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**Sunday 26 June 11am
Patronal Festival of
Saint John the Baptist
Arkholme**

United Benefice Service
Arkholme parish church
Join us for the biggest
Sunday service of the year
as all four parishes gather in Arkholme
for Arkholme's midsummer Patronal
Festival of Saint John the Baptist



followed by...

**Sunday 26 June 12.30pm
Open Garden and lunch**



at Station House, Arkholme
£5 including lunch – home-made
soup, sandwiches and cakes
in aid of Arkholme parish church

**Saturday 9 July from 3pm
Arkholme Village Sports Day**
*Fun for all the family – Jacobs Join
in the Village Hall afterwards
bring your own drinks*

**Saturday 6 August 6.30pm
Whittington B4RN Barbecue**

Whittington Village Hall
to thank all those who have supported
this community project in whatever
way – and to thank Whittington
residents for their cooperation and
understanding as we have criss-
crossed the parish over the last two
years to get the job done. The project is
almost complete, with the final few
connections in Whittington expected to
be in place by the end of July
*Bar open – please bring your own food
(burgers, sausages, buns, salads)*

**The scaffolding is now up at
Whittington church** for the renewal
of the guttering and the down-pipes,
and other high-level tasks while we
have the rare access – maintaining
our heritage for future generations.



This set of works will cost just over
£9,000 including the scaffolding, and
this has to be found locally. Please do
make a contribution: you can put a
cheque through the door at Pearson
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to Whittington PCC, or you can make
a donation through your own online
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more events around the villages on the back cover...

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Arkholme School *Headteacher Joy Ingram* www.arkholme.lancs.sch.uk 21418

Arkholme Village Hall www.arkholme-village-hall.co.uk 07716 122940 Committee usually meets second Thursday of each month (email or phone to check) – all welcome

Book Club *May Levick* 21669

Bowling Club Arkholme Monday evenings *David Smith* 03330 119 303

Drama Group *Neil Read* 21339 realneed@hotmail.com

Lunch Club *Carole Webb* 22202 or *Doreen Airey* 22023 for retired residents of the three villages – usually on the second Wednesday of the month from October to May

Methodist minister *Peter Brown* 01524 771230

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Police PC3573 *Rob Barnsley* carnforthnpt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk telephone 101

Whittington Village Hall *Karan Metcalfe* 71287

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Women's Institute *Janice McIlveen* 21693

Vicar *Revd Michael Hampson* vicar@these4parishes.co.uk 21712

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Wagtail

Welcome to the combined July and August edition.

All local churches and community groups are welcome to send in news of their activities to Wagtail – reports of recent events (with photographs if available) as well as announcements of what's coming up. Other local news is also welcome.

The next edition is the **September edition**. The deadline for items for inclusion is 19 August. Please submit all items to editor@wagtail.org.uk

Wagtail is also available online at www.wagtail.org.uk

Many thanks as always to all our contributors and distributors.

Michael Hampson

Notices

Very many thanks to all who worked so hard for the evening at Newton Gate in May. Despite the chill, around 80 people attended. Many grateful thanks for their support, and for helping to make it such a happy occasion. £1,105 was raised that evening, and with further donations the final result was £2,471. Again, thank you! - *Sue Kimber*

The Flower Festival staged by Hornby Flower Club in Saint Maragret's Church was a great success. We had over 350 visitors and many expressed their delight and surprise at the number of designs on show. The Church visitors book is full of very positive comments. The theme was *book titles* and the arrangements varied in size and construction, some small such as the arrangements above the choir stalls, to *Swallows and Amazons*, a very large arrangement which included a boat! The team of stewards was on hand to offer visitors the Festival guide and information on the church as well as answering questions about the village. Throughout the weekend the refreshment staff made hundreds of cups of tea and served lots of delicious home made cakes. The committee is enormously grateful to everyone who supported us through donations, supplying cakes, acting as stewards and serving refreshments, staging the designs and visiting the Festival. Also to the vicar and PCC for allowing us to stage the Festival in such a lovely setting. It was worth all the hard work as we were able to donate to Saint Margaret's PCC the magnificent sum of £1,700. Thank you all - *Pat Seber*

