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of Whittington, Arkholme and Gressingham

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TUESDAY**

Tuesday 28 February Pancake Party

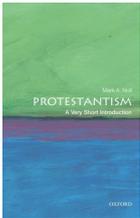
6pm to 7.30pm

Whittington Village Hall

free entry – pancake
mixture and fillings
provided – cook your own
or let us do it for you

Monday 6 March Lent Book Club

begins – reading 'Protestantism'
by Mark Noll (£5 at the back of
church) – five weekly sessions
starting 4pm Monday 6 March
at 3 Montbegon Hornby or
7.30pm Wednesday 8 March
at Station House Arkholme



Wednesday 8 March 1pm Lunch Club

Arkholme Village Hall

Open to all retired residents of
Whittington, Arkholme and Gressingham
three-course lunch £7 – please book by
Monday: Carole 22202 or Doreen 22023

Saturday 11 March Litter Picking

in Gressingham and in Whittington

Following the success of last year's
events, Gressingham and Whittington
Parish Councils are both organising Litter
Picking days for Saturday 11 March, to
tidy up all the paths and verges around
the two villages. Whittington 9.30am to
12.30pm, with the village hall open for
refreshments. For Gressingham meet at
the Old School Room at 10am.



Sunday 12 March Sunday Morning Songs of Praise 9.30am

Whittington Church
informal half-hour
service of the best
all-time favourite

hymns with Anthony Smith at the organ
refreshments afterwards – a great way to
start Sunday – everybody welcome

Monday 13 March 7.30pm Women's Institute

Gressingham Old School Room
The art of garden composting
Visitors welcome



Friday 24 March 7.30pm Philippines night

Gressingham Old School Room

Roger and Anne Clough's trip to the
Philippines – slides, talk, refreshments



Sunday 26 March 9.30am Mothering Sunday

Whittington Church
informal half-hour service
everybody welcome

Friday 28 April 7.30pm The Romans in Lunesdale

Gressingham Old School Room
with local historian Andrew White

more events on the back cover...

Directory

Arkholme Post Office *Arkholme Village Hall* Mondays and Thursdays 2pm to 4pm

Whittington Post Office *Whittington Village Hall* Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Arkholme and Whittington Parish Council Clerk *Gillian Hodgson* 21814
6 Meadoway Arkholme LA6 1AT arkholmebrownies@hotmail.com

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

Kirkby Lonsdale Voluntary Car Scheme Car and volunteer driver, 45p per mile measured from driver's house back to driver's house 07788 522511

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

Playgroup/Toddlers *Danielle Barker* wagtailplaygroupandtoddlers@gmail.com 21921

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

Whittington Village Hall *Karan Metcalfe* 71287

Coffee Mornings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 10.30am to 12noon

Women's Institute *Janice McIlveen* 21693

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

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Wagtail

Welcome to the March edition.

All local churches and community groups are invited 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 April edition. The deadline for items for inclusion is 19 March. 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



'Sunday Morning Songs of Praise' launched as a new monthly Sunday morning service for Whittington last month

On Sunday 12 February, from a 9.30am start, we had five great hymns (with Anthony Smith at the organ), and young people reading the scriptures – and we were serving coffee and cake before 10am

Join us for the next in the new series at 9.30am on Sunday 12 March, and then every month on the second Sunday of the month: 9 April, 14 May, 11 June
a great way to start Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICES in MARCH



	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham	
5 March	-	9.30am HC	3.30pm EP	SoP – Songs of Praise
12 March	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	8am HC	HC – Holy Communion
19 March	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-	SW – Service of the Word (service without communion)
26 March	9.30am SW	-	9.30am HC	EP – Evening Prayer (evensong)

Hornby 10.45am Parish Communion every Sunday
including Sunday School on the first Sunday of every month (5 March)
and the youth-led service on the third Sunday of every month (19 March)

Midweek Communion is at 10am every Wednesday in Hornby

Vicar of Whittington, Arkholme, Gressingham and Hornby
Revd Michael Hampson · vicar@these4parishes.co.uk · 21712

