



LOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS LETTER

A message from the Parish Council

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Lockton Parish Council held its latest parish council meeting on 24 January 2022 at the Village Hall, and we are pleased to provide a brief update below, including the latest Platinum Jubilee preparations for this June. Other items of interest for our community are detailed over the page, however please feel free to send through anything which may also be of benefit to the residents in our parish and we look forward to publishing in a future Issue of our Newsletter.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Council has agreed to host a Jubilee street party on **Sunday 5th June 2022**. The intention is to have the street party in the Square, however we will have the Village Hall available in case of bad weather, and the Hall will also be used to host a couple of fun competitions! We are looking to have a baking competition, almost like a Bake-Off and Junior Bake-Off meets Masterchef, for the Queen's official Jubilee Pudding competition, as well as an Artist competition for the junior members of our community. The theme of the artist competition is still to be decided (**any suggestions welcomed**) as are the Judges, unsurprisingly we have many willing volunteers for the pudding sampling...!

A dedicated website for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 can also be found by following this link

[The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022](https://www.thequeen.org.uk/platinum-jubilee-2022)

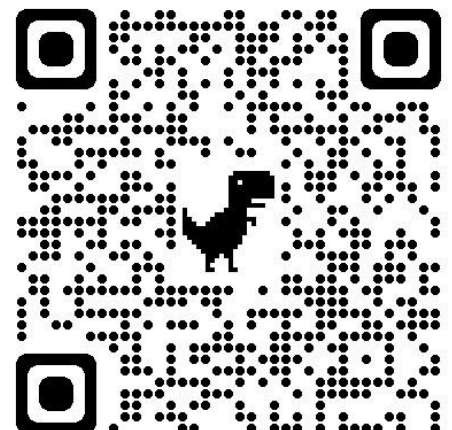
If you have any further ideas or suggestions for the day, please feel free to contact us at our email address above, or come to our next parish council at the village hall on Monday, 14 March 2022.



We wish you a safe and happy Valentines .



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Lockton Parish Edible Community Garden.

We are pleased to provide an update on our plans for the garden, including where the planters will be positioned, and how the new site will look. The area will be gravelled, and provide a safe area for both the gardeners and pickers, as well as the users of the Tea Rooms. We are hoping the latest design will free up a car parking space for visitors. As part of our first dig and plant, we are looking to grow and pick produce which we can use on the day of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. **We would be delighted to receive suggestions of what you would like to see planted as part of our first crop, perhaps a herb such as parsley, rosemary, thyme, mint....or salad leaves, tomatoes, leeks or other fresh veg..? Please feel free to send us your ideas for your community garden!**

Hopefully, dates for our first planting session for our keen helpers and volunteers will be published in our next Issue.



Lockton Parish Council chosen to pilot "Night Tune" street lighting as part of the successful North York Moors Dark Skies Initiative

Lockton is one of the core villages within the NYMNPA Dark Skies corridor, and for that reason, the council has agreed to run a trial to help preserve energy, as well as provide the right ambience of light to complement the majestic view of the stars within the village. **We understand that this project may commence by the end of March, however this is dependent on availability of materials and scheduling by NYCC Highways.**

Lockton Parish Council is looking at other initiatives for our community

These are just some other ideas we are looking at for the parish, and we would welcome your views and thoughts.....

- ◆ we have had a resident suggest a shallow pond for the wildlife within the village, ideas on location?
- ◆ The Council is looking at grants to help support a "Little Library", and the 5th June Jubilee celebrations
- ◆ The Council is hoping to confirm a date in the next Issue for a "Volunteer Day" within the community to assist with the maintenance of the village benches, noticeboards and a general tidy. We hope you will be able to participate in this event during early Spring

In remembrance to a member of our community, Ruth Strong

Ruth Strong passed away on 24th January, 2022, peacefully at the Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield. Ruth's funeral will be at Lockton church on Wednesday 16th February at 1.30pm. This will be followed by her burial in Lockton cemetery, and refreshments in the Village Hall. All are welcome. Please find attached a tribute to Ruth, written by her children Rachel, Shelagh and Bridget Strong. On behalf of the Parish Council, and the wider community, we send our sincerest condolences to Ruth's family.

