

## More news from Dawnay Estates

### "A very long-term relationship"



Henry Pleydell Dawnay, the 3rd Viscount, grandson of the 2nd Viscount, opened his Hoares bank account in 1749. It was said that his spending was almost as heroic as his military career.

In these days of economic uncertainty we frequently hear that a supplier has a "long term relationship" with the Estate. At a recent meeting between the Estate and C. Hoare & Co there was some discussion of this nature.

At the end of the meeting it was agreed that the Bank archivist would look into exactly how long the relationship was. He came back that he could trace the bank account back to 1707 when Henry Dawnay, 2nd Viscount Downe opened an account, when it is fair to assume he met the Bank's founder Sir Richard Hoare. The archivist commented that it was unlikely things went back much before this as C.Hoare & Co was only founded in 1672.

In 1690 the Bank moved to new premises in Fleet Street where it has remained ever since. Much has changed in the last three hundred years, but both the Estate and the Bank have managed to adapt and survive.

### Dawnay Sporting: Game Birds Flourishing under care of Keepers

Game shooting is a traditional part of many Estates' activities, and now forms a significant element of the Dawnay Estate group of businesses.

Between them the two shoots – at Danby and Wykeham – employ seven keepers, all of whom are extremely skilled in their relative sectors, whether grouse, pheasant or partridge. In total about 100 days are let annually, either by the day or by the gun.

The grouse shooting at Danby near Whitby, under the watchful eye of the Head Keeper, Peter Snaith, is clearly benefitting from the Danby Moors Environmental Stewardship scheme: more intensive sheep and habitat management is having a positive impact on grouse numbers, with larger brood sizes and improved survival rates. The increasing grouse population has already prompted the appointment of a fourth underkeeper, Joe Shepherd, who started work in March. Even in the current economic climate, days for the 2011 season were quickly let – mostly to previous clients from home and abroad.

Closer to Scarborough, the partridge and pheasant 'Abbey Shoot' is now well established, with well-presented high birds off the main drives in Bedale, Yedmandale and Sawdon Dale. Head Keeper Matthew Steadman and his team have been utilising their forestry skills with strategic felling and pruning, thereby creating some astonishing and productive drives. The result is a challenging but rewarding experience for the guns.

The shoots on the Dawnay Estates have been recognised recently in the shooting press, with an article by Barnaby Dracup on the Abbey Shoot at Wykeham appearing in the June issue of the nationally-respected Shooting Gazette. Barnaby commented: "... the birds were there in force and flew high and true, giving the guns some fast and consistent shooting, truly benefitting the Abbey Shoot's high bird status".

Despite all these achievements the market this year is proving to be hard work, with less disposable income in people's pockets. All the grouse days may have been snapped up, but it's still worth enquiring about opportunities to test your skills shooting partridge or pheasant. For details of any late availability contact the Estates Director, Robert Sword, on 01723 866603 or e-mail [r.sword@dawnay.co.uk](mailto:r.sword@dawnay.co.uk).

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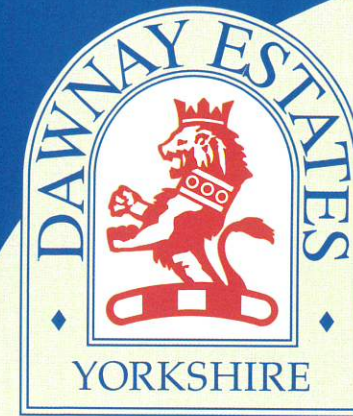
### Music returns to Wykeham this summer



The church provided a stunning backdrop for a night of operatic entertainment last year from singers from English National Opera.

Following hugely popular concerts by soloists from English National Opera in 2009 and 2010, St Helen's and All Saints church in Wykeham is proving to be an increasingly popular music venue.

A concert staged as part of the Ryedale Festival was a sell-out in July, whilst concerts in August commence with the North York Moors Chamber Music Festival on 19 August, followed by a welcome return of the ENO singers on 27 August – which promises a special treat to fans of 'Carmen'. For more information call 01723 866600.



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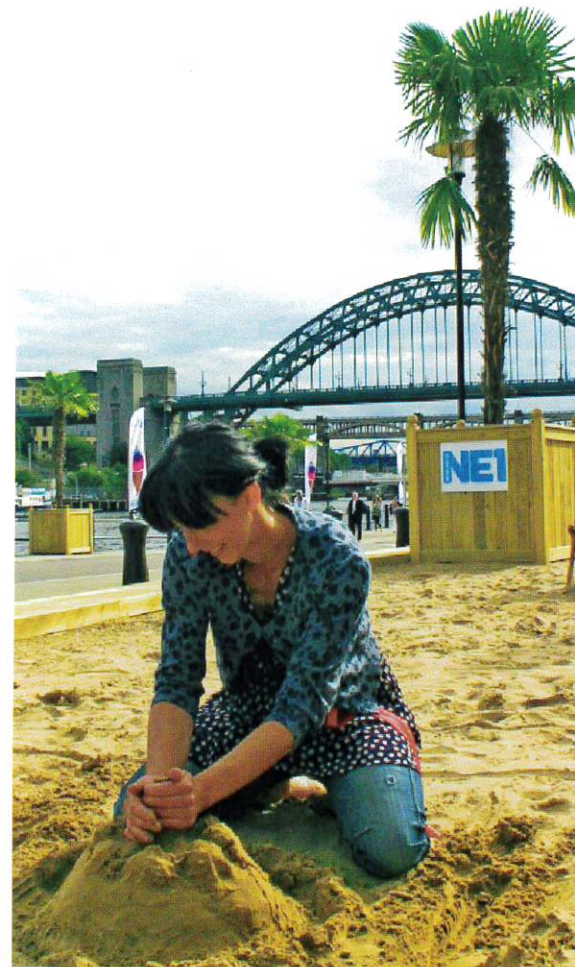
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### Welcome to the Summer newsletter

