

# Community Informer

## Issue 30 Winter 2014

### SHERBURN VILLAGE CENTRE PROJECT



2014 should see the beginning of the long awaited improvements to Sherburn Village Centre. You may recall that in 2011 residents were circulated with a questionnaire, via The Informer, asking for their views and comments on improvements that could be made to the village centre. It is appreciated that this



This will provide a clean and well maintained facility for residents and visitors to the village.

A meeting is arranged with Groundwork for early January to finalise the drawings for these improvements. Once these final drawings are available they will be displayed in the Library and the Parish Office for residents to view and comment on. The pictures shown here are from the original scheme drawn up by Groundwork in 2012.

Progress on the project will be published in the next edition of The Informer when it is hoped that more positive news on the first phase of the project will be available.



was some time ago and nothing further has transpired. However, at the time the overwhelming concern was the unsightly appearance of the toilets, the Social Club and car park area. The

first priority is, therefore, to deal with this area. During the three year gap discussions have been taking place between Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Groundwork and the Parish Council.

The good news is that funding has now been identified and negotiations are currently ongoing with Selby District Council to remove the toilets. An alternative will, of course be provided and the proposal is for new facilities to be provided by the Social

Club in the area that was occupied by the taxi office. This is the site originally proposed by the Renaissance project. Access will be from the car park and there will be no necessity to enter the Club premises.

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Anyone can join us and you will be made very welcome. The annual membership fee is £3.00. To join contact any Community Association member or come to a meeting. - Phone 01977 681954. Meetings are held at Elmet Social Club at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

## Clubs and Village Life Notice Board

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**Sherburn-in-Elmet Art Club** Meetings are held weekly in Church Fenton Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. New members always welcome Contact secretary Steve Day on 01937 557461

**U3A** Meet third Thursday of each month at 2.00pm in the Eversley Park Centre, Visit [www.sherburnu3a.co.uk](http://www.sherburnu3a.co.uk) to find out more.

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# Sherburn High School News

## Sweet Charity!

One of the many things at which Sherburn High School students excel is being charitable and this year is no exception. There have been many fund raising ventures since September with all four houses promoting their own chosen charity: Cancer Research UK, Help For Heroes, Selby Hands of Hope and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. In addition, they have raised money for Children in Need and had a collection to provide Christmas hampers for elderly members of our community. **One of the highlights of the charity year is the annual 'Wrappathon' where students and staff travel into Leeds to wrap presents for shoppers and sing carols in The Light; this year they raised the grand sum of £310!** FOSH (Friends of Sherburn High) parent, staff committee have also been working exceptionally hard to raise funds for school **and recently held their annual 'Call My Bluff' wine evening; a massively popular event in which they raised £1000 towards a new laser cutter for the Design Technology department.**



Head Teacher, Martyn Sibley, is immensely proud of the improvement students are making both in examination performance and attendance which has increased greatly, proving that our students love coming to school to learn. Sherburn High School continues to go from strength to strength!

For all our news, information and events, please visit our website [www.sherburnhigh.co.uk](http://www.sherburnhigh.co.uk)



### Copy dates for 2014

For contributors and advertisers

For April edition by 17th  
March ( early due to fall of  
Easter)

For July edition by end of  
June

For October edition by end of  
September

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# Sherburn in Elmet Gala Association

**Sherburn Gala—17th May 2014**

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped us with our events this year—the Gala, the Children in Need Disco, the Christmas Party Disco and putting up the Christmas lights in the village. It's the volunteers who help make these events such a success and your help is very much appreciated.

The Christmas lights in the village cost over £3,000 and this includes 6 new ones and the additional work adding sockets to the lamp posts and we have had some very good comments. Thanks to everyone who helped with the preparation and putting them up.

The Children in Need charity disco was a very good night and enjoyed by all and raised £355. We would like to give thanks to Sainsbury's and all

the local businesses who donated prizes to the raffle.

The Christmas Party Disco went with a bang. Our local children came to see Santa and this event was very well supported. We would like to thank Tesco for their donation to this event.