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Notices

The Lunch Club cooks a very fine three-course lunch for retired residents of the three villages eight times a year, in Arkholme Village Hall, and children from the top class at school come across to help serve. The organisers are looking for more volunteers. If you can help, please do contact Carole on 22202. *Lunch club is usually on the second Wednesday of the month from October to May.*

Gressingham's got talent! Gressingham Fellowship is thinking of hosting a talent evening later this year – a fun informal event where the people of Gressingham and Eskrigge could show off their talents. This could be a performance (individuals or small groups) such as singing, playing an instrument, magic/puppet show, drama, comedy, poem, story, physical or intellectual skill etc etc . Or you could present something: painting, sculpture, textiles, model, film, photography, flower arrangement, cooking, baking, gardening etc. We need some offers in advance if we are to go ahead, so please contact Alex if you might have a talent to show: alexphillips@promotional-goods.org.uk

Saint John's, Gressingham: Thank you to all the loyal people who clean the church during the year. All that is required weekly is the dusting of the pew tops, brushing down the slate flagged area in the Chancel and the cleaning of the carpet, two people working together. From time to time the brass needs polishing. All high level cleaning can be done during Boon Days, held intermittently. There are vacancies on the rota; please get in touch on 21461 if you can help. – *Mary McClements*
4 March Mrs Couthwaite & Mrs Henning / 11 March Mrs Bell & Mrs Griffin
18 March (vacant) / 25 March Mrs Barton & Miss Barton

Gressingham Church Council: In April the Church Council will be reviewed. There is a vacancy, due to a retirement. Please get in touch if you would be interested in joining us. We meet 4/5 times per annum and the care of our church and our neighbours are our concerns. – *Mary McClements 21461*

Gressingham's Pearson Trust Working Group – the next report back to Gressingham and Eskrigge on the work the group has been doing will take the form of an exhibition in the Old School Room on Friday and Saturday the 21st and 22nd April, together with a meeting on Sunday 23rd April. More details next month. – *Jane Paxman*

Arkholme School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Arkholme School has a good team of school governors with a whole range of skills – but there is still space at the moment for two more. Serving as a school governor is a great way to contribute to the local community, for parents, grandparents, or friends of the school. Foundation Governors also support the ethos of the school as a church school. Anyone interested can find out more by contacting the vicar on 21712 or vicar@these4parishes.co.uk

STILE (Stop Turbines In the Lunesdale Environment) was formed in April 2005 in response to the threat of a large windfarm development at Cragg Lot near Arkholme in the lower Lune Valley. It has been active from time to time since then working to preserve our unique and relatively unspoiled local scenery. Following its recent success in preventing a development at Sunny Bank Farm adjacent to the site of the original threat, the current STILE Committee has considered the future of the group. It has unanimously decided to merge the remaining assets of the group with the larger FELS (Friends of Eden, Lakes and Lunesdale Scenery) who will keep them available to continue to oppose any future significant wind farm developments in our area. The STILE committee wish to thank all members of the public who have provided support, both practical and financial over the last twelve years in our fight to keep the Lune Valley beautiful and unique.

Local Plan for Lancaster District. 'The new Local Plan will identify land to meet future development needs and will protect areas which are of environmental, economic and community importance. We welcome your views and opinions on the content of the documents which form part of the Local Plan.' The plan includes a review of the green belt. The nearest large housing developments currently proposed are in Halton and south of Carnforth. Consultation runs from now until 24 March, and includes **Tuesday 7 March** 4pm to 7pm at Hornby Institute, and **Wednesday 8 March** 12.30pm to 3.30pm at Lancaster Library. For details Go to www.lancaster.gov.uk and in the search box type *local plan consultation*.

Whittington Village Hall coffee mornings this month are on Wednesdays 1 and 15 March, 10.30am to 12noon. The winners in this month's Whittington Village Hall draw are: T Graham £20, J Jones £10, S Redman £5.

Whittington Race Night returns on Saturday 24 June 7.30pm in Whittington Village Hall. You can be owner, trainer, jockey or punter – reserve the date.

