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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Photograph of All Saints' Church, courtesy of Mr Les Liddle

**WISHING ALL OUR READERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:** Up to date news from many of your local organisations including: Sherburn in Elmet Parish Council, Sherburn Camera Club, Eversley Park Community Centre, Selby District Council, Sherburn High School, Sherburn & Villages Community Library, The Old Girl's School Community Centre, Elmet Lions, All Saints' Parish Church, Sherburn Area Community Mini Bus Association and lots More.....



**From the Editor: WELCOME TO YOUR CHRISTMAS EDITION.** For information, to respond to any article, or have something included, please contact the editor: Anne-Marie Oldroyd on 07410453584 or by e-mail at : [anne-marie.oldroyd@siect.uk](mailto:anne-marie.oldroyd@siect.uk) Each edition is now delivered to every household within Sherburn in Elmet. Copies are also available on-line at: [sherburninemet.co.uk](http://sherburninemet.co.uk) or on the Parish Council website at: [sherburninemet-pc.gov.uk](http://sherburninemet-pc.gov.uk) or on the Sherburn in Elmet Community Trust website at: [sherburninemetcommunitytrust.co.uk/sherburn-informer/](http://sherburninemetcommunitytrust.co.uk/sherburn-informer/) With Warmest Wishes for a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year. I do hope that you enjoy reading this edition.

**Anne-Marie**

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## COMMUNITY LIBRARY & INFORMATION HUB

**We're Highly Commended.** Sherburn & Villages Community Library has been awarded a Highly Commended award from NYCC Library Service for having built on our previous success in attracting new library users and issuing more books. The events held in the library (when we were able to do this) were noteworthy too for their success in bringing members of our community together. This award is due in no small part, to the excellent work done by the volunteers who run the library. We bounced back from our enforced closure in March to open again in July. There is a new normal to the layout and the way we have to do things now. But, our library users have returned and our visitor numbers picked up again during August and September. Our visitors told us that they missed the library when it was closed, not least because they had started to run out of things to read. More than that though, each library shift had got to know their customers and both they and our visitors looked forward to a chat. Chatting is a vital part of making connections in your community. So, although things aren't quite the same at the moment, face coverings and social distancing don't stop all contact. Sometimes it's just someone asking how you are that makes all the difference. That and discussing the latest books, DVDs and audiobooks that have come in.



**North Yorkshire Libraries App.** Information taken from <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/app-puts-library-your-fingertips> The app, which was launched in the first week of October, brings together all the online library services, as well as offering library members new facilities. Using the app, members can view their account, search the library catalogue and reserve and renew books, as well as downloading e-books and e-audio books and accessing free online reference resources.



County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Libraries, said "You'll be able to find a local library, check its opening hours and check whether a book you're looking for is there. In addition, if you see a book elsewhere that you're interested in, you can scan its barcode and find out whether your local library has it.

To download the app, search for North Yorkshire libraries in the App Store for iOS and in Google Play for Android devices.

Anyone who is not a library member can join online for free at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/how-join-library](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/how-join-library)

**Christmas Reading Challenge** Are you a Primary school aged child? Are you a fan of the annual Summer Reading Challenge? Did you miss it this year? If so, we have exciting news! We will be running a mini reading challenge in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Take part by borrowing books on your visit to our library. Move your Christmas bauble along the trees as you collect rewards! Come in during December, join in the fun and complete the Challenge by Christmas. Keep an eye on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/SherburnLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/SherburnLibrary) for more details. **Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, from everyone at Sherburn & Villages Community Library & Information Hub.**



Tel: 01609 536033, Website: (<http://sherburninemetcommunitytrust.co.uk/library/>) Email - [sherburn.library@siect.uk](mailto:sherburn.library@siect.uk)



We are hoping to hold this 3 day event again over the August bank holiday in 2021. As it takes months of planning for an event of this size, we will be meeting in January 2021 to decide, a lot will depend on the virus so we are keeping our fingers crossed that

the vaccine is successful. In 2019 over 12000 people attended and definitely put Sherburn on the map. Here are a just a few pictures from 2019 festival.

David Buckle, Maggie Holmes, the directors of the festival and all the committee members.







## Sherburn High School Round-up

Well, we survived our first half term and worked our way around the Covid-19 guidelines admirably! Every year group is in their own bubble and despite the staggered starts, finishes and other restrictions; students and staff are coping extremely well. We had an excellent first half term, Year 7 and Year 12 students settled in well and are very focussed on their learning journeys.