Hornby Singers The new *Come and Sing* Group has meet three times now with an average attendance of 26 singers. At present we are getting to grips with warming our voices on lip trills, singing up and down the scales to numbers and best of all learning new songs such as Lullaby of Birdland, Flying Free and Can You Here Me. There is more in the musical pipeline and our musical director Dan Adams says were are doing well, but he could be biased. The dates for July are Tuesday 12 and 26 July, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Hornby Institute, and from September we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Please come and join us, and if you are interested in an evening singing group then please contact Pat on 015242 21449 - *Pat Seber*

A new Zumba class has started at Arkholme Village Hall on Wednesdays, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, £4 per session.

Parish Councils Whittington Parish Council met on 23 May, and Arkholme Parish Council met on Monday 6 June. Both had been represented at a meeting of Lancaster Bus Users Group, which hopes that a once- or twice- daily service might be reinstated on the route from Lancaster to Kirkby Lonsdale via Whittington, Arkholme and Gressingham. Arkholme meets next on Monday 4 July, and Whittington on Monday 18 July, each at 7.30pm in the relevant village hall, and residents are welcome.

Whittington Village Hall Draw: May Mike Smithson £20, Pauline and Derek £10, Paul Ogden £5; June Marie Blackburn £20, John Pinch £10, Vera Harrison £5.

Mothers Union

The Mothers Union branch in Hornby has recently been revived as a midweek meeting open to all, maintaining its links with the worldwide fellowship of the Mothers Union which is active in 83 countries around the world.

On 15 June, thirteen members and friends attended the Tunstall Deanery MU Festival at Holy Trinity Church Bolton-le-Sands. We were all attired in our finery including hats or fascinators and red rose button holes. We celebrated 140 years of our worldwide organisation, 90 years of the Bolton-le-Sands branch, and our patron the Queens 90th birthday.

The Hornby Mothers Union banner pole was polished for the occasion and the banner taken up to the front with the others.

The service was led by The Reverend Nancy Goodrich, who is now the Area Dean, and the address was given by the Mothers Union Diocesan Chaplain, the Reverend Canon Andrew Holliday. We also heard a tribute to the Queen from the Reverend Canon Paul Warren, who had received Maundy Money from her Majesty at Saint George's Chapel last year. There was a rededication of Mothers Union membership by our Diocesan President, Mrs Enid Nutall. Prayers were led by Reverend Pauline Bicknell, Vicar of Saint Luke's, Slyne with Hest, and last but by no means least, Margaret Watson (Silverdale) and I (Hornby) were commissioned as Branch Leaders by the Reverend Anne Pettifor. It was a really lovely service and great that most of our group were able to be there.

It was followed by a splendid afternoon tea which all groups had contributed to including a beautiful and vast cake made in the form of an open book by Danielle Barker from Docker. It really was a wonderful afternoon of friendship and fellowship.

We are meeting for our annual meal on Wednesday 20 July, 12noon for 12.30 at the Castle Hotel, Hornby. Non-members (male and female) are most welcome to join us. Please contact Rose (21047) or Josie (21071) if you want to come as we need to give in final numbers and menu choices in advance.

Our coffee morning will take place on Saturday 6 August at Hornby Institute, 10am to 12noon. The annual service is on Wednesday 21 September at Saint Margaret's, and speaker meetings resume on Wednesdays 19 October, 16 November and 7 December, 2pm in Hornby Institute.

Rose Roberts

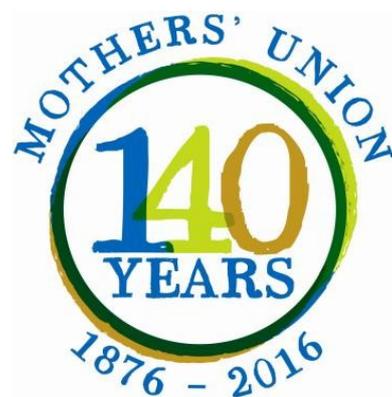
Free money for teenagers

Final call for this year!

The Whittington and Arkholme charities make small cash grants to young people from Whittington and Arkholme who are in further education.

If you are aged 16+ and in full-time education this September, send your contact details and details of your course and year to vicar@these4parishes.co.uk.

