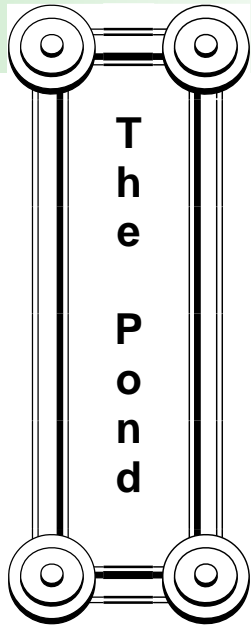


Rowley Parish Council Newsletter

# WEIGHTON BEACON

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I would guess that most, if not all, of our readers will have seen the works being undertaken during the past month with the excavator at Little Weighton Pond.

I am pleased to report that the excavation of the silt from the pond is complete with the spoil removed, on the advice of The Environment Agency, to the designated site at the top of Skidby Hill. I am aware that at present this has created (in it's own right) a further "slight blot on the landscape", but I am advised that the process will dry-out without any detriment when we will then landscape this area also.

Obviously the water depth of the pond has now increased & as a safety measure perimeter fencing quotations have been submitted & a contractor appointed. This work will be undertaken together with the removal of the old unsightly metal wire-fencing week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> September. A great amount of dead timber has been cut back to the rear & side boundaries & this will be "burnt-off" & new planting can then commence in time for the autumn

We intend to have regular "working party sessions" to help further improve & maintain the site. If you wish to volunteer as a helper please contact the Parish Clerk giving name & contact details. I am still optimistic that an island can be installed to help nesting birds, & subject to financial availability a water feature at some point in the future.

Steven A. Howarth  
Chair  
Rowley P.C.

# Fun at Wei Tots

At Wei-tots this term we had fun acting out the "Bear Hunt" - a good read for any young ones (and old!) out there - a good imagination is needed! The children enjoyed swishing through the long grass, squelching through the thick oozy mud, splashing through the river, stumbling through the forest and through a whirling snowstorm to find the bear! You may have heard the screams when the bear jumped out at them!!

The children have also been busy painting and colouring things to do with the seaside. These are on the wall for all to see at the village hall.

We ended our term with a party at the village hall and the children played party games and had a great time with the parachute. (lots of screaming to be heard again!)

As you read this, our new term will have started (7th Sept) and we will be thinking of the children who have started school. As they adjust to full days at school, we will be adjusting to a much smaller group (and maybe quieter!). We continue to meet on a Tuesday afternoon, 1.15pm - 2.45pm. Please come along and join us if you free.

Hope you all enjoyed the hols!

Sally



## Little Weighton Calendar

I have long thought a record should be made of the old houses of the Village. For example when I first came to live in Little Weighton in 1957 there were rows of chalk cottages next to the post office, and adjacent to the Old Black horse pub and over the road from the pond. Now there are only 5 chalk buildings left in the Village, and all of the rows have gone, 6 working Farms with farm houses and out buildings were in the Village, and now there is only one remaining.

So to this end I have painted 12 of the old buildings, in water colour, which I have made into a calendar to sell in aid of the Village Hall. A vital part of the Village and which is in desperate need of funds to re furbish, and to provide disabled access.

There will be a preview night for the owners of the Houses depicted in the Calendar and the Village hall Committee on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010, 7.30 at the Old School House to see the original paintings and to launch the calendar.

Open Studios is running the same weekend again this year, with over 70 artists taking part over the East Riding, of which I am one. All are welcome at the Old School House 10.00 am until 5.00 pm Saturday and Sunday ( 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> October) to see the original Calendar paintings and my other art work and sculpture. Calendars, cards and art work will be on sale both weekends, an ideal gift or Christmas present for family and friends, as well as supporting such a worthy cause. Maps and brochures will be available for all the open studios in the East Riding. Nearest other artist David Thomas 6 Risby Garth Skidby.