We are delighted that work has finally begun on our new gym and changing rooms to replace the ones that were destroyed in the fire in July 2018. The new facilities will be fully DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) compliant, with separate changing areas for school and community use. This will, once again, allow normal PE lessons to resume for students after two years of disruption. We would like to thank our neighbours for their ongoing support during this disruption and expect building work to be completed in approximately 7 months.

As Christmas approaches, students will be sitting mock exams, Year 13 are currently engaged in applying to UCAS for their university places and the whole school will be getting involved in charity projects to support our community in these difficult and trying times.



This is a very challenging year for everyone we know, however none was the bigger challenge than deciding not to run the Santa Sleigh around Sherburn and surrounding villages. We have been taking the sleigh round for over 20 years, however this year Covid19 and all its associated Health and Safety and risk of infection beat us. We care about you – we care about us – we care not to spread this virus. Our apologies – we will be back in 2021 – bigger, bolder, better and brighter! Watch this space!

**Meetings:** We met one of the challenges of meeting regularly by holding virtual meetings on Zoom. Whilst we miss the face to face contact of a real meeting, the virtual meetings can be formed quickly, easily, and from the comfort of our own homes. This is what we did when we read that some of the pubs in the area were rising to the challenge of feeding children over half term. An emergency meeting was held and within 10 minutes we had agreed to fund 100 meals over the half term. Job done quickly and easily. Our picture shows Elmet Lions (all with face coverings, looking very bandit-like!) with Carol from The Wheatsheaf in Sherburn assembling the dinners for collection/delivery. The pictures are courtesy of True North Photography run by Mark Hillyer who did an amazing photo shoot for us.



Check him out at [www.mjhstudio.co.uk](http://www.mjhstudio.co.uk)

**Supporting the community** Two causes were brought to our attention during October, 2020 and it fulfilled our desire to support the uniformed organisations in the area. Alex Richardson is a Sherburn Scout who has been selected to go to the International Jamboree in Poland next year (should have been this year, but this pesky virus postponed it!) and he is raising funds to get him there by riding a static exercise bike the amount of miles from Sherburn to Poland. Elmet Lions have stepped in and helped with a donation to help him on his way. Great work Alex – keep pedalling! The other is the formation of Rainbows and Brownies in South Milford who needed help with set up costs. Again Elmet Lions have stepped in with a donation which will go towards overheads and also activities.

**Looking forward** If you have a cause that you feel we could help you with, please do let us know. Paul Croll (President) is always keen to hear from people [paulcroll@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paulcroll@hotmail.co.uk) or Maggie Hartley (Vice President) [bigmagsin@gmail.com](mailto:bigmagsin@gmail.com) Please follow us on Facebook – Elmet Lions (the one with the lion's head) to keep up to date with all that we do!



### Sherburn in Elmet Area Community Mini Bus Association say "THANK YOU".

During these difficult times, many local community groups and organisations have been unable to undertake their usual activities. This has also reduced the usage and income generated to run your local Community Mini Bus. Great News: We have received donations towards running costs and PPE from Sherburn Parish Council, ABN and the Western CEF CSO enabling us to continue to be able to offer this Community Mini Bus service to local residents when it is required again.



## KICK THE HABIT



Selby District Council have launched the **Kick the Habit** campaign to run throughout 2020 and 2021. We want to raise awareness of air pollution and focus on reducing car idling around schools, nurseries and residential areas. We are asking parents and carers to consider if they need to drive or to keep engines off whilst waiting to pick up their children.

Air pollution has an impact on our health and particularly affects the vulnerable including the elderly, children and those with health conditions such as heart, lung and respiratory disease. DEFRA reports that over 30,000 deaths a year are linked to air pollution and is the top environmental risk to human health in the UK.

**You are key to cleaner air!** We all have a role to play in improving our air quality and we need to look hard at our choices and travel habits. This could include changes such as:

Walking or cycling to work or school

In the longer term considering electric or hybrid vehicles

Turning off car engines when stopping and reducing idling

It can take up to an hour for an engine to cool down; turning off your engine but keeping the ignition on and the fan blowing will provide warm air for some time

Modern batteries need less engine running time to work and do not need the engine on constantly to keep them charged

During the Covid-19 lockdown we experienced lower pollution and cleaner air however, we still need to keep up the momentum.