The Whittington and Arkholme charities hold old educational endowments associated with the two villages, and the trustees include the vicar and representatives of the two parish councils.





**The Church of England parishes of
Hornby, Whittington, Arkholme and Gressingham**

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We're here every Sunday

Whittington
9.30am
every Sunday
*except first Sunday
of the month*

Arkholme
9.30am
every Sunday
*first three Sundays
of the month*

Gressingham
monthly programme
includes **8am** and
9.30am Communion
and **6.30pm** Evensong

Everybody welcome

Plus: in Hornby, our partner parish across the river, there is Parish Communion every Sunday at 10.45am, with choir and organ, and Sunday School and Youth-led services on the dates below

SUNDAY SERVICES in JULY and AUGUST

	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham
3 July	-	9.30am	6.30pm
10 July	9.30am	9.30am	8am
17 July	9.30am	9.30am	-
24 July	9.30am	-	9.30am
31 July	<i>United Benefice Service, Hornby 10.45am</i>		
7 August	-	9.30am	6.30pm
14 August	9.30am	9.30am	8am
21 August	9.30am	9.30am	-
28 August	9.30am	-	9.30am

Hornby

10.45am Parish Communion every Sunday
8am Holy Communion on 5 & 17 July and 7 & 21 August

Sunday School 10.45am in Hornby church
First Sunday of every month – 3 July and 7 August

Youth-led service 10.45am in Hornby church
Third Sunday of every month – 17 July and 21 August

There is a **midweek communion** service
every Wednesday morning at 10am in Hornby

There will be **Afternoon Teas**
served inside Saint Margaret's, Hornby
3pm to 5pm on Sunday 17 July and Sunday 21 August



The weather in Arkholme

Robin McIlveen

May Weather in Arkholme

Rain Days 12 out of 31

Decidedly Wet Days (5mm+) 2 of those 12

Extremely Wet Days (25mm+) none

Wettest Day 20th-21st 7.4mm

Monthly total 28.2mm (1.1 inches)

2016 so far 436mm (17.2 inches)

May turned out to be the driest month since the 18mm of September 2014, and one of only *nine* months under 30mm since my records began in June 2000 (192 months ago). There were 19 dry days, which is nearly twice the typical 10; and half of the month's rain fell in the two Decidedly Wet Days, leaving only 14mm to come from the other 10 rain days.

The hot dry weather set in very suddenly between May 3rd and 6th, as afternoon temperatures rose by 10°C to 23.5°C. While the high pressures persisted, afternoon temperatures rose and fell through 20°C, before rising to the mid 20s near the end of the month, and then rose to reach 30°C (86 °F) on June 5th and 7th. This transition from cool late spring to unmistakable summer was much sharper than I have seen since we lived in Pennsylvania's continental climate decades ago.

The high pressure crumbled into a thundery low on June 10th, since when we have had over 60mm via several heavy falls. On many days you could see mountainous clouds building during the morning as the sun warmed the land surface. The warm, humid (ie rich in water vapour) surface air rises, expands and chills to saturation at cloud base, above which excess vapour condenses into a cloud of tiny water droplets (each ~ 0.01 millimetre across) suspended in the rising air – a slow version of what you get when you pop a pressurized drink can or bottle.

How can such tiny droplets grow enough to become millimetre-sized rain drops falling onto your umbrella at several metres per second? The million-fold growth in water volume depends on the fact that not all droplets are exactly the same size, so that the larger ones fall faster and collect smaller ones by colliding and merging, and then fall even faster, and so on. Though complex in detail, this mechanism is fast and efficient, so that virtually any cloud more than 500 metres deep will produce rain within 15 minutes.

The tops of big shower clouds can reach heights of 10km, and can grow precipitation (snow, rain and hail) inside their bulk, and drop it (mostly as rain in summer) on the underlying land for half an hour or more at rainfall rates of up to 100mm per hour. Fortunately the shafts of heavy precipitation are usually only a few kilometres wide so that a rain shower lasts for only a few minutes on any fixed location (my garden for example), before the wind moves it on to deluge someone else. Even so, I may receive 10mm (nearly half an inch) in that short time. However, in very slack winds, downpours can last much longer at any one location which will quickly overwhelm local drainage.