Thank you for taking the time to read our second Newsletter. We hope you find this useful, whether you decide to read this on paper or electronically.

****This will be the final Newsletter printed and posted through your letterbox, please contact us if you wish to continue with a printed or emailed copy, otherwise future Newsletters will be available from the Parish Council website usually every 6 weeks, following the Parish Council meeting****



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Ruth Strong passed away on 24th January 2022, peacefully at the Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield. She moved to a care home in Sheffield in June 2021.

Ruth, our mum, was born in Pudsey in 1926. Her mother was from a West Yorkshire clothier family who were stalwart methodists and her father, an accountant, was a butchers son originally from Pateley Bridge in Nidderdale. Mum was an only child brought up during the austerity of the second world war although for most of the war she was at boarding school in Seascale, West Cumbria.



Mum had frequent holidays with her parents at the Malayan Hotel in Goathland. Mum, wanting to escape the adults and be in the open air ventured over the wall to the neighbouring Manor Farm. Here she struck up a friendship with Herbie Peirson helping him with the sheep and delivering milk. She continued to take holidays in Goathland when we were children and we remain friends with Herbie's family. Mum also took us camping all over England - 4 children, a frame tent and the dog all in a Mini Countryman! In the 1970's Mum decided to put down some roots in the North Yorkshire Moors and after a long search, found Blacksmith House in Lockton. She bought it at auction although she was the only bidder! We were warmly welcomed by the village, Mrs Close was next door, John Robinson at Box Tree Farm and the Browns at Pond Farm. We soon got to know everyone in the village.

Mum split her life almost equally between Lockton and Pudsey and she worked hard to become an accepted part of the village. She was pleased to become the assistant organist at the chapel and was a member of many local groups including Poetry and Prose, the Lockton and Levisham Heritage Group and LLs Bells. Many will remember her ceilidh dancing in the village hall when she was well into her 90's. On moving to Lockton, with some foresight, mum tape recorded many of the older folk talking about their early memories. She published their reminiscences in her book 'Lockton Remembered' which gives a first hand account of everyday life in and around Lockton in the first half of the 20th century.

Over the years mum built up a body of research about Lockton's history gleaned information from inventories, wills, the Public Records Office, newspapers and the North Yorkshire archive in Northallerton. She produced a further book "Lockton People and Places" - a collection of essays on aspects of Lockton's history such as how it got its water and Lockton before the 1st World War. She also wrote numerous articles and gave talks. Although public speaking did not come easily to her she gave many talks on topics including wild flowers, walking in Wharfedale, vernacular architecture, churches and more. She was also an excellent photographer.

The garden at Blacksmith House gave mum much pleasure as she loved gardening. She enjoyed growing plants from seed, nurturing them carefully before planting them out with a good dollop of Chester's manure! However, she never quite won the life long battle with the couch grass! She loved sharing the garden with others and enjoyed sitting in the summer house watching the birds on the bird feeder whilst reading and drinking tea. Mum's motto was to squeeze all she could out of life - and she certainly did! She has been a role model for her family and we will miss her dreadfully. Although Mum never fully moved to Lockton, it is where she wanted to be laid to rest. Ruth was married to Brian who died in 1987. She has three daughters Rachel, Shelagh and Bridget and Jonathan who passed away in 2017. She has seven grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Donations: Ruth was a long time supporter of the Rudolf Steiner Community (camphillvillagetrust.org.uk) at Botton in Danby Dale, North Yorkshire, which provides long term homes for people with learning disabilities. She was also a supporter of Lepira (lepra.org.uk), a charity supporting people with leprosy in Bangladesh, India and Zimbabwe. Rather than sending flowers, we invite contributions to these two charities. There will be a collection plate at the funeral or you can donate online at ruthstrong.muchloved.com

Rachel, Shelagh and Bridget Strong