For further information see <https://www.selby.gov.uk/kick-habit>



**Peter Pan Nursery**  
for children and families with additional needs



### Treasurer Vacancy

Peter Pan Nursery is a registered charity, pre-school nursery for children and families with additional needs. We are looking to recruit a new Trustee as Treasurer (this is a voluntary position). A background in finances would be a distinct advantage. We have an amazing team of passionate and committed Trustees who have a wide range of skills and experience to support our setting. They meet approximately once every 6-8 weeks on an evening. This is an opportunity to join an enthusiastic group, where members are encouraged to participate in open discussions for the benefit and future of the nursery.

For more information, please contact Kay on 01977 681863 or email [office@peterpannursery.co.uk](mailto:office@peterpannursery.co.uk)



**Sherburn Hungate Primary School**  
*Learning through Experience*



### SHERBURN HUNGATE EXPANDING FOR 2021-2022

It's been an incredibly challenging time for everyone, but especially for our family at Sherburn Hungate Primary School. When we entered lockdown, we had no idea that the

children would be out of school for a total of 163 days! I must say that our staff and parents did an excellent job of delivering online learning for all our children and we really did pull together in such uncertain times.

While having to manage the COVID-19 restrictions, we're also having to manage a building site. Sherburn Hungate is expanding and will double in size over the coming years. Where we normally take 30 children in our Reception class, we're now taking 60. We've had lots of enquiries for spaces for Reception Class September 2021 and I would normally be showing many parents around. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, this isn't possible and so the staff have put together a short virtual tour (please see QR Code which links to our video) If there are any questions we can answer from prospective parents, please get in touch on 01977 682434 or email [admin@shp.starmat.uk](mailto:admin@shp.starmat.uk). Stay safe everyone. Mr Martyn Broom, Headteacher, Sherburn Hungate Primary School



**JACKIE METCALFE BALLROOM DANCING:** We have started classes for beginners in the Eversley Park Centre on Mondays 8pm to 9pm. Places are limited because of social distancing. Only couples from the same household are allowed. We have places for 4 couples wishing to learn Ballroom & Latin. All Covid precautions are taken and rules must be followed. For more info phone Jackie or Malcolm on 01977 683040.



# SHERBURN IN ELMET PARISH COUNCIL

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## Your Parish Council – what do they ever do for us?

### Who or what is the Parish Council?

The Parish Council (PC) is the third and lowest of the three tiers of 'local government' and contrary to its name has no connection to a church or religious body, but operates generally within the boundaries of the 'Parish' which is a 'division' of the diocese, the area controlled by a bishop.



Each tier of local government has responsibility for the provision of specific services within its area. In our county, the first tier of local government is North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) whose responsibilities include: education, social care, highways and transport, planning, mineral extraction, trading standards, waste sites and disposal etc. Our second tier is Selby District Council (SDC) who are responsible for the provision of services in our 'district' for such things as: housing, planning applications, licensing, refuse collection and recycling, council tax collections etc.

The third tier, the Parish Council, is more community based and has the responsibilities in its area for local services such as recreation grounds, playing fields, allotments, community centres, open spaces, some street lighting etc. They can spend limited amounts of money on things they consider would benefit the community. It also endeavours to represent the community in consultations and discussions raised by the other tiers of government e.g. planning applications.



Our PC has 12 councillors and we employ a Clerk and Financial officer (both part time) to look after the Council's administration and finances. Parish Councillors are elected volunteers who receive no financial reward for the work they do and give up many hours of their time in an effort to improve the community and the quality of life of its residents. The PC meet at 7:00pm on the third Monday of each month to discuss items on the agenda. At the beginning of the meeting, the public are able to speak to the council and raise any issues they may have and are welcome to observe the council discussions. Agendas are available for viewing on the PC noticeboard and website at least three days before the meetings.

Because of Covid the meetings have been held remotely 'on line', and details of how to access the 'on line meetings' are included in the agendas.

Once a year the PC hold an AGM when the positions on the council are decided. At the AGM meeting, held in September, I was elected to be the Chair of the Council and Paul Doherty Vice Chair. The members and chairs of the council's four main committees were also agreed. Their details are available to view on the PC website <https://www.sherburninemet-pc.gov.uk/>.

To illustrate the work of the council, at our October meeting we created four working groups to look at improving different aspects of the town namely: the implementation of the previously agreed improvements to the east side of the town centre; identify ways to improve the north side of the town from the Cross to the Co-op; developing the bowling green area on the Fairways; and creating a group to look at the various highway and road safety concerns in -the Parish and to liaise with NYCC Highways to bring about improvements. The working groups would welcome any comments or suggestions from residents about these projects.