The Whittington Village Blog maintained by John Keegan keeps an eye on local developments. The latest piece is about the proposed Speed Indicator Device for the village, and the proposed increase in the parish precept. The blog is online at www.whittingtonvillage.org.uk/blog/ - *Graham Williams 73667*

Also this Lent



Ash Wednesday 1 March 10am
Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent
full sung service with Hornby School staff and pupils
present – Hornby church – everybody welcome



Friday 3 March 2pm – Women's World Day of Prayer
prepared this year by Christian Women of the Philippines
at Tunstall Church (a third of a mile down Church Lane, LA6 2RQ)
with refreshments after the Service



Wednesdays 8, 15, 22 and 29 March 12noon-1.15pm
Christian Aid Lent Lunches – fresh home-made bread and soup
served at your table inside Saint Margaret's, Hornby



Saturday 18 March 9.30am to 3.30pm
Day conference for young women ages 16 to 40
with Bishop Libby Lane – morning and afternoon
creche available, lunch provided. A small group is
going from the parish. *Saint Leonard's Penwortham PR1 9JA*
Book places direct with Rosie Strachan on Blackburn
(01254) 503078 or rosie.strachan@blackburn.anglican.org

Honey bees



Matthew Blane has sent in this photograph and the accompanying story.

"I enjoyed a very rewarding experience toward the back end of 2016 and thought it might be one to share with the people of the parish. During an autumn walk with the family in the fields to the back of Arkholme Village Hall, running parallel with the railway, we noticed what looked like a colony of bees high up in one of the bigger trees. Now I'm no beekeeper, but I felt that with the weather turning cold they surely wouldn't survive being exposed to the elements. During a conversation with my parents, they suggested making contact with a local beekeeper, and following a search on the British Beekeeper Association website, I found a local chap called Andrew Royce. After some dialogue over email, I received the following email from Andrew."

Matthew,

I went along this afternoon and found the bees - just within reach of my ladder. The cows in the field kept away long enough to enable me to go up with a cardboard box, and cut the comb - or as much as I could get - away from the branch. I then wrapped the whole lot up in a sheet to bring it home.

I don't think they would have survived the winter up there as it did not look as though this was overspill from a hole in the tree. Holes in trees provide a perfect natural hive for them, but that was not the case here. What I will do is try to organise the bees into a proper hive and sort them out some winter stores of honey or alternative.

I will let you know how they fare and once again thank you for contacting me.

Andrew



A few weeks later, Wagtail received a notice from Lune Valley Community Beekeepers: **If you get a swarm of honey bees in your garden, call Fred Ayres on 01524 811978. We will happily remove and re-home them at no cost.**

I was intrigued, and asked Fred to say a bit more. This was his reply.

Swarming is the natural way that a colony of honey bees reproduces.

It happens when the colony has raised a new queen which is almost ready to emerge from her cell. Just prior to this, around half of the bees in the colony gorge themselves on honey and, together with the old queen, take to the skies in search of a new home.

The swarm can contain anywhere between ten and thirty thousand bees, and appears like a dark cloud, but we usually tend to spot them when they are resting as a cluster on a tree branch or gate post.

Swarming bees have little interest in people. Their priority is to find a safe place to set up their new colony, so you have little to fear from them. However, you should still act with caution as bees are wild insects.

Swarming can occur at any time from March to September, but usually occurs during the first periods of really warm weather in late April through to June.

Many thanks to Matthew, Andrew and Fred.



The vicar writes...

Lent 2017 – Reformation 500

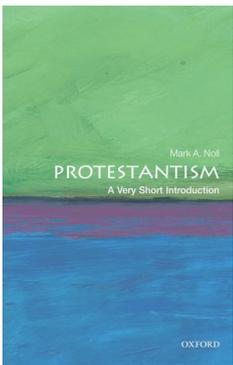
2017 marks 500 years exactly since Martin Luther triggered the series of events that we call the Reformation, by nailing 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg cathedral.

