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**As a new feature for 2017, the Editor will interview a member of the Community who is actively trying to make Sherburn a better place to live.**

## **Friends of the Old Girls' School**

Allyson Chambers is Chair of the Friends of the Old School. She has lived in Sherburn for 23 years. She moved to Yorkshire in 1991 when the company that she works for opened a new warehouse in Normanton. After a couple of years living near Wakefield, she then settled in Sherburn.



### **Tell us about the background to saving the Old Girls' School?**

After closing as a school in 1976, it was then used as Council offices until early 2014. Fearing that the building and land would be sold for development, a group of local residents formed a group and set up a petition against this. Over 2,000 names were on the petition, and after a more formal meeting in 2014, The Friends of the Old Girls School Committee was formed. From the start, the aim had been to save the building and open the OGS for community use. We have always kept NYCC informed of our intentions, and they have allowed us to see if the project was feasible.

When it was announced that the Library would close in 2017, a similar group was formed to try to save this and run it with volunteers. Early this year, we decided to become one steering group and were successful in gaining Charitable Trust status. A selection of people from each group formed a Trust Committee who will oversee the running of both projects.

### **Why did you choose to get involved?**

Since living in Sherburn, I have always thought what a lovely building the OGS is. When I then heard that the council were moving out and a campaign had been set up to save the building, I wanted to be involved. I remember there was the petition being signed in the Co-Op, and then there was a general meeting for residents to attend. Too many old buildings are lost in this country – we should be protecting our heritage.



### **What is the current state of play?**

We have applied to NYCC for a lease on the building. We have been told that we should be able to take it over by April 2017. There is a certain amount of work that is required on the building before we can start using it for community use. We are hoping that local trades will be interested in assisting with the refurbishment.

### **How do you envisage the building will be used for the Community?**

We have now had two open days and a stall at the last two Sherburn Gala's. We have welcomed resident views on what facilities are required in the village.

We plan to open a café – this has always been a popular suggestion. We hope to have some sort of I.T. facilities and meeting rooms. The large room can then either be used as one room or divided into two - with the unique doors which are an original feature to the building. These can be used for exercise classes, pop-up cinema, meeting groups, parties etc.

### **What are the main things that need to be done once the lease is signed?**

The toilet block at the back requires total refurbishment and a new roof. The windows need replacing and there is some asbestos which needs removing. Some flooring in the main room needs attention and the electrics need inspecting. The whole building will then need decorating.

### **Thinking of this project, what is your main challenge which needs to be addressed?**

Like most projects, raising enough funds to refurbish the building is our main concern. We have been successful with a few grant applications already, and some more are in the pipe-line. We were delighted to be awarded the maximum grant from Tesco Bags of Help. Thanks to the Community for voting for us in store. This grant will be used to create a garden and patio area at the front. We have already had a lot of interest in the use of the building, so, once open, we will hopefully generate enough income to keep things running smoothly.

### **What message would you like to give to members of the community?**

We would value any assistance from local traders when we have the lease and able to work on the building. Work will have to go out to tender, but it would be nice to think that it is local people that achieved the opening of the OGS. We are still keen to hear from the community on possible uses of the OGS, or even if anyone would be interested in running classes, or holding an event. Work will start from April and the building will be ready for use later in the year. Volunteers or new committee members are also welcome.

2017 will be an exciting year. Committee members of Friends of the Old School have worked tirelessly over the last 3 years – and I would like to thank them all. The goal is finally in sight!!



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## Update from Sherburn Community Trust

It is less than 3 months until Sherburn has its Community Library. Yes from 1st April, the Library will be run by volunteers, backed up by 15 hours paid support from NYCC plus the professional librarians and IT support from North Yorkshire.

We have been busy recruiting volunteers and have been blown away at the great response from the Community. We already have 54 people who have signed up to help in the Library. During January to March we will be undergoing training from NYCC and you may see some of us working alongside the existing team.

We are not planning to change much when we first take over,. Opening times will remain the same. We would like to consult with our users on any changes they would like in the future. To start off we want to offer exactly the same services and level of customer care that the current team provide plus the community hub. It going to be a tough act to follow. We would like to pay tribute to all the NYCC people who currently work in Sherburn Library and who have served our Community so well. We wish them well for the future.



