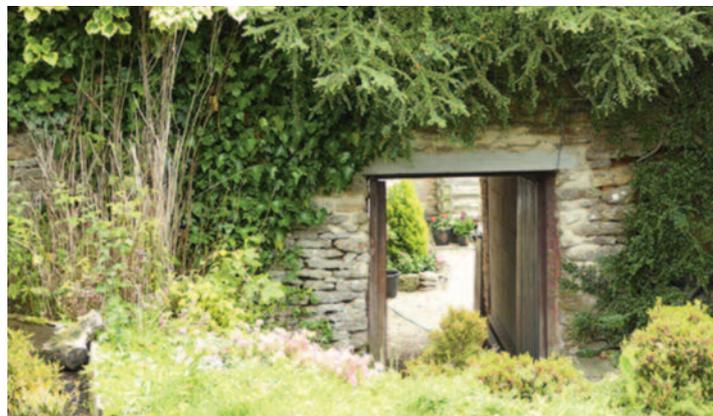
The Low Barn – David and Stasia Valentine



Westfield – Ian Colling and Nigel Lee



The Old School House – Beryl Lowson



Preston Cottage – Shirley Cooke



Moorfields – John and Moira Spence



Northfield – Shirley Doyle



Hillside – Eddy and Joan Matley



The Cottage – Geoff and Ildi Gibson

# Gardens' you couldn't visit



**Martin Garth – Alan Hunt and Judi Pyrah**



**Foxhill – Dave and Di Todd**



**Church Meadows – Richard and Nicola Guthrie**



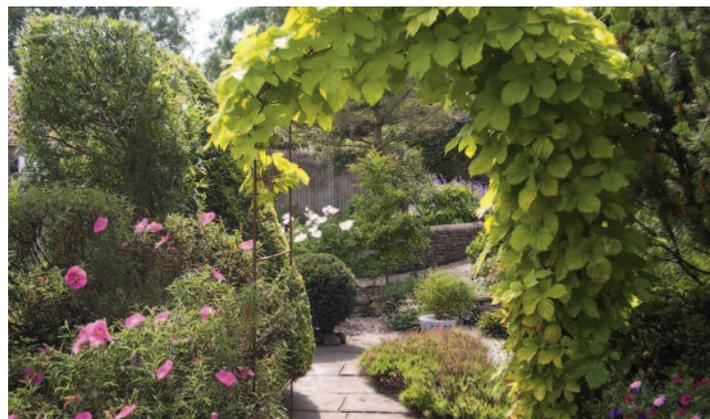
**Langley House – Jane Worthington**



**The Kennels – Bob and Louise Thompson**



**Humble Cottage – Maggie Ward**



**Kirkdale Cottage – Chris Goodyear and Lesley Baxter**



**Dale Cottage – Tony and Lynne Burnett**

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# Lockdown art



“My Garden”



“Flowers in My Garden”



“The Long days of Lockdown”



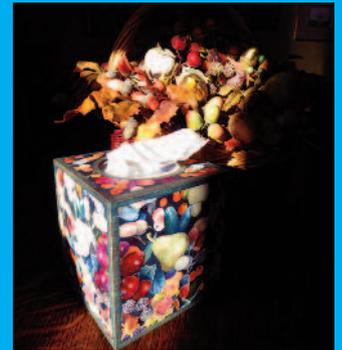
“Reflections”



“Lockdown Activities”



“Woodland Creatures”



“Winter fruits” tissue box

This has been a difficult year for everyone, but the Group now look ahead to 2021 at which time they hope to reconvene art workshops at the village hall at the beginning of the year. The Group will be involved in the June 13th Open Gardens event, also at the village hall, showing and selling garden inspired art and craft. A special date for your diary 2021 - 10/11/12 September, village hall again for the annual Art and Craft Exhibition. Here you will view the art and comments of some of the HB Artists work completed during Lockdown.

**Stasia Valentine : “Winter fruits” tissue box**

I can't recall why I picked a wooden tissue box to paint, possibly hearing the repeated slogan of “catch it, bin it, kill it”, obviously referring to the promotion of using tissues. This project did absorb me as it took a few months to work my way around the box. This painting project albeit a little repetitive, turned out to be rather therapeutic, allowing my mind to concentrate on my little box and not on the potential serious consequences of the virus.