For our Lent Programme in 2017, we will be looking not only at the turmoil that follows in Europe, but at the way in which this new expression of the Christian faith continues to take on countless new forms as it grows right across the world – in parallel with the ongoing growth of global Catholicism.

Everyone is welcome to join our Lent Book Club. The book can be picked up at the back of any of the three churches (they are all open during daylight most days), and we have both an afternoon book club and an evening book club for the five weeks of Lent.

- Michael Hampson

Lent Book Club 2017



Our Lent Book for 2017 is '**Protestantism**' by Mark Noll from the Oxford University Press 'Very Short Introductions' series

Copies are available at the back of each of the churches priced ~~£7.99~~ **£5**

Discuss the book

Two Lent Groups will work through the book across five weeks, one meeting at 3 Montbegon in Hornby at 4pm on Monday afternoons starting 6 March, and the other meeting at Station House in Arkholme at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings starting 8 March.

Week 1 6/8 March

The Protestant Reformation in Europe

A catholic monk has a crisis of conscience, 500 years ago this year.

Chapters 1 and 2

Week 2 13/15 March

From national culture to personal faith

The American experience, evangelical awakenings, and the enlightenment.

Chapter 3

Week 3

20/22 March

Christianity without Chistendom

New challenges in a changing world

Chapter 4

Week 4

27/29 March

Going global

Missions, Pentecostals and independents

Chapters 5, 6 & 7

Week 5

3/5 April

Diversity everywhere

The agile church

Chapter 8

Guest speaker Monday 10 April

Our guest speaker will be Anglican priest Dr Anderson Jeremiah from Lancaster University, with expertise in the growth and diversity of contemporary global Christianity, and its interaction with diverse politics, cultures, and religions, across Asia and across the world.

7.30pm at Saint Margaret's, Hornby



Gressingham Parish Council

Gressingham Parish Council met on 16 January.

Several ways to minimise the risk of future damage to Loyn bridge have been submitted to Lancashire County Council. Improved signage to deter large vehicles was high on the list.

The danger to pedestrians from speeding cars through Gressingham remains a concern of councillors. Lancashire county council has agreed to help with a request to introduce a Speed Indicator Device (SpID) sign. The request for a 20mph speed limit through the village continues to be resisted by LCC. Councillors decided to request a 10% increase in the precept, to offset the cost of the proposed SpID.

The unsafe street lamp opposite the church road junction has been removed. The road safety mirror which was mounted on it has since been reinstated by the parish council, which has assumed responsibility for it.

Teams set up by the parish council have successfully cleared fallen leaves from gullies around the village. This should reduce the risk and severity of any flooding due to blocked drains.

Councillor David Wiper gave a progress report from the Pearson Trust Working Group. An application has been made for grant money to fund a 'pre-feasibility study' including a church building Heritage Assessment. Also, much work has been done gathering archive information with the aim of determining definitive ownership of the Old School Room.

Next meeting: Monday 6 March at 7.30 pm in Gressingham Old School Room.

Whittington Parish Council

Whittington Parish Council also met on 16 January.

Details for the litter-pick on 11 March were confirmed.

'S137' donations for local charitable groups were made to Royal British Legion (£40); Wagtail Toddlers and Playgroup (£100); North West Air Ambulance (£150); and Arkholme and District Women's Institute (£50).

The total cost of repair to the old Whittington B6254 sign was £88.48, made up of £22.40 to M A Bell for straightening the sign and supplying bolts, £43.00 to B&Q for Hammerite, and £23.08 to Builders Supply Company for their fastest postfix cement.

Councillors agreed after much discussion to increase the precept request to £3,995 with the proposal to purchase Speed Indicator Device(s) in the near future.

Future meetings (all Mondays at 7pm in Whittington Village Hall): 20 March; 8 May (Annual Parish Meeting); 15 May (Annual General Meeting); 19 July; 18 September; 20 November.

Arkholme Parish Council

Arkholme Parish Council met on 5 December and 6 January.

