

Beacon Lighting Ceremony



## Happy Birthday Your Majesty

At 7.30pm on Thursday 21st of April the Beacon at Riccall park will be lit to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday and we invite residents to join us in the celebrations. Beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories in a long tradition of celebrating Royal occasions. Riccall's own nonagenarians will be especially welcomed.

## Tour De Yorkshire comes to Riccall

Stage 1: Friday 29 April Beverley to Settle—The stage begins in Beverley with the official start at 12.00 with the peloton expected to reach Riccall around 13.22. The riders will enter the village by the park and turn by the traffic lights, past the village green and down Kelfield Road as they head towards Tadcaster. Look out for Bradley Wiggins as he races by the park and the village green! Support the Tour and put Blue and Yellow along the route. You may have noticed preparations have started and the fencing on the village green is already sporting the colours of the Tour. Rolling road closures will be in place for the event and Silver Street (in front of the Hare & Hounds to Heat It) will be closed to traffic between 12.00 and 2.00. Refreshments and stalls will be on the village green.



See page 4 for school tour news.  
 Photo courtesy of Selby DC.

## Tour Competitions

Enter the best decorated bike competition (they don't have to be en route) either bring it to the village green on the day or send a photo to [scarlet.ohara2@btinternet.com](mailto:scarlet.ohara2@btinternet.com)

Join in the fun by decorating your home or business – there are prizes to be won, Selby DC are running a competition– for more information on the route, the timings and the competition please visit [www.selby.gov.uk/tour-de-yorkshire](http://www.selby.gov.uk/tour-de-yorkshire)



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## Youth of the Year 2015

Hana Smith and family were welcomed to a recent meeting of the Parish Council where 10 year old Hana was presented with the Youth of the Year Award for her contribution to the community, made by raising over £300 for the charity Dementia Friends. Hana has become aware of dementia as mum Dawn works as a carer at Riccall House and she decided to try and raise some money by making the charity's logo of Forget-Me-Nots to sell to family and friends. This soon escalated and Hana sold lots more at the Dickensian Fair.

Councillor Wilkinson made the presentation of a certificate and gift voucher to Hana and a donation for the Alzheimers Charity of which Dementia Friends is a branch.

Hana was congratulated on her community spirit - she is hoping to continue fund raising and is looking for another project.

WELL DONE HANA !



## Youth Advisors

Riccall Parish Council offers the opportunity to the young people in Riccall to be involved within the community by becoming a Youth Advisor. You will need to be enthusiastic about young people in Riccall, at least 16 years old, live in Riccall and be confident enough to speak at meetings and yet able to listen to others and consider their points. Please send us a letter or an email about yourself (before the end of May), outlining why you'd be a good candidate to get involved. What would you bring to the Council? Your experience in local politics will be a valuable addition to your CV in the future and you'll learn lots about your local community!! We are looking forward to hearing from you. We have opened this up to the post 16 age group and would welcome applications from anyone interested in what can be achieved in Riccall for young people.



Why not take this opportunity to let your voice be heard and get the experience of representing your peers. Closing date 31st May 2016.

### Contact Details - Riccall Parish Council

#### Chairman 2015/16

Cllr Brian Keen  
Fuchsia Cottage, Kelfield Rd

#### Vice-Chairman 2015/16

Cllr Edward Wilkinson  
25 Viking Drive

#### Members

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Riccall YO19 6PW  
Tel: (01757) 249222  
clerk@riccallparishcouncil.org.uk



## Riccall Snow Patrol

We have had another winter where we have been fortunate not to need the volunteers to be called out very often but that doesn't mean that we don't appreciate them being on stand-by because we really do. We have also welcomed seven new members to the group –thank you for joining us.

## Housing Needs Survey results

The Selby Rural Housing Enabler completed a Housing Need Survey in 2015 that identified a need for 10 affordable homes for people with a local connection to the Parish of Riccall. Often these types of schemes are developed on pieces of land known as Rural Exception Sites.