**Moyra Kay : “The long days of lockdown”**

“I have been working on a textile course during lockdown which has been challenging, but inspiring. I used silk ties with machine over stitching.”

**Kath Hudson “Lockdown activities”**

“Whilst disappointed that our exhibition for 2020 had to be cancelled I decided that this was my opportunity to explore new ideas for my crafting.

Apart from my regular jam, marmalade, pickle and relishes, making Birthday,

Christmas, New Home and thank you cards which I have continued to make. I had been given a template for a small gift box which I painstakingly drew around, cut out, decorated and filled them with love. I also decided it was time to use up some of my material squares and found a very pretty template for little stuffed birds which have turned out very well – even though I say so myself.

I had also been given some tree bark and it was just sitting there, waiting for my inspiration to kick in. To date I have produced 2 tree bark mounted pictures, which I am very happy with and I hope to produce several more as I am finding this craft extremely satisfying.”

**Jan Jennings: “Reflections of a year we will never forget”**

“I made the journal as a personal reflection of a year the world will never forget. The signatures include hand-made and multi-media papers for writing and drawings, together with places for adding photographs and memorabilia. The cover is mixed media using images and embellishments that I love and make me want to open and use the book. Taking many hours to create, spread over many weeks of lockdown I found producing this Journal has helped during this strange time, together with the garden.”

**Louise Thompson: “Flowers in my garden”**

“I have spent a lot of time during lockdown in my garden. Plants and scenery are my favourite things to paint. I started by making sketches and taking photos in the garden before painting the picture indoors.”

**Lucy Hobkinson: “Woodland Creatures”**

“This is just a bit of fun, but I have taken up felting in Lockdown, and these are some of the woodland creatures I have made. Thought they looked quite cute in their natural woodland setting, noting social distance family grouping. I found the “stabbing” (felting technique) quite therapeutic, and has been a good stress relief during this pretty awful time.”

Note: If you look closely at the photograph it looks like somebody has had a little nibble at the toadstool. This is definitely not recommended, as it is a “Fly Agaric” one of the most striking but poisonous toadstools.

**Shirley Doyle: “My Garden”**

“Although my lockdown deprived me of going out and seeing my friends and family, I was able to find solace in my garden. From March 23rd, April, May, June to the 23rd July I spent so much time outside or watching the wildlife. When I did start sketching, it was in my garden that I got my inspiration, especially the number of plants that flowered during those four months. It was so colourful in that lovely sunshine. The white blossom against the blue sky. The lovely sunsets reflected in the windows, the Dawn Chorus, so many baby birds being fed; even the snow on 24th March. I counted nine hedgehogs in three hours. Two hedgehogs nibbled my slippers while I was watching the swifts. It lifted my spirits so much to see all these things that it helped me enormously to get through this period.”

# Village turns out in force for VE Day party



Dave and Di Todd in their authentic 1940s uniforms

At the height of the lockdown, the village turned out in force to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May.

After weeks of enforced isolation, punctuated by the Thursday evening "Clap for Carers", the opportunity for a socially distanced street party was embraced enthusiastically.

At the West End, Andy Sarney and Lesley Hatfield

got everyone together, with a World War II themed quiz with prizes for the joint winners of two great rarities of the era: bananas and a fresh egg!

Dave and Diane Todd lent authenticity to the event as they strolled along Main Street in authentic 1940s uniforms – Dave as a RAF Flight Lieutenant and Diane as a WREN 2nd Officer.

Diane said: "The uniforms are



Shirley Cooke strikes a patriotic note



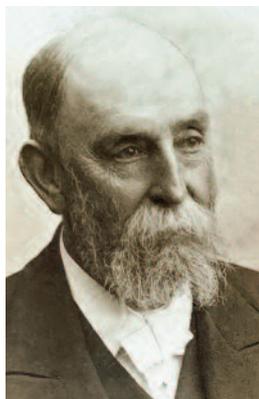
Anne Devaney and Alison Ames with their WWII themed quiz prizes

authentic 1940's, we already had them as we have visited the Pickering Wartime Weekend with friends over the last number of years, and as we hadn't been recently, we thought we'd surprise Joyce Robinson and celebrate the day in style. As it turned out, the response we received from the village was overwhelming and really added to the occasion. A very memorable day."



