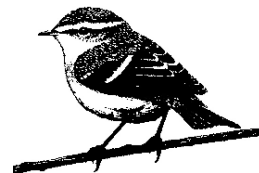


# THE WOLDS VALLEY Warbler

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## A View from County Hall

I would like to thank all those who turned out to vote in the recent by-election on such a foul day, and to assure both those who did and those who did not vote for me that I will work hard to ensure you have strong representation at County Hall.

We are a large rural area and I was reminded of the communication difficulties this posed when at the election count a ballot paper was destroyed by the voter writing across it "I have received no representation from either candidate" so I to begin by making sure that all readers of the Warbler have my contact details - **Cllr. Janet Sanderson. Walnut Cottage, Priestmans Lane, Thornton Dale Pickering YO18 7RT Tel. 01751 474516 Cllr.Janet.Sanderson@northyorks.gov.uk.**

On the same subject of communication, we have an opportunity to bring high speed broadband to your area, anyone interested please contact me for further details, you don't have to sign up now, but we do need to know how many people are interested.

An issue brought to my attention whilst canvassing was that of the Post Bus. I am sure that much of this was election propaganda, so I would like to update you on the facts from County Hall.

- 1) The Post Office is withdrawing the service in 2012.
- 2) NYCC are looking at ways to replace this service.
- 3) I know how important it is to you all.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your family and loved ones, the Season's Greetings and all the best for the New Year.

*Janet Sanderson*

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### A Yorkshire Christmas Carol

Adapted by Kate Bramley  
from the Charles Dickens story




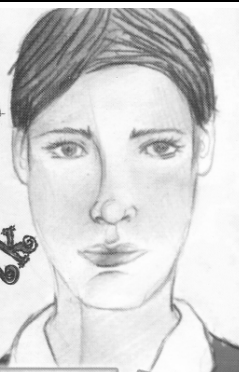
**Weaverthorpe Village Hall**  
Tues 6th December,  
7.30 pm

Tickets: Adult £8.50,  
Child £5.00

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### Jack and the Beanstalk



JOIN JACK & HIS FRIENDS ON THE GREATEST PANTOMIME ADVENTURE OF THEM ALL!

Pocket Panto are back by popular demand with this fast paced family pantomime that everyone will love  
**Weaverthorpe Village Hall**  
Thurs 29th December,  
7.00 pm

Tickets: Adult £8.00, Child £5.00, Family ticket £22.00

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**Don't forget the Villages Website (<http://luttonsandweaverthorpe.ryedaleconnect.org.uk>)**

The website is building up a directory of local businesses. If you are within a 10 mile radius and would like to advertise your business, please get in touch – [luttonsandweaverthorpewebsite@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:luttonsandweaverthorpewebsite@hotmail.co.uk)

The Wolds Valley Warbler provides a means of communication between the communities of: Wharram-Le-Street, Duggleby, Kirby Grindalythe, West Lutton, East Lutton, Helperthorpe, Weaverthorpe, Butterwick and Foxholes.

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# THE WOLDS VALLEY CHURCHES

## Services for the Month of December

### Anglican Churches

4th Dec	09.00	Holy Communion at St Andrew's Weavorthorpe
	10.30	Holy Communion at St Mary's West Lutton
	10.30	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Wharram
11th Dec	09.00	Matins at St Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe
	10.30	Holy Communion at St. Peter's Helperthorpe
	15.00	Carols & Lessons at St Mary's West Lutton
18th Dec	09.00	Holy Communion at St Mary's West Lutton
	10.30	Holy Communion at St Mary's Wharram
	10.30	Carols & Lessons at St. Peter's Helperthorpe
	17.00	Procession & Carol Service at St Andrew's Weavorthorpe
22nd Dec	19.00	Carol Service at St Mary's Wharram
23rd Dec	19.00	Carol Service at St Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe
24th Dec	17.00	Teddy Bear Service at St. Peter's Helperthorpe
	10.30	Holy Communion at St Andrew's Weavorthorpe
	23.30	Midnight Mass at St Mary's West Lutton
25th Dec	09.00	Holy Communion at St Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe
	10.30	Holy Communion at St. Peter's Helperthorpe

As well as the usual advertised Sunday Services, prayers will be said once a week in each of the five churches at the times shown below. You are most welcome to come to any of these prayer times or if you have something or someone you would like to ask for prayer please let me know or leave a note in one of the churches.