Rural Exception Sites are used for the development of affordable housing for people with a local connection in perpetuity, often within or adjacent to a village development boundary, where market housing would not normally be acceptable because of planning policy constraints.

The next step is to identify a potential site for the proposed development of these affordable homes in Riccall. If you are a local landowner, or aware of any potential sites that could be considered for these in the Parish, then please do make contact with Emma Whittles, Rural Housing Enabler, Selby District Council [ewhittles@selby.gov.uk](mailto:ewhittles@selby.gov.uk) or 07976 071913.



## Flooding

Thank you to everyone who turned out to help during the recent flooding which thankfully did not reach the village although sadly some residents on Ings Lane and at Viking Court Stables were badly affected. Thanks to the people who helped sand bag and limit the effect of the flooding to some extent. It was a great show of community goodwill and a lot of hard work. Thanks also go to the people who provided refreshments, which were very welcome.

Following the event, the Parish Council are now working on updating the Emergency Plan which will be in place in case of any emergency whether it be due to natural events such as flooding or major accidents or incidents. Within it will be a register of contacts and equipment which could be useful in such events. We will at some point in the future be asking residents if they would like to offer any skills or equipment to be included on the Emergency Plan register.



Thanks to the Environment Agency for providing sandbags during the flooding and for this photograph (which shows the Spice Mill and Regen Centre in the foreground) taken during the recent flooding.



# Welcoming the world to Riccall

Riccall Community Primary School has been awarded £500 by the Community Engagement Forum, to help celebrate Riccall as the Tour de Yorkshire passes right through our village. We will be having a competition in school to design a logo for our 'Welcoming the world to Riccall!' celebration. The winning design will be printed on t-shirts, which will then be given to all of the children in school, plus any members of the local community who want one, FOR FREE!

On the day that the race passes through Riccall (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April), we will be out on the village green with our t-shirts on, bunting out and a free refreshment stand for anyone who wants some sustenance to keep them going, as we wait for the riders. If you would like one of our t-shirts, please contact the school on 248234, at [admin@riccall.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@riccall.n-yorks.sch.uk) or just drop in, leaving your name, number and which t-shirt size you would like. We'll see you on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, as we welcome the world to Riccall!



## Dog owners warned of changes to law

Selby District Council is warning the area's dog owners to ensure their dogs are micro chipped or face a hefty fine.

On the 6 of April 2016 a change in the law makes it an offence in England, Scotland and Wales to have a dog over the age of eight weeks old that has not been micro chipped or whose details are not up to date. Failure to comply with this legislation could lead to a fine of up to £500.

If your dog has not been chipped your vet will be able to do this. If you think your dog's chip details are not up to date then ask your vet to scan your dog and you can confirm the details that are held by the microchip company. There may be a charge made by your vet to have your dog chipped but the microchip company should do any changes to your details free of charge.

Micro chipping means dog owners will have the peace of mind that should their dog be lost or stolen, they can be returned to the right person quickly. Microchipping also has a number of other welfare benefits, including:

- All puppies are traceable to their breeder thereby helping reduce the problem of puppy farming and lessening the incidence of infectious disease and inherited defects from which many of these dogs suffer
- Deterrent to dog theft
- Easier identification and subsequent arrests of owners culpable of animal cruelty
- Enables veterinary surgeons to contact dog owners for emergency procedures
- Allows identification of dogs in properties in emergency situations so that dogs and owners can be moved and reunited more quickly

You could contact the Dogs Trust on [www.chipmydog.org.uk](http://www.chipmydog.org.uk) who may be able to help you get your dog chipped. They may also have details of events that they are running in the area where you can get your dog micro chipped for free.

**BBC RADIO YORK**

**FINDERS KEEPERS**

Clue 1

Along from a Greyhound near to the PO twist Chapel and Main for animal strays.