The PC is currently working on a variety projects that you will hopefully see in the very near future: The refurbishment of the Pocket Park (Library Gardens) with CCTV, the refurbishment of the Rugby Clubhouse in which it is planned to include a much needed youth facility, the resurfacing of the White Rose Car Park which will be available for public parking, the resurfacing of the children's play areas and the Fairways all weather sports field. The PC has also made a contribution to the Gala Association for the

maintenance of the Christmas lights.

For more information, please email the PC via [clerk@sherburninemet-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sherburninemet-pc.gov.uk) or by phone 01977 681024.

**John Boyd, Chair of the Parish Council.**







## EVERSLEY PARK CENTRE

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**The Salt Rooms**  
Sherburn-In-Elmet

**Supporting the NHS during the pandemic!** The NHS rainbow windows stickers were designed and produced to honour the health workers and raise money for the NHS.



The support from the residents of Sherburn and surrounding villages and also local business such as British Gypsum, Jacksons Butchers, Spar and the Wheatsheaf angling club enabled us to raise £3,375.00 for NHS Charities together. The stickers are still for sale for £5 each from The Salt Rooms, 66b Low Street, Sherburn-In-Elmet. The Salt Rooms is a new up and

coming local business, providing drug free complementary treatment used to alleviate and improve the symptoms of a variety of respiratory and skin conditions. The Salt Rooms is committed to continuing the fundraising support for the NHS and other local charities.



**A number of stickers were also donated to our NHS heroes and key workers to say a big thank you for all their hard work!!**

### Sherburn Camera Club

Sherburn camera club has been running for 46 years within the village of Sherburn in Elmet and has over 30 members

This year we have gone on line and have Zoom meetings each Monday evening at 8.00pm

At the meetings we have competitions, speakers and on line workshops and the response has been very good

If you would like to be part of the club please contact our secretary Ken Trace on 01977 682300

You will be made very welcome

David Buckle chairman of the club.







## ROBERT HUNGATE FOUNDATION HISTORY

Robert Hungate established the original Foundation by his will dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 1619. In it he endowed a school at Sherburn in Elmet for 24 legitimate orphans and infants, above 7 but under 15. Their schoolmaster would teach the orphans in the art of grammar and the catechisms. Writing and arithmetic were added to the curriculum later. His salary would be £30.00 per annum.

It was not until 1656 that the school was built on the corner of Finkle Hill and Church Hill by the cross roads at Sherburn. It remained as a school for over 350 years until a new Hungate school was built and the old Hungate school was sold to the Sherburn Medical Practice.

After several alterations to its constitution, the Hungate Foundation was last regulated by The Charity Commission in 1995 by a new scheme and was given the name of 'The Robert Hungate Educational Charity.' The Charity is intended to benefit those people under 25 who live in the parishes of Sherburn, Saxton, South Milford, Barkston and Towton.


There are currently seven trustees comprising:

1. The vicars of Sherburn in Elmet and South Milford.
2. Trustees nominated by the Parish Councils of Sherburn (originally Pam Odell) and Saxton.
3. Three co-opted trustees (originally Don Bramley, Arthur Cawood and Squire Bradbury)

The clerk was, and is, Paul Elmhirst (acting on behalf of Elmhirst Parker, Solicitors)

The Trust assets are invested and produce an annual income of approximately £5,000 which is distributed in grants each year. Regular applicants include schools within the area of benefit as well as sports organisations and clubs and other organisations providing for young people. In exceptional cases the trustees will consider applications from individuals.

Elmhirst Parker are based centrally within the village and still serve the community of Sherburn in Elmet as they have done for many years. They are very supportive of the community and are involved in local events and groups.