# Athelstan Community Primary School



Athelstan School has been awarded a grant to provide Inclusive access to the Wild Area. The work in the Wild Garden has is now nearly complete. Mrs Thompson secured a grant for £7,289 to create a more accessible wild area so that everyone could take part in outdoor learning. GCM grounds team have been working this term to carry out the works. We are delighted with the results. 1000 Bulbs will now bloom in the spring. Sensory plants will also add to the environment and we look forward to the hand carved wooden animals arriving in January. The paths are now suitable for wheel chairs and pushchairs and two of the planting beds have been raised to assist gardening for less abled pupils.



Paul Armitage (Sewells Site manager) arranged for a special visitor to come into school to meet Sophie Booth who is one of pupils.



Tessa, a guide dog for the blind belongs to Mr Armitage's wife Jules. Jules went blind herself 2 ½ years ago and has kept Sophie up to date with building progress by writing her a braille newsletter. Tessa and Jules came to meet with Sophie and talk to her about the work Sewells are doing in school. Miss O'Donnell said "We know, looking forward, there will be a lot of things included in the extension that will just be for Sophie. We know about the signage we're going to put in and we know about the different textures going into the floors. Sophie and her mum had a lovely time getting to know Tessa.



Athelstan School Early Years for children from 2 – 4 years old is proving to be very popular within the village. If you are interested in a place at the nursery for your child then please contact the school office or visit [www.athelstan.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.athelstan.n-yorks.sch.uk) to download an application form.

## Sherburn Eversley Cricket Club

Christmas has passed and the New Year is here, spring and summer is on the way which means the 2017 cricket season is also on the way. Our club held the AGM in December and all captains and officials are in position and ready to go.

The new season will start in April with two Saturday teams and a Thursday night club X1. Indoor nets will commence in February, dates and time to be confirmed. Now the main part, we are recruiting new players to join our club for the new season, are there any players who have moved to Sherburn recently? You will be made very welcome. Barrie Beal.

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# Sherburn High School

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Sherburn High celebrated a bumper first term, packed full of events from serious lifesaving sessions with 'Restart a Heart' to light hearted charity events for Children in Need and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance which involved students splatting teachers with wet sponges!



We are particularly proud of Post 16 student Ella Walton who scooped the Young Citizen of the Year prize at the Selby and Goole Times Community Pride Awards for her sterling work with the North Yorkshire Youth Crime Commission.



Carrying on with a charity theme, Post 16 student Rosie Gilbertson and her form L2 co-ordinated our annual Christmas Hampers; students brought in goods to make up hampers which were distributed to the elderly in our community through the Sherburn Visiting Scheme.



Rounding off the term, students participated in a careers event, a day off timetable where the whole school focused on the world of work. 'Are we future ready?' was the theme of the day, students had been previously working on their ideal careers during tutor time, this culminated in them presenting their choices in a careers marketplace and a bit of team work when the whole school had to build bridges and join them together!



Sherburn High School was very pleased this year to be able to actively support the South Milford Bonfire. The school provided on-site parking for many visitors to the bonfire with site staff and sixth form students providing excellent marshalling support; we hope that many more visitors will use the secure and accessible parking that we are able to offer next year. Friends of Sherburn High School (FOSH) set up an online volunteering facility that staff, students and parents were able to use to volunteer their support. We are very grateful to everyone who helped set up the fire, prepared food for the bonfire, helped on the night and tidied up the following day. The Bonfire was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended and the school looks forward to an even greater role next year.



Many thanks to: Alan Bentley, Luci Davies, Richard Dunn, Tina Horsey, Martin Johnson, Monica Kirk, A J Marchant, Holly Mitchell, Paul Newton, Hayley Oakes, Tony Phillips, Amanda Prime, Carl Thomas, Ben Varley, Emma Wadsworth and James Watson.

