

**St MARY'S CHURCH**  
Sunday services at 9.15 a.m.

- 1st October     **HARVEST**  
2-4 pm Tea and cakes in church; children's activities, craft demonstrations, cards and calendars and cards on sale.  
4 pm Harvest Songs of Praise
- 8th October     Morning Prayer led by Rodney Nicholson
- 15th October    Eucharist, celebrant Rodney Nicholson
- 22nd October    **10.45 at Pocklington**  
Group Service and Confirmation with Bishop John
- 29th October    Morning Prayer led by Brian Snelson

Advance Notice - Christingle Service, Sunday 17th December



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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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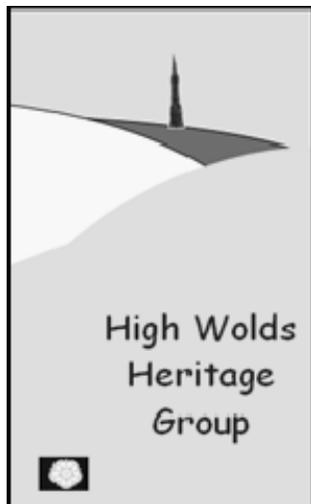


Landscaping of the Huggate Well—  
thanks to all who have worked hard on the project.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There was no Council meeting in September.

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You are cordially invited by the High Wolds Heritage Group to an illustrated talk about

## Excavations at Nunburnholme

by Peter Halkon

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. 7.30pm  
Thixendale Village Hall

All welcome

**Admission £3 ~ children free**

Light refreshments will be available.

Prior to the talk there will be a very short A.G.M.

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### DOG WALKERS ... Seasonal reminder

See and be seen! Remember that as light gets lower, other road users find it harder to see walkers. High visibility clothing (for human and dog) and a torch assist safety for everyone.

There have been comments about the recurrence of dog fouling in Eastlands, as well as around the village. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG. We are all very grateful to the owners of Eastlands for allowing use of the track—please don't spoil it for everyone.

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# St. Mary's Church Organ

Half the old organ has now been removed, the other half to follow shortly. It has been bought by a young man who is an accomplished organist and hopes one day to rebuild the Huggate organ and make it playable again. It is great to think it will be used again rather than just scrapped. Already it has made the church lighter as a window has been opened up.

We have bought a new organ which sounds wonderful. Please come along to a service or the Harvest Festival to hear it.

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John Scott Whitely, Organist Emeritus of York Minster, writes about the Huggate organ:

The organ is by Harry Sherwood of Woodmansey. His small, essentially one-man firm is not well documented. Always overshadowed by the great success of Forster & Andrews, such small firms partly grew out of this success. Harry Sherwood was born around 1876 and his last known work dates from 1937. The quality of his organs is not particularly distinguished, but they embody the solid craftsmanship of the period.

Few organs by Harry Sherwood survive. The National Pipe Organ Register lists eighteen, but only ten of these are extant; seven have recently been destroyed or sold to private individuals. Two others remain unplayable: one of these is the Huggate organ.

The survivals of significance are:

All Saints, Halsham, a larger instrument, fully restored in 2007.

Nafferton and Clayton West Methodist Churches, both of which have Sherwood organs virtually identical to Huggate, still in playing condition.

The Huggate organ was paid for by the Andrew Carnegie Trust and a public fundraising. Further contributions allowed the construction of a carved oak case, which is the only remarkable feature of the instrument. The organ has two manuals and pedals and nine speaking stops. It is thus of average size for Sherwood. The action is tubular-pneumatic, typical for 1909.

The organ has gradually deteriorated and is now in very poor condition. It has been unplayable for some years.

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