We are now looking forward to the New Year and starting preparations for our Gala which will be held on 17th May 2014. The theme for the Gala will be 'Nursery Rhymes' so time to get your 'thinking caps' on. Lots of planning to do.

We always appreciate a hand so if anyone would like to help us in any way, to sell Gala programmes or set up stalls in the morning on the day, we would be extremely grateful. Please ring Alma Hodgson on 01977 684518 if you would like to help.

## Hectic times at South Milford Station

The closure of the footpath crossing between Platform 1 and 2 has brought about problems itself. Many passengers travelling to Leeds and onwards have much further to walk to access Platform 2 and are involved in walking up the steep footpath access to the platform. Particularly hard hit are those from the Highfield Villas estate and those parking cars behind Platform 1.

A major safety issue arises from there being no help phone on Platform 1, and in an emergency there would be little prospect of anyone seeking early assistance in view of the distance to the help phone on the other platform. At present there are no CCTV cameras at the Station and evidence of the lack of this facility is the damage that has occurred both to the entrance on Platform 1 and the removal of the trespass guards preventing access across the lines.

As many more commuters travelling to Leeds have to be at the station earlier, the waiting facilities on the platform becomes more essential, and particularly so in inclement weather.

The steps being taken are firstly to ensure the access to Platform 1 from the main road is re-surfaced, adequate lighting installed and car parking being available for those with mobility problems, as near as possible to the main road. The work is scheduled to start on January 20th.

With regard to the steep footpath access to Platform 2, it is felt additional lighting is needed in the dark area towards the main road. Network Rail and Northern Rail are considering the representations made in this connection.

It is likely that following representations made to Selby District Council CCTV cameras will be installed in the New Year. Unfortunately, in respect of the help phone problem and waiting facilities on Platform 2 Northern Rail have not been allocated any additional finances by the Department for Transport to meet commitments following the expiry of the franchise on April 1st 2014. It is not known at this time whether Northern will have an extension of the franchise as had been expected or whether the DfT will exercise options.

Negotiations on the outstanding issues with Northern were at an advanced stage with every reason to believe there would be a resolution of the issues.

Reg French, Secretary Selby and District Rail Users (SADRUG)

If you have any issues with train travel in Sherburn, please contact Bob Packham (Tel 681954) who is your local representative on SADRUG and attends the monthly meetings.

## Osgoldcross and Elmet Rotary Club

**Sherburn Visiting Scheme** benefited from the annual fashion show organised by Barkston Ladies, Marion Wright and June Lancaster, President of the Osgoldcross and Elmet (O&E) Rotary club. The event held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at Dintingdales Restaurant raised £500 which has been presented to Pauline Croft to support the excellent work of the visiting scheme. [www.sherburnvisitingScheme.co.uk](http://www.sherburnvisitingScheme.co.uk)

Thanks to Jen of Eve Fashions of Wetherby and Pam Smith also of the Rotary Club who compared the evening's events. A great time was had by all and we look forward to next year's event which will be in November, date to be confirmed, watch this space.

### Rotary News

**Young people** from Sherburn and Knottingley High Schools have been taking part in the O&E Young Chef Award. One student from Sherburn and three from Knottingley took part in the area finals on the 20<sup>th</sup> November at Wakefield College. The completion was very strong and a close finish saw a student from Wakefield school go forward to the regional finals. Well done to all who took part.

Thanks go to Graham Starkey from Starkey's Butchers and Trevor Marshall a local chef for the hard work and support given to students at our two schools. See attached picture. And visit [www.c-gstarkey.co.uk](http://www.c-gstarkey.co.uk)

Next year's competition will be held



from September to November 2014, if you know of any students at the High School who have an interest and skill in cooking and would like to be involved or would like more information please contact [june.lancaster@gmail.com](mailto:june.lancaster@gmail.com) or [pam@wildfire1.co.uk](mailto:pam@wildfire1.co.uk).