As ever the newsletter mixes the old and the new. On the first page it celebrates the creation of a beach with palm trees and a volleyball court in central Newcastle, and on the last a bank account opened over three hundred years ago. I hope you enjoy it.

*The Viscount Downe*

### 'Can-do' Wykeham Mature Plants brings the tropics to Newcastle



The sea-side comes to Newcastle

From its base six miles out of Scarborough, Wykeham Mature Plants continues to extend its reach across the country. Its reputation for transforming urban areas, parkland and gardens large and small is spreading and now extends even to city-centre beachside vistas.

Adam Smith, manager of Wykeham Mature Plants, explained: "Back in March 2011 we were approached by Robinson Landscape Design, who were working for NE1 – a company which champions and re-vitalises Newcastle city centre – inviting us to become involved in a rather interesting project.

"NE1 had asked for two temporary recreation areas to be established in the centre of Newcastle, for the summer. The first area was down by the Newcastle quayside and is set up as a beach with a volleyball court and involved Wykeham in supplying ten five-metre tall hardy palm trees (*Trachycarpus fortunei*).

"The second area is a bit more intricate being positioned in the very centre of the shopping area at Earl Grey Square and involved the

building of an Italianate garden complete with ornamental planters, instant box hedges (*Buxus sempervirens*), pencil cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*) and lawns. *Continues inside.*

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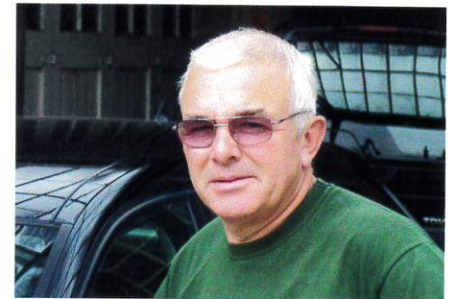
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### Welcomes, farewells and celebrations . . .

Yet again the Estates say goodbye to some members of staff whilst welcoming others.

**Graham Jewitt** who was Chauffeur to Lord and Lady Downe has retired.



Graham also had responsibility for the Garage Yard and maintenance of the Estate's vehicles. We wish him well in his retirement, which follows over 30 years of employment on the Estate.

**Anne Britton**, (below), joins the Estate Office team as job-share PA/Secretary to Robert Sword, taking over from **Emma Welbourn** who left earlier in the year.



A warm welcome goes to **Joe Shepherd**, who joins our team of gamekeepers at Danby.

Another member of staff to be sent our good wishes is **Dave Wilson**, under-keeper at Danby. Dave wed Sophie in July. We wish the happy couple all the best for their married life together.





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“This meant installing four six-metre tall Thuja Plicata Brabant in planters around the base of the memorial column to Earl Grey. This was a delicate task, working in the middle of a busy pedestrian area and above a metro station.”

Both the client, NE1, and the landscape architects Robinson Landscape Design were delighted with the end result. Director of Operations for NE1, Adrian Wardell, said: “Working with Wykeham Mature Plants on such a complex and high profile project proved to be a pleasant and problem free experience with the job finished on time to an excellent standard.”

Tom Robinson, Director of Robinson Landscape Design, added: “We had a demanding programme, an unusual planting design, and hoped for an innovative procurement process; I had no hesitation in recommending Wykeham to NE1. They are used to our preference for suppliers and contractors to be involved in our design work and I knew that they would bring a can-do attitude to the project as well as supply cost effective quality plants.”

The end results speak for themselves, but nothing stands still in the world of plants, so the job is not yet finished: at the end of September Wykeham Mature Plants will disassemble both sites and store the plants – ready to do it all again next year!

### Realising the client's dreams: a case study



#### From a building site . . .



#### . . . to a tranquil Memorial Garden

#### Close cooperation between Wykeham Mature Plants and the customer ensures a successful commission.

In the summer of 2009 funeral directors CT Butterfields & Sons of Swinton near Rotherham decided to convert an unused area into a memorial garden. That September, Brian Butterfield visited the nursery of Wykeham Mature Plants, where he saw a row of pleached laurels. Immediately recognising their potential as a screening plant, he chose eight to be placed on a holding order and booked a site visit later that month so that Martin Howe, a member of the sales team, could see the area and discuss the possibilities.