 <p><b>Hire our rooms/halls for your parties, meetings or classes</b> Tel: 01977 685178 or Email <a href="mailto:info.togs@siect.uk">info.togs@siect.uk</a></p> <p>Find us at 18 Kirkgate, Sherburn in Elmet, LS25 6BL <a href="http://www.oldgirlsschool.co.uk">www.oldgirlsschool.co.uk</a> Registered Charity Number 1166770</p>	<p><b>Thursday's</b> Tots Play 9.30 - 14:30 Call Alison on 07514 615148 visit <a href="http://totsplay.co.uk">totsplay.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Bump and Beyond 17.30 - 18.30</b> Jessica <a href="tel:07887583443">07887583443</a> or Email <a href="mailto:jessevansyoga@gmail.com">jessevansyoga@gmail.com</a> Gentle movement and breath work to prepare both body and mind for birth and beyond</p>
<p><b>Monday's</b> <b>Mammas Antenatal classes 18.30 - 20.30</b> Email: <a href="mailto:info.mammascan@gmail.com">info.mammascan@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.mammascan.co.uk">www.mammascan.co.uk</a> A 5-week comprehensive antenatal class, preparing you for birth and the first few weeks with your baby.</p> <p><b>Shape your Body Sessions 17.30 - 18.15</b> Tel 07990608391 Email <a href="mailto:tlfitness2020@hotmail.com">tlfitness2020@hotmail.com</a> Lose weight, look great and feel good. 4-week body transformation course</p>	<p><b>Friday's</b> <b>Bump and Beyond 17.30 - 18.30</b> Jessica <a href="tel:07887583443">07887583443</a> or Email <a href="mailto:jessevansyoga@gmail.com">jessevansyoga@gmail.com</a> Gentle movement and breath work to prepare both body and mind for birth and beyond</p> <p><b>Shape your Body 18.45 - 19.45</b> See Monday for info</p>
<p><b>Tuesday's</b> <b>Pilates with Diane 13.00-14.00</b> Please contact Diane on <a href="tel:07950089199">07950089199</a> Improve your posture balance strength coordination and flexibility All abilities</p>	<p><b>Saturday's</b> <b>Stagecoach performing Arts School 10.00 - 13.00</b> Contact Simon on <a href="tel:07708702745">07708702745</a> Stagecoach provides children with the opportunity to participate in - drama classes, dance classes and singing classes</p>
<p><b>Wednesday's</b> <b>Chi for 60+ 13.00 - 13:45</b> Please contact <a href="tel:01977685178">01977 685178</a> Gentle exercise to help improve fitness and wellbeing</p> <p><b>Shape your Body 17.00 - 17.45</b> See Mondays for more info</p> <p><b>Puppy &amp; Dog Training 18:00 - 20:00</b> Contact Shona <a href="tel:07514936885">07514936885</a> or email: <a href="mailto:shonasmith.smith@gmail.com">shonasmith.smith@gmail.com</a> Book your dogs in to help improve their behaviour and to learn strong commands.</p>	<p><b>Sunday's</b> <b>Bump and Beyond 10am - 11am</b> Contact Jessica <a href="tel:07887583443">07887583443</a> or Email <a href="mailto:jessevansyoga@gmail.com">jessevansyoga@gmail.com</a> Gentle movement and breath work to prepare both body and mind for birth and beyond</p> <p><b>Monthly</b> <b>Flower arranging Workshops 1st Saturday of the month. 14.00 - 16.00</b> Contact Margaret <a href="tel:07717761427">07717761427</a> Email <a href="mailto:margaret@readyplanted.com">margaret@readyplanted.com</a> create a seasonal design looking at a variety of techniques</p>





# All Saints' Parish Church

Hello there, my name is Phil Grayson and I'm the new curate assisting Canon Chris Wilton, Vicar of the Anglican churches in Sherburn in Elmet, Saxton, Barkston Ash, Aberford and Micklefield. I'm often about in Sherburn, so if you see a short (about 5' 4") young guy in a dog collar, do say hello.

This past year has certainly been different from any other, and lots of the usual events throughout the year have had to be cancelled or done differently. Clearly, Christmas too will be subject to the same restrictions, affecting much of what would normally be happening - we can't, for example, have 300 people in church belting out their favourite carols, or have the organised chaos of the No-Rehearsal Nativity.

However, we *are* going ahead with what we can so, all being well, there will be:

Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist, 11:45pm, All Saints', Sherburn.

Christmas Morning Eucharist, 10:45am, All Saints', Sherburn.

A virtual Christingle service, on Zoom. The Children's Society have DIY Christingle packs to be given out beforehand. Full details (date, time, relevant Zoom link, etc), available shortly.

**Possibly** a carol concert instead of the usual Nine Lessons and Carols.

Please see our website, [www.sherburninemetgroup.org.uk](http://www.sherburninemetgroup.org.uk), and Facebook page (All Saints Sherburn in Elmet), for regular updates on services (also for details of Christmas cards for sale). Some Christmas services will be livestreamed on Facebook, as are our regular services, for those who cannot attend church in person.

Revd Phil Grayson



Adult Learning and Skills Service

## Online and beside you every step of the way

Our Learning Guidance and Support Team are here to support you, whether its taking the first step back into learning or getting that all important qualification; to open doors to further learning or employment.

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### What to do next?

To book an appointment with a member of the Learning Guidance and Support Team please email:

adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk  
or call the Adult Learning Team on 01609 536066



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