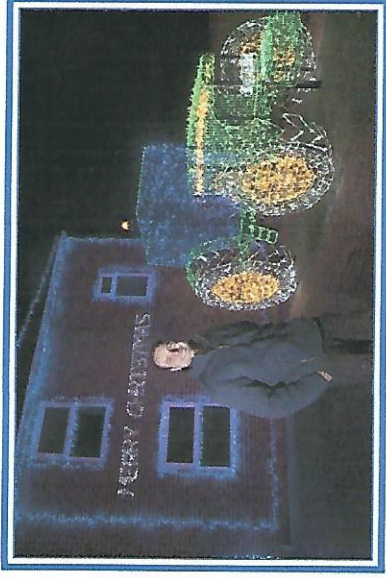


Christmas Tractor

The initial idea came to me about 3 or 4 years ago, as you know I have been decorating the house for a number of years now and I thought the tractor idea would always be good to do, time being the main reason it didn't get done until last year.



Last year was the right year to do it, as it was 10 years since my Dad passed away from cancer, it seemed very fitting to do my best to get it completed. The tractor took a good couple of months to build, 4 days of which were spent wiring lights on alone, it consists of 6000 LED lights with well over a miles of wires.

The reaction however, is like nothing I ever imagined it would be, within the first week I had been on 4 radio stations, contacted by the local press (Pocklington Post) and the farmers weekly. I must have had hundreds of people come and visit throughout the month of December, which together with the just giving page I set up, helped raise just over £2600 for Cancer Research UK.

It also paid for a visit to RBM Agricultural of Market Weighton (John Deere dealer) on the 15th December for their open day, which raised £445 in a single evening, which was brilliant. However the fund raising doesn't stop there, on the 8th February its going too YAMS (Yorkshire Agricultural Machinery Show) at Murton just outside York, I have been very kindly invited to take it by the event organisers, to continue my efforts on raising money for the cause, it will be on display throughout the day in a black out marquee kindly sponsored by RBM, who have gifted me a walk behind mower to raffle away on the day. I am very much looking forward to the day.

Many people have asked me about next year and what's the plan, well I am going to say for now is watch this space, nothing concrete yet, depending on time as well.

Andrew Wilkinson

Plants donations raised £216 for the Village Hall, if anyone is growing seedlings, making cuttings, or separating plants, could you do a few more so we can sell them again at the Easter Fair and onwards?

The Chilli night was a warm event in every way! The chilli and ratatouille were donated, as were the potatoes, and the delicious crumbles and custard. This was topped off with a quiz and a raffle.

We now have Trevor Lee to cut the grass on a regular basis.

The phone box in Hayton will be removed by BT as it hasn't been used in a long time.

Hopefully, this year we will get plans drawn up for a 2.5 meter extension to the rear of the Village Hall, in order to provide a new kitchen with rear access, storage space, 2 toilets (1 for the disabled). Would any of you be interested in helping to apply for grants? We have a certain amount of funds but not sufficient for everything that needs to be done.

Flower and Scarecrow Festival with Crafts 9 – 11 June

The theme this time for both the flowers and scarecrows will be "Cartoon Characters". There will be an 'Arts and Crafts' event as well.

There will be a private view on the Friday evening. Refreshments on the weekend.

We are looking for sponsors for the event, please let the committee know if you have any suggestions, or want to sponsor the event. There will be a large raffle with great prizes.

There will be also be a children's competition "How many items one can fit into a matchbox size 35mmx15mmx55mm, (with a number & list of the contents). To be done beforehand and submitted over the weekend.

If you would like to be on the Village Hall mailing list please email Caroline at carriewag@hotmail.co.uk.

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