

Beyond

The Pews

February 2012

Here For All Our Community

Did you know.....

- that our churches are here for everyone, not just those who come on a Sunday?
- we have a wide variety of services: traditional, modern, experimental, structured, informal, Family services and All Age Interactive worship?
- we work closely with our local schools?
- the Priest in Charge or a church member would be happy to visit you at home?
- we'd be happy to pray for you or your family?
- all our churches are available for Baptisms and Naming Ceremonies; Weddings, Blessings and the Re-making of Vows; Funerals and Thanksgivings?
- we have exciting activities for children and young people at Kirby Hill?
- YOU would be very welcome?

If you would like to know more about our churches and the services on offer, please contact Alison at the Vicarage 01423 326284, or one of the Church Wardens.

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Dear Friends,

When we watch the news and listen to financial predictions it can be easy to become gloomy about the future. The reality is many of us are much worse off than we have been for a long time, and for some, there is the real fear of redundancy. All of us are thinking more carefully about what we buy and whether we really need it. But the truth is, compared to most people in the world, we are still extremely fortunate.

Whatever the economic forecast, this year we have two things to look forward to. In Spring we have The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and in the Summer we have the London Olympics. Both are times of national celebration and excitement which will be celebrated in our local communities. (Look out for details).

It's always good to have something to look forward to, something that is a Good News story, something that can be celebrated. That is what we do Sunday by Sunday in our churches, we celebrate God's love for us, we receive His forgiveness and we go out with His Blessing, knowing that He is present with us, walking alongside us in the world.

I hope whatever difficulties and disappointments we may have to face in the coming year, we will still be able to celebrate, to see the beauty around us, to experience love and friendship, and to realise just how fortunate we are.

With my Love

Alison.

Thank you to all who so generously supported our Christmas charities at our Christingle services and various carol singing events.

As a result of your generosity we were able to send £355.75 to The Children's Society, £171.50 to Candlelighters and £116 to Biblelands.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Do you remember the Coronation?

Have you got photographs of local celebrations?

Have you got memories of the Queen's Silver and Golden jubilees and photographs of these events?

Would you be interested in an exhibition with themed competitions, followed by a short service to mark the Diamond Jubilee, in our communities?

If so, please contact Alison at the Vicarage.

What's On



Films at Coronation Hall 8pm £3.50

**January 31
Oranges and Sunshine**

**February 28th
Sixty-Six**

**March 27th
The Secret in Their Eyes**

**April 24th
Grow Your Own**

Our Family Service at All Saints Kirby Hill on 19th February at 11.00am will be on the theme of 'Fairness'.

As part of this theme, some children from the Fairtrade committee at the school will be taking a short 'slot' to tell us about the Fairtrade movement and will be bringing their stall to encourage us to purchase some Fairtrade products.

We hope you will be able to join us and support them in their endeavours.

Friends of Kirby Hill Church

Bingo Night

Coronation Hall

**Saturday 3 March
7.30pm**

**Admission £5
includes Pie & Peas supper**

Jackpot cash prize £100

Friends of Kirby Hill Church

Easter Coffee Morning

**Saturday 31 March
10 -12 noon**

**at
The Vicarage**

Entry £1 per adult

**Easter egg hunt, tombola
book stall, plant stall,
cake stall, etc...
Everyone welcome**

Hello there, I'm Sheila Ward –

I have lived in Kirby Hill for 45 years – and have never wanted to leave. What a beautiful part of the world it is.

Every Sunday when I go to church I feel as if I'm part of a welcoming family. In this important year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee **and** the Olympic Games we want to be part of the big picture too - and celebrate!

So – we are holding a week of exciting and varied events to which you are all invited. The climax of this will be a thanksgiving service on Whit Sunday 27th May at which the preacher will be the Bishop of Knaresborough.

Come and taste and see, share and celebrate.

God is good – let's praise Him.

Watch out for more details.

1st Boroughbridge Scout Group

HRH The Duchess of Cambridge has become Scouting's newest volunteer and will help at local Cub Packs and Beaver Colonies.

The Duchess, who joins 66,000 girls and 40,000 female leaders in Scouting, will help out at groups close to where she lives. Her Royal Highness also hopes to help with activities in other parts of the United Kingdom as opportunity arises.

The recent headline announcement in the national press comes as a great endorsement of Scouting's commitment to encourage adults to volunteer their time on a flexible basis. The Duchess will help run a variety of activities relevant to her skills and interests. This could include running games, teaching first aid or cooking on campfires.

'Over the last few years it has been our mission to make it easier for adults who volunteer with us to give as much or as little as they are able - it is how we change our society: many people doing a little bit - we call it flexible volunteering.' (The Scout Association)

Always looking forward this is something that Scouting here in the Boroughbridge area has long been working to achieve, encouraging local people to contribute to the future of our youngsters. The 1st Boroughbridge Group has boys and girls from the age of 6 to 8 in its two Beaver colonies, those from 8 to 11 are in its two Cub packs and the 11 to 14 year olds are in the Scout Troop. Membership is now well over 130, with 20% of the youngsters coming from Kirby Hill, Langthorpe, Humberton, Ellenthorpe and the immediate area, and others from both Dishforth Airfield and Village, The Ouseburns, Green Hammerton, Whixley, Marton-cum Grafton, Stavely, Minskip, Roecliffe and Boroughbridge itself. The Leaders both male and female, also come from a wide geographic area and, as usually happens with busy people, juggle their Scouting activities with involvement in their own community, hobbies, work lives and, of course, their own families.

