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Cherry Tree Farm and the Laughton Family



Lockton is a beautiful moorland village with a long, interesting and well documented history. Perhaps not so well known is Cherry Tree Farm's close association, not with Charles Laughton, the famous Hollywood actor, but with his brother Tom. For more details of this fascinating family go to page 2.

Kevin Hollinrake MP - our voice in parliament

Our congratulations to Kevin on being appointed the Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade.

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Lockton's Nature Photography Gallery



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Lockton & Levisham WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Another busy and successful period for the WI. Full details on *page: 6*

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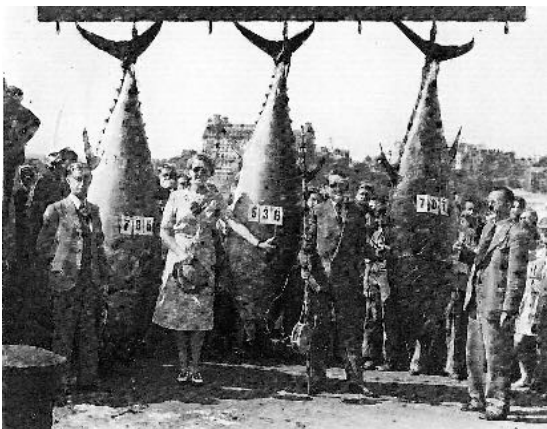
Cherry Tree Farm and the Laughton Family

Charles and Tom Laughton were born in Scarborough where their parents owned and ran three hotels, the Victoria, which was sold to buy the Pavilion Hotel (pictured right), now demolished, and later the Royal Hotel. In the words of Graham Greene, these were "two of the finest hotels in England". In his forward to Tom Laughton's biography 'Pavilions by the Sea', Greene goes on to write that Tom "was drawn into the family business by his elder brother Charles' defection to the stage. Then, in his early twenties, he transformed himself from a farmer and countryman into a hotelier the like of whom perhaps we shall never see again". This is where the story becomes really interesting because over the years Tom's guests included many famous painters, politicians, writers and actors. Winston Churchill was a guest at the Royal, as was Earnest Bevin the trade union leader and Labour Party Politician. Bevin served as the Minister of Labour and National Service in the wartime coalition. It was in this role that he met Tom Laughton and they worked together on a number of important national projects. They became good friends and at one stage Bevin stayed at Cherry Tree Farm which was also owned by the Laughton family. The photograph right taken outside Cherry Tree shows Bevin, a friend (possibly the house keeper) and Tom.



In his book Tom writes *"Cherry Tree Farm was at the entrance to Lockton village, a characteristic moorland type of stone building, with oak beams and wide thick oak planking. Father arranged that I should have his bedroom, which was wood panelled with a fine old hob grate. I was to be looked after by Mrs. Palfreyman [wife of the tenant farmer] and fed as one of the family. There was plenty of home-cured bacon and ham, lashings of eggs a joint of beef or mutton each week - every day home-baked bread, scones and cakes; butter, milk and cream from the farm dairy. During the shooting season we had pheasant, partridge, grouse, rabbits and hares - everything cooked by Mrs Palfreyman. Before the winter was over, all idea of my being delicate seemed to have vanished."*

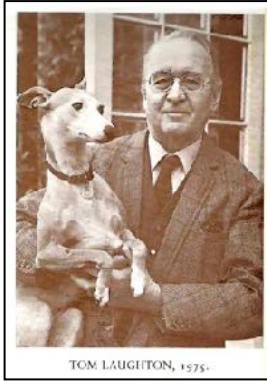
When Bevin came north he stayed at the Pavilion and on another occasion he brought his wife and stayed at Cherry Tree. Tom writes *"Harry Methven [an industrialist] and his wife were in the party. I had managed to obtain a home-fed, home-cured, Yorkshire ham off the ration. Harry was struck by the delicious flavour and asked how an earth I had been able to get it. Bevin answered for me, 'Don't ask bloody silly questions, Harry' he said."*



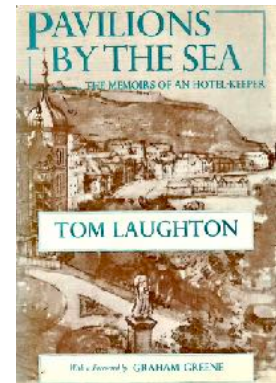
The photograph to the left taken in Scarborough shows Tom with his wife Esme in 1947 with his morning's total catch of three tunny fish weighing 2028 pounds. The tunny were feeding on the vast herring shoals that once were prolific off our coasts. The 'sport' of tunny fishing attracted rich, famous and very affluent people from around Britain and beyond.

