

## Busy Boroughbridge

The New Year is a time for resolutions. Why not try something new? Do you want to help the in community or start a new leisure activity? Whatever you choose, it is a way to get out, make new friends. The first step can be daunting – but remember the groups are made up of people like you.

If you would like your group featured in the next edition send us the details.

Here is small selection with contact details – all keen to recruit new members and volunteers!

 <p>Boroughbridge Community Choir</p>	<b>SINGING</b> Boroughbridge Community Choir T: Liz Linfoot 07793 818396 <a href="http://www.boroughbridgecommunitychoir.co.uk">www.boroughbridgecommunitychoir.co.uk</a>
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## Boroughbridge Walkers are Welcome Winter walk



Leading a walk round The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Staveley Nature Reserve in the New Year were members of the Boroughbridge Walkers are Welcome Group.

With John Gandy, one of the volunteer wardens, on hand to answer questions, the group was lucky enough to see the otters

and many of the birds over wintering at the ponds.

The Boroughbridge group are now working hard on finalising the programme for the Easter Walking Festival, details available shortly.

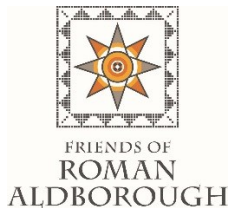
### Boroughbridge Amblers Walks in 2017

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Dishforth</b>	5 miles	Leader: Avril 01845 578 326
Thursday 2nd February	<b>Snape</b>	5 miles	Leader: Cathy 01609 761 493
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Snowdrop Walk Fountains Abbey</b>	5 miles	Leader: Sylvia 01423 322 931
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Sharow and Copt Hewick</b>	4 ½ miles	Leader: Viv 01423 326 182

Unless otherwise stated meet in Back Lane Car Park Boroughbridge for 10 am departure. Lifts available - transport sharing is encouraged.

For further information phone walk leaders.

**EVERY ONE WELCOME**



## **The expected and the unexpected: recent archaeological excavations at Cataractonium, Bainesse and Scotch Corner?!**

(A1 Leeming to Barton Road Improvement Scheme, North Yorkshire)

### **Northern Archaeological Associates**

**Saturday 25th February 2.30pm      Aldborough Village Hall**

If you have travelled north on the A1 in recent years you will have spent some of the time in road works and will have seen at first hand one of the biggest road improvement schemes in recent years. For the past three years, as part of a Highways England scheme to install an extra lane in each direction and upgrade the route to motorway standards,

An archaeological team of around 60 people have been working between Leeming Bar and Barton. This 24km section follows the route which is closely aligned to the Dere Street Roman road.

During that time, archaeologists from Northern Archaeological Associates working on behalf of the Carillion Morgan-Sindall Joint Venture have uncovered more than 200,000 prehistoric and Roman artefacts and sieved more than 86 tons of sediment samples.

Recent finds caused great excitement on site. These included coins, a rare carved gemstone depicting Hercules and the Lion and some apparently gold plated Roman objects. A selection of these artefacts from the Roman town at Catterick (Cataractonium), are now on display at The Bowes Museum until March 5th 2017.

Northern Archaeological Associates' talk will give an overview to the project but will also highlight their unexpected finds, some of which will be on view to those who attend.

Cost: Visitors £5.00    (Friends of Roman Aldborough members free)

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## 2017 Easter Photographic Exhibition

Now is the time to start sorting through your photographs ready for the exhibition.

Details of the Exhibition will be on the Yore Vision website and in the next editio



**The next Film Society meeting will be on Tuesday,  
February 28 at Coronation Hall – 8pm**

## The Martian



**Cert PG13 2015 USA Drama/Adventure/Sci-Fi**

An astronaut becomes stranded on Mars after his team assume him dead, and must rely on his ingenuity to find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive.



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## Recycle More, Waste Less!



How are you getting on with your recycling?

Reduce landfill now.

Help us to put together a list of ways 'stuff' can be recycled. We will publish the list in LUN and on [www.yorevision.org.uk](http://www.yorevision.org.uk)

We all know about paper, plastic, glass collected by the Council but what about all those other perfectly good things we no longer want or need??

Morrisons' recycling skips are still there - further up the car park!

The recycling wagon will be at Back Lane car park on 11 February 2017 and 11 March 2017.

# Events Diary

FEB  
**1**  
Wed

**Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club**

Feb 1 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

For children & young people aged 9-14. £1.50 including drink & snack. 07881 797716

FEB  
**3**  
Fri

**BCC Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Library**

Feb 3 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Drop in coffee morning in the room upstairs in the Library. Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate and biscuits for £1 – refills free. All welcome.

FEB  
**4**  
Sat

**Coffee Morning @ St James' Church**

Feb 4 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Church Lane, Boroughbridge. 01423 504913

FEB  
**7**  
Tue

**Kirby Hill WI @ Haregill Lodge**

Feb 7 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

90th Birthday Dinner. 01423 320745

FEB  
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**Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Feb 8 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

AGM, Quiz & Social Evening. 01423 325013

**Poetry Evening @ The Ship Inn, Aldborough**

Feb 8 @ 7:30 pm

Tickets include supper. In aid of St James' Church Organ Fund. 01423 326299.

