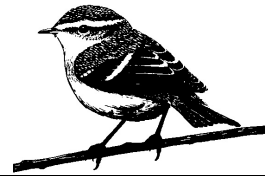


THE WOLDS VALLEY Warbler

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A View from Ryedale House

As many of you know, one of the key roles of the District Council is to act as the local planning authority. Indeed, I can say from experience that there are fewer subjects which generate greater emotion. That is one reason why the Council goes to great lengths in seeking to consult local people before publishing its Core Planning Strategy. This is a critical document because it is by reference to this that future planning decisions are taken and it therefore dictates to a large extent the appearance of our villages and landscape for years to come. I am pleased to say that, after a number of false starts, we are now well on the way to completing the Strategy. Inevitably, the 'development' focus centres on Malton (and we are presently reviewing a number of proposals in relation to town centre development at the present time). However, the Strategy is equally important for the Wolds valley. For example, I believe that there should be greater flexibility within the strategy to allow for redevelopment of redundant agricultural buildings (without necessarily forcing the owner/developer into holiday lets).

If you feel that you 'missed out' on the consultation process for whatever reason and believe that you have something valid to contribute, then I would encourage you to write to the Council (Gary Housden, Head of Planning) and comment accordingly. This may be your last opportunity for several years to influence the Council's planning strategy.

Finally, I am pleased to report that we managed (just!) to keep Council tax down this year to 2.5% increase (with a view to aiming even lower next year) making us the lowest increase in North Yorkshire. Now lets hope that the National Government do their bit to try and help the forgotten victims of this recession, namely the savers and pensioners in their next Budget.

If you have any thoughts/views on the above or indeed anything else which falls within the District Council's responsibility please feel free to e-mail me on cllr.edward.legard@ryedale.gov.uk

Community Conference on Gypsy Race

Open to all - 6.00 to 9.30pm Tuesday 2 June,
Weaverthorpe Village Hall

The following organisations, hopefully representing all agencies and interests, have agreed to participate or be present at the event:

Gypsy Race lies at the heart of our village communities in the Great Wold Valley. The surveys for the preparation of our Parish Plan revealed an overwhelming interest in, and concern for, Gypsy Race, both as a watercourse and as a wildlife habitat. The interests centre on the character and hydrology of the stream and the wildlife that it supports, whilst the concerns are to do with surface water management and drainage and the overall condition of the watercourse. Many of these issues interrelate with different agencies having an interest or controlling influence; the purpose of the Conference will be to establish the character and significance of the Race and the responsibilities/interests of the various parties. The conference will be for information gathering and dissemination, in a positive vein, so that we may understand what we can do for ourselves and who we may call upon to bring about improvement to the benefit of our community and the environment.

East Riding of Yorkshire County Council (biodiversity) (in attendance)
East Yorkshire Chalk Rivers Trust (speaking)
Environment Agency (hydrology, hydrogeology and flood risk)(speaking)
National Farmers Union (environment and land use)(speaking)
Natural England (biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship) (in attendance)
North Yorkshire County Council (highways) (speaking)
Ryedale District Council (biodiversity) (in attendance)
Yorkshire Water (aquifers and abstraction) (speaking)
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (biodiversity) (speaking)

So have you questions about Gypsy Race answered – note the date and time!! Watch for posters giving the programme for the evening, or for further information telephone 738520 or e-mail armacdonald_2@hotmail.com
Andy Macdonald

Final copy date 20th May for the June issue to:-
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THE WOLDS VALLEY CHURCHES