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Tom Laughton's book, 'Pavilions by the Sea', is enjoyable and informative. He uses a very readable and easy style and his explicit descriptions of life as a hotelier are revealing and amusing.



Kevin Hollinrake MP - Continues as our voice in Parliament

A lot has clearly changed since my previous newsletter! After a positive and encouraging campaign locally, I find myself honoured to once again be able to serve the people of Lockton as your MP, with the Thirsk and Malton constituency now including Bedale and West Tanfield. I thoroughly enjoyed speaking to the people of Lockton during the campaign and I thank all of those I spoke to on the doorstep, even if we didn't agree!



Of course, I was disappointed with the result nationally and as we transition into a new political era, it is important to acknowledge the message voters have sent to the Conservatives. I've always been honest about the challenging times we've faced of late, not least due to the economic backdrop after the pandemic, but I respect the significant majority that Labour has received and it is our responsibility as a party to honour that decision. I look forward to working with the Government and North Yorkshire's new Mayor for the people of Thirsk and Malton and the UK.

I was pleased to be appointed Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade and therefore able to continue my work backing small businesses across the country. I've made clear I want to work productively with my opposite number and MPs across the House on shared aims for this country, including the issues in my former brief, most notably justice for postmasters.

Sadly, there were just 87 words on farming in Labour's Manifesto and no mention at all of food, farming or fishing in Labour's Kings Speech. As we navigate through the current political landscape, it is vital to highlight the significance of the farming and rural sector in the UK, especially in places like Lockton. Please be assured I will ensure the voices of my farming constituents are heard and push the Government to prioritise agriculture in their legislative plans going forward.

I wish you all a restful summer break.

As ever, if any Lockton residents need any assistance or wish to get in touch, please contact me at kevin.hollinrake.mp@parliament.uk or by calling 01653 916417.



**North York Moors
National Park**

The North York Moors: A place for nature, for communities and for the nation

**An update for Lockton and Levisham by Tom Hind,
Chief Executive of the North York Moors National Park Authority**

As CEO of the North York Moors National Park, I'm delighted to be given the opportunity to contribute to the Lockton Herald. Through this column I hope we are able to share a bit more about the work we're doing in and around Lockton, as well as more broadly across the National Park.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the National Parks and Countryside Act. A key component of the interwar social movement that led to the creation of the NHS, this landmark piece of legislation paved the way for the creation of National Parks, including the North York Moors in 1952. The underpinning rationale or 'purposes' as we tend to refer to them have remained the same: to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area and to create opportunities for public understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities.

National Parks were created for the benefit of the nation, but as living and working landscapes, they depend on the willingness and enthusiasm of local communities and businesses to succeed and extend a warm welcome to all who visit them. A key part of our philosophy is based on the belief that if local communities see benefit in the National Park, they're much more likely to support the designation. That's why we put a lot of store by providing support through local businesses and communities that help us to deliver our purposes.



At a recent meeting we held with Parish Councils we spoke about the wide range of grant schemes available to businesses and communities across the North York Moors. Whether it's funding to install dark-sky friendly lighting, grants for tree planting or hedgerows, or funding for local tourism initiatives, there's often a grant funding pot that's available to support local households, businesses and communities. Please get in touch with us if you're interested in hearing more about the funding we have available.

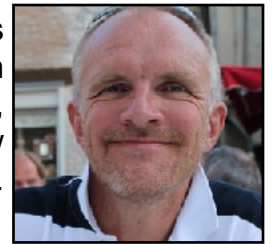
More locally to Lockton, a major nature conservation project is now getting underway. The Linking Levisham project was awarded funding from Defra last year as part of its 'Landscape Recovery' programme. One of only a handful of schemes across the country, our local project is working closely with Forestry England, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway and our farming tenants to explore how the landscape of Newtondale and Levisham can make an even greater contribution to helping nature and biodiversity to recover.

The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world, and National Parks are rightly seen as central to leading its recovery. I look forward to sharing further details about the project and how we can work more closely with the local community in future editions of the Herald..

Thought for the day - Lockton resident Rev Mike Talbot

Uncontrolled Anger is destructive in so many ways

Our Victorian forebears shied away from mentioning Sex but spent great tracts of time talking about Death. For us, the reverse is true – stream a film, listen into the gossip in the canteen, flick through the magazines on the news-stand, and the topic of sex quickly crops up. Death, on the other hand, is taboo – few of us have seen a dead body, and we try to avoid speaking of someone dying. They've passed away, or are no longer with us, or have kicked the bucket.