#### Prayers in the five Anglican Churches once a week at the following times:

Friday	18.00	St Andrew's Weavorthorpe
Saturday	09.00	St Andrew's Kirby Grindalythe
	17.00	St Mary's Wharram
Sunday	17.00	St Mary's West Lutton
Monday	08.30	St Peter's Helperthorpe

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and other enquiries should be directed to the Rev Andy Bowden on 01944 738814 or email [andy@woldsvalley.plus.com](mailto:andy@woldsvalley.plus.com)  
For parishioners, your first point of call on all church related matters should be your churchwarden.



#### A Light in the Darkness

Have you got your Christmas lights out yet? Are you tempted to go and buy some new lights this year that not only decorate your tree but illuminate your whole house? Whether you have a house covered in lights or just a simple light stand, when the lights are finally switched on it seems to change the way we feel. At the very least, suddenly it is not so drab, there is a bit of a sparkle in the air, the night is not quite so dark and you may even feel a tingle of anticipation, a rising sense of hope.

One of the Christmas readings that will be heard in the carol services up and down the Wolds Valley reflects this mood very well: the prophet Isaiah writes, "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." He takes the idea of 'darkness' further by suggesting there can be a darkness we feel on the inside. That inner darkness that comes in different forms, worries about health and relationships, deep sadness and grief, stress from work or a lack of it, concern for a world that struggles to be fair and just. What sort of great light can shine in this darkness?

The last reading at each carol service is always from John's Gospel and again there is a strong theme of light in the dark: "In him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." Are we still celebrating the birth of Jesus out of habit or, after two thousand years is there something in us that recognises his light in the darkness? Perhaps there is something in that life that brings a sparkle in the air, when the night is not quite so dark and we may even feel a tingle of anticipation, a rising of hope.

As we put on the lights in the local churches this Christmas, you are most welcome to come to any of these services over Christmas.

#### New Valley Trail 2012 (NVT12)

This is a new youth group run by the Anglican churches in the Wolds Valley and is open to anyone between the ages of 10-20. The main programme will start in 2012 but we are holding our first night at the West Lutton Vicarage (Chapel House, Back Lane, West Lutton) on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 7-9.30 pm for a film night, snacks and discussion. For more information contact Andy Bowden.

#### St. Mary's Church & West Lutton CP School Christmas Raffle

Do not miss the Christmas raffle with amazing prizes: First Prize: B&B for two at a luxury hotel in the Tyne Valley very kindly donated by Close House Country Hotel (see their web-site at [www.closehouse.co.uk](http://www.closehouse.co.uk)) Second prize: Sunday Lunch for 4 people very kindly donated by the Blue Bell Inn in Weavorthorpe (see their website at [www.bluebellweavorthorpe.com](http://www.bluebellweavorthorpe.com)) with other prizes too. Tickets are £1 each and are now on sale at the Church, the School and the Three Tuns Pub. The draw will take place in the Three Tuns Pub on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm followed by a festive singalong. All proceeds split between the church and the school.

### Wolds Valley Methodist Church, Weavorthorpe

(Serving the whole Wolds Valley)

4th Dec	15.00	Holy Communion led by Rev. Elizabeth Clark
11th Dec	15.00	Worship led by Rev. Peter Kindleysides
18th Dec	15.00	Carol Service

There will be no service at Wolds Valley on Christmas Day. All are invited to Sherburn Methodist Church at 10.00 am when the Family Worship will be led by Mrs Christine Fenwick. Messy Church at Sherburn on Saturday 3rd Dec starting with tea at 4.45 pm. Worship and crafts as we think about Christmas. Everyone Welcome.

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

#### Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings continue every Monday (except Bank Holidays) from 10.00 until 11.30

Baptisms, funerals or other enquiries should be addressed to:  
**Rev Elizabeth Clark – Tel: 01944 710757**

### St Leonard & St Mary's RC Church, Malton

Masses at St Leonard & St Mary's take place at the weekend at 6.30 pm on Saturdays and 9.30 pm on Sundays and various other services are held throughout the week.

The amount raised so far from a parish gift weekend at St Leonard & St Mary's RC Church, Malton, is £4,145.60 - before gift aid is added. The "weekend" started some years ago following a survey among parishioners, which found the vast majority, did not want to continue with the traditional annual Christmas Fair in the Milton Rooms, Malton.

The gift weekend followed earlier celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of the time the church was gifted to the Roman Catholics by the Diocese of York. Following a Saturday Mass parishioners were able to enjoy refreshments in their community centre and a concert by the Ryedale-based Chanticleer Singers - who practice each week in the centre - which raised £150 for church funds. After Mass on the Sunday a lunch was held at St Mary's RC Primary School to mark the occasion.