# Sherburn & South Milford Rail Services

## Anti--Social Behaviour on South Milford Services

Selby and District Rail Users Group is disappointed to learn that there have been reports of ant-social behaviour on some services involving passengers returning to South Milford. Recently, on an evening TransPennine Express service, members of staff were verbally abused, and SADRUG will never condone such behaviour whatever the circumstances.

## Our Stations Are Getting Busier

Figures released recently show that more and more people in the district are using rail services. The Office of Road and Rail publishes annual estimates of station footfall the latest being for the year up to March 31st 2016. Footfall is increasing at nearly every station in the Selby District including Selby, South Milford, Sherburn, and Church Fenton. The biggest increase was at Sherburn up from 44,254 in April 2015 to 50,132, an increase of 13.28%, while passenger usage at Selby rose from 549,810 to 610,438 a rise of 11.03%. SADRUG is even more determined to press forward to secure the vital improvements in services and station facilities needed to cope with the growing demand.

## December 2017 Timetable Changes

SADRUG was disappointed at recent announcements concerning the planned improvements in services for the December 2017 timetable. The Group has been advised that these significant changes which will benefit many rail users in the district, will be introduced in stages up to December 2019. The Group will push for the minimum delay in providing extra services and expects to be consulted before changes are made.

## Adopt a Station Scheme

Members of SADRUG met with Managers of Northern Rail to discuss the new group adoption scheme for stations. Due to a lengthy management restructuring process implementation of the scheme has been delayed but group adoption teams can now be set up. If anyone would like to volunteer to help in looking after their local station and making it more attractive please contact the Secretary of SADRUG, Terry French on 01757 702913 or at [selbyrailusers@btinternet.com](mailto:selbyrailusers@btinternet.com)



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## Sherburn Gala Committee

Hello and a Happy New Year to everyone from Sherburn Gala Committee.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us through our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday year celebrations. The Gala went really well and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did, as soon as we get into the new year we will be on a roll, organising the Gala Queen and Attendants and reserving the different entertainment for the next one. We haven't decided on a Theme for the 2017 Gala yet so if you would like to make any suggestions we would really appreciate some feedback from you all, please email [sherburngalaassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:sherburngalaassociation@yahoo.com)

The Halloween Disco was amazing, it was great to see everyone joining in with the Halloween fancy dress theme. And of course, the Christmas Disco went down well too – it was magical watching the little ones faces light up when Santa arrived. Their little faces were in awe while they sat with Santa telling him how good they had been and what they were hoping to get for Christmas. We really appreciate you all supporting these events, it makes the hard work involved well worth it.

We hope everyone enjoyed seeing our village lit up for Christmas, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who turned up on the day to help us put them up. The new lights on Kirkgate looked fabulous, we were able to purchase 6 more lights this year so we hope you all noticed them.

**Date for your diaries, everyone – the 2017 Annual Gala will be held on SATURDAY MAY 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## Sherburn Camera Club

Dear Reader, by the time you see this article the Christmas tree will have gone back into the loft, along with all the tinsel and glitter and you are now probably wondering what to do with the New Year ahead. If you were lucky enough to receive a Camera in your Christmas stocking you will probably want to learn more about what it can do, in which case read on, as this article might be just the ticket.

Sherburn Camera Club would be delighted to have your company. We are a friendly bunch of photography enthusiasts who meet every Monday evening in All Saints Church Hall 8pm - 10pm. Our members range from complete novices to the more experienced photographer, and our annual programme is tailored accordingly. Since commencing the new season in September, we have had various activities within the Club including competitions between ourselves and other Camera Clubs, A night shoot in York, and two speakers who entertained us with their individual but very interesting talks. For those who are available during the day there have been weekly photographic outings to various places of interest with a choice of venues decided on the day depending on the weather. These usually take place on Thursdays.

In the up and coming months there are plans to carry out practical workshops with tips on how to transfer your favourite photographs to an AV (audio visual) and set them to music. Ideal for those special family occasions such as Weddings, Christenings and family get togethers. For those members who are interested in Portraiture we will be holding a Portrait evening in February complete with Models.