On TV military experts talk about 'degradation of enemy capability' or 'taking out strategic defences in a surgical operation' to spare our sensibilities. Turn away from reality to fantasy, however, and it is a different story. The internet and computer gaming are often steeped in violence, with little apparent regard for human life – if you get in my way, or annoy me, why shouldn't I kill you? And that attitude is creeping onto our streets with Road Rage, and into our neighbourhoods, where feuds can flare up. Whilst they may not end in murder, the thoughts are probably there at times – 'I wish he was dead'. That was brought starkly home last month with the attempted assassination of Donald Trump, as well as the vitriolic opposition some candidates faced in the General Election, and (more recently) the violence spilling over onto the streets of Leeds.

What lies at the root of the desire to take someone else's life? Jesus had something to say about that – he was clear that the heart of the problem is anger – what goes on inside us shapes the way that we act. We live in a world that seems to be increasingly angry. Road Rage spills over into the home – or, maybe, domestic anger & violence spills out onto the road. Either way, it causes great damage. We can feel that murder is not something we would ever do – however much we are provoked. That may be true (although many who have gone that path probably echoed similar sentiments beforehand).

All of us, however, are prone to anger – maybe we bottle it up, maybe we use it as a way of controlling others. Very rarely does it lead to the extremities mentioned – but it is still enormously destructive of relationships, and of other people. Maybe you know that from first hand experience. Either we allow our anger to control us, or we need to find ways of handling it. Such as dealing with the past – those events in our lives that can trigger our anger. Or keeping in good physical shape or avoiding likely trouble spots where we know that our anger will get the better of us.

Anger destroys – other people and us. What action will you take to avoid allowing it to control your life?

Letter from Lockton - Mark Jones



Mark has been heavily involved in helping to support and promote the highly successful Ryedale Festival this month and so we look forward to another informative contribution from him in the next edition of the Lockton Herald in December.

May meeting's Life Drawing class

Eleven members and two guests met in Levisham Village Hall for an evening of life drawing, with Vikki as tutor and Amanda as model. This was an exceptionally successful event with a good attendance and everyone throwing themselves into the challenge. Vikki spent some time allaying member's initial fears, explaining that charcoal is useful for portraying light and shade rather than depicting detail and is an ideal medium for honing drawing skills. Charcoal proved to be both a forgiving and challenging medium and the completed drawings generated much praise - and much to their surprise everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!



June meeting's 'Watch Party'

Nine members met in Goathland to enjoy the live streaming of the national WI AGM from the Albert Hall in London. The morning business meeting included delegates from all over the UK voting for the 2024 resolution "Dental Health Matters" which was approved with a huge majority. The speaker in the morning session was Nazir Afzal OBE, who spoke of his work as the Chief Crown Prosecutor and chief executive of the Police and Crime Commissioners. He is now the National Advisor on Gender Based Violence to the Welsh Government and patron of nine charities which protect and support women suffering from domestic abuse.



The afternoon session had two more excellent speakers discussing domestic abuse. Melanie Brown MBE, who personally suffered for ten years, was interviewed on stage by Victoria Derbyshire. The final speaker was Timothy Watson who played the villainous and narcissistic Rob Titchener in The Archers. He described domestic abuse as a tragically widespread problem. For the last 5 years the WI has been campaigning in support of its 2019 resolution 'No More Violence Against Women'.

July meeting's Treasure Hunt

Ten members held their July meeting in Levisham. The WI group delegate came through from Hinderwell WI to deliver her report on the recent AGM, which was comprehensive and very amusing. Yvonne and son Callum had organised an excellent treasure hunt round the village. This succeeded in taxing member's brains as well as testing their observational skills. The winners received a box of chocolates each and the losers were compensated for their labours with an excellent picnic supper. Thanks go to everyone who helped to organise the event.



Upcoming events

WI Summer Garden Party on 7th August. Presence at Goathland Show on 17th August.