To have your events listed, please send them to [diary@lowerurenews.co.uk](mailto:diary@lowerurenews.co.uk)

FEB

10

Fri

**BCC Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Library**

Feb 10 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Drop in coffee morning in the room upstairs in the Library. Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate and biscuits for £1 – refills free. All welcome.

**Book Signing Event @ The Jubilee Room**

Feb 10 @ 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Two local authors, Hazel Goss and Carole Richardson will be signing copies of their books, 'Forced to Flee' and 'North Sea Shells'. There will be a short reading from each book and refreshments.

**Roecliffe WI @ Roecliffe School**

Feb 10 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Hotter Shoes. 01423 322335

FEB

14

Tue

**Boroughbridge Historical Society @ The Jubilee Room**

Feb 14 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Coaching Memories – with Eric Houlder. All welcome – guests £3, members free. The talk will be followed by tea and biscuits. 01423 322862

FEB

17

Fri

**BCC Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Library**

Feb 17 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Drop in coffee morning in the room upstairs in the Library. Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate and biscuits for £1 – refills free. All welcome.

FEB

21

Tue

**Group WI Meeting @ The Coronation Hall**

Feb 21 @ 7:30 pm

'Oh I do like a little bit of gossip' – Vivienne Glover

Hostesses: Roecliffe WI at The Coronation Hall.

**Boroughbridge & District Antiques Society @ The Coronation Hall, Milby**

Feb 21 @ 7:45 pm – 9:45 pm

Colin Alderson: '5 Years with The Royal Household'. Visitors £3, members free. 01423 360711

FEB

24

Fri

**BCC Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Library**

Feb 24 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Drop in coffee morning in the room upstairs in the Library. Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate and biscuits for £1 – refills free. All welcome.

FEB

27

Mon

**BCC Minibus Trip @ Skipton**

Feb 27 @ 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

£8. 01423 324504



FEB  
**28**  
Tue

**Yore Film Society @ The Coronation Hall**

Feb 28 @ 8:00 pm

The Martian: An astronaut becomes stranded on Mars after his team assume him dead, and must rely on his ingenuity to find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive. Cert PG13 2015 USA Drama/Adventure/Sci-Fi. £5. Bar, Tea/Coffee.

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**Coffee Morning @ St James' Church**

Mar 4 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Church Lane, Boroughbridge. 01423 504913

MAR  
**7**  
Tue

**Kirby Hill WI @ The Coronation Hall**

Mar 7 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

In the footsteps of Eleanor of Aquitaine – Margaret Merrall and Jan Bell. Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Bring & Buy. 01423 320745

MAR  
**8**  
Wed

**Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Mar 8 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Dementia Forward: Jill Quinn talks about how we can help dementia sufferers. Competition: a seasonal flower. 01423 325013

MAR  
**10**  
Fri

**BCC Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Library**

Mar 10 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Drop in coffee morning in the room upstairs in the Library. Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate and biscuits for £1 – refills free. All welcome.

**Roeccliffe WI @ The Crown Inn, Roeccliffe**

Mar 10 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Annual Dinner. 01423 322335.

MAR  
**14**  
Tue

**Boroughbridge Historical Society @ The Jubilee Room**

Mar 14 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Old Postcards – with Tony Shepherd. All welcome – guests £3, members free. The talk will be followed by tea and biscuits. 01423 322862

MAR

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MAR

21

Tue

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Alastair Dickinson – Expert on the Antiques Road Show: 'Silver Guilt.' 01423 360711

MAR

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**Friday Night is Music Night @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Mar 24 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Come and sing along to classic songs from the shows, to the live accompaniment of The Rallentando Quartet. Or you are welcome to just listen! Refreshments available. Admission on the door £3.

MAR

28

Tue

**Yore Film Society @ The Coronation Hall**

Mar 28 @ 8:00 pm

Is Anybody There? Set in 1980s seaside England, this is the story of Edward, an unusual ten year old boy growing up in an old people's home run by his parents. Cert PG 2003 UK  
Adventure/Drama/Biography. £5. Bar, Tea/Coffee.

MAR

31

Fri

**BCC Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Library**

Mar 31 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Drop in coffee morning in the room upstairs in the Library. Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate and biscuits for £1 – refills free. All welcome.

APR

7

Fri

**BCC Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Library**

Apr 7 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Drop in coffee morning in the room upstairs in the Library. Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate and biscuits for £1 – refills free. All welcome.

**Roecliffe WI @ Roecliffe School**

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Dementia Forward with Jill Quinn. 01423 322335.

# Brighter Boroughbridge and District

**Brighter Boroughbridge** is looking forward to the new planting year but is uncertain whether it can emulate the successes of 2016.

Last year the group achieved silver gilt award in Yorkshire in Bloom and, with Boroughbridge Live, held the first, highly acclaimed, Secret Garden day.