### 1st Skidby and Little Weighton Cubs and Scouts.

The Skidby and little Weighton Cubs and Scout group have entered their annual summer break (we only meet during school term times) after a very successful year.

During 2009 the Scout Group was re introduced after a 10 or so year break under the leadership of Jim Godwin and having shared the Tuesday night meeting times at Raywell with the Cubs separated to revert back to their traditional Monday evening meetings with number growing to 13 scouts between the ages of 11 and 14 years.

The cub pack (ages 7½ to 11 years) continues to be lead by Nigel Shackleton and had their most successful year ever in district and county competitions.

The four competitors (Jamie Langrick, Keo Sett, Daniel Jordan and Charles Fish) represented the pack in the District trading post competition in October 2009 gaining a creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Due to other commitments the winners were unable to represent the district (Haltemprice) in the County competition, which was held the next day at Raywell, so the same four cubs took their place and duly won the County competition. Well done to them.

Barely a month later the Skidby cubs came runners up in the District swimming gala at Ennerdale sports centre. Ifan Jan and Charles Fish won their individual event finals and the relay team also came out winners. Only 3 points separated them from the winners. Well done to all those who took part.

For the first time in many years we had to vacate our traditional home of Raywell for the winter period with the cubs holding their meetings at Little Weighton school and the Scouts at Skidby Village Hall.

After the open spaces of Raywell the confined areas proved a challenge for providing a varied and active programme through the winter period. Nevertheless both Scout and Cub groups learned lots of new skills and were awarded several merit badges. I don't think Mums have had so much sewing to do for many years with some of the cubs now holding over 20 award and achievement badges.

During the year we have had 2 weekend camps for the cubs in South Yorkshire last September and near to Selby in March. Camps are the biggest activities we carry out and most of the cubs and leaders come home actually shattered but have had a great time.



The cubs made an entry in the Skidby scarecrow festival providing 3 scarecrows dressed as an explorer, scout and leader round a campfire. Whilst the exhibit didn't win it draw many comments from a well supported event – well done to those who helped make the scarecrows.

At the annual St Georges Day parade in April we are pleased to congratulate Nigel on the presentation of his merit award for 30 years in scouting. It's good that Nigel's dedication and commitment to helping young cubs in the area has been recognised with his award.

Most of the residents of Little Weighton will recall the number of walkers through the village in early May for the annual fundraising Windmill Way Walk for the group. This is the one big fund raiser we do and helps keep the Group afloat.

Thanks to all those who took part and all those who gave their time to run check points and provide refreshments. The event raised over £800 for the group.

Thanks should also be given to the Rowley Parish Council for their donation towards the Group's increased rent costs as a result of leaving Raywell.

Should anyone wish for more information please contact Nigel Shackleton at 15 The Butts, Little Weighton. Telephone 849640.

## YOGA CLASSES

To commence Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September in Little Weighton

Village Hall – 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm.

18 – 80 years (all abilities) - please bring a mat and wear loose, comfortable clothing.

Taught by Clare Shaw who holds British Wheel of Yoga Teaching Diploma.

Cost will be between £4 & £5 depending on numbers.

*For more information please contact Pauline Dransfield*

*Email: [pmdransfield@gmail.com](mailto:pmdransfield@gmail.com).*

*Telephone 01482 841384.*



## Playing Fields

We had a litter pick / tidy up at the Playing Fields on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010 where many people came and helped tidy up the access road to the Playing Field and all around the boundary.

We over filled a 4 cubic meter skip with a massive array of rubbish, collected over a 4 hour session in the afternoon.

I would like to thank all those who came and gave up their time, to tidy up litter left by other users / fly tippers, who do not consider it necessary to take their rubbish home, or place the rubbish in the waste points provided.

A special thanks to John, the big brush man who did a fantastic job brushing the access road and the footpath to the playing fields that had been lost in a pile of dirt. He also provided a great deal of entertainment to us all, with this remarkable piece of powered equipment.