**O&E Rotary Club** held its annual Christmas dinner and Jazz Evening on the 29<sup>th</sup> November raising £407 for Op tin, a medical Education charity. The club were lucky to have Professor Anne Chamberlain present who gave a short talk on

the work of the charity in Madagascar. To learn more about the work of the charity go to; [www.optin.uk.net](http://www.optin.uk.net)

**The O&E Business Network** meets each month, providing opportunities for local businesses of all sizes to get together, share ideas and learn from each other and from external speakers. It is also an opportunity for the local business leaders to interact with the local community groups and others who are keen to engage with community activity. The group started 6 months ago has grown; the success has resulted in a second group being established in Knottingley.

The next meeting of the Sherburn group is on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 8am to 9am at Dintingdales Scarthingwell. If you are interested in attending please let [pam@wildfire1.co.uk](mailto:pam@wildfire1.co.uk) know. The cost is £5.00 for breakfast. What do you have to lose? We look forward to welcoming old and new members on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.rotary-ibi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1720>

## Old Girl's School, 18 Kirkgate

A group of local residents have teamed up with the Parish Council in an attempt to save the old school house in Kirkgate, Sherburn in Elmet. Social Services are due to leave this historic building in February 2014 and the building will then be put up for sale by North Yorkshire County Council and residents fear that the site will be sold for re-development.

The school, which is one of the last remaining historic buildings in Sherburn, was opened in 1876 and was used as the local primary school up until December 1978. It is now being used by Social Services, however, it's future is uncertain following the announcement by North Yorkshire County

Council to vacate the building and place it on the open market in early 2014.

To avoid the building being demolished the residents have teamed up with the Parish Council to identify possible future uses, one of which is to turn the building into a much needed sports centre, however, they urgently need the help of professional people to help with the process.

Therefore, if you are a planner, architect, solicitor, or have any experience in converting old buildings and would like to become involved, they would like to hear from you. Contact the Parish Council on 01977 681024 or email: [clerk@sherburninemet-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sherburninemet-pc.gov.uk)

## U3A News



At U3A's most recent monthly meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December, cafe style tables were set up, and colourfully decorated. Crackers and mince pies were provided for everyone, with a choice of mulled wine, tea or coffee. The bar was opened and warm lighting gave a party atmosphere. A total of 150 members attended, and the room was soon full and overflowing with lively chatter as people caught up with each other's news. The main event was a short pantomime, 'Cinderella'. The script had been produced by members of the Creative Writing Group and performers came from a variety of different groups.

There were also many members involved backstage, providing lighting, props, sound effects, curtains, prompting, direction, etc. The Line Dancing Group provided cheer leading moves while the Digital Photography Group provided 'Press' coverage and took photographs and video. The Ugly Sisters were hilarious and our hero got his girl in a modern twist to the time honoured fashion.



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If this sounds like fun, why not come and join us? If you are retired or semi-retired and live within easy reach of Sherburn or the surrounding villages then you are eligible to join. You can visit our web-site at [www.sheburnu3a.co.uk](http://www.sheburnu3a.co.uk) to find out more. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 2.00pm in the Eversley Park Centre, Sherburn in Elmet. More formal meetings with speakers are interspersed with presentations to put some of our groups in the spotlight. We also plan the occasional party or production by the U3A players. How can you resist?

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# Parish Council Report

On behalf of your Parish Council I would like to wish everyone a very prosperous New Year.

What to do with the Old School on Kirkgate has taken a leap forward with the instruction to undertake a feasibility study on behalf of the Parish Council having been given to a local firm in December. Their report is expected mid January so there will be a meeting of the Friends of The Old School and members of the Parish Council Old School Committee once this has been received. A formal statement will then be circulated.