## FindersKeepers

A secret assignation to deliver the next clue in the popular Radio York quiz took place with Jeremy Buxton at the Pinfold by the Post Office early one Saturday morning in January. Keen clue solver Linda Walker was already on the scene when the radio van took a false lead to the Regen Centre only to return a few minutes later at the correct location. Following questions about the history of the Pinfold, the next clue was given and Jeremy sped off towards Selby.



# Community Notice Board.....



## Did you have something to add?

This is your section of the Beacon, providing an opportunity for community groups to submit articles about their group and about what it does. Attempts have been made to reach most groups via email but apologies if we have missed yours. Any community group in Riccall can submit an article but we do ask that they are kept to a maximum of around 200 words, so that we can be inclusive and fair to all groups. Ideally please email the article to [clerk@riccallparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@riccallparishcouncil.org.uk). The Beacon will be produced three times per year. Many thanks for all of your articles to date. Deadlines for 2016 will be....25th March, 29th July and 28th October.

*Sandra Botham—Editor*

WHAT'S GOING ON IN RICCALL?

## Riccall Community Library



Have you visited your community library yet? We hope you will be pleasantly surprised at the amount and selection of books available. Come along and meet our friendly enthusiastic volunteers. If you cannot find what you want please let us know as our volunteers choose the selection of books from NYCC library.

Find the bookworm family hiding in this edition of the Beacon, colour them in and bring along your copy to the library and have a chance to win a book token. Closing date Tues 3rd May.

Do you know that the library goes mobile every 5 weeks with a small selection of books and visits the **Methodist Chapel on Thursday coffee mornings** —our next visits are **21st April, 26th May, 30th June and 14th July.**

### Regular Library Opening Hours

Riccall Regen Centre

Mondays 10am—12.30pm

Tuesdays 2pm—6pm

(with the exception of Bank Holidays and over the Christmas period)

## Doggy issues

We have had numerous residents contacting us recently due to the lack of consideration of dog owners in the village.

Dog mess left on the village pavements and footpaths is a constant issue. Leaving a used poo bag as litter carries the same penalty as dog fouling— upto £1000. There are plenty of bins situated around the village—please use them.

Some dog walkers are ignoring the notices on the park. Dogs should be kept on a lead and are not allowed into the children's fenced play areas. Any fouling should be picked up and binned. Please respect the notices in the park. The Parish Council will consider banning dogs from the park should this continue.

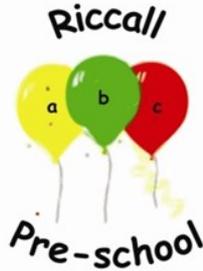
We do however really appreciate those owners who keep their dogs under control and clean up after their dogs— thank you for helping to keep our village clean.





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## Learning to play, playing to learn.



We are committed to providing the highest quality early years education and care for all children aged 2-5 years in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage. You can find us next to Riccall Community Primary School, Coppergate, Riccall, YO19 6PF Tel. 01757 249792 Email: [riccallpreschool@btconnect.com](mailto:riccallpreschool@btconnect.com)

We welcome children from Riccall, Barlby, Selby, Cawood, Stillingfleet, Escrick and North Duffield. Our breakfast club is open to children up to and including Year 2.

*'Staff listen to children and follow their interests, planning appropriate activities to build on individual children's learning. As a result children make good progress.'*  
*'Children are happy, behave well and become confident learners.'*  
*'Safeguarding procedures are very effective. Children's welfare is protected and children are kept safe from harm.'*  
*'Managers and staff develop good partnerships with parents. They communicate well to identify children's needs and share achievements effectively.'*  
 (Ofsted Inspection Report 26/09/14)



**We are open during term time, Monday to Friday as follows:**  
 08:00-09:00 Breakfast Club      09:00-12:00 Morning Session  
 12:00-12:30 Lunch Club      12:30-15:00 Afternoon Session

Please contact us for details about funding for children aged two and three + years and for information on our current fees.