## Great News

After a great deal of work, a grant has been awarded to us, towards new equipment at the Playing Fields. Actually we have two grants, £5,000 from East Riding Council, and £25,956 from WREN (Waste Recycling Environment Ltd). Rowley Parish Council agreed to use our grant for this year to be our third party funder to WREN, a condition of the WREN Grant. There are some other conditions on the Grant, all of which we can comply with. One of which is to match the £5,000 with our own fundraising, or to do work in kind to the value of £5,000, ie. install some of the equipment with free labour, any offers welcome.

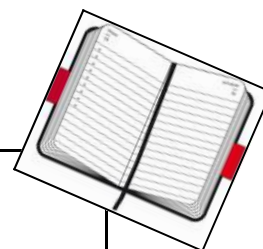
We are now planning our options as to what type of equipment and where to locate them. There will be an open meeting in the Village Hall, sometime in October, where everyone can have their say.

Anyone interested in joining the Playing Fields committee or wishing to help, please contact me.

Ken Davison

### REGULAR EVENTS at THE VILLAGE HALL

<b>Doctors Surgery</b>	<b>Wednesday's &amp; Friday's</b>	<b>1—2 pm</b>
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Thursday's</b>	<b>10.30 am —12 Noon</b>
<b>Gardeners Club</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>3rd Friday of each Month</b>
<b>Aerobics</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>7-00pm—8.00 pm</b>
<b>Yoga Classes</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>7.00pm—8.30 pm</b>
<b>Wei Tots</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>1.15—2.45 pm</b>



## GARDENING CLUB

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 8.00 pm, Village Hall:  
Geoff Gooding on the "The Wonderful Chrysanthemum".

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00 pm, Village Hall: Quiz with Skidby and Hutton  
Cranswick Garden Clubs. Raffle.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7.15 pm Village Hall: Annual General Meeting and  
something Christmassy.



## The Village Hall Committee needs Help!



Oh Dear I can hear you say. Is it folding? Well a definite No to that.

What is needed is a new Secretary - not only to take notes in fact not necessarily to take notes at meetings, but someone with a commercial background and used to organising! That's all.

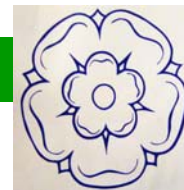
Bert our current Secretary is standing down from the committee in October. He has been Secretary for seven years, during which he has helped to sort out the ownership of the Hall and its land, as well as working with the Charity Commission to produce an up to date governing document. It is has taken time and energy to do all this and Bert says it was very satisfying in the end.

This is what we are looking for now. We are about to start on a plan to refurbish the Village Hall completely. It is one hundred years old, and a bit. Many other Halls have gone through this change by applying for grants from various places and this is what we intend to do. We have also of course to start fund raising for our own contribution to the refurbishment. It is an ambitious programme, but not impossible. It would bring the Hall into the modern age. This also includes disabled access from the car park, something which was pointed out as necessary in the questionnaire sent out about two years ago.

We have already got two Architects coming to give us their opinions and plans for the building in early September from which we will have to decide who to choose and then get estimates of cost etc. from builders, then grants to apply for. So you see that we need someone who will be with us throughout this refurbishment, someone with enthusiasm for the only Community Hall in the Village, which is already well used, but could become more so.

Would you like to join us? If you would like further information phone 01482 844171 (Chairman), 01482 875680 (Current Secretary), or e-mail: [catterallb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catterallb@yahoo.co.uk); [B.D.Sorsby@hull.ac.uk](mailto:B.D.Sorsby@hull.ac.uk)

# Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association



The Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association was formed in 1983 to further the interests of Countrywomen throughout the whole of the original (pre 1974) geographical county of Yorkshire.

It is rural in principle and its aims are to further the skills, knowledge and social activities of its members and to preserve the heritage of Yorkshire. It is run by members for members, is non-sectarian and non-party-political.

The Association is administered by a Central Committee, meeting monthly at County headquarters, and comprising twelve elected members – four from each of the Yorkshire Ridings – plus three co-opted members – one from each of the Ridings.