Since our last report members of your PC have been involved in various meetings regarding the proposed "alternative route" or "Shelbrooke Route" for the new high speed rail link - HS2. The current (and favoured plan) is for the line to come no closer than the existing rail line on Sir John Lane, however there are objections to the proposed route being made by the local MP for Woodlesford & Swillington in Leeds and he has put forward an "alternative" route which would result in the line coming in from Leeds more or less just beyond All Saints Church - much closer than the current favoured route. The alternative route being suggested would also cut across large parts of Fairburn Ings which, whilst not in our Parish, we are keen to protect for all the obvious reasons. Whilst this "Alternative" route is not the favoured route, we cannot take our eye off the situation and your PC will be fully engaged with any local consultation meetings should this idea gather pace. We are also looking to work in conjunction with South Milford PC on this issue as the "Alternative" route would have a major effect on them as well. The major influence though will be felt in Church Fenton as the favoured route will effectively divide off over 100 houses as the line will go straight through part of their village. They are naturally fighting their own corner and we have offered any assistance we can to our neighbours.

The proposed development of the industrial estate on Bishopdyke Road was given the go-ahead by Selby despite our objections. Both County Councillor Packham and PC Councillor Doherty both spoke at the planning meeting and voiced our objections but to no avail. I understand that there were some local

residents there as well voicing their objections yet despite this Selby agreed by a narrow margin to agree to the planning consent. A great deal of work has been done behind the scenes by everyone involved in gathering information to make objections and I would like to thank the residents, County Councillor Packham and PC Councillor Doherty for the work they have all put in.

The street lighting in Kirkgate is being replaced as part of the PC's rolling programme of upgrading the street lighting in the village.

By the time you are reading this article a "Snooker Wall" will have been erected in Eversley Park as part of the PC's commitment to providing quality play equipment for the village for all to enjoy. This new piece of equipment represents a major investment on behalf of our Parish and we urge everyone who uses any of the play equipment throughout the village to please use it responsibly and be aware that any act of vandalism will be reported to the police.

Dog fouling and litter continue to be issues within the village and we ask dog owners to be respectful and to pick up their dogs' mess and deposit it in the bins located around our green areas. Likewise, litter needs to be deposited in the bins. It has been reported that certain members of our community think it is "cool" to just drop litter where they stand, even if next to a litter bin. We would like to stress to all members of our community that it is everyone's responsibility to deposit litter in the bins and not for others to pick up after them. By working together we can help make Sherburn a more pleasant village.

Please remember that your PC is run by local residents in their spare time. We do not get paid for our work and we value any contributions as to how we can improve our village.

Stuart Haskell

Chair Sherburn In Elmet Parish Council

# Transformation at The Bacon Pond

Those of us who fish or just walk our dogs at the Bacon Pond just by the bypass will have noticed that over the last few months a path has been created that runs along the railway side. This work has been undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council and The Wheatsheaf Angling Club by Careys Group Plc as part of their community project work and forms an integral part of the overall improvements being made to this wonderful facility.

As the images show, the path now enables a full circuit of the pond to be made by both able and disabled people who wish to enjoy this pleasant part of our village. Work will be commencing shortly to re-plant the area to finish off this major restoration project.

On behalf of the Parish Council and everyone who uses the Pond, we would like to thank Kieran Dolan and his team at Careys Group, Janie Moor at Wincanton and George Jordan from the Wheatsheaf Angling Club for overseeing the project.



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# The Growing Patch — by David Mitchell

Winter is the time you see them; even on those trees and shrubs which don't lose their leaves. The cold fresh air seems to make them less than real as they sit there in their waxy glow waiting; in some instances, for their ripening processes to bring them into an edible season for the birds.

“Ornamental Berries”: they come in all shapes and hues! What set me off was discovering a rare plant of *Gaultheria wisleyensis* ‘Wisley Pearl’. Unlabelled it sat in Holehird Gardens, the Lakeland Horticultural Society Gardens, Bowness, Windermere. It stuck out like a sore thumb under the shadow of a huge umbrella pine, this month of October. No more than a metre high the bush was crammed with red segmented berries. Enquiries at the desk gave us the name *Gaultheria*. From “Hillier’s Garden Plants” encyclopaedia, the mention of an ex propagator Pete Dummer at Hillier’s, who I had known, seemed to be the creator. He’d crossed *Gaultheria shallon* and the old named *Pernettya mucronata*, now *Gaultheria*. The final parts of the jigsaw came with research, discovering the complete name later and another creator, the ex curator of Washington Botanic Gardens, Brian Mulligan. This Irishman from Belfast studied at Wisley and Bristol University where I had started my training in the Botanic Gardens. Ah! The full circle! One nursery in the UK still had a plant. Another Nurseryman in Northern Ireland only

had one in his garden. I am now a proud owner!