Priest is Father Tim Bywater while Mrs Sue Westmacott is the pastoral assistant.  
Address: Church Hill, Malton, YO17 7EJ. tel/fax: 01653 692128 email: [stleonards@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stleonards@tiscali.co.uk)

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# Weaverthorpe

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## JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 5th November

Weaverthorpe Village Hall

Thank you to all who supported, donated or helped.

**£275.00** profit was divided between Weaverthorpe Primary School and Driffield Karate Academy

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## Line Dancing

Weaverthorpe Village Hall

1st & 3rd Thursday 8 pm – 10 pm.

Admission £3.00

There is a faith supper and a raffle for which any contributions will be most welcome.



Contact 01944 738651.

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association Weaverthorpe Branch

We've had a busy year and some really great evenings. Sometimes the title or subject of the presentation may not seem instantly exciting but we have had good support for all our speakers, they have all been excellent and usually we have been more entertained, or found out more about a subject than we expected.



Our first meeting after Christmas is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January when we will have a quiz to kick start those little grey cells for the New Year. So just turn up at the Village Hall at 7.30 with your brains tuned in and something to contribute to the faith supper.

I keep saying it but new members always welcome – we're a very friendly group so just come along to Weaverthorpe Village Hall for 7.30. Norma Harrison, Chair  
01944 738866

## Friends of St Andrews, Weaverthorpe

### Carols at Christmas

The Friends of St Andrews Church, Weaverthorpe are supporting Carols at Christmas on Sunday 18th December 2011.

All are welcome at the Village Hall at 3:30 pm to make Angels which will be used to decorate the Church.

We will then gather on the Village

Green at 5 pm and process by candlelight up to the Church. The service will follow. For those who do not want to, or cannot join the procession please go straight to the Church.

The music will be provided by the Norton Youth Brass Band in addition to the Church organ.

Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service.

### Date for the diary:

We will be holding a quiz in the Village Hall on 20th January 2012. More details in the January Warbler and on the notice boards after Christmas.

Further information or offers to help with either event, contact Jeff House on 01944 738841 or email [jeffhouse@talktalk.net](mailto:jeffhouse@talktalk.net).

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## WEAVERTHORPE Remembrance Service



This was a rather special service this year as it was of course the first one for our new Vicar, there is an extra name on the War Memorial and in addition to the usual wreath and individual crosses at the Memorial, the Youth Club had made their own two "wreaths". So we welcomed a new person in Andy Bowden, paid homage to a world war one casualty, Private Alfred Shepherd, who had lived at Rosemount, and were touched by the contribution from our young people, who although we are in the midst still of the Afghanistan conflict, must find the two world wars and all they meant to those taking part in the fighting and at home, difficult to comprehend.

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## ROPERY KENNELS

A big thank you to everyone who brings newspapers, magazines, blankets, towels and beds etc. We support various dog and cat charities so please keep things coming in. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Roperly Kennels.



## Weaverthorpe Village Christmas Fair

The Village Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 16th December from 6.00 pm at the Village Hall. There will be an elf grotto and we are expecting a special guest!

There will be craft stalls, tombola, bottle stall and raffle as well as Christmassy refreshments.

Admission free – come along and get into the Christmas spirit!

All are invited to a craft afternoon at 3.30 pm on the 18th December in Weaverthorpe Village Hall to decorate angels that we will then be taking up to the Carol Service at 5.00 pm at St Andrews Church Weaverthorpe. The event is supported by The Friends of St Andrews and is free to attend. Refreshments will be available.

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## Weaverthorpe Parish Council

At the meeting of the Council held on 21st November 2011, the Council agreed to reduce the amount of the Precept for 2012 / 2013 from its present level of £4000 to £3500. The Precept is the amount of money that Ryedale District Council pays to Weaverthorpe to enable us to meet our expenses.

As Weaverthorpe Parish Council has made savings over the past two years this enables us to reduce the amount of money we need. This is good news for all residents as the Precept is raised through Council Tax. This will mean that our Council Tax will reduce by a small amount, which is different to the trends of increases that we see all the time.

Jeff House  
Clerk to the Council

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## Wharram Le Street

St Mary's Church Wharram will be holding its Christmas Carol service on Thursday 22nd December this year commencing at 7 pm. Everybody is welcome and there will be 'gluvin and mince pies' afterwards.

The service will be the traditional story of Christmas of nine carols and lessons.

Please come and raise our roof. **3**

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# Luttons

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## CHILDREN'S FUNDAY CLUB

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The Funday Club will be meeting on Saturday 18th December at 3.30 pm at Weaverthorpe Village Hall. This will be followed by a procession and service at Weaverthorpe Church at 5.00 pm. More information to follow on the church notice boards!

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### St Mary's, Luttons Ambo, Christmas Raffle

This year the Christmas raffle will be drawn on Saturday 17th December at 8 pm in The Three Tuns, West Lutton. The draw will take place with Carols and mince pies.