**Families are welcome to visit us at anytime. No appointment necessary.**  
*Riccall Pre-school places the safety of children at the heart of all we do.*

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## Street lights

Did you know you can report faulty streetlights on-line at [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk)



## Coffee mornings at Riccall Chapel

are held on Thursday mornings at 10am as follows:

April 7 <sup>th</sup> Methodist	14 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club	21 <sup>st</sup> St.Mary's	28 <sup>th</sup> Carnival
May 5 <sup>th</sup> Methodist	12 <sup>th</sup> British Heart Fdn	19 <sup>th</sup> St.Mary's	26 <sup>th</sup> Hospice
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Methodist	9 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club	16 <sup>th</sup> St.Mary's	23 <sup>rd</sup> Carnival 30 <sup>th</sup> Bowls
July 7 <sup>th</sup> Methodist	14 <sup>th</sup> British Heart Fdn.	21 <sup>st</sup> St.Mary's	28 <sup>th</sup> Methodist
Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> Methodist	11 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club	18 <sup>th</sup> St.Mary's	25 <sup>th</sup> Hospice





# Community Notice Board.....

## Traffic issues

Thanks to the school crossing lady and parents who have reported the recent traffic incidents around the school crossing on the NYCC 95alive website. The Authorities responsible are now aware of these issues.



We would also request that drivers are more considerate to pedestrians, wheelchair users and mums with pushchairs and young children. Please avoid parking on pavements forcing pedestrians onto the road to pass vehicles .

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## Access news

Following requests from individuals and the Parish Council, NYCC has notified us about the provision of a number of dropped-kerbs to be installed around the village in their program of works for 2016/17. This will greatly benefit those who use wheelchairs, disability scooters and pushchairs in getting better access around the village. In particular, the route from Viking Drive/Landing Lane into the village will be improved along with other areas.



## Windmill Nursery

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As the only Ofsted registered nursery in Riccall, Windmill Nursery cater for children aged from 3-months to school-starting age.

Children take part in a variety of activities throughout the day in line with the government structure of learning and development (Early Years Foundation Stage). They also learn about different festivals and celebrations recognised throughout the world, and venture out into the community to explore and play.

Sessions are available in full and half days with fees including nappies, milk and freshly-cooked nutritious meals.

Children aged 3-4 years (and eligible two year olds) are entitled for 15 hours per week free funding. For more information and to arrange a visit, contact Kelly Gaskin, our Nursery Manager, on 01757 249527 or visit [www.windmillnurseryriccall.co.uk](http://www.windmillnurseryriccall.co.uk).



## Riccall Tot Stop



For mums, dads & carers of pre-school children & babies  
Held at the Regen Centre, Landing Lane, Riccall  
Every Tuesday 1pm - 3pm in term time

A well equipped playroom & outside play area for the children  
whilst the grown ups can chat & socialise! New members very welcome!  
For further information please call Sue Hill (01757) 249061





# Award for Regen Centre



The Regen Centre's 16<sup>th</sup> year of operation started on a high with the award of our fourth Duke of York's Community Initiative Award. This is the most any organisation has received and is a great reflection on the dedication and hard work of our trustees, staff, volunteers and members and the loyal support of our community and others users. We shall receive the award from HRH Duke of York in April at a ceremony at Huddersfield University.

Would you like to be part of our winning team? We are always looking to expand our membership, which is an important conduit for ideas on how the community would like to see the Centre develop. It is also an ideal

stepping stone for volunteering at the Centre and for becoming a trustee. Full details on how you can become involved with the Centre and its work can be found on our website [www.riccall.co.uk](http://www.riccall.co.uk).

The website also contains a questionnaire about the Centre, which gives you the opportunity to let us have your thoughts on the Centre and how you would like to see it develop. If you prefer to use a hard copy of the questionnaire, you can obtain one from the Centre's Reception.

Finally, we should like to thank the wonderful community of Riccall for its support and hard work during the recent floods. We could not have coped without you.



