

St MARY'S CHURCH
Sunday services at 9.15

3rd April All Age Worship led by David Rumbelow
10th April Morning Prayer led by Shelagh Jones
17th April Eucharist, celebrant Pam Burdon
24th April Morning Prayer led by Bronnie Broadhurst

NEWS from St. MARY'S CHURCH

Archbishop of York visiting. In the course of the year Archbishop Sentamu is spending a week in each Deanery in the Diocese. He will be in the Southwold Deanery, covering Huggate and the Pocklington Group, from 5th to 10th April. Anyone and everyone is invited to join him in the course of the visit. Details of his itinerary can be found on his web site <http://pilgrimage.archbishopofyork..> Final celebration service at Pocklington on 10th, at 4 pm.

Churchwardens. At the Annual Vestry Meeting, Sue Dale and Ruth Braithwaite were re-elected as Churchwardens.

Churchyard maintenance. We are looking for volunteers to help keep the churchyard tidy throughout the summer and are hoping to have a regular evening, probably Tuesdays, for people to meet up and cut the grass etc. Even if people can only come occasionally their help would be appreciated. Please get in touch with Anne Herbert if you think you could help. If Tuesday evening is not convenient anyone can go at any time to do whatever they can to help.

Open Gardens Day on 10th July. Put the date in your diary! Offers of help, however much or little you can manage, to Sue Dale on 288233 or dale@atlas.co.uk

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PLEASE send information BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH for the next edition, so that we can produce it promptly.

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SPORT RELIEF CYCLE RIDE



On 19th March 15 Huggate cyclists organised by Moira and Steve Poole set off for a 7 mile cycle ride to raise money for Sport Relief, .

Their ages ranged from 5 to 65 and all completed the course, raising £165 to date. The route crossed JSR land from Fresh Lands to the Huggate—Wetwang road and then returned to Huggate. Steve and Moira would like to thank JSR for granting permission to use this route.

They thank you to all of you who have already supported them. It's not too late to donate and support the cyclists of Huggate (and Sport Relief)— please visit <https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/huggate> or contact Steve and Moira on 288132.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONCERNED!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

1. PLANTING BENEATH VILLAGE SIGNS

As part of the Council's ongoing efforts to enhance the appearance of the village, it has been decided that the three Huggate village signs should be set off by flowers planted in their vicinity. Many communities around the Wolds have such floral displays and most people would agree that, as well as being pleasing to the eye, they help to convey a welcoming message to visitors. Volunteers are to undertake this work and any assistance from village gardening enthusiasts would be most welcome.

2 FRACKING

The Council continues to monitor the activities of Cuadrilla, the company which has been granted a license to drill for gas deposits in the Wolds area. This gas would be extracted by the process of Fracking, i.e. extracting gas from shale rock by underground fracturing of the rock. There is much opposition to this activity and details can be found in the websites Frackfreeeast yorkshire.com, Frack-off.co.uk, facebook page Frack Free Driffield and Wolds and on the Huggate Council website.

Once sufficient information on these proposed activities is known, the Council plans to hold a public meeting to inform members of the parish about the latest developments and how they might affect them.

3. WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE

A final application has now been submitted to the War Memorial Trust for funds in support of the Council's effort to clean and refurbish the village war memorial. Attached to the application are quotes from two stonemason companies who specialise in this type of work. The War Memorial Trust, which is based in London, will consider all applications from across the UK at their quarterly meeting at the end of this month. If this application is successful work on the memorial will be undertaken during the summer.

4, DOG FOULING

Unfortunately cases of dog fouling are still occurring within the village. The Council would urge parishioners to be alert for any of this unhygienic and antisocial activity.

5. MANAGEMENT OF DUCK POPULATION

Ducks can be a pleasant sight in any community but too many ducks can cause problems. It is proposed to employ a licensed pest controller to cull a number of ducks which have been causing a nuisance around the village. There will still be ducks around but hopefully in manageable numbers.

HISTORICAL NOTE: THE WAGGONERS SPECIAL RESERVE

As a result of research carried out on the Huggate War Memorial, a fascinating story has emerged of a unique body of men from local Wold's villages, including Huggate, who chose to fight for their country in the Great War (WW1) of 1914-1918.

The Wagoners' Special Reserve was the brain child of Sir Mark Sykes, the 6th Baronet of Sledmere House. Sir Mark had served in the 2nd Boer War (1899-1902) where there had been a huge logistical problem of supplying stores and equipment to the British troops. And it was this experience which gave him the idea for the Wagoners Reserve.

HUGGATE TIDY UP—thank you!

11 bags of rubbish were collected **in an hour** by 7 Huggate parishioners. We started at the pub and went to North Dalton junction. The village and surrounding roads are sadly full of rubbish and it's amazing what can be collected in such little time - help keep Huggate tidy!



Sir Mark believed that local farm workers had skills that were unique to the Yorkshire Wolds and which could be very useful to the army in wartime. For example, they could drive pole wagons. These were old fashioned vehicles pulled by horses on either side of a central pole; they could be turned easily and carry heavy loads, even over muddy ground. These wagons were similar to those used by the Army itself and they would help to move supplies, horses and equipment to the Front Line.

Sir Mark formed the Wagoners in 1912 as a trained pool of men who could be deployed in the event of war. He paid the 1,127 men who joined 15 shillings a year out of his own pocket. To join men had to be under 35, in good health, prepared to participate in a yearly driving competition and to swear to serve abroad if necessary. Sir Mark, in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, became their Commanding Officer.

On the outbreak of WW1, the Wagoners came under the umbrella of the War Office and went to work for the Army Service Corps (ASC). Within days, they had gone from working on the harvest in the Yorkshire fields to serving as soldiers in France, among the first British troops to be sent out.

Their work was often just as dangerous as that of soldiers on the Front Line. Many Wagoners lost their lives during the conflict, and after the war, their founder, Sir Mark Sykes created a memorial to them at Sledmere. The stone memorial lies by the side of the main road through Sledmere and is carved with scenes from the story of the Wagoners Reserve and the Wagoners names are recorded on the many War Memorials across the Yorkshire Wolds area. In the Sledmere Museum, the names of Huggate men who served with the Wagoners are entered in the Wagoners regimental roll.

Gerry Whelan

The debate about the number of Gs in Wagoners continues! - 2 on the memorial, one in the museum. Ed.