Services for May

Anglican Churches

3rd May	09.00 Holy Communion at St Andrew's Weaverthorpe 10.30 Family Service at St Mary's West Lutton 10.30 Morning Prayer at St Mary's Wharram
10th May	09.00 Matins at St Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe 10.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's Helperthorpe 10.30 Morning Prayer at St Mary's Wharram 10.30 Morning Prayer at St Mary's West Lutton
17th May	09.00 Holy Communion at St Mary's West Lutton 10.30 Holy Communion at St Mary's Wharram 15.00 A United Service with the Methodist Church at St. Andrews Weaverthorpe, led by Mr M. Bursell and hosted by Mr. Peter Massheder
21st May (Ascension Day)	18.00 Holy Communion at St Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe
24th May	09.00 Holy Communion at St Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe 10.30 Family Service at St Peter's Helperthorpe
31st May (Whit Sunday)	10.00 Holy Communion at St Peter's Helperthorpe Benefice Holy Communion Service

Any enquiries, including Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals should be addressed to:

The Revd Dr Quentin H Wilson (Rural Dean)
The Coach House, East Heslerton, Malton, YO17 8RN
Tel: 01944 728060 – E-mail: qhwilson@btinternet.com

Wolds Valley Methodist Church—Weaverthorpe

3rd May	15.00 Worship led by Mrs Linda Stannard
10th May	15.00 Worship led by Rev. Barrie Morley
17th May	15.00 A United Service with St. Andrews will be held in St. Andrews Church, led by Mr M. Bursell and hosted by Mr. Peter Massheder
24th May	15.00 Worship led by Mrs Christine Fenwick
31st May	16.00 An All-Age Worship Service led by Mrs Janette Biltcliffe

All services are followed by a cup of tea and a chat about local life.

On Monday 11th May and each Monday following, there will be a drop-in coffee time from 10.00 to 11.30. Come and enjoy a social half hour over coffee and biscuits.

Baptisms, funerals or other enquiries should be addressed to:

Reverend Barrie Morley – Tel: 01944 710757

St Leonard & St Mary's RC Church, Malton

Our main Mass times are 18.30 on Saturdays and 09.30 on Sundays but there are also different Masses on relevant days during the week usually am but occasionally in the evening.

The Marriage Care organisation is running one-day courses for people thinking about marriage at St Bede's Pastoral Centre at 21 Blossom Street, York. The dates are May 7, July 18, September 19 and November 14. Time 10.00 to 16.30; cost - £45. Contact Marriage Care on 01904 789115.

A LENT fast day by parishioners at St Leonard & St Mary's RC Church, Malton, raised £533.03, including gift aid, for CAFOD, the international aid agency.

The group plans to hold a plant stall on June 6/7 in aid of the agency's focusafrica appeal.

A collection taken at an ecumenical Stations of the Cross service attended by parishioners from other churches raised £63.10 for Arclight, the York-based charity that helps the homeless.

Earlier in April the church, in association with the Salvation Army, organised one of the Friday Lent hunger lunches at the Baptist School Room in Wells Lane and raised £152 for Christian aid.

Priest is Father Tim Bywater while Mrs Sue Westmacott is the pastoral assistant.

2 Address: Church Hill, Malton, YO17 7EJ. tel/fax: 01653 692128 email: stleonards@tiscali.co.uk

Village News

Weaverthorpe

Weaverthorpe Parish Council

As many of you are aware we have had a new Oak tree planted on the village green to replace the Horse Chestnut which had to be felled due to disease. Initially the Oak tree was planted in the middle of the 'football pitch'. After consultation with users of the pitch and the tree has been moved, making it possible for football to be played again! Parishioners are reminded that the AGM of Weaverthorpe Parish Council will take place on Monday 18th of May, all are welcome to attend.

Weaverthorpe Open Gardens

Sunday 28th June, 1-5 pm.

Don't forget to put this date in your diary and tell all your friends and relations.

We now 14 gardens opening, plus teas, cake stall, tombola, plant sales, book stall, in various locations.

If anybody else would like to offer help, organise a stall or of course open their garden, please do get in touch.

Penny House
01944 738841

pennyhouse@talktalk.net

PS Does anybody have a good prayer, charm or spell to ensure sunny weather?!