Scouting has a high profile locally and the familiar uniforms are seen at all local civic events as well as community activities - did you sample their hay box stew or pancakes offered at the recent 'Sow It-Cook It-Eat It' day? Boroughbridge Group recently hosted the District's Carol service - you may have read about it in the Ripon Gazette's fortnightly Scouting Column if you were not as fortunate as our mayor and parents to actually be there to join in with gusto. Many of you will have seen Jamie's presentation of the wonderful experience he had at the World Jamboree in Sweden last summer - supported and encouraged in his training and fundraising by many local people.

You too have the opportunity to inspire. Helping give young people a taste of everyday adventure through fun and practical activities, you have the chance to inspire the leaders of tomorrow. As Patrick, 10, a Cub Scout said: 'I have really great adventures at Cubs and it's all thanks to the leaders who help out.'

Despite four consecutive years of growth in the Boroughbridge Group, there is still a need for more adults to volunteer with us, to provide opportunities for the young people who are waiting to join.

Many hands make light work. Adults of all ages are finding ways to volunteer that fit in around their lives. A new adult recruit in Boroughbridge has found a flexible solution - the demands of modern life often mean it's harder for people to find time to volunteer so the role he has just taken on is shared between two adults to make it work.

Get involved

If you'd like to know more about the flexible volunteering opportunities in Scouting with your local Scout Group then ring Mike Collins on 01423 322458



New Year Greetings

Cynthia and I would like to express the hope that you enjoyed a memorable and happy Christmas. That may be retrospective, but we still have the opportunity first of all to wish you a happy, peaceful New Year and, in doing so, to continue our support to Candlelighters.

Jim Foster

Skelton Newby Hall CE and Sharow CE Schools Federation for September 2012

The federation of the two schools is progressing well. The Head Teacher of both schools, after federation, will be Miss Lamara McKinney.

As part of the federation process we are required by law to hold a six week official consultation period. This will start on Monday 23 January and finish on Friday 9 March 2012. During this period we will hold a governor – parent meeting on Tuesday 21 February 2012 at 7.00pm in the Gratham Rooms, Newby Hall.

Pupils from both schools have discussed the prospect of federation and have enjoyed getting to know pupils from the other school. The infants of Sharow and Skelton joined together in enjoying an Advent Treasure Hunt, the trail involved visiting Christ the Consoler, the Reading Room and St Helen's Church. Sharow and Skelton juniors visited Harlow Carr Gardens together where they explored the woodland, and they all worked together on a poetry project. The challenging orienteering activity got them together in perplexity! Skelton's year 6 pupils getting to know new friends from Sharow helps with a view to settling in at Boroughbridge High in September.

Judy Lee Community Governor

Ruby Booker Foundation Governor



Women's World Day of Prayer Boroughbridge Methodist Church Friday 2 March at 2.00pm

Let Justice Prevail is this year's theme organised by the women of Malaysia. Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody and all are welcome to attend.

More information can be found at www.wwdp-natcomm.org or by contacting Women's World Day of Prayer, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2RR; Tel: 01892 541411; email: office@wwdp-natcomm.org.

Diary Dates

Feb	5	6.30	Sacred Space on a Candlemas theme at Kirby Hill Church
	7	12.00	Lunch at the Blue Bell
		7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	14	7.30	Skelton WI
		7.30	Prayer Group at the Vicarage
	21	12.00	Lunch at the Blue Bell
	27	7.30	Kirby Hill PCC at the Vicarage
	28	7.30	Prayer Group at the Vicarage
		8.00	Yorevision film at Coronation Hall - see p3
Mar	2	2.00	Women's World day of Prayer at Boroughbridge Methodist Church - see p6

From the Registers

Christian Funeral

"The dead only really die when the living forget to remember them"

Dec 20 Enid Ross at Kirby Hill

Interment of Cremated Remains

Dec 10 Jean Hawkrige at Kirby Hill

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FEBRUARY SERVICES

Date Sunday	5 Feb 3 b Lent	12 Feb 2 b Lent	19 Feb Sun b Lent	26 Feb Lent 1	4 Mar Lent 2
CUNDALL		11.00 CW 2		9.30 MP	
KIRBY HILL	11.00 CW 1	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8	11.00 Family Service	11.00 CW 1	11.00 CW 1
SKELTON	9.30 CW 1		9.30 CW 1	9.30 FS	9.30 CW 1

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT KIRBY HILL

Tuesday 9.00am MP (said)
Wednesday 10.00am CW2 (said)

CW 1 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 1, Modern language
CW 2 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 2, Traditional language

FS Family Service; **MP** Morning Prayer; **EP** Evening Prayer
Activ8 for children of all ages, parents welcome.

On the 1st & 4th Sundays at Kirby Hill, Sparklers Crèche is available in church during the service; school age children meet in school at 10.45.

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