Some berries disappear like a flash! It’s the male of the hollies that encourages production of berries. These ‘hooligans’ promote all colours: red (‘Van Tol’), orange (‘Amber’) or yellow (‘Bacciflava’). In addition there are various leaf colourations: white to cream and even blue (‘Blue Angel’). The hedgehog holly (‘*Ferox Argentea*’) is a favourite with prickles on the upper surface of the leaf. Great for a hedge.

But I digress. The bright purple berries of *Callicarpa bodinieri geraldii* ‘Profusion’ are really stunning. This Chinese shrub increases in size AND berry size each year in my garden.

The Cotoneasters with their abundant crops have such varied forms from the small weeping *C. ‘Hybrid Pendula’* to the trees of *C. cornubia* (20 feet), *C. frigidus* (30 feet from the Himalayas)



bombing a garden near Roundhay with their waterfalls of colour. The vigorous growth of *C. Exburyensis* from the Rothschild’s estate near Southampton is losing its yellow berries now. Poor

old *C. horizontalis* doesn’t know whether to grow up or grow along. It does both like its mate *C. simonsii* the orange berry hedging plant.

*Pernettya* (Whoops, sorry!), *Gaultheria mucronata* does not do well around here liking acid soils but its berries, if you can get it to grow, can be huge and shade from white through red to purple candle wax! It makes a great ground cover with its dark green leathery leaves showing off the berries.

*Pyracantha* is my most detested shrub for maintenance. It is so thorny and vicious on the hands BUT it produces some of the greatest shows of berries despite, in general its susceptibility to ‘Firblight’. *P. Koidzumii* ‘Santa Cruz’ with its red berries and spreading habit is resistant and good for a wall.

My last large shrub used to be called *Stransvaesia davidiana* now a *Photinia* ( these botanists never stop now they have DNA testing). The red berries are translucent, cramming this large shrub and in the summer its scent attracts bees like a hive!

There, I’ve missed the *Sorbus* (mountain ashes), *Sambucus* (elders) and *Skimmia* (member of the Rutaceae family. Try the white berried *Skimmia japonica* ‘Fructo Albo’; white berried. They tolerate shade, pollution and neglect – handy for my garden!

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## Emsleys refocuses its Sherburn branch

Emsleys’ re-opened its Sherburn doors in early January as a dedicated estate agency. Formerly a successful solicitors’ office, Emsleys changed the focus of the branch following research amongst local residents.

Alistair McKinlay, partner and head of property said: “We regularly undertake research to ensure we are not only meeting our clients’ needs but exceeding them. Our latest research told us that although our Garforth estate agency team provides an excellent service to our existing clients in Sherburn and the surrounding areas, residents who had

not yet used us would be more likely to do so if the team was based locally.

“Our Sherburn-based solicitors have relocated to our Crossgates office; but we will continue to offer appointments at any of our eight offices including Sherburn, as well as home visits where needed.

“Our research also told us that clients felt our ‘for sale’ boards did not stand out enough. As a result we have re-designed our boards – look out for our new signs during January.”

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# Your Elmet Lions 2013

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- \* Martin House Hospice £800
- \* Sherburn Visiting Scheme £100 and £1700
- \* South Milford Cricket Club £250
- \* Sherburn Cricket Club £250
- \* Yorkshire Air Ambulance £500
- \* Prince of Wales Hospice £100
- \* Wildlife Conservation Trust £100
- \* Donation of 50 hospital packs to Pinderfields Hospital

We have continued to hold Fish and Chip Bingo nights in Sherburn, South Milford and Church Fenton throughout the year. These have been enjoyed by all who attend. Thank you to Wincanton who have supplied prizes for these evenings.