On the Social side, we have enjoyed a pie and pea supper, usually accompanied by a quiz and entertainment. Not forgetting our annual Ten Pin Bowling night at the Xscape along with the usual banter and jibes. The Winner this year being Mr John Boyd who upstaged the usual Christmas jumper attire with his very fetching Elf Jumper, and matching hat, complete with ears. In January we are looking forward to our Annual Dinner including Husbands and Partners, this year to be held at the Dintingdale Restaurant. If you are not sure if this is for you but would like to come along and get to know us without any pressure to join, you will be made very welcome.



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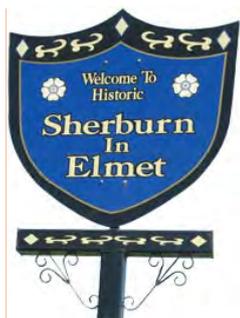
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## Parish Council Report



I am writing this Parish Council report just before Christmas and it feels as though Sherburn is under siege by developers. Many of you will be aware that at the recent planning inquiry in Tadcaster, Selby District Council conceded that they do not have a 5 year supply of housing land. This is significant in planning terms and an appeal to build 270 homes on land off Hodgson's Lane (on the northeast side of Sherburn) was allowed.

On the back of that decision, previously rejected applications for 135 and 60 homes have been resubmitted and this time around the developers will be confident of success. The 135 home development has been resubmitted with the number of homes increased to 150, but access is now shown onto the bypass via the 270 home development mentioned above. Previously access was shown via the Springfield estate, so at least there is some good news for the residents of that estate.

So we have 718 homes being built on Low Street, together with the 480 mentioned above, plus smaller sites (e.g. 20 on land off Moor Lane) which means over 1200 new homes - that's a 43% increase in the size of Sherburn. On top of that you can add the extension to the industrial estate which is expected to generate up to 2,500 new jobs.

The Parish Council have made detailed submissions regarding all these planning applications and have had some success in obtaining improvements to previous applications. However the government have made it clear that building homes is a priority and so they changed the planning rules (the National Planning Policy Framework) to make it easier for developments to get planning permission, with the results that we are seeing locally.

We hope that Selby District Council will now push on with Plan Selby and the Site Allocations document. That might give us some chance of planning local development, which is surely what people want, rather than the piecemeal development which is taking place.

A Neighbourhood Planning group has been formed and will look in detail at the Site Allocations document when it is published. The aim of the group is to outline how we would like our village to look in the future and the sort of facilities and infrastructure we need. This will then become the Neighbourhood Plan, which has legal status and gives us more say in the type and location of development which occurs. The Parish Council need the help of residents with this, so do please come along when the next meeting is publicised.

There are other important ventures where your help is needed. Sherburn Craft and Food Festival is featured elsewhere in the Informer, so I won't dwell on it here, but it has the potential to be a fantastic event in its own right and could also generate revenue to support local facilities.

Everyone is agreed that local facilities are under pressure, so please read the articles elsewhere in the Informer about the volunteers helping with the Community Library and the Old Girls School.

There is a lot of scope for residents to help make Sherburn a better place to live, so if you can spare a bit of time contact the Parish Council and we will put you in touch with the right people. I'm writing this at the close of the year so it's appropriate to thank all those people who have helped in 2016. They include the Gala Committee who keep this Sherburn tradition alive, the Community Association (whose work includes Sherburn in Bloom), Sherburn Visiting Scheme who provide essential support for elderly, disabled and housebound residents. There are others. How about the community litter picks which will resume in 2017 - if you have never helped before, why not lend a hand in 2017? Dog fouling remains an issue and we appeal to all dog owners to clean up after their dogs and deposit it in the bins located around our open spaces.

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I do not have the opportunity yet in 2017 to start a new complete Beginners' Group but contact me if you do want to start Pilates and I will discuss options with you.

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It's not an easy option for people who don't want to move much and it is suitable for both sexes and all ages.

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Payment is monthly in advance unless I run a longer course.

I am a specialist in Pilates for Bone Health and in Pre and Post Natal Pilates.

## News from your District Councillors Mel Hobson & David Buckle

### Update - Disabled Access at the Fishing Pond

After many months, the disabled fishing platforms are now finished, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Fishing Pond Committee. The disabled platforms have been a breathe of fresh air by the disabled anglers.