The Yorkshire Ridings – North, East and West, each have their own administrative committee upon which serve the Central Committee members from that Riding plus an agreed number of invited members. Each Riding Committee organizes activities for its own members, and the Central Committee administers the whole Association and organizes county-wide activities, events, competitions etc.

## Little Weighton Branch

Little Weighton Y.C.A. began in 1983 right at the beginning of the new Association..

We meet in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month, except August. It is £1 per night and we start at 7.30pm and finish 'when we do' at around 9pm.

We welcome new members at any time of the year. You can come twice to see if you like us and are interested in what we do, after which time the annual membership fee is £7.

We organize talks on most evenings and a competition which is purely for fun. We also have a Garden Party in June and an outing in July. December is our Christmas Dinner and Entertainment evening.

Coach Parties to Houses or Garden are also organized from time to time

## Our Programme of Events until December 2010 is:

Date	Event	Competition
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2010	Reena Scrowston I've got this lovely vase my Auntie gave me.....	An Antique
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	David Warren Trip to Nepal	A Teapot
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2010	Aubrey Morton South Africa Revisited	An Animal Ornament
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2010	Christmas Party with Entertainment	None

If you are interested, do come. You will get a warm welcome and introductions to members.

## Parish Council



## Planning Applications/Decisions by East Riding Council

- Erection of Double Garage—White Gap Road (APPROVED)
- Erection of a shed for lawn Equipment—Rowley Road (APPROVED)

Erection of two storey extension to side , garage & construction of pitched roof over existing garage—(APPROVED)

## GARDEN BONFIRES

**Did you Know**

As we approach autumn, (I know another year is whizzing-by). Based on what I have understood the following is simply my own “aide-memoir” for those of us who like to have the occasional fire to remove our garden debris.

Firstly:- Detrimental Effects

Air Pollution  
Health Effects  
Annoyance  
Safety



Secondly:- What's the alternative

Compost  
Recycling

Bonfires & the Law

There are no specific byelaws or specific times prohibiting when they can be lit. However 2006 regulations state that it is an offence if this causes pollution to the environment or to harm human health

So, as in my case, if the primeval instinct for **fire** takes precedent then please take full consideration of what we need to do as listed above. Remember what could be your satisfaction & pleasure could be your neighbour's worst nightmare. After all I understand that we live in a “tolerant” society.

For a copy of your own official leaflet of the [Environmental Protection UK leaflet on Garden Bonfires](#) please telephone 01273 878770

**ARTICLES NEEDED**— Do you have an interesting hobby that you would like to share with us, have you visited a place in the East Riding that is of interest, are you holding any events in aid of a charity, or participating in an event, then please let us know, it is always good to share experiences and help others.

## ST PETER'S CHURCH

*There has been a church at Rowley for almost 1,000 years.*

*The Domesday Survey states, 'There is a church and priest here'. Christianity reached this area in 627 when Edwin, King of Northumbria, was converted at Goodmanham nine miles away.*

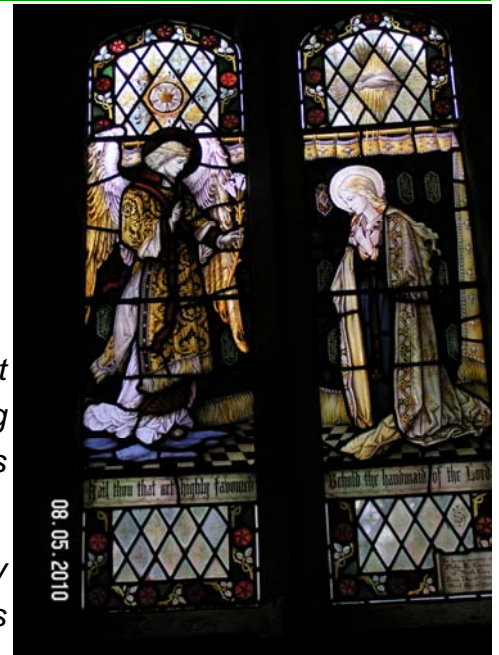
*Rowley Church was probably built here because it is midway between Little Weighton and Riplingham, which excavations have shown to be a large village before the Black Death.*