Weaverthorpe St Andrews

Saint Andrew's, Weaverthorpe has a website www.communitate.co.uk/york/standrewsweaverthorpe
The calendar includes Benefice Services.
Peter Massheder



Thanks to everyone who supported, attended and worked on Easter Monday! We raised a total of £230 for Marie Curie cancer care nurses!! Cheers!

Weaverthorpe School

There will be a book fair at school from 27th April - 1st May, 3.20 to 4 in the temporary classroom behind the main school building.

Weaverthorpe Village Hall

Our meeting room and toilet facilities are currently undergoing an upgrade.

For booking or tariff enquiries please contact:-

Helen Milner – 01944 738617

or

Amanda Garbutt – 01944 738761

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Weaverthorpe Branch

Tuesday 12th May
19.30 Village Hall

"Not a Hexagon in sight"

Presented by:
Christine Shaw

Competition: Pretty Scarf

Weaverthorpe St Andrews PCC AGM

The AGM of the PCC took place on Wednesday 8th March. Mrs Elsie Williamson is now the sole Church Warden and it is appropriate that we should record our thanks to her for the many hours she spends coping with these duties, which are not inconsiderable. We do have a small PCC and a Vice Chairman and although I have resigned as Secretary and Treasurer, I am continuing to maintain the church accounts and day to day administration.

We take this opportunity also to thank Mary and Peter Massheder who have both given unstintingly of their time to St Andrews, covering over the years the roles of Treasurer, Secretary and Church Warden. Mary was Church Warden for 30 years and Peter was Church Warden for 21 years and Treasurer for 39 years. As we know from January's Warbler, Peter will also complete 50 years in the office of a Reader this year. Mary has not stood for re-election to the PCC this year. As a small token of the Parish's thanks to Peter and Mary a tree has been planted in the churchyard, just behind the notice board.

Penny House

Friends of Weaverthorpe School



Friends of Weaverthorpe School would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Children's Disco. We raised £120.

We now have enough funds to choose & plan the building of the outdoor play equipment for the school. We expect work to begin on the first stage very soon.

Quiz night

Friday 8th May 7 pm Village Hall

Cost £3 per person. Teams of up to 6. Tickets can be purchased on the night, but please let us know if you are coming to make organisation of tables easier.

BYO food & drinks as required. Nibbles provided.

Free tea/coffee & squash available.

To pledge your team ring

Sue 01944 738804 or the School office mornings only 01944 738280.

Forth Coming events include:
Jumble Sale

Saturday 13th June 1 pm Village Hall
School Fair Sunday 12th July
Children's Disco Friday 17th July

All profits for the benefit of Weaverthorpe CE Primary School

Please could we ask the Warbler readers to save any items suitable for our jumble sale in June. Also we would welcome plant donations to sell at the School summer fair in July.

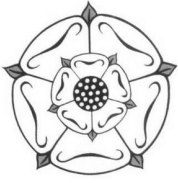
Kirby Grindalythe

St Andrews Church Kirby Grindalythe

You will all be pleased to know that we have received a grant of £4,500 from the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust and that we are close to achieving the £210,000 needed for Phase 2 of the restoration of St Andrew's Church. We have some other applications for grants in the pipeline, and thank you, everyone, for all the work you do in raising money to keep the church going as a place of worship and of interest and pleasure for the whole community.
Cathy Otton-Goulder

Luttons

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association Luttons Branch



The Luttons Ladies Lunched at their April meeting in The Star Inn, Weaverthorpe. It was a pleasure to welcome Enid, Joan,

Marian and Nicola.

Our next meeting will be a visit by Julie Los from YCA Central Office, who will be talking about YCA and its beginnings.

We are a very friendly group and if you would like to join us you will be warmly welcomed. We are "open" to non-members who would like a "taster" - all we ask is a contribution of £1.50 per visit.

New members very welcome, please ring Rachel on 01944 738520 or Alison on 01944 738867 if you wish to join us.