Lightning and thunder next time.

Robin McIlveen

The year 2016 to the end of May:

Of the 152 days in the period, 56 have been dry, and 96 rain days have produced 464mm (18.3 ins) of rain. Of the 96 rain days, 37 have qualified as Decidedly Wet Days, and of these Decidedly Wet Days, 1 has qualified as an Extremely Wet Day.

Arkholme and District WI



Whittington Village Hall was the venue for June's meeting. Twenty members and guests were welcomed by our President.

"Is the Father in?" was the title of Canon Carole Marsden's talk. She kept us fascinated, interested and highly amused by the stories she related about life as the female vicar of a town parish in Bolton. The title of the talk reveals Carole's first obstacle, acceptance of a female vicar in 1995. Carole's sense of humour and bubbly personality ensured that she had a very happy stay in Bolton.

In complete contrast she then became the vicar of Shap, followed by retirement to Kirkby Stephen, becoming the Rural Dean. Later, when Kirkby Stephen needed a vicar, Carole stepped in.

Congratulations and good wishes were given to Ursula who has a birthday soon and has just become a grandmother for the second time.

The Business Meeting followed. Our trip to Bayview Garden Centre was greatly enjoyed and we decided to celebrate Christmas with a similar evening next December. Both resolutions which we discussed last month, were carried at the National AGM in Brighton. Our group will be supporting Lancaster Women's Refuge over the next few months.

The next meeting will be in Arkholme Village Hall on Monday 11 July. The speaker will be Mr R David whose subject will be, "Ice Houses in Cumbria and The Lune Valley." Visitors will be welcome.

Gerald Hodgson writes...

My sister Joan and her husband Jim will be celebrating their **diamond wedding** anniversary on 14 July. They were married by Rev Norman Cairns in Arkholme Church in 1956. They emigrated to New Zealand the following year to work on a sheep farm on the South Island. They gradually moved north, finally buying their own farm about eight miles inland from the Bay of Islands. All went well until the UK joined the Common Market and they could no longer sell their milk. They sold their herd at a loss, some of their land, and moved into a smaller place near Whangarea, and started growing cut flowers for the export market. This carried on until they retired a few years ago. They have a family of two boys and two girls, and eight grandchildren. Their elder daughter Lynda (a nursing sister) and her husband Clyde are visiting the UK in August, and will be staying with me for a few days. She is very keen on genealogy, and has traced our family tree back to the seventeenth century, and is looking forward to reading the little book on the history of Gressingham Church.

It is over twelve months since I mentioned the condition of the Parish seats. Nothing changes – nothing is done about them. If they are not going to be repaired and the long grass around them trimmed, could we have one moved to the path on the river bank in a nice position, where weary walkers could sit for a short time and enjoy the tranquil scenery? The Whittington sign on Kirkby Lonsdale road is still lying at a drunken angle in the hedge – does no one else notice the sad state of this sign as they pass by?

[On 23 May, Whittington Parish Council voted to upgrade the three benches around the village, using £200 raised at the beacon lighting event for the Queen's 90th birthday – Ed]

More events around the villages



Friday 8 July 7.30pm
Saturday 9 July 2.30pm
& Saturday 9 July 7.30pm
Hornby Drama Group
"Girl in da Hoodie"
by Sid River – an alternative
take on *Little Red Riding*
Hood performed by our
younger members
£6/£4 *Hornby Institute*

Monday 11 July 7.30pm
Women's Institute
Arkholme Village Hall
Mr R David – "Ice Houses
in Cumbria and the Lune
Valley" - *visitors welcome*



Wednesdays 6 & 20 July
Whittington Coffee Morning
10.30am-12noon in the village hall

Saturday 9 July
Summer Evening of Jazz & Fizz
with the High Society Jazz Band
Station Farm Wennington
tickets £15 to include summer supper,
strawberries & cream and a glass of
fizz from Linda Kirkby 21486 or
Phyllis Holt 21443 jrholt@live.co.uk

Tuesday 9 August 8.30am to 5pm
Lunesdale Agricultural Show
Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club
www.lunesdaleshaw.org.uk

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