Do come and join us for this festive event.

Raffle tickets are available from Nicola (738318) or Tony (738867)



### Tra, la, la!

Are you interested in joining a choir? A couple ladies in West Lutton are keen to start a singing group in the Valley. We are looking for additional members (all vocal ranges welcome) and would really like someone who has experience of being a choral director to come and lead the group, as well as a pianist. At this stage we are hoping to gauge interest, so if it's something you've always wanted to do, please get in touch and let us know.

Contact Lizzie on 738808 or email [elizabethsatchell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elizabethsatchell@hotmail.co.uk).

### Bonfire Night a Personal View

If you were one of the people who came to the Andrew Thornton's field on November the fifth you will have seen what was described by many as the best display ever.

The fact that the display happened at all was down to a huge amount of hard work by many people. To list everybody involved would take too long but there were some outstanding displays of community spirit especially from the Keiths and the Holtbys and of course Andrew Thornton who yet again allowed his field to be churned up and burnt to allow the village to

have a good time.

Financially it was made possible by a substantial personal donation from Mrs Audrey Corbett combined with fundraisers and a Contribution from the Parish Council. This was all kept under control by Sandra.

I know there are many others who brought food and served it, loaned P.A. equipment, acted as marshals and first aiders helped set up and tidied up afterwards. To everyone thanks one more time because the end result was outstanding and hugely enjoyable. Given the generous donations by those that attended combined with the fundraisers run by Jonnie and Charlotte at the Three Tuns I am very hopeful we can do the same or better next year.

Tom Phillips

Manor Farm West Lutton

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### Luttons C P School

The school has a new website. It can be found at:

[www.luttons.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.luttons.n-yorks.sch.uk).

This is newly launched and we would welcome any comments or ideas for its further enhancement.

### Christmas Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th December

Carols around the tree for the community. We are opening our doors to the whole community to come and join us for carols around the tree in our school hall at 2 pm, followed by seasonal refreshments.



Thursday 15th December

School Nativity in St Mary's Church, West Lutton. Please come and join us whilst we celebrate Christmas through a performance by the children at 6 pm. This is again followed by refreshments.

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## General News

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### SANTA IS COMING DOWN THE VALLEY!

Santa will be bringing his sleigh down the valley on Thursday 15th December.

He would be pleased to see everybody on the route so watch out for him!



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### High-speed broadband in the Great Wold Valley

A well-attended meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November heard of the potential to bring high-speed broadband into the valley using the NYCC network and wireless technology. RDC and NYCC staff described how a community project might be established to attract government grant funding for rural broadband, as well as the technology

that could deliver to subscribers consistently higher speeds in both upload and download than is available through national providers and the BT infrastructure. The meeting also heard from a representative of Newton on Rawcliffe where a community project is live and delivering broadband where none was available before.

Those at the meeting expressed their interest in exploring the potential further and several individuals came forward to join a steering group. This group will meet shortly, with the support of RDC and NYCC staff, to continue to develop the project and seek further expressions of interest from both residents and businesses in the valley. The project area is either side of a line from Thixendale to Foxholes but a project will only be viable if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested, without commitment at this early stage, in benefiting from high-speed broadband then please complete the expression of interest at <https://eforms.northyorks.gov.uk/AF/an/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=pJCY5jESfET> or complete a form (call 01944 738520). Further information can be obtained from the NYCC website at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=14819>; it is hoped to post the presentations to the meeting on the valley website shortly <http://luttonsandweaverthorpe.ryedaleconnect.org.uk/>  
Andy Macdonald

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### The Great Wold Valley Heritage Trail

This project has developed from the findings of the Luttons and Weaverthorpe Parish Plan which was carried out in 2008 and is a response to the communities' desire for greater information about their environment.

The heritage of the Great Wolds Valley, from Neolithic to Modern times, will be celebrated by the creation of a series of information boards located in villages from Wharram to Foxholes. As well as history and archaeology there will be sections on geology, flora and fauna plus maps, old and new, detailing the area.

In addition to the boards a pamphlet will be produced to promote the Heritage Trail through Tourist Information Centres. To encourage involvement with, and understanding of, the local heritage a teaching package will also be developed for use in the local primary schools. We will be holding open days in the near future to enable people to come along and comment on the content of the boards and provide their contributions to the history of the area. We would like as many as possible to take part in this project as local knowledge is vital to the success of the Trail.

We have obtained grants from LEADER and the Heritage Lottery Fund to finance the project and hope that it will be completed in 2012.

Contact: Andy Macdonald 01944 738520