Thank you to Sherburn Co-op for allowing us to hold our annual Trolley Dash at the store in July and thanks also for holding the Can Collection days later in the year for the Christmas parcels.

Our annual Children of Chernobyl Saturday in August was successful as ever with the children enjoying XSCAPE and then on to Squires for a meal and the ever present bikers.

The highlight of the year was our Charity Fashion Show held at Hazelwood Castle. This event was held on behalf of the Sherburn Visiting Scheme to raise funds to ensure that the scheme could continue its good work. This was a 1<sup>st</sup> for Elmet Lions and an enormous amount of hard work went into make the event successful.

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## PRIZE QUIZ

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1. How much money in total did Elmet Lions donate to Sherburn Visiting Scheme?
2. What was the name of U3A's 2013 pantomime?
3. Which company has helped Athlestan School pupils cross the road?
4. What has recently been erected in Eversley Park by the Parish Council?
5. What is the date of the first community litter pick of 2014?



A cheque for £1700 was presented to the Visiting Scheme by members of Elmet Lions.

This Christmas had us distribute over 130 food parcels to the needy in the area and once again we thank both customers at Sherburn Co-op for their donations on our collection days and also to Wincanton for their fantastic contribution to the appeal.

December also saw us take the Santa sleigh around the local villages. We unfortunately had to shorten routes or not visit usual places as we are only a small group of volunteers. We must therefore thank the helpers from collectors to drivers and of course Santa's as without these people we could not attempt to run the sleigh. A big thank you from Elmet Lions goes to these marvellous people who gave up their time especially the drivers and a big thank you to Mr Moxon who not only loaned his vehicle to us but drove the sleigh on a number of occasions.

Thank you for all your donations to Santa which came to a fantastic £3500.

We are always looking to recruit new members so please come along to Milford Lodge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the month and meet Elmet Lions. Everyone is welcome .



Elmet Lions Contact: 01977 684049



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# Update from County Councillor Bob Packham

A Happy New Year to all residents.

The year 2013 seems to have flown by. Since May I have had the pleasure of representing Sherburn and South Milford residents on North Yorkshire County Council as well (for Sherburn), Selby District Council.

You will see from Councillor Haskell's Parish report that Councillor Paul Doherty and I attended the District Council Planning Committee in December to oppose a massive development of 35 hectares of land on Bishopdyke Road. There was cross-party support for the adoption of the District Local Plan in October. However, the Local Plan proposed up to 10 hectares of additional employment land in Sherburn, the precise location and amount to be determined through a Site Allocations Document which would be subject to consultation. The Parish Council and residents expressed serious concerns about the impact of the proposals for a 35 hectare extension to the industrial estate, particularly the impact of traffic and the fact that there are already a number of empty buildings on the existing estate. I was particularly disappointed that, despite our continued lobbying and the tremendous amount of work Paul has put in to highlight the traffic impacts, the Highway Authority continues to ignore our concerns about the capacity of the road

network serving Sherburn to accommodate increasing levels of traffic from new developments.

This decision, together with the Planning Committee's decision to give permission for 718 houses in Sherburn, means that in effect the Council have already met the requirement for housing and more than met that for employment land up to 2028. It also means that as a community our ability to influence the location and extent of new development has already been totally compromised, and we clearly cannot rely on any planning policy document produced by Selby District Council.

On a more positive note, I continue to follow up numerous problems at County and District level on behalf of local residents relating mainly to planning, highway and housing issues. There are also a number of projects running in the village which I am pleased to support, including the Parish Council initiative for the village centre led by Councillor Jo Brown. This now looks as though it will proceed with funding help from the District Council (credit where credit is due) and will transform the middle of the village.

**County Councillor Bob Packham**

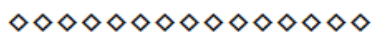
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## News update from District Councillor Mike Jordan

New Year Greetings from Cllr Mike Jordan.