## Wartime Royal visit recalled

Dell and Angie Brown commemorating VE Day at West End Farm. The framed photograph on the table is of King George VI and Angie's Grandma Stevenson. The King visited the munitions factory in Doncaster where Grandma Stevenson was working. Many people asked why Grandma Stevenson was looking at the King in such an unusual way. The King was gravely ill but insisted on continuing with his duties to keep up morale. The reason for the look was because the King was wearing make up in order to camouflage the effect of his illness.



The Rev Thomas Gurney Little and the Hutton Buscel Lychgate, built in memory of his wife.



## The man behind the Lychgate

Thomas Gurney Little was born on 15 February, 1845, in Boston, Lincolnshire, the eldest of ten children. Before becoming vicar of St Matthew's Church Hutton Buscel in 1873, he had previously been curate, for just a year, at Christ Church Doncaster, and from 1869, curate at St. Mary's, Scarborough. In 1878, he married Hannah Fielden, a widow from London, who had two daughters, Henrietta and Maud. Sadly, Hannah died in 1890 at the age of 48, and in memory of her, Thomas commissioned the Lychgate that stands at the east entrance to the churchyard, the original main entrance. This was restored in 2002.

For many years, Thomas Gurney Little was

### Village History by Neil Gardner



Honorary Secretary of the Royal Northern Sea Bathing Infirmary in Scarborough and was one time Chairman of the Committee.

In 1912, at the age of 67, he married Ulrica Schneider from Middlesex, a woman 30 years his junior.

Reports suggest that at some time shortly after his second marriage, Thomas suffered from depression and mental illness, and tragically, on 31 July 1917, he took his own life. He was 72.

## Wine Circle goes virtual

Like most village activities, the Covid lockdown has played havoc with the wine circle. Just as we were about to unveil a new season, we were instructed to isolate and shield. However, David and Julie Bowie suggested a virtual alternative. Those who took part introduced their favourite wines to the rest of the group and we were all able to take notes, offer recommendations and discuss where best to replenish cellars in these strange times. Ranjit excelled himself with a couple of Tapas which were visual tantalising delights – and we all drooled over! We have a potential Christmas meeting pencilled in but this very much depends on what happens. In the meantime, I hope that when we finally do get together again we will all have plenty of lively new choices to share with each other.

Geoff Gibson

# Tough time for village hall

Like all community buildings, Hutton Buscel Village Hall had to close on the outbreak of the Covid pandemic in March.

However, it has now re-opened for the Derwent Valley Pre-School but it is the only organisation currently using its facilities.

Considerable thought has been given by the Hall management committee on how it may be made available to other organisations and indeed for fund raising for its upkeep, especially as we

have lost so much income by not being able to stage such events as the beer festival, village show, quiz nights, and the annual strawberry fair.

But we have sought the advice and guidance of health authorities and experts, and the need to adhere to strict rules on the safety of users, social distancing, and cleaning.

As a result we have decided not to re-open the hall for public use at the present time because we have a responsibility to those who

attend events and social distancing would be difficult. We are liaising with other village hall committees and once we are in a position to re-open our hall for public events, we will deliver leaflets to every household.

We have applied for grants from NYCC and Scarborough BC, which will help the hall's finances, especially as we have had to have work carried out to repair a leaking toilet, and masonry on the roof, as a small amount of did fall near the entrance door.

Fortunately, a builder responded within a very few hours and after carrying out the repair, advised us that other remedial work is needed. We are currently awaiting an estimate.

The committee, like everyone in the village, looks forward to when we can see the hall return to its valuable role of being at the heart of our community life.

**David Jeffels**  
Chairman

## 'Battlefield' as Covid hit The Holt

The Covid19 virus hit The Holt Retirement Home at the end of March, and they had to cope with seriously ill residents and provide end of life care.

Unfortunately they lost some of their long-term residents. Anthony Lee, the Registered Provider likened the situation to a battlefield. He said the staff showed enormous dedication and did a fantastic job with this unprecedented crisis. The families of the residents showed great understanding, and gave support to the need to exclude all visitors.

. One of the most difficult aspects for the staff, was the fact that family could not be with their relative when the residents were very ill.

Over the last two months there have been no further cases. Visitors are given PPE and can meet in a gazebo in the garden or the conservatory in bad weather.

The policy may have to be changed if the virus becomes prevalent again.