The Hopewell cup photographic competition had only had entries in one of the three categories, so two of the prizes (book vouchers) are still in hand.

Two quotes were received for supplying the Christmas Tree for the village green, and councillors went ahead with the cheaper quotation. Carol Singing round the Christmas Tree was organised for Friday 9 December at 6.30pm and afterwards in The Bay Horse for mince pies and mulled wine. Hilary Jagger (previous holder of the Hopewell Cup) would switch on the tree lights and announce the new winner. Revd Michael Hampson would bless the tree. Councillor Jackson-Pitt would arrange background music and song sheets. [This all went ahead despite the rain].

City Councillor Mace recommended Slyne with Hest Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk has subsequently invited Slyne with Hest Parish Council members to speak at the Arkholme Annual General Meeting on 10 May.

Bench repairs and general risk assessment are ongoing.

Charles Waddington reported on a Parish Transport Workshop held on 10 December. Councillors proposed to explore the availability of Community Voluntary Car Schemes in this area. [The editor says: see the Directory on Page 2 for contact details for the Kirkby Lonsdale Voluntary Car Scheme.]

'S137' local charitable donations of £100 each were made to Wagtail Parish Magazine, Arkholme Crown Green Bowling Club, Arkholme Village Hall playing field, Arkholme Village Hall defibrillator and Arkholme Lunch Club, plus North West Air Ambulance.

The precept was agreed at £3,366 – no increase.

The rent for the two former 'pounds' near the church (now used as small allotments) is due at £12 each per year.

The outline planning application for 12 dwellings and associated access by Thorneycroft, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, has been withdrawn. Severe pruning of hedges around its potential access point has been noted.

There is still a vacancy for a fifth councillor, and anyone interested should attend any future meeting.

Future meetings (all Mondays 7.30pm in Arkholme Village Hall): 6 March; 3 April; 5 June; 3 July; 4 September; 2 October; 6 November; 4 December.

AGM Wednesday 10 May 7pm.

Parish Councils online

Details of all three parish councils, and full minutes for Whittington and Arkholme, are online at committeeadmin.lancaster.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetailsList.aspx

Gressingham Parish Council agendas and minutes are available online at www.hornbyvillage.org.uk/organisations/gressingham-parish-council

Details of all planning applications are online at www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning



The weather in Arkholme

Robin McIlveen

January Weather in Arkholme

18 Slightly Wet Days (less than 5mm) together adding up to 30.3mm

4 Decidedly Wet Days (from 5mm to just under 25mm) together adding up to 42.9mm

0 Extremely Wet Days (25mm and over)

22 Rain Days in total adding up to **73.2mm** (leaving 8 dry days)

Wettest Day 28th-29th had 23.6mm

After the first four nearly dry days of the new year, thirteen consecutive days of rain dumped 46mm in the gauge before the succession of low pressure systems queuing in the Atlantic broke and allowed everything to dry out over the next nine largely dry days. Rain returned in the last five days of the month, and included the wettest day which contributed nearly one third of the unremarkable monthly total.

Although the cold was never severe, there were 15 morning frosts scattered through the month, one of which nearly reached -5°C before the sun got to work. Remember that I report minimum air temperatures (in my little screened but ventilated box), which are usually a degree or so higher than exposed ground surface temperatures, so the lowest grass or road surface temperature near my house was probably about -7°C on that coldest morning (January 5th).

At the time of writing (February 19th), fifteen rain days in February have accumulated only 23mm of rain, only a very small proportion of which has fallen as sleety snow at low altitudes. Unless there are some heavy falls in the remainder of the month, February looks as if it will be drier than the typical median of about 80mm.

I have revamped the reporting of rainfall by introducing the category of Slightly Wet Days ('trace' to just under 5mm) and restricting the upper limit of Decidedly Wet Days to just under 25mm. 'Trace' is an official category which covers Rain Days which bring rainfalls that are too small to measure accurately, which is less than 0.2mm in my rain gauge. The monthly rainfall totals falling in the categories SWD, DWD and EWD are now tabled, and should make interesting reading as the months go by. I am working on an analysis of 2016.