Festivities at Selby District Council got off to a rather poor start in December when the Core Strategy (Planning item) which the council had spent many months developing (/years) was challenged one day before it was due to be accepted. This means a judicial review and a massive delay to its implementation, which also puts back the next phase of developing a plan for sites. People can still bring forward sites they wish to have considered for planning but any weight attached by the Core Strategy will be limited. Further to this other parts of the planning process will be delayed.

On a more positive note the roundabouts project I mentioned before is well into motion now and we also have some news on the housing front. Lack of housing for council houses has always been an issue and there are some 700 on the waiting list for the 3,000 homes we have. A housing trust (separate from Council houses) has been set up and given some capital and is about to embark on 5 sites in the district. The Council has identi-

fied a number of sites it actually owns which are suitable including areas where disused garages exist.

Whilst on the subject of garages a number of the council run ones are being cleared out to put back in use. The reason they have had material in them is that when someone leaves a council house and just leaves everything behind (yep, they do just get up and go and leave the lot) the council has been obliged to put the belongings into store as they are still owned by the person who left them. An examination of these contents and the disposal is now taking place as a lot have been left for a number of years.

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Come along and join in the fun, have a chat and make new friends, all welcome.

Women's Fellowship meet on Wednesday afternoon 2pm

Coffee Morning every Saturday 10am till 12am - come along have a break during your shopping.

Hope you enjoyed doing the Nativity Sheep Trail round the village shops, this year.

A big thank you to all the shops that provided homes for our knitted sheep during December.

This ended with a special Nativity service on the 22nd, where all the sheep were rounded up to complete the story. Thank you if you took part.

### High Notes Junior Choir

High Notes Junior Choir has been busy entertaining local people this Christmas. We have sung at various places in the area, including the All Saints' Church Christmas Fair, Highfields Care Home in Barkston Ash and the Crooked Billet in Towton. Our numbers have swelled again but we're always looking for new members so if you're aged between six and twelve and like to sing, or think you might, please come along to the church hall at All Saints Church on any Thursday in term time at 5.30. Or contact Susan Taylor on 01977 685132.

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## All Saints 1<sup>st</sup> Sherburn in Elmet Scout Group

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At All Saints Church Remembrance Sunday parade 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013, the group was well represented by all sections continuing the Scout Movements association with the act of remembrance.

The following week the Scout Group once again hosted the November Sherburn Community Litter pick, supported by leaders and young people from Angles Beaver Colony, Brythons and Vikings Cub packs making a positive impact on the environment in Eversley Park. It would be great increase the amount of bacon butties we cook for members of the community!

Members of the Scout Group attended the Wetherby District Carol Service at Tadcaster. The District Commissioner presented a number of the Groups young people with Bronze and Silver Scouts Awards in recognition of their commitment to the Scout Movement.



Angles Beavers went to Xscape to encounter new experiences on the snow covered slopes...flying down the slopes on sledges and in rubber rings was a great way to finish for Christmas!

Thanks to the Scout Executive who sorted out the HQ annex roof after it had developed a leak with a long term replacement and a very big thank you to all of the adult leaders who make weekly meetings, weekend events and camps possible, without you it would not be possible.

In April 2014 we will have vacancies for 5yr 9mths to 7 yr. old young people to join Wednesday's Beaver Colony,

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Like most people children learn best by doing, and that is why the School decided to take a practical approach to the important topic of road safety. As a result the school installed a role play road on the playground with junctions and crossings but wanted to go that step further in making it more interactive by providing additional safety signs to enable the staff to structure real life learning.

The School applied to the Kingspan Insulation Community Trust for funding as they wanted to provide the best possible facilities to the children to give them the knowledge and confidence to keep safe when out on the roads.

Just over £1,300 was provided to purchase a range of road safety equipment which included reflective jackets and caps to use on school visits as well as road safety role play equipment.

So when you are out and about this winter take care, and remember to not only keep yourself safe on the roads, but like the children at Athelstan Primary School think about the consequences your actions may have on other road users.



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