As one angler said "it's great to see Sherburn has given us the ability to do this sport with easy access to the pond. No other fishing pond for many miles has these facilities." A further 2 disabled platforms are planned for the future.

In Spring 2017, the committee are restocking the pond with new fish. For all existing anglers and new, the new match calendar will be available to view at the Fishing Club notice board. Without the help of the Parish Council, C.E.F. (Community Engagement Forums) and Strata Housing, non of these improvements would have been achievable. Many thanks to you all!



### Sherburn Community Gymnastics Club

The club started 9yrs ago at Sherburn High School with 40 youths over 2 days. It's become so popular it's out grown the High School with 260 members on the books and 300 on the waiting list. After 2 years of looking for new premises, the club has been successful in leasing Unit 8/9 Enterprise Way, Sherburn Industrial Estate which can accommodate up to 800 members. Inside, there will be a specialist sprung floor 12m x 12m costing £20,000. This will allow complex gymnastics moves to be achieved and reduces joint impact injury for users.

Sherburn Community Gymnastics Club is a welcoming, friendly & inclusive gymnastics club. The club welcomes all children & adults and it's a rapidly growing recreational club currently offering pre-school gymnastics & general gymnastics which include low level competitions & display gymnastics.



For more information for you or your children contact  
[www.sherburn-gymnastics.org.uk](http://www.sherburn-gymnastics.org.uk) or call Amanda Alderson (Head Coach) 07866 315157.

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**Any community issues big or small, call Mel Hobson 07786 416337 or David Buckle 07949 092392**

## County Council Report

This quarter I was going to write a general report on health care issues, but adult social care has now become so big an issue that I will concentrate on that. Currently there are 140,000 people in North Yorkshire (out of a 500,000 population) aged over 65 (28% of the population) of which 13.5 per cent (19,000) are aged over 85 – this is above the national average and projections show a rapid increase in future years. It is predicted that the population over 65 will increase by a further 13 percent by 2020 (I make that over 158 million). The County Council provided long term support for 10737 residents in 2015/16.

North Yorkshire expects to spend between £770 million and £780 million in 2016/17 rising to £820 million by 2020. Current spending on social care of older people and vulnerable adults amounts about 42% of this expenditure. The government has indicated that funding for this can be raised through a "social care precept". What this means is that in addition to the general Council tax rise of 1.99% which Councils are allowed to impose without a referendum, the County Council can increase Council Tax by an additional 3% for the next two years or 2% for the next three years, again without having to hold a referendum.

However, the County Council has indicated that in the current financial year it will need to provide at least an additional £8million for adult social care, far in excess of the amount that can be raised by a the Council tax increases referred to above, and the proposed £2.4 million for North Yorkshire will not close the gap in funding. It is for this reason that North Yorkshire has been calling on the Government over the last year to provide a more sustainable settlement for adult social care and for a better deal for rural and coastal communities that tend to have older populations and proportionately higher costs.

I would expect that all County Councillors of all parties can support the comments of the Leader of the Council that:

"The apparent lack of extra money for social care funding in the Autumn statement means services will be even more stretched. Recent care market studies show that North Yorkshire is already at a place where the rest of the country will be in 2020, with demand for services and demographic trends five years ahead of the national average. In a large rural county like ours the cost of delivering services to sparse populations is also significantly higher than for councils with compact, urban populations. I am calling on the Government to address this issue in the settlement next month when we find out how much money will come to local councils."

We need, as a country, to decide how we should to go forward on this. It is essential that in the final settlement the Government recognises the problems faced nationwide in addressing the shortfall in expenditure on adult social care.

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## Sherburn Neighbourhood Policing

2016 has been a busy year for the team who have achieved some fantastic results. A good example of this is when officers obtained information that a person was travelling into Sherburn to try and supply controlled drugs within the village. The team worked on the information and identified the person quick time resulting him being arrested and charged to court for the offences.