LOCKTON'S BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVE

'Networking for Nature'



The response to the '[Lockton Biodiversity Project](#)' has been truly amazing and it has now become the main route for sharing information about the wonderful diversity of flora and fauna in our area and highlights the need to ensure that it is protected. The Herald will keep the photographic record for posterity

			
Common Toad Andy	Wheatear Pete	Siskin Colin	Early Purple Orchid Sue S

			
Bracket fungus Tim and Ruth	Beetle larva Mike	Puffin at Bempton Mike	Pale Tussock moth Kay and David

			
An Egyptian goose Ruby	Thrush feeding Colin	Dunnock chick Mike	Mouse Sandra C

			
Fly orchid Robin	Blackbird Mike	Woodpecker Lisa	Spotted fly catcher Pete

			
Chiffchaff Colin	Frog after fish food Gil and Phil	Nuthatch Bob	Goldfinch Colin

			
Slow worm Sandra W	Wasp beetle Colin	Little Grebe & chick Mike	Hover fly Kay and David

			
Golden ringed dragonfly Robin	Cockchafer beetle Sandra C	Bell heather Bob	Bee orchid David

			
Poplar Hawk Moth Pete	Young Blue Tit Simon	Pearl bordered fritillary Robin	Harebells Sue Slack

These photographs represent only a small selection of those posted on the [WhatsApp](#) 'Lockton Biodiversity Project'. To join the group please contact Tim and Ruth on 07930395411. If you have any local photographs to share please e-mail them to the Herald.

Flora and Fauna Focus - by Bob Dicker

Despite the fact that we have probably all complained in one way or another about 'the summer' or lack of it so far this year, there is still a lot of wildlife interest to look out for and that will remain the case regardless of what the weather in the coming weeks has in store.

By now many adult Cuckoos are already heading back to their winter quarters in Africa and it won't be very long before our local Swifts disappear from our skies once again, even though it feels like they have just arrived! In contrast Swallows and House Martins can often be seen in good numbers along the Yorkshire coast as late as early November. The fact that birds are beginning to move and will be doing so for several weeks now means we will have great opportunities to see some less common species, including warblers, finches and buntings, especially at places such as Filey Brigg or further afield at Bempton Cliffs and Flamborough where birds congregate before leaving to spend the winter somewhere warmer. Of course, at the same time we will be starting to see the arrival of some of our winter visitors coming into the country by the same routes.

By contrast there are a wide variety of plants which are only just coming into their own, both in our gardens and in the wider countryside. Dahlias, ox-eye Daisies, Phlox, Marjoram and Buddleia in our gardens are giving us the chance to see a huge array of invertebrates busily using the plants to find food such as pollen, nectar and even leaves and petals in order to complete their life cycles. The same is happening in the wild as the wild flowers reach something of a crescendo as (hopefully) the heat of summer builds. There has been a considerable interest in gardening for wildlife in recent years and this has resulted in gardens becoming an ever important wildlife resource as pressures on 'wild' areas increase. While the cost of buying seeds and plants for our gardens continues to increase we might consider collecting seeds and cuttings from our gardens for future use or to swap with others.



Sadly many of our roadside verges, potentially really valuable habitat, are choked with highly competitive, nutrient loving plants like rank grass species, thistles, docks, nettles and hogweed. While these species are useful in their own right, nutrient run-off from fields and the resulting gradual build up of more nutrient results in these species becoming increasingly dominant at the expense of finer herbs and flowers. 'Wild Flowers on the Edge' The Story of North Yorkshire's Road Verges written by Margaret Atherden and Nan Sykes gives a fantastic insight into roadside verges and their value for wildlife and worth a read. It also contains a lot of useful photographs to help with identification.



As all gardeners know there is no 'close season' for the garden, just a change in the things we do or don't do. One really valuable thing we can all do in the coming weeks is to start making plans for improving our gardens even more for wildlife next year. Bug hotels need to be in place now but bird boxes can be built over the winter months. And then there are ponds and log piles and compost heaps and bat boxes and bird tables and fruit-bearing trees and wild meadow seed to sow.....oh yes and don't forget to introduce a seat or two so you can sit and enjoy it all because come rain or shine, summer or winter there will always be something to see in our wildlife friendly gardens.

YHA Lockton – call for help and support

An opportunity for employment locally

Long Distance Entrepreneur Colin Trigg Seeks Local Help.



I'm delighted to have completed my purchase of the lovely YHA Lockton to operate it as a Franchise with YHA. This is a model I operate in the Peak District National Park in Youlgreave just outside Bakewell. It's important to me for the hostel to become part of your community. That it creates opportunities for paid work and volunteering. That it hosts interesting activities and maybe even helps to set up businesses or occupations for skilled people in the area. So I would welcome hearing from anyone with thoughts and ideas on how YHA Lockton can become "a force for good" and help me to create something special.