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association Luttons Branch

20th May
19.00 The Three Tuns

"About the YCA"

Presented by:
Julie Los
(Central Office)

Competition: Blue and White item

St Mary's, Luttons Ambo

May Family Service

The theme of the family service in May will be 'forgiveness'. The reading will be from Luke, chapter 23, verses 32 to 43. Join us for this friendly service for people of all ages. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served after the service.

New Service

St Mary's church is introducing a new service of Morning Prayer on the second Sunday of each month, commencing in May, at 10.00. This lovely service of praise and prayer follows a tradition from earliest Christian times, when Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word. Do come and join us.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

"A Celebration of Village Life"

On the 13th and 14th of July, we are holding a flower festival at St. Mary's Church Luttons Ambo. If you would like to take part to celebrate your personal hobby, craft, your business, school, church, job, your old house, group or organisation (the list is endless), areas of the church will be designated for your display at £5 per area. You may have old photographs, a tale to tell, in fact, any memorabilia, with some flowers, is all you will need. Help with your display will be at hand. The church will be open for two days for people to admire your efforts.

Refreshments will also be on sale. To reserve your area, please ring Ann Richardson, Tel: 01944-738718. If you are able to help in a small way, please let us know.

General News

Parish Plan Update Traffic Calming

Following interventions by PC Andy Grant and Councillor Ron Haigh as a result of the publication of the Parish Plan, traffic sensors were installed from the 22 January to 6 February on the valley road in East Lutton, Helperthorpe, Weaverthorpe and Butterwick. The mean speeds for traffic over this period between the hours of 0700 and 1900 were East Lutton 35.8 mph, Helperthorpe 35.5 mph and Weaverthorpe 29.9 mph. Government guidance (DfT Circular 1/06) states that the limit should be set close to the mean speed, so only Weaverthorpe qualifies for 30 mph on this criterion. The same Government guidance also states that a 30 mph limit should be 'the norm in villages', defined as 20 or more houses on one or both sides of the road and a minimum length of 600 metres - but neither East Lutton nor Helperthorpe meet this criterion.

Councillor Ron Haigh arranged a meeting on parish representatives with Richard Marr, Area Manager for North Yorkshire County Highways, on Monday 30 March. He accepted that the data supported lowering the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph in Weaverthorpe and will put the necessary consultation processes

and advertisement in train. A letter will be received by the Weaverthorpe Parish Council seeking their agreement, which should be forthcoming! The lower limit can be introduced, following consultation, as the necessary signage is within Richard's budgetary authority.

If the speed limits in East Lutton and Helperthorpe are to be lowered from 40 to 30 mph then the average speed must be lowered to meet the first criterion in the Government guidance. This will require the installation of speed reduction measures of the non-obstructive type such as rumble strips, white lining to narrow the village approaches, or village gateways; these require additional funding beyond Richard's budgetary authority. Councillor Haigh has made a bid under the Malton and Norton Service Centre Strategy for traffic calming measures in the villages. The Parish Plan Action Group has written in support of this bid; the letter has been acknowledged and we await the outcome of the bid.

Andy Macdonald
Chair, Parish Plan Action Group

GARDENING CLUB

It seems that we do not have a gardening club in the valley - despite there being many keen gardeners of all types. We are interested in getting one started. If you would like to get involved please ring Jeff on 01944 738501, or send him an e-mail on jamesgrindrod6@googlemail.com We look forward to hearing from lots of people from all along the valley and then we can get started in time for spring activities - a busy time in the gardener's calendar. Don't forget to ask your neighbours, friends and local family members as well.

GAZEBO FOR HIRE

Are you thinking of having an outside event?

Summer is just around the corner!
Gazebo 9m X 3m available
for a minimum donation of £10
to St Peter's Church, Helperthorpe.

Contact Pauline Bannister
01944 738494

Mobile Library

The library will be down the valley on:
Friday 15th May.