## Space Base



Space Base Out of School Club, located at the Regen Centre, provides an 'out of school' service for children up to 12 years old. Ideal for working parents and carers, sessions run from 7.30-9.00am and 3.15-6.00pm during term time including a walking-school-bus service to and from school and light snacks to keep them going. For further information call 07591 964 689.

**Holiday Club -31st May – 2nd June | 8am-6pm | Call 07591 964689 or 01757 249527 to book**

Holiday Club is open to children aged 4-11 from any school/area. Our Riverside Room is set up with various activity stations and also features themed days (e.g. pirate day) depending on children's interests. Whether you are a working parent or would like to give your children something fun to do during the holidays, we are the club for you. Sessions are available as full or half days. Space Base is Ofsted registered.

## Riccall Ladies Guild Closure

It is with great sadness that Riccall Ladies Guild has closed after being set up by a group of ladies, led by the then Vicar's wife, well over 40 years ago. During those years the Guild has enjoyed hundreds of speakers, demonstrations, exhibitions, outings and afternoon teas in the company of really good friends. The Chair, Olive Moody and Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Silvers, would like to thank members past and present for their support, without them it would not have been such a friendly and welcoming organisation.

## Riccall Bowling Club

is active all year round. The outdoor season running from mid April to early September, uses its green at the sports field on Landing Lane. Come along to the clubhouse on any Thursday either at 2pm or 6pm from 21st April until September-we can lend you bowls and provide free tuition-flat soled shoes must be worn to protect the green. Contact [richard.e.scott@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.e.scott@btinternet.com) for further details. Club website [www.riccallbowls.co.uk](http://www.riccallbowls.co.uk)

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## Riccall Lands Charity



There has been a good take up of our field garden plots and only a few remain at the moment, so if you are considering growing your own produce next year, contact us as soon as possible. We can put beginners in touch with existing plot holders who can help mentor you if you are new to growing your own produce.

We also welcome volunteers to help tackle some light clearance work, so if you have a little time to spare, come and help us look after your land. This helps avoid the costs of paying contractors.

Contact: Tom Metcalfe (Administrator) 01757 249549  
 Brian Keen (Field Gardens Coordinator) 01757 249403



## Riccall Carnival



The Carnival will be held over the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of June. Friday evening will be an evening of music at the Regen Centre, followed on Saturday with our fun day. We have decided to have a Viking theme to mark the 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vikings landing at Riccall! So why not join in the fun and come dressed accordingly! Stalls, games, BBQ, ice cream, bouncy castle & slide, balloon modelling and lots of fun. We are hoping to have a demonstration of the Riccall Sword dance and hopefully some Vikings! There will also be a mini football tournament during the afternoon. If you would like a stall – please contact [scarlet.ohara2@btinternet.com](mailto:scarlet.ohara2@btinternet.com) or 01757 249403.



Why not leave the car at home and come down on the old bus- it will be run between the Regen Centre & the village free of charge.

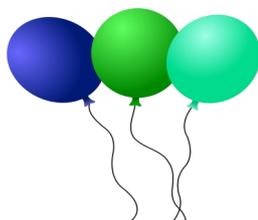
Sunday will be the day to relax and have a picnic on the village green bring your own food and drink and enjoy an afternoon with family & friends. Back by popular demand - Billy Bills – to entertain us for the afternoon. Also Bouncy Castle/ Slide & ice cream.



## Riccall Open Gardens

St. Leonard's Hospice-Riccall Support Group

Riccall Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 19th June 12pm till 5pm. Entry to the Gardens by programme, available on the day at any Open Garden or before hand from Riccall Post Office.



Open Gardens will be marked with balloons and a letter. See programmes for details. Money raised will be for St. Leonards Hospice.

A Craft Fayre will also be held in the Village Institute.



