

In October of last year Clive and Kath Richardson spoke to the Burton Fleming History Group about their own family history investigation and their resulting talk 'The Woman Who Didn't Exist'. This April they returned with their follow up to that talk with 'The Fate of The Eight'. They began by giving a brief recap of that first talk which centred on Clive's grandmother Margaret Burns (1889 - 1962). How, on the death of her husband in WWI, she had been evicted from her home by a Durham mining company which in turn placed her into extreme poverty. The helplessness of her situation led her to abandon her four children with her grandparents. She later abandoned a fifth child on the workhouse steps and still later child number six was just left in a shop. She then moved to Manchester, changed her name, took ten years off her age and eventually remarried. To this marriage Margaret had two more children. The Fate of The Eight is the story of those eight children. After extreme and intensive investigation Clive and Kath were able to tell the story and what a dramatic story it was. Children, all related, growing up, some not knowing they had a family. The last two children never aware that their mother

had been married before let alone that they had six more brothers and sisters. The drama attached to each individual story is immense and dramatic. Eight totally different situations, different lives, different locations, did they ever meet? Well not wanting to spoil the result for others I will write no more other than to say that if you have the opportunity to hear this marvellous piece of family history research, don't miss it. This was our last talk of the present season and we restart on 22nd September. The secretary thanked everyone for supporting us over the past year and extended thanks to those who help with various aspects of making our meetings comfortable, sociable and successful. To end the season we travel to Pickering on May 12th for a guided tour of the Church of St Peter and St Paul and its magnificent medieval wall art which Father Anthony will describe and expand upon. we then head to the Black Swan for a tea time buffet. Yet another successful season. Why not come along when we restart in September, we have an extremely good schedule of talks planned. Contact Bruce 01262 401147.

Thanks, Bruce.

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**BURTON FLEMING**  
**NEWSLETTER**



## INVITATION

The over 65's, resident in Burton Fleming, are formally invited to attend an  
**AFTERNOON TEA PARTY**  
to celebrate the  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of HRH Queen Elizabeth 11  
on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
at 3.00pm to 5.00pm  
in the Village Hall.



**TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE  
PLEASE RESPOND BY  
WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE  
TO:**

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Items for publication in the June issue should reach me by 25/5/16  
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burtonflemingnewsletter@gmail.com

## MAY CHURCH SERVICES

### ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Revd. Barbara Hodgson 01262 470873

1st	11.00am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Holy Communion at FORDON
8th	11.00am	Morning Worship
15th	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd	10.00am	Priesting of Revd. James Trousdale in York Minster.
		No morning service in the benefice.
	6.00pm	at KILHAM. Celebration of Holy Communion.
		Celebrant Revd James Trousdale.
29th	11.00am	Morning Worship

Every Monday morning (except Bank Holidays)  
Prayer & Praise 9.30am in church

#### PLEASE NOTE:

There will be a service of Holy Communion on Ascension Day - Thursday May 5th at 8am at the vicarage followed by breakfast. Please bring a fold up chair as we shall be outside, weather permitting.

To follow the Archbishop of York's initiative of prayer - "Thy Kingdom come" there will be a time of "Prayer & Meditation" in St Cuthbert's Church from 10am - 4pm. Refreshments will be available and quiet periods for prayer and also short led prayers. Everyone is welcome to share this time of prayer together

#### POPPINS

St Cuthbert's is delighted that "Poppins" is now open at the church on Mondays (**excluding May 30th**) from 9.30am, Do come along and share this time of fellowship.

#### VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear Friends,  
My thoughts this month have been put on one side as I want to include a resume of some information I received from Bob Stansfield about St John's Church. It is always sad when a loved place of worship closes down but we must not forget that it is the people that make a church - bricks and mortar provide the venue. So we must look forward, the Church in Burton Fleming is alive and kicking and the Christian presence will continue with us at St Cuthbert's.

love & blessings

Revd Barbara.

Now St John's Church and its dedicated members have reached a difficult time. It is no longer viable to maintain the Methodist presence in Burton Fleming. This may seem very harsh and abrupt but unfortunately this is the cold reality of the time. The financial stability the church once enjoyed is no longer there and its members cannot rely on new and younger members coming forward.

It is fitting that Margaret Woodcock and Godfrey Coleman lived long enough for their Thanksgiving Services to be held in the chapel they loved and served so faithfully.

Grateful and sincere thanks to all the members of St John's, particularly to Bob Stansfield, who has served as Steward for many years and also to the supporters of Poppins and the Fellowship who have provided refreshments, chat and friendship too.

So now it is 'The Church in Burton Fleming', - the Christian heart and spirit is still there and long may it be so.

These notes are taken from church records and accounts collected by Bob Stansfield - many thanks to Bob. A full account can be obtained from St Cuthbert's.