A current concern is the increase in reports regarding youth related anti-social behaviour in the village. The main areas affected include Finkle Hill, Low Street and Moor Lane. The calls focus on a small group of youths, aged between 14-17yrs old. It is stated that these youths are using abusive/ threatening language, causing damage, cycling in front of traffic with no regard to their own safety, running through people's gardens and generally being inconsiderate and intimidating to others. The Neighbourhood Policing Team have responded by implementing a plan under the banner Operation Menace and utilising powers under the crime and disorder act to assist in moderating the behaviour of those responsible.

As we're now into the darker evenings it's good to follow these simple crime prevention measures in a bid to target hard your home;

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6. The team are looking forward to 2017. Working with the community to make Sherburn a safe and pleasant place for all.

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# New website for Sherburn

Sherburn based business Creative Shed Agency have recently developed and launched a new community website [www.sherburninemet.co.uk](http://www.sherburninemet.co.uk) which also runs concurrently with its own Facebook page. The new website was a voluntary project, commissioned by the owners who also live within the village. "We identified a need for an up to date, easy to use, one-stop place for the community to find everything they need to know about the village. It is constantly evolving and we would like to include as much information as we can possibly gather. We hope that this will highlight all the facilities, groups, clubs and businesses operating within the village, increase awareness and be a source of communication" says MD, Marrieanne Pal. The site only covers Sherburn in Elmet but in time could see it expand into the wider area.

If you have a business or run any groups in Sherburn then please send your details so the information can be added to the website. This is free of charge and for the benefit of the community. Advertising opportunities are also available so if you would like to support the project by sponsorship, please get in touch to discuss.

Please visit the new website, like and share the Facebook page and keep sending in your information, news and events.

Information can be emailed to [info@sherburninemet.co.uk](mailto:info@sherburninemet.co.uk) or visit the website and fill out the online form.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Sherburn in Elmet website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'SHERBURN IN ELMET' and the tagline 'A Historic Yorkshire Village'. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a main banner image of a church with the text 'SHERBURN IN ELMET' and 'Welcome to the historic village of Sherburn in Elmet'. The main content area is divided into two columns: 'LATEST NEWS' and 'UPCOMING EVENTS'. The 'LATEST NEWS' section features two articles: 'CHRISTINGLES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED' dated 16th December 2016, and 'PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY' dated 15th December 2016. The 'UPCOMING EVENTS' section features one article: 'SANTA'S SLEIGH ROUTES' dated Thursday 1st December 2016 - Wednesday 21st December 2016. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text 'About Sherburn in Elmet | Contact us' and a Facebook icon. The copyright notice at the bottom left reads 'Copyright © 2016 Sherburn in Elmet. All Rights Reserved.' and the website design and development credit at the bottom right reads 'website design and development by creativeshed.agency'.



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## Important notice

### NEXT Edition of the Informer

We are going to move the publication dates on a month, to remove the need for people to send in articles just before Christmas. It is too busy a time of the year for everyone.! By moving on a month, we can have a May edition published before the Gala, an August edition published before our new Sherburn Food & Craft Fair and a November edition, which will allow the advertisers to promote Christmas. Copy Deadline for next edition 22nd April.

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## Sherburn & Villages U3A

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In 2016 we saw the formation of several new interest groups as well as lots of new and interesting groups activities.

Membership increased to over 500.

Come and see for yourself how Sherburn and Villages U3A can enhance your life.

Find out more at our monthly meeting, on the third Thursday of each month at 1.45 pm at The Eversley Park Centre in Sherburn where our team of meeters and greeters will make you very welcome and introduce you to some of our current members to look after you.

There is wealth of information on our website at [www.sherburnu3a.org](http://www.sherburnu3a.org) and leaflets are usually available in Sherburn library.

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## Community Mini Bus



As reported in the last Informer, the new Community Minibus is available for hire by organisations and charities in the community. The Community Mini Bus Association is a registered charity and is self funding. Charges go towards maintenance, insurance, etc. The vehicle can be booked via the Parish Office (01977 681024) and charges are, the first 30 miles 95p per miler, thereafter 90p per mile. The charges reported in the last Informer were incorrect and were based on kilometres.