**Louise Thompson**



## Feeder bonus for birds

**Some of the nine bird feeders which have mysteriously appeared in Revenge Wood. The majority are situated when entering Revenge Wood from Fothill top right very close to the the bench in memory of Kay Gill who lived and loved Hutton Buscel, she died in 2014.**

**I sat there one morning for five minutes in the sun which was glorious, contemplating the beautiful view, and watching blue tits tucking into one of the feeders with peanuts in it. I also admired the swathes of cowslips and blue bells on the banks of Fothill.**

**Stasia Valentine**

## Volunteers step in to help with lockdown

In the middle of March when it was clear that a Covid19 lockdown was likely, some of us decided to form a village support group. The aims were to support members of the village who needed to self-isolate. We hoped to help with picking up shopping, collecting urgent goods such as medications, dog walking and giving phone support. A group of six people acted as telephone contacts and co-ordinators. A further group of fourteen people volunteered to run errands. The group was quite busy at the beginning of lock down, and various tasks were performed. We have been impressed by the amount of support given by the people of our village to each other.

**Louise Thompson**

## Meet Smudge

The mystery dog pictured on Page 2 is Smudge, owned by David and Julie Bowie. There'll be another doggy puzzler in the next issue.

Swifts have long since returned from Hutton Buscel to the Congo region of Africa following their nesting season and I was pleased to have made a contribution to the monitoring of these remarkable summer visitors as a first step on a new conservation project. Swifts are one of the fastest and most agile species in the world and occupy our skies from May to early August with lots of scintillating flying displays and their iconic calls can reach the length and breadth of our village during early morning or at dusk. They feed, mate, preen, drink and even sleep (when not breeding) on the wing. They regularly reach speeds of 60 miles an hour in their low flying 'screaming parties' and seem to turn on a sixpence.

I became involved with a new conservation initiative in March this year when the Scarborough Swifts Group was formed. This is the most recent of about thirty conservation groups across the country trying to rebuild the population of this remarkable species which has crashed in numbers with a loss of 53 per cent in the UK over the past 25 years. I volunteered to be the surveyor and recorder for Hutton Buscel. The initial task was to take stock of the local presence of swifts and to grow the population with new nest boxes augmenting traditional nest sites. The trouble is that most wildlife problems caused by man represent multiple challenges to find a solution and the decline is not only through the

## New project aims to help boost our aerobatic summer visitors



By Charles Schofield

reduction in nest sites (modern reroofing methods closing off access to the voids that swifts particularly like between pantiles and gutters) but there has been an even more sinister drop in insect levels, the food source of the species, due predominantly to increased use of pesticides.

At least it should be possible to monitor local swift populations from one year to the next as swifts tend to mate for life and they return to the same nest site every year providing it hasn't been destroyed. Youngsters will also generally return to the colony of their birth to prospect for a mate and a nest site when they are ready.

At a local level we can at least try to encourage more swifts to breed in Hutton Buscel and the Scarborough area through installing new nest boxes and preserving existing sites.

Swifts will nest within a roof space and do not use mud.

They will also adopt suitable nest boxes

located in the right place. My initial survey showed the epicentre of activity lay at the start of the lane on which I live, Old Cowgait, with a colony living in Langley House, a property with Main Street frontage in which swifts have made their home for at least thirty years!

There were five nests in Langley House located under the pantiles near the guttering and one nest two doors along at Lora Cottage also under the front roof pantiles.

I would be interested to hear from any villagers who would like to install a new low cost swift nest box.

The nest box location needs to be at least 4.5 metres above ground level and ideally on north to east facing walls, with a clear flyway without any obstructions.

I would also like to hear from any residents who noticed a swift nest this summer on their property.

My contact details are: email : [charles@csportfolioservices.co.uk](mailto:charles@csportfolioservices.co.uk) 01723 862307 Mobile 07793849032 or call to see me at The Forge, Old Cowgait'.



Mary Gibson's Hutton Buscel memories go back to 1928

## Mary's ninety years of village memories

I first came to Hutton Buscel in 1928 as a two year old to visit my aunts who had moved in the year before. The Cottage then was two houses – a smallholding farm. We came every year; it was the only holiday place my father would go to, having grown up in the vicarage at Seamer where his father was vicar.