### Burton Fleming Parish Council News

**No: 49**

#### Next Parish Meetings

The Annual Parish Council Meeting (Inc Annual Parish Meeting) is to be Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17 May 2016

This meeting is the AGM of the Parish Council and the Election of Officers will take place at this meeting. This will be followed by the opportunity for members of the public to put forward any concerns or requests to the Parish Council regarding the village for the coming year.

Parish Council Meeting No 1 - 2016/17 will follow on from the Annual Parish Meeting on the same evening, 17 May 2016.

If you wish to submit an agenda item for the meeting please forward to me by Friday 30 April 2016

#### Potholes?

You can report these on [www.eastriding.gov.uk](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk) using the online reporting tool or phone 0845 600 1666. Alternatively, you can contact the Clerk.

#### Contacting the Clerk

You can contact me by telephone during normal office hours, Monday to Friday between 9.00am & 5.00pm. I can be contacted anytime via email or leave a message at the Old Post Office.

Visits to my office are strictly by appointment only.

*Should you wish to report any concerns, make comments, or submit items for discussion at future meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me during office hours on the following details: Mrs Sarah Marr, Clerk to the Council, Cherry Trees, Hunmanby Road, Burton Fleming, YO25 3PT, Tel: 01262 470534, Email: [sarahmarr@gilvey.com](mailto:sarahmarr@gilvey.com)*

#### Faulty Street Lighting?

You can report this on [www.eastriding.gov.uk](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk) using the online reporting tool or phone 01482 395740. Alternatively, you can contact the Clerk.

## St John's Methodist Church, Burton Fleming.

It was a very sad day on Sunday 10th April, 2016, when the final service was held at St John's Methodist Church in the village. A very moving service was conducted by the Reverend Denise Free - a service of remembering and valuing the past and all the folks who had worshipped and worked at the chapel but also a service of realisation of the present and the anticipation of the future.

A selection of notes on the chapel are reproduced here, they make very interesting reading.

It is 147 years since the foundation stone was laid, with the opening service held a year later. Within seven years all debts had been paid but the financial situation remained precarious for the next 100 years !! However, there was no despondency but a resolve to continue 'The Work of God' in the community.

Although the financial problems remained, the premises were extended and improved and even a serious fire in 1902 did not dent the enthusiasm of the members. Over the years there have been many people who have acted as trustees, from many walks of life - farmers, gardeners, a tailor, grocer, watchmaker, shoemaker, butcher, auctioneer, blacksmith and gentleman - to name but a few.

In 1932 the caretaker was invited to resign due to unsatisfactory work !! The vacancy was advertised at £10 per year + materials. The successful applicant was passed over as he felt unable to sign the contract due to Rule 5: requirement to attend Sunday evening service.

In the same year the name 'St John's Methodist Church' was approved. Financial problems continued in the 1920s and 30s with renovating and decorating and the war years further reduced membership and collections. The schoolroom was used as a Forces canteen and in 1942 electric lighting was installed.

The Coleman family have figured strongly in the history of St John's. They have served in all the main appointments throughout the chapel's history and the Communion Table was a gift from the family. The church also received further gifts among which were the front gates, the cross the pulpit and chairs.

In 1979 there was the first post-amalgamation board meeting with the Central Methodist Church and it was decided that the notice board should be changed to read 'The Methodist Church' with services alternating each week, morning and evening. The font and oak benches were transferred from Central and in 1997 upholstered chairs were introduced and the heating system was replaced. In 1998 double-glazed units were put in the schoolroom, kitchen and the front circular window.

The 125th Anniversary brochure stated the role and purpose of the village chapel and why, over those 125 years, groups of Methodists have been determined to maintain St John's as a place set aside as a House of God offering Christians - friendship & fellowship to all.

## 'Craft & Chat'

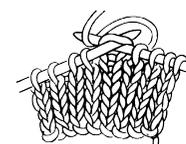
We meet each Tuesday at  
2.00pm until 3.30pm in the  
Vicarage.

Bring your knitting, sewing and  
tapestry too,  
or just whatever else you do,  
or simply come for a cuppa &  
natter

Whichever you choose, it  
doesn't matter.

It's a great time of fellowship:  
do join us!

No get together  
May 31st



## Cafe in Hunmanby

We shall be opening on November 7th at 7.30am serving home-made food and cakes.

We will also be taking telephone orders and doing outside catering for any events.

Mon - Fri we will be open from 7.15 am until at least 5pm  
From 7.30 until 8am in the morning we will be doing bacon sandwiches for school/ college students for £1 or £1.50 with a can of pop/bottle of water

Saturday and Sunday morning we will be open at 8.30am until 5pm

Throughout the cafe and upstairs there will be a variety of stalls and shelves selling home made crafts and giftware with some of the stalls doing personalised things you can order.