The association is administered by a committee and currently there are vacancies for two members. Applications from the community would be welcomed. The Committee meets four times a year at the parish Office and the duties are purely administrative. There is no driving involved. The next meeting is in January. Anyone interested should contact Jo Brown on 01977 684986

## Peter Pan Nursery



With the numbers of new houses built and being built in Sherburn in Elmet, many newcomers will be unaware of the presence in the village of Peter Pan Nursery for Children under 5 with Additional Needs. Some 30 years ago Gwan Sykes founded a small nursery with the aim of providing specialised care and help for those children and their families within Selby District. Children supported include those who are blind, who have speech problems, are autistic, have numerous other problems, and need help in preparing for life and school. All those helped are referred by the relevant staff of Social Services, NHS, etc.

Initially this care operated from a single room for a small group of children. In 2000 the Trustees of the nursery purchased the former Hungate School caretaker's bungalow and redeveloped its site to its current form with funding raised from a number of sources.

The Nursery now employs 6 qualified nursing staff with Additional Needs training and an administrator/fundraiser, and has the assistance of a small group of Volunteers. These two groups of people are the key to the success of the Nursery and the quality of the service provided, and subsequently being recognised in 2015 by Ofsted as Outstanding.

Funding is a perennial problem for most charities and this is monitored carefully by the Trustees, with about 60% coming from specifically funded children and the remainder coming from our Charity Shop off Finkle Hill, donations from a number of organisations, donations from individual people, and local fundraising events by the Nursery.

Our Charity Shop has just closed for reorganisation and completion of the refurbishment in progress, and will reopen at the end of January 2017. It is an important part of our organisation, and there will be a need for a number of additional Volunteers. Anyone interested in these opportunities to help may contact the Nursery on 01977 681863.

Currently, plans include some extension to the Nursery premises on North Crescent and the recruitment of a second apprentice nursery nurse, both subject to funds.

# Sherburn Craft and Food Fair

A huge Craft and Food festival will be coming to Sherburn over the 3 day August Bank Holiday 2017, with over 70 craft stalls, 20 vintage stalls, and 50 food stalls, vintage cars, motorbikes, birds of prey, live entertainment each day, celebrity chefs, children's cookery school. There will be craft and food competitions and the event will in all parts of Sherburn, to include Eversley Park, the village centre, the Methodist church, All Saints Church, The Old Girls' School and much more.

The event will be supported by Welcome to Yorkshire, Selby District Council, Sherburn Parish Council, Elmet Lions plus large and small local businesses. We are expecting people to come from all over Yorkshire and beyond as it will be one of the biggest events held over August Bank Holiday. It is intended to make this an annual 3 day event with all profits to benefit the Sherburn community.



If you would like to be involved or would like a stall, we have regular monthly meetings which are publicised around the village. With your help we can make this a huge success for Sherburn.

For more details email [dbuckle@hotmail.com](mailto:dbuckle@hotmail.com).

Further information will be in the next Informer.



## High Notes Junior Choir

High Notes were delighted to be asked to sing again at the All Saints Christmas Fair on 26th November. There were lots of people there who were very appreciative of the choir's singing. The varied programme of music included both Christmas and non-Christmas, with old favourites such as 'Jingle Bells', a modern carol 'Silver Sleigh' and songs in English, German, Spanish and Swedish. Owen Clarkson accompanied the choir on his violin, which was an extra bonus.

We're very keen to get some new members into the choir. Singing is really good for you, is lots of fun, and only costs £1 a week. The choir rehearse on Thursdays in term time from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. We take children aged six to twelve, and no previous singing experience is necessary. The choir is led by Susan Taylor, accompanied by local piano teacher Rosemary Reid, with help from Brenda Thornton. Contact Susan Taylor on 01977 685132 or email [susan@cooltaylors.plus.com](mailto:susan@cooltaylors.plus.com) for more information.

## Old Sherburn Memories

The picture above was taken in 1951 at Sherburn Endowed Boys School. This is the middle class, the man on left standing was Mr Dunbar who was our teacher. Back then we either passed the 11plus and went to Tadcaster Grammar or at 13 went to Selby Tech, or up to the senior class where the Headmaster Mr Gudgeon taught. The juniors had Mr Millyard as their teacher. All the masters were fair but strict and if you misbehaved you felt the cane. We had gardens where we had beehives as part of our studies, so it was not all bad. Before it was a school it was a Cottage Hospital and now it is the Doctors surgery.