The reservations are all to do with insufficient able bodied gardeners.

Every time an article is written there is a plea for help which, forgive the pun, falls on stony ground. We reiterate that a commitment needn't be onerous. Helpers are not expected to attend every gardening session. Just an hour a week could make all the difference.

Boroughbridge is a delightful place to live and everyone should be proud to make visitors welcome to a beautiful, tidy, welcoming town.

So, where is the community spirit? Does it really only exist in the four or five active members? They are all retired and growing less able. An injection of younger, enthusiastic people could build on this great beginning.

You do not have to have gardening expertise, just a willingness to wield a trowel or spade.

If this plea is of interest to you please contact John Goss, [john@gossonline.co.uk](mailto:john@gossonline.co.uk) or ring 01423 323123.

Finally our AGM will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February in the Council Offices on Hall Square at 7.30pm.

Why not join us and see what it is all about?



Since HSBC Bank left Boroughbridge, cash and cheques can be paid in at the Post Office – BUT to pay in cheques you need a Paying-In Book and to pay cash in you need a card for the account – either a debit card or a free deposit card – for customers who do not have a bank card associated with the account. A form to apply for a Deposit Card can be obtained from an HSBC Bank or downloaded from their website.

## Birds in Your Garden

### Winter Thrushes



Fieldfare Jill Packenham/BTO 1

Many thousand thrushes join our resident birds each winter to escape the harsh climates of northern Europe and take advantage of the abundant food provided by our milder UK winters, so if you are out and about in the countryside, you may well encounter flocks of Redwing and Fieldfare, often mixed together.

However, not much is known about the numbers that arrive, how they are distributed across the UK, and which elements in the landscape are most important for their foraging. These questions were the impetus for the BTO's Winter Thrushes Survey, which ran over the winters of 2012/13 and 2013/14. Volunteer surveyors collected data on the abundance and foraging behaviour of thrushes in over 4,000 unique 1-km squares. All thrushes were recorded, the key species being Blackbird, Fieldfare, Mistle Thrush, Redwing and Song Thrush.

Species varied in their prevalence and landscape use. The most ubiquitous was the Blackbird which occurred in 93% of all squares surveyed throughout the winter. While the species encountered least frequently was the Mistle Thrush, seen in only 55% of all squares surveyed. Species also differed in their tendency to form flocks. The average



Redwing John Harding/BTO

count was considerably higher for Redwing and Fieldfare, birds that breed mainly outside Britain and often arrive in large numbers, than for our resident thrushes. In squares where Fieldfares were recorded, the average count was 59. Whereas, the average count for Song Thrushes when they were present was just two. It was found that the average flock size varied throughout the winter, possibly linked to

changes in diet, with the largest groups of Redwing and Fieldfare recorded in February.

One of the most interesting aspects of the Winter Thrushes Survey was its potential to help us understand which foraging resources are most important. The most commonly recorded food for Fieldfare and Redwing was hawthorn berries. By contrast, invertebrates, particularly earthworms, were the most commonly recorded food for Blackbird, Song Thrush and Mistle Thrush. The relative importance of food types also changed over the winter. For example, peak hawthorn usage occurred in October and November, whereas apple usage peaked in December and January. Foraging in February and March largely targeted invertebrates. The shift from foraging in trees, shrubs or hedgerows at the beginning of winter to ground foraging from January onwards was common to all thrush species. However, it is worth noting that observers were not always able to record exactly what the birds were feeding on, particularly when they were on the ground.

Hopefully the photographs will help you distinguish Redwings from Fieldfares, but if you are still having trouble, try looking at the BTO website where you will find photos and videos to help you.

<https://www.bto.org/about-birds/bird-id/bto-bird-id-redwing-and-fieldfare>

**Mike Gray**



**Have you seen any primroses yet? They are out in Aldborough**



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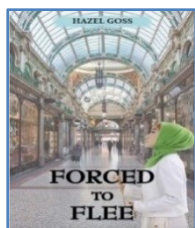
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### LOCAL AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

Hazel Goss has a book signing event on the 10th February in the Jubilee Room, 7.30 until 9, refreshments provided.

The book, 'Forced to Flee' is ready to order now at [www.ypdbooks.com](http://www.ypdbooks.com)

## Aldborough Roman Town – Aldborough Museum



A new Red Guide Book has been published – price £3.50  
*Available from the Secretary of FORA while museum is closed*  
[secretary@romanaldborough.co.uk](mailto:secretary@romanaldborough.co.uk) 01423 325 808

The museum will be open again from April 1, 2017 – and open three days a week Friday, Saturday and Sunday – as well as Bank Holidays

## Friday Night is Music Night - Aldborough Village Hall

Friday March 24th - 7:30pm

Come and sing along to classic songs from the shows, to the live accompaniment of The Rallentando Quartet. Or you are welcome to just listen! Refreshments available.

Admission £3, on the door only.

More information available from 01423 324276 or [www.uremusic.org.uk](http://www.uremusic.org.uk)



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