I live in Chester which is a 3 hour drive away. I've got a family on the Wirral, a bicycle shop in Liverpool and a Youth Hostel in the Peak District so I won't be relocating to the village. Having enjoyed holidays around Pickering I was keen to buy a hostel so close to Dalby Forest to see if I could encourage cyclists and walkers to choose Lockton over other hostels. The North York Moors National Park status as a Dark Sky Reserve is another wonderful attraction. Being on the route of The North York Moors Railway is another.

My vision is to have people with a passion for all these things welcoming my guests and showing them what's special about Lockton and the surrounding area.

Initially I'll let the hostel out for Exclusive Hire where guests stay for a weekend paying not to share with any other guests or see any staff. These guests can be families, friends or any group who want to come away together. We have 4 bedrooms (21 beds in total, mainly double bunk beds) kitchen, lounge, toilets and showers with all cutlery, crockery and bedding provided.

Whilst Exclusive Hire also happens during school holidays this model inevitably means that a lone traveller, a couple or maybe a family don't get to enjoy the hostel and the area. So maybe if I get the right help we could open the hostel to take care of these people as well? Realistically that may be a few months down the line when I've seen what activities we can provide and what it is the guests are looking for.

In Youlgreave I created an artisan bakery, café and a book shop in the hostel. There was a lot more space there and they only opened two years after buying the hostel when I listened to my neighbours feedback on what might work.

Key holder and cleaner wanted

My priority now is to find a part time keyholder and a cleaner (perhaps the same person, but it doesn't have to be) living as close to the hostel as possible. Please get in touch if you're interested. Pay will be a little bit more than Minimum Wage until I know what is affordable.



After that I'd like to hear from you if you're a tradesman or if you can recommend a tradesman. I want to know who to turn to when the first emergency arrives!

I look forward to becoming part of your community and to hearing from you.

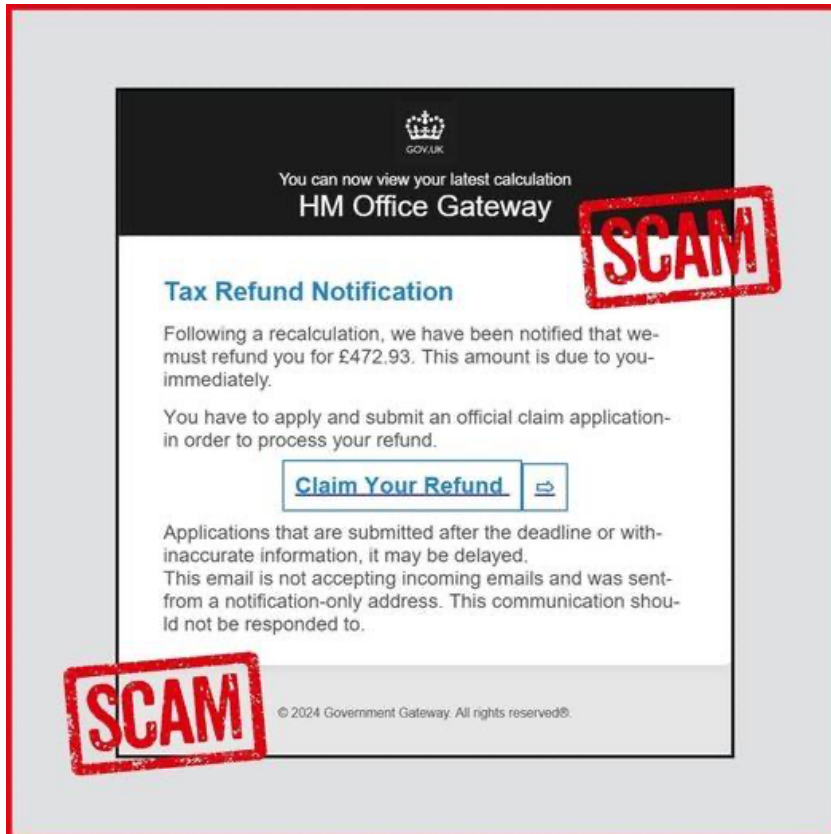
Colin Trigg, 07725 426 450, Colintrigg1@hotmail.co.uk

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Invitation to all village groups and organisations

The Herald continues to invite all village groups and organisations to submit contributions to their village newsletter the Lockton Herald to share not only with our own community but also the wider community that forms part of its database of those with connections and interest in Lockton. *All editions of the Herald are saved and archived for the future.*

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