



Dear Member

Once again our Newsletter is somewhat briefer than usual because of the limitations placed on our activities by the Covid-19 restrictions. Just when we were all looking forward to the resumption of normality the latest variant threatens more constraints.

We have been able to undertake a few of our usual activities including bench painting. In October we resumed our programme of speaker evenings and were encouraged by the numbers attending, attracted by the quality of our speaker Ian Drake, the opportunity to socialise and, not least, the chance to enjoy the buffet supper.

On behalf of your committee I wish you a Happy Christmas and, for the New Year, a continuing hope that we, our families and friends will see during 2022 a resumption of normal life.

Philip Butler, Chairman

Christmas Tree

Our annual Christmas Tree, installed by a team of members, is overlooking The Green where it is brightening the winter evenings.



Public Footpaths

City of York Council has issued a Footpath Order to reinstate a path across South Field. (Field is opposite the Mercure Hotel). If the order is confirmed a new Public Right of Way will be created across the field from the children's play area. If it is not confirmed by the Council a decision will be made by the UK Planning Inspectorate.

The background to the path is that it was shown on the Skelton Enclosure Map 1807 when it was described as the foot road to York. The text in the Enclosure Award makes reference to ancient stiles indicating that a path did exist before 1807.

City of York Council are also proposing to close the existing path from Burtree Dam to the Ring Road and divert the path North to join the Tesco Roundabout where they intend to make an underpass. The Brecks lane footpath to the ring road will then be closed. This will avoid the risks to pedestrians crossing the Ring Road.

Following our practice of inspecting the Public Rights of Way in Skelton Parish we shall be walking the path from Moorlands to Shipton and return on Sunday February 20th leaving Moorlands at midday. All welcome. Transport will be available from The Green if required – please contact pbgarden@aol.com or phone 470241 to arrange. The walk – about 3 miles - is suitable for all ages and dogs are welcome too.

York Local Plan

Work on the York Local Plan continues. Further hearings are to be held in February, April & June 2022. Greenbelt issues are covered in the April hearings. The large development off Wigginton Road which could affect Skelton should therefore be covered during the hearings in April.

Speaker Evenings

Following our resumption of these popular events in October we have arranged two further evenings in early 2022. You may wish to make a note of the following:

Friday February 4th at 7.30pm. Speaker Eric Jackson. Subject: "Model Villages and the Rise of the Philanthropic Movement"

Thursday April 7th at 7.30pm. Speaker local resident Tony Lawton. Subject: "The Distinctive Lives of Two Skeltonians in Turbulent Times." This evening will also be our (very brief!) AGM

And Finally.....a polite reminder that subscriptions for 2022 are due shortly.

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