**The Christening Window.** *The font for Christenings is in the corner of the Church and above it is the window pictured above. It depicts the Annunciation of Christ as the Arc Angel Gabriel tells Mary that she is to be the Virgin Mother of Jesus. The script reads 'Hail thou that art highly favoured' 'Behold the Hand made of the Lord' The window is dedication to Philip R.Carver of South Cave who died in 1912. The Church is always open.*

### Recent Events

*Ordinations take place all over the country on the nearest day, or Sunday to St.Peter's Day, which this year was on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. This year Ruth Newton was ordained deacon and several people went to York Minister to be with her on this special occasion on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June. There were 15 Ordinands and after the service everyone seemed to gather outside to meet them and congratulate them. Ruth has been a Reader for several years and so already has a ministry here at Little Weighton and in addition she will now be able to baptise those who wish to become members of the Church. Ruth showed us her stole for which members of the congregation had donated. She used the symbols on it for the theme of her first sermon at Rowley, ears of wheat and the cross of Christ. Her theme from the reading for the day was that the 'harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few'. The stole is worn over the left shoulder for her first year and then next year, June 19<sup>th</sup>, when she will be 'priested' and becomes a fully fledged priest she will wear it like a scarf. Ruth is to serve here at Little Weighton and at Bishop Burton Church. The 'Bring and Share' lunch was successful as we shared in the celebration of Ruth's Ordination. A large variety of food was brought and about 40 people sat down on this occasion to enjoy it. It is amazing the huge variety of tempting dishes to choose from and all home made.*

*It was a very happy lunch.*



## Future Events as Follows:

**Every Thursday** in the Village Hall there is a 'Pop-in for tea or coffee, 10.30 - 12noon. Everyone welcome. The charge is 50p to cover the cost of hiring the room.

Ruth has a discussion group once a month on the **second Tuesday afternoon at 2pm**. The discussion is a course 'to help congregations stand back, work less hard, allow God to take the lead, and so find their full potential released'.

In September we will be starting a new topic 'Faith the Fire'. This York Course considers what it means to be a believer in the twenty-first century. Please phone Ruth if you would like to join us (01482 841875)

For children there is a **Gathering for Families at 3pm on the third Sunday of each month** in the Village Hall, with Bible stories, craft, songs and games.

**5<sup>th</sup> September: the Songs of Praise** recorded recently in Beverley Minster will be on BBC 1 and includes the Rowley Church Choir. (provisional date – check the listings)

**Harvest Festival.** Will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, followed by a Bring and Share Supper at the Village Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME

**Dazzling Divas.** A Gala Concert in aid of the Church is at Rowley Manor Hotel on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Sally Ann Shepherdson will be joined by her mezzo-soprano friend, Pauline Birchall singing arias from various operas as well as songs from the Shows. It will, as usual, be a night to remember.

**Regional Festival Evensong** for the School of Church Music is at York Minster on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 5pm. Rowley Church Choir is taking part and are going out to dinner afterwards.

### **Church Worship Times:**

There is a service with hymns every Sunday at 11am, for about an hour and followed by coffee in church. (Details of the type of service are on the monthly notice sheet at church and on the Post Office noticeboard.)

On the second and fourth Sundays of each month there is a said service of Holy Communion at 8am.

As the Psalmist says 'I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'...

Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces'. Ps 122

## A History–Rowley–‘The Enclosures’; Part 4 Riplingham.

I think you will by now have got the drift of ‘enclosures’, but it is the detail that really brings it home. Thanks to our editor I can include a map showing much of this detail without having to try to describe it, and Riplingham manor or ‘township’ map dated 1802 will serve our needs perfectly. This is the first map of Riplingham at a worthwhile scale that we have, and we can see the surveyors’ work that went into it.