The first thing he did was to light a bonfire and pick raspberries so they couldn't be wasted by being made into jam! We came from London by train and, as we had no car, we mainly travelled by the 'blue bus' whose conductor always called "the heavenly city" when we arrived at Hutton Buscel because there was no pub. Of course there was also a railway stop at Wykeham until Beeching took it away. Somewhere I have the ticket used for one of its last journeys. There were then three shops. One at the Wykeham end where I collected milk in a jug, riding on a bike. The second was a post office opposite the bus shelter (now, Lora Cottage). The box, then was so high that there was a stone for people to stand on to post their letters.

The most popular shop was run by Mr Aiston and eventually had the post office. We had favourite picnic places; Bedale Beck where you could paddle, or, playing cricket up the far lane (Great Moor lane) on the way to Ancat farm over overlooking Yedmondale.



## Beedale Beck goes missing

Those of you who use the footpaths around the village will have noticed the disappearance of Beedale Beck. It usually runs from Beedale valley, then heads south near the western boundary of Hutton Buscel, feeding the duck pond and passes the Downe Arms.

It continued to run during the drought in the spring but suddenly dried up in the middle of June. The answer is that it was running down a sink hole, just south of Bedale Grange. Presumably this opened up because of the exceptionally dry conditions. After the heavy rain at the end of August, it re-appeared only to disappear again after a few days.

Our domestic water supplies from Irton Water Treatment Works are from a borehole which draws water from underground aquifers. There are other sink holes in the area, notably a large one in the River Derwent in Forge Valley.

## Sunshine walk on bride's big day

The wedding of Anna Reay, daughter of John and Helen, and Oliver Lees took place on 11th July at St Matthew's church. This was only a week after the Covid restrictions on weddings were eased and the family are very grateful to the Rt Rev David Wilbourne, who officiated, and to Pat Wood, Shirley Cooke and the church wardens who made it possible



for the wedding to go ahead at short notice and under challenging circumstances. They also feel lucky that the sun shone enabling the bridal

party to walk from Harland Hill to St Matthew's and to linger in the beautiful surroundings of the churchyard after the ceremony.

## Council meetings use technology

As a result of the Covid 19 epidemic Parish Council meetings have gone virtual and take place remotely using the Zoom app.

The Council meets monthly except in August and December - usually on the first Monday evening.

Meetings start at 7.30 pm and every resident of the village has the right to attend as an observer. This is unaffected by the use of technology and anyone wishing to observe should contact the parish clerk, Dawn Naylor, email: huttonbuscelpc1@btinternet.com

A short session at the beginning of the meeting is allocated to a public forum where residents can raise issues of concern.

Agendas are posted on the web site, and on the Parish Council noticeboard in the bus shelter. [www.huttonbuscel.org.uk](http://www.huttonbuscel.org.uk)

**Provisional meeting dates for 2020-2021:**

**Monday October 5th**  
**Monday November 2nd**  
**Monday January 4th**  
**Monday February 1st**  
**Monday March 1st**

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# Village organisations

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 The Rev Pat Wood 862227  
**Parochial Church Council**  
 David Knowelden 864670  
**Parish Council**  
 Chair, Louise Thompson 863594  
**Village Hall Committee**  
 Chair, David Jeffels 863395  
**Village Show Committee**  
 Chair, Maggie Ward 863628  
**Hutton Buscel Artists**  
 Shirley Doyle 862842  
**Hutton Buscel Education Trust**  
 David Ames 864868  
**HBNews**  
 Martin Price 865433  
**Derwent Valley Playgroup**  
 Sally Marshall 863869  
**Felt Makers**  
 Jenny Pepper 864935  
**WI Women's Institute**

Secretary, Denise Holtby 863149  
**Reading Group**  
 Ayton Library 863052  
**Wine Tasting Group**  
 Bob Thompson 863594  
 Geoff Gibson 862133  
**Quilting Group**  
 Janet Crossley 864285  
**Yoga Group**  
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### OTHER LOCAL GROUPS

**Christian Women's Association Luncheon Group** c/o Pat Wood 862227  
**Probus** 862133  
**Ayton Bowling Club**  
 Chair, Carol Forbes 864249  
**Yorks. Countrywomen's Association**  
 Ayton Group, Jeanette Mullineux 864713  
 Forge Valley Group  
 Yvonne Craig-Lawrence 864016