## Riccall Garden Club



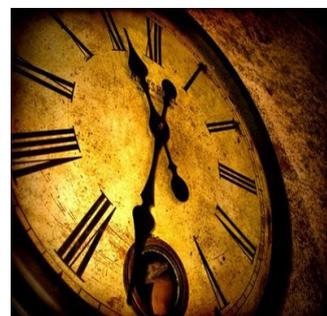
The Riccall Garden Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month each month except December. We meet at 10-30 am 'til 12 noon at Riccall Village Institute & it costs £1 including coffee & cake.

At the moment we are discussing the possibility of setting up a Community Orchard in the village. We also help to maintain the Millennium Garden on the Village Green. We have occasional speakers at our meetings, but it is essentially a forum where fellow gardeners meet and exchange ideas & plants. Do come along and join us!

## Riccall Historical Society

Meetings are held monthly, on Thursdays, in the Methodist Church in Riccall. Membership is £13.00 per annum or you may come as a visitor, where you will be warmly welcomed - £3.00 at the door. Refreshments are included. Lectures for your diary are :

21st April 2pm Victorian Watercolours of Yorkshire-Prof. Gordon Bell  
 15th Sept 7pm Yorkshire Battles of the Conquest, Fulford-Mark Wade  
 13th October 2pm The Battle of Waterloo-David Wharton Street  
 For further details contact: Gaynor Thompson on 01759 318447  
 Elizabeth Dear 01757 703280  
 Joan Foster 01757 248382



### **A LONG AND IRKSOME BANISHMENT**

A dramatised reading celebrating the life of the Rev. Sydney Smith, parish priest, campaigning journalist, reformer and wit, who spent 20 years of his adult life (reluctantly!) in Yorkshire. Contemporary music by 'A Garland of Flutes'.

Admission by ticket which includes a glass of wine, price £8.00, obtainable from  
 Joan foster 01757 248382 or Sam Taylor 248513  
 6.30pm for 7.00pm  
 on Thursday 12th May  
 at Riccall Parish Church



## Riccall Neighbourhood Watch news

'The Riccall Village NHW now has its own Web Site :  
[riccallnhw.co.uk](http://riccallnhw.co.uk)

There you will find information regarding any Bogus Fraud or Scams that are relevant to the village. Please take time to make regular checks as information will be updated on a regular basis .



Involving Volunteers with a History of Offending or Homelessness

21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Selby Community House, Portholme Road

FREE for volunteer-involving organisations based in North Yorkshire

£30.00 for all other organisations

A free half day workshop offering practical advice on involving volunteers with a history of offending or homelessness more effectively in your organisation is being delivered by Harrogate and Ripon CVS in partnership with Selby District Volunteer Centre.

We will look at types of convictions, the barriers to engagement and how you can overcome them. The session will offer practical advice, best practice, an opportunity for discussion with voluntary sector colleagues and hands on exercises based on your organisation. We will look at how to engage other staff members and volunteers to prepare them for working or volunteering alongside a volunteer with a history of offending or homelessness.

For further details and online booking visit: [www.exoffselby2016.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.exoffselby2016.eventbrite.co.uk)

Paediatric First Aid Course – 25th and 26th April 2016

Venue – Community House, Portholme Road, Selby YO8 4QQ

Cost - £80 per person. Price includes course materials, certificate, refreshments and a light lunch.

To book your place(s) on this courses – email [reception@communityhouse.org.uk](mailto:reception@communityhouse.org.uk) Telephone 01757 291111

## Riccall Wednesday Club

replaces Riccall Darby & Joan Club but in name only!

At the Annual General Meeting of the Riccall Darby & Joan Club held in the Riccall Village Institute, members elected to change the name of the club from Riccall Darby & Joan Club to the more modern name of Riccall Wednesday Club. Riccall Wednesday Club is run by an elected committee that organizes coach trips and events throughout the year, membership is limited to sixty members due to the number of coach seats available, members must be 60 years young or over to join and the annual membership cost is £10.00 per member. There is a waiting list system and anyone interested in joining Riccall Wednesday Club should please; contact Fay and Ken Tomlinson 01757 248496 for further information.