I see that the President of the United States considers that all talk of man-made global warming falls into his capacious basket of Fake News. He is absolutely entitled to categorise these things as he wishes, but I am equally entitled to tell you that over 90% of climatologists are convinced that he is mistaken, and are quite happy to submit their professional technical estimations to the judgement of history.

Robin McIlveen

Arkholme and District WI



Fourteen members and one guest were welcomed by our President Janice McIlveen to a very lively meeting on Monday 13 February.

After a short business session, Dr Mike Winstanley gave us an excellent talk on *Shopping in Lancaster from the 1600s to the present*. It was extremely interesting to 'off-comers' who didn't know Lancaster well, and evoked happy memories for those who grew up in the area. He was thanked profusely by Anne Lister.

During refreshments we had a quiz on old photographs taken from unusual angles, which created much chat and laughter.

Our next meeting is on Monday 13 March at Gressingham Old School Room and the talk will be on Composting.

Guests always welcome but why not become a WI member.

- Anne Symons

Gerald Hodgson writes...

I moved from Arkholme to Whittington in 1959 and what a change I have seen in the village in that time. There were two shops and a post office, Fred Hall the builders, Pelters the coal merchants, and haulage contractors Fred Goad had the garage and filling station. Vince Watson was the joiner and undertaker, Jack Usher was landlord at the Dragons Head, Herbert Thornber was a general dealer. There were seven working farms and a poultry farm in the village, and another fourteen around the parish. Sellet Mill was still working, and Tommy Tallon the Blacksmith had just retired.

The school was educating around thirty pupils. At that time the children could stay on until they were fifteen years old. I think Keith Bateson would be the last boy to stay full time. Almost all the residents at that time had been born and gone to school in the village and were very proud of their heritage.

The main street was very narrow. There were no street lights and no main sewerage, but we did have a very good bus service, and butchers, bakers and hardware vans calling every week. Mr Watson was the rector and lived in the new rectory. Hardly anyone owned a car as most men of working age worked locally, either on farms or as roadmen, forestry workers, or river board men – all these jobs have since disappeared. We all made our own enjoyment back then, whist drives, dances, social evenings, or a night at the Dragons Head. What a pity it has all changed.

What a sad state the bottom end of Hosticle Lane is in. The walls retaining the bank sides are falling down, the centre of the lane is inches deep in mud, the road surface is breaking up in long lengths, and the drains are level full of mud. Not the best destination for a Sunday afternoon walk.

My grandson Jamie is working on a very remote farm in Patagonia at the moment. His wife Laura is helping to look after the family's eight children. There is no electric on the farm, and they go to bed by candle light. Nothing changes does it. They hope to move back to Santiago in Chile next month to take up a teaching post.



Wagtail

'Senior Moments'

Fortnightly programme on **Thursdays at 10.30am**, open to all but of particular interest to the over-60s *Hornby Institute*

2 March 'Residential Care and Home Care' *Unique Home Care and Hillcroft Nursing Homes*

16 March 'Supported Housing and Retirement Villages' *Carole Gardner, Anchor Housing Trust*

30 March 'Healthy and Holistic Living for seniors' *Helen Scott, Clinical Service Manager and Dr James Harper, Clinical Director, Older Adult Mental Health Lancashire Care NHS Trust*

Hornby Singers

Choose the afternoon sessions or the evening sessions – or both. Tuesday evenings 7 & 21 March 7pm to 9pm. Tuesday afternoons 14 & 28 March 1.30pm to 3.30pm. *Hornby Institute*

Hornby Flower Club

Thursday 16 March 7.30pm

'Spring' with Sara Barrow, Chelsea gold medallist. *Hornby Institute*

Countryside Society

Friday 17 March 7.45pm

John Martin – 'Pine Martens' *Hornby Institute*

Bingo Saturday 18 March 7.30pm

Aughton Village Hall in aid of Aughton church. Prizes include gammon, chicken, chocolates and Easter eggs. Raffle, refreshments.

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