For more information on the hire of shelves and stalls please contact Amanda on 07850274341 or email [cojobecrafts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cojobecrafts@yahoo.co.uk)



Follow us on facebook page:  
**Number 37 Cafe & CoJoBe Handmade Crafts**  
for information on future events

## THE MAYPOLE

In Britain and Ireland, the maypole was found primarily in England and in areas of Wales, Scotland and Ireland which were under English influence. However, the earliest recorded evidence comes from a Welsh poem written by Gryffydd ap Adda ap Dafydd in the mid-14th century, in which he described how people used a tall birch pole at Llanidloes, central Wales.

The practice had become increasingly popular throughout the ensuing centuries, with the maypoles becoming "communal symbols" that brought the local community together - in some cases, poorer parishes would join up with neighbouring ones in order to obtain and erect one, whilst in other cases, such as in Hertfordshire in 1602 and Warwickshire in 1639, people stole the poles of neighbouring communities, leading to violence. In some cases the wood for the pole was obtained illegally, for instance in 1603, the earl of Huntingdon was angered when trees were removed from his estates for use as maypoles without his permission.

The rise of Protestantism in the 16th century led to increasing disapproval of maypoles and other May Day practices from various Protestants who viewed them as idolatry and therefore immoral. Under the reign of Edward VI in England and Wales, the Protestant Anglicanism was declared to be the state religion, and under the Reformation many maypoles, such as the famous Cornhill maypole of London, were destroyed; however when Mary I ascended the throne after Edward's death, she reinstated Roman Catholicism as the state faith, and the practice of maypoles was reinstated.

Under later English monarchs, the practice was sporadic, being banned in certain areas, such as Doncaster, Canterbury and Bristol, but continuing in many others, according to the wishes of the local governors. In Scotland meanwhile, which at this time was still an independent state, Protestantism, in the form of Presbyterianism, had taken a more powerful hold, and largely wiped out the practice of maypoles across the country.

The church of St Andrew Undershaft in the City of London is named after the maypole that was kept under its eaves and set up each spring until 1517 when student riots put an end to the custom. The maypole itself survived until 1547 when a Puritan mob seized and destroyed it as a "pagan idol"

As revived, the dance is performed by pairs of boys and girls (or men and women) who stand alternately around the base of the pole, each holding the end of a ribbon. They weave in and around each other, boys going one way and girls going the other and the ribbons are woven together around the pole until the merry-makers meet at the base.

The tallest maypoles in Britain may be found in the villages of Nun Monkton, North Yorkshire (88ft), Barwick-in-Elmet, West Yorkshire (86 ft), and Welford-on-Avon, Warwickshire (65 ft).

## BURTON FLEMING VILLAGE HALL NEWS & DIARY OF EVENTS

MAY 2016

### MARCH 2016 LOTTERY WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize; Yvonne Brown £25 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize; Joan Payne £15  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize; Olive Wresdell £10 4<sup>th</sup> Prize; John Gray £5

### APRIL 2016 LOTTERY WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize; Martha Lindley £25 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize; Sharon Robinson £15  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize; Geoff Oates £10 4<sup>th</sup> Prize; Christine Brunton £5

A very big thank you to all participants and helpers throughout the year. This is a valuable income stream for the upkeep of the Village Hall. The draw takes place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at the Post Office. BE PART OF IT. It only costs £1.00 per month and payment can be made monthly, half yearly or annually. Contact: Kate Mercer 470556 or Kate Holroyd 470766 for a personal number.

**The March Coffee Morning raised £172.32; and the April Coffee Morning £127.75 all in aid of** the Village Hall

Improvement Funds. Thank you to all volunteers who help to set up, work on the day, and who stay behind to put the hall back for the next event taking place. We had some nice donations of bric a bras and books, thank you so please remember us when you are disposing of the same.

**The FULL NELSON TRIBUTE BAND** on April 1<sup>st</sup> was a fantastic evening, the Hall was full, so good that plans are being made to have another Christmas evening with them on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Don't forget the hall is there for your use, parties and social events are booking in for 2016, ring Kate on 01262 470556 to book yours.**

### EVENTS IN MAY

Tuesday evenings - Young Farmers Club  
Wednesday mornings 10-11; ZUMBA - all welcome; Contact; Zoe 07968076679 for details  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Private Party  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Polling Day  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Coffee Morning; 10.00-11.30am Any unwanted items/ books are always appreciated. If anyone feels they would like to help please do not hesitate to come along. It is now the place to be for meeting old and new friends for a gossip. All are welcome.

### WATCH THIS SPACE

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Whist Drive 7.30pm  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Coffee Morning  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June - 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY of HRH Queen Elizabeth  
11. 3pm - 5pm (over 65's)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Polling Station