The annual program runs throughout the year, coach fare is £10.00 for club members and invited visitors (if seats available) are asked to pay £12.00 each. The program for 2016 is outlined below and all of the trips are on the first Wednesday of each month. The pick up time shown is for the main pick up point: The Greyhound Pub in Riccall. the arrival time back in Riccall is between 5.30pm to 6.30pm subject to traffic conditions

6 April 2016 9.30 am visit to Dobbies Garden Centre followed by a visit to Butterfly World (Sheffield Area)

4 May 2016 10.00am visit to The Ryedale Museum and the Heriot Museum Thirsk

1 June 2016 10.00 am visit to the seaside at Scarborough

6 July 2016 10.00 am visit to Burnaby Hall gardens followed by afternoon tea at Langlands Garden Centre

3 August 2016 9.00am visit to Windermere in the Lake District

Riccall Wednesday Club is looking for a new club treasurer for more information please contact Ken Tomlinson on 01757-248496 or Roger White on 01757-248052



## Local nature



# Three Haggas Wood-Meadow

**Spring is here! Welcome to a new year of activities at Three Haggas Wood-Meadow.**

The wood-meadow is flourishing into a place of beauty, education and scientific discovery. Thank you for your greatly appreciated support.

This year we have an extended programme of events on offer for families, schoolchildren, scientists and the wider public. Our website will be kept regularly updated with details of events. Please check [www.haggewoodstrust.org.uk](http://www.haggewoodstrust.org.uk) or email Louise if you have any queries:

[louise@haggewoodstrust.org.uk](mailto:louise@haggewoodstrust.org.uk)

### Discovery Day at Three Haggas Wood-Meadow

Saturday 2 July 2016 1-4.00 pm Part of National Meadows Day

### Using a Flora: Botany for All on Thursday 26 May 10.00 am—4.00 pm

Improve your plant identification skills, whether a botanist, ecologist or keen amateur, with FSC accredited tutor Mark Duffell of Arvensis Ecology. After a morning presentation and workshop in The Haven, spend the afternoon identifying wood-meadow specimens.

Further workshops are planned for Friday 8 July—*Grasses' ID*; and Friday 30 September—*Using the Vegetative Key*.

### Guided Walks for Friends and Supporters – and prospective Friends. All at 2.30 pm and finishing with tea in the Bodgers' Den

Join Project Manager Lin Hawthorne for an inspiring wood-meadow walk on the following dates:

**Sunday 3 April:** *A Promise of Summer – Bees + Rosettes* Bumble bees and burgeoning growth in the rosettes of all our summer wildflowers.

**Sunday 1 May:** *The Grass is Singing – Barefoot Walk* - Go barefoot to look for the first flowering of our meadow grasses.

**Sunday 5 June :** *How Many Wildflowers?* - Lie down in the meadow and become part of the meadow world; how many bees/butterflies/humming and flying things can you hear?

**Sunday 7 August:** *The Butterflies of Three Haggas Wood-Meadow + photography*

**Sunday 4 September:** *Continued flowering + Spiders*. Enjoy the continued flowering in the woodland copses and look at spiders with their intricate nursery webs.



### We have a new Bee Hotel..... or should that be *Palace*?

Over the winter, volunteers have built this stunning bug and bee hotel, designed to extend the insect life of the meadow by hosting some of the less well known of our pollinator species: solitary bees, wasps and ants. Do look out for it when you're visiting; it's camouflaged by a wildflower turf roof.

### Six sheep have been injured or killed by dog attacks this year on Skipwith Common

Dog Walkers - please note that it is a legal requirement under the CRow (Countryside and Rights of Way) Act to keep dogs on leads and under close control when on open access land such as the Common, to reduce disturbance to ground nesting birds and to prevent harm to the grazing livestock. Please be responsible and obey the new signs by keeping your dogs on leads and under close control so that the wildlife can thrive in this National Nature Reserve.