Harry Issat



## Don't be a Waster – Reduce, reuse, respect

Selby District Council is launching a brand new 12 month project to tackle issues we know are important to residents – such as flytipping, waste, dog fouling, recycling and litter – to clean up our district.

'Don't be a Waster – reduce, reuse, respect' will focus on a different issue each month and we will work with parish councils, community groups, schools and local businesses to see how we can tackle the issues together.



January is focusing on litter, February on food waste and March on flytipping.

“We love our district. We're proud of it and we want to encourage pride in our towns and villages,” said Chief Executive Janet Waggott.

“It's not just about the environmental benefits of less landfill and more recycling. This is bigger, better and wider than that. We want to bring together partners, community groups and the residents who already make difference.

“We'll be working with a local charity on an innovative art project to deter fly tippers. We'll produce information packs so that parish and town councils know how we can work with them to reduce dog fouling. We'll even offer people the chance to win the fine back if their evidence results in a prosecution for fly tipping or dog fouling.

“We have a clear message. Fly tipping is not acceptable in the Selby district. Not picking up after your dog is not acceptable. Throwing rubbish from your car is littering and not acceptable.

“With help from the public – who know how to report these incidents to us – we can encourage all our residents to feel pride in our district.”

**Find out more on our website [www.selby.gov.uk](http://www.selby.gov.uk)**

**In line with this campaign, the Parish Council and Community Association will be joining the Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean event on **Saturday 4th March.****

**We will meet for our litter pick at 10am at the Scout Hut as usual, followed by bacon butties sponsored by Starkeys and Crusties. All equipment provided.**

**You will be finished and fed by noon. Please come and give just 2 hours of your time to Spring Clean Sherburn.**



# Clubs and Village Life Notice Board

**Sherburn Boghoppers** - Jean Mooney, Secretary Tel: 683749 All Sunday Walks meet coach in village centre at 8.30am.

**Sherburn Bowls Club** - Crown Green Bowls, Secretary, Geoff Saunders Tel: 684238. Finkle Hill, Season - April to Sept. All welcome

**Sherburn Camera Club** - Ken Trace, Secretary - Tel: 682300 Monday meetings held at All Saint's Church Hall

**Sherburn Local History** - Jean Mooney, Sec. Tel: 683749. Meetings held at All Saint's Church Hall - 8pm

**Community Association and Sherburn in Bloom** Anyone can join us and you will be made very welcome. Meetings are held at Elmet Social Club at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month Karen Packham Tel: 681954

**Eversley Cricket Club** - Barrie Beal - Tel: 01977 682886

**Elmet Art Society** meet at Eversley Park Centre Wednesday mornings 10am til 12 noon. New members always welcome. Contact the Treasurer Olive Simmonds on 01977 681545.

**High Notes Junior Choir** Thursdays in term time from 5.30 to 6.30 at All Saints Church Hall. Susan Taylor Tel 01977 685132 or [susan@cooltaylors.plus.com](mailto:susan@cooltaylors.plus.com) for details.

**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.

**Sherburn Netball Club** Monday's 7.30-9.00pm Sherburn White Rose Tennis Club Contact: [sherburnnetball@gmail.com](mailto:sherburnnetball@gmail.com) or find us Facebook

**Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association** Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month ( except August) at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. New members are always welcome. Secretary Margaret Jones tel. 01977 685979

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METHODISTS Church open every Sunday service starts at 11.45am and is followed by coffee /tea and fellowship.

Messy Church is held on the second Sunday of the month this informal worship is for all the family and all ages. It includes crafts stories drama games and music all on a Christian theme and it is ecumenical based. Come along and join in the caring sharing and loving fellowship and friendships and we always end with afternoon tea for all

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**Potholes** Report on North Yorkshire web site  
[northyorks.gov.uk](http://northyorks.gov.uk)

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