The site to be developed, although mostly mown grass, also included derelict stables, large areas of bramble and scrub, and old crumbling walls. It was overlooked by a row of terraced houses.



Luckily, Mr Butterfield had by this time already given the matter a great deal of thought. He had begun discussions with a local builder, Rutledge Construction, who were to carry out the necessary construction work. Most importantly, he had already sketched out a clear idea of what he wanted to achieve, indicating the positions of the main features and buildings.

The brief for the planting was that it must be low maintenance; predominantly evergreen but with seasonal interest and fragrance; open to the public; welcoming yet providing areas of privacy; robust yet gentle; and must allow space for customers to add their own planting such as bedding or bulbs if they so wished. It was also important not to encroach over areas where plaques or other memorials had already been fixed.

Once the area had been cleared, the first issue to tackle was that of privacy. Since the adjacent residential road was higher than the level of the garden, not only was a new boundary wall constructed, but a large, tiered raised flower bed was created: this elevated the soil level sufficiently to allow the pleached laurels to reach high enough up to provide screening from the upstairs windows of the neighbouring houses. This and other preparatory work throughout the project was discussed and carried out prior to the planting team from Wykeham arriving on site, thereby anticipating potential problems and minimising the time taken. The result was a project that was both pleasurable and satisfying for Wykeham Mature Plants and the client.

The planting was carried out in two phases during 2010, with a few final finishing touches this spring. Despite the intervening winter being the coldest on record, disruptions were thankfully minimal, and the official opening took place on the 24th of June 2011. What was once scrubland and coarse grass is now a memorial garden to treasure, thanks to close cooperation between all the parties.

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### Foresight pays dividends for Wykeham commercial properties

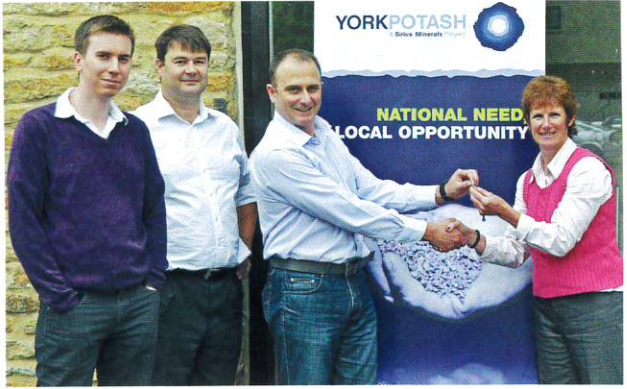
Installation of a fibre-optic cable that carries ultra high-speed broadband has proved a sound investment as more companies choose to base themselves at Wykeham.

Wykeham Business Centre and Farfield Workspaces have recently welcomed two new companies each, with internet capability being a significant factor in attracting occupiers.

One company, York Potash Ltd, is responsible for one of the most exciting commercial ventures in the region, if not the entire country, exploring for potash between Whitby and Scarborough and out under the North Sea. It has the potential to create thousands of associated jobs, boosting employment locally.

Also new to Wykeham Business Centre is Lawrence Neil Wealth Management, which has relocated from Scarborough town centre to Lora Courtyard.

The light industrial units at Farfield, meanwhile, have seen the arrival of Lovell Respond, responsible for the heating contracts for Yorkshire Coast Homes, and local impresario Tony Peer's Productions' costume and scenery department.



Katrina hands over the keys to staff from York Potash



The cast of Sugartown, produced by Shed Media

in late July. Amanda Wasey of Shed Media said: “One of the main reasons we chose Wykeham Business Centre as our production base for ‘Sugartown’ was because of the high spec internet service. It is imperative for a TV production to have a good communication system, and we were not disappointed at Wykeham.”

For information about commercial properties contact Katrina Shamel, Wykeham Business Centre Manager: k.shamel@dawnay.co.uk .

### Super step forward for St Helen's

As the recession continues to bite one ‘silver lining’ for businesses is the increasing popularity of ‘staycations’. And one Dawnay Estates enterprise in a position to respond to this need is St Helen's in the Park – but it has to make sure it's offering the best value for everyone's hard-earned money.

One of the ways it's doing this is by the creation of ‘super pitches’ – 10 meter square pitches equipped with all the amenities the customer could want.

Explains manager Chris Tedman: “Nowadays caravanners expect a little more. So we've made large areas of hard-standing, with wooden surrounds, individual water taps, and electric and drainage points. The finishing touches were provided by Wykeham Mature Plants, which



supplied mature hedging to create screening of individual pitches, giving people their all-important privacy”.

“All the comments from customers have been positive, and we can be proud of offering a proper ‘Super Pitch’.”

### Chasing the dragons at Wykeham Lakes

In June Wykeham Watersports was delighted to host the first-ever Scarborough Dragon Boat races.

Scarborough's Rotary Cavaliers staged the event to raise funds for a new children's out-patient unit at Scarborough Hospital, with an equal amount of money going to other good causes.

Wykeham Lakes proved the perfect venue for a great family day out.

The event was a resounding success, beating all expectations and making a return visit very likely. It looks as though there could be dragon boats in Wykeham for years to come.