Were we to visit Riplingham in 1800 we would have seen a small settlement in the middle of open. Several thatched single storey chalk houses bordered a single worthwhile road, the 1774 turnpike from Kirkella to North Cave. To the west lay the large Georgian Riplingham House standing alongside the turnpike and eastward, set back was the Jos. Sykes’s Manor House, now Mr Lightfoot’s farm. This ‘shape’ of the village along with old footpaths and trees tells us how it grew—towards Rowley church. Around the houses were unbounded strip-worked ‘infields’ such as South Field and North Field, and hedged crofts of the families, these with Lambwell for water comprised the township centre. Beyond lay open sheepwalks, largely grass but infested with whins and weeds; in no way cultivated. Far to the east (bottom of map) was the turnpike toll booth known as the Malt Shovel, described later as “a dubious ale house”. It was at the manor and parish boundary and passing it north and south was the ancient Welton bridleway. As to roads, there may have been tracks leading from the crossroads in the village centre, but muddy in winter and rutted in summer over the sheepwalks. A few footpaths, especially to Rowley church might have been better cared for. At the manor boundary several ‘gates’, such as Brough Gate, South Cave Gate, Cuckow Nest Gate and Little Weeton Gate, were named but whether they had real gates is unknown. The nearest and *only* trees were ancient ones at Sockenwood.

To anyone returning in 1813, after the Act had run for ten years, Riplingham would have been quite unfamiliar; roads, straight and surfaced with stone from five roadside pits, all verged, hedged and gated into fields; the turnpike relocated away from Riplingham House; 24 fields of widely varying sizes from barely an acre up to 208 acres. In all some 6.8 miles of roads, 1.9 miles of bridleways/ church roads, 4.5 miles of footpaths, and 15.6 miles of hedges had filled the landscape—truly a huge change.

Apart from a 1764 church record of ‘13 families’ we know little about the villagers before 1802, but after 1802 we know from the map who held what land, and how much. The names are few; Jos. Sykes, Thos. Duesberry, Robt. Carlisle Broadley (of Welton), Wm. Wilberforce (grandson of anti-slavery Wilberforce), Revd, Robt. Croft (Rector), and Revd. J. Thompson (of Elloughton). One wonders where the common folk were? Before enclosure each family had rights to arable strips, and to animals on the sheepwalks—did they move on or become farm labourers for the new landowners? In truth when faced with an equal right to an allotment but no money for hedging it they had little alternative but to agree to lose it. The effect in such a small community as Riplingham may have been minimal, but the loss of rights of self employment caused dissent in many other, larger, villages.

For the new owners, who had looked enviously at profits from neighbouring enclosed land, the opportunity to farm as desired led to sheepwalks being ploughed for arable crops. Manured over centuries by sheep and cattle the land was rich—*for a while*; but without manure it became soon exhausted on the dry, thin-soiled high wolds of Riplingham, and some bitter lessons learned. Ultimately liming and marling the land together with a three- or four-yearly rotation of crops enabled effective working. In due course belts of trees, mainly sycamore, gave shelter from the weather, and farms such as Field House, Riplingham Grange, and Low Hunsley, nearer to the land being worked were built in the mid-1800s.

As I mentioned above the map is well worth study; 1802 was the turning point for the high wolds lands, not merely changing the landscape to what we now have, but also our society in so many ways. Little Weeton had a somewhat different enclosure history, to be examined in the next Part.



**PLEASE NOTE: 2 SHADES OF ELVIS (10 SEPT) HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

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Submissions for the next issue  
of the Newsletter will be required  
15th November 2010



**PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING DATES**

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As above

or

Email:

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DATE	Day	TIME	VENUE
7th Oct	Thurs	7.00pm	Little Weighton Primary School
4th Nov	Thurs	7.00pm	Little Weighton Primary School



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