



# Wagtail

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## Sunday 24 September **Patronal Festival**

**Saint Michael the Archangel**

**10.30am** *Whittington Parish Church*

Join us for one of the biggest services of the year, as all four parishes gather in Whittington to celebrate 'Michaelmas' – the Patronal Festival of Saint Michael the Archangel

## Friday 29 September **Harvest Supper**

**7.30pm** *Whittington Village Hall*

Meat Pie Supper plus vege options bring your own drinks and glasses

**Sunday 1 October**

# Harvest Festival Services

**9.30am** *Whittington*  
Harvest Songs of Praise

**9.30am** *Arkholme*  
with Holy Communion

**6pm** *Gressingham*  
Harvest Songs of Praise



## Saturday 7 October 9.30am-12.30pm **Boon Day**

*Saint John the Evangelist Gressingham Church and Churchyard maintenance*

All helpers welcome. Please bring your own gardening tools etc  
Refreshments provided

## Monday 9 October 7.30pm **Women's Institute**

*Arkholme Village Hall*

Andrew Lowe – 'Inside a Lakeland Farmhouse'  
*visitors welcome*



## Wednesday 18 October 1pm **Lunch Club**

*Arkholme Village Hall*

(a week later than usual)

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



## Friday 27 October 7pm **Gressingham Fellowship**

*Gressingham Old School Room*

'A photographic tour of New Zealand'  
£3 entry includes free glass of wine or juice – please contact Rosie 22148

## Sunday 5 November 3.30pm **Divers Voyces**

*Arkholme Parish Church*  
choral concert – free entry with retiring collection in aid of CancerCare



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# Wagtail

Welcome to the October 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 possible) as well as announcements of what's coming up. Other local news is also welcome.

The next edition is the November edition. The deadline for items for inclusion is 19 October. Please submit all items to [editor@wagtail.org.uk](mailto:editor@wagtail.org.uk)

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*Michael Hampson*

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**Arkholme Village Hall** [www.arkholme-village-hall.co.uk](http://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

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**Drama Group** Tina Helm 07890 628636 [c.helm63@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:c.helm63@yahoo.co.uk) [hornbydrama.org.uk](http://hornbydrama.org.uk)

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**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

**Lunesdale Decorative and Fine Arts Society** [katebrady52@gmail.com](mailto:katebrady52@gmail.com) 01524 782117

**Playgroup/Toddlers** *Danielle Barker* [wagtailplaygroupandtoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:wagtailplaygroupandtoddlers@gmail.com) 21921

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*Please send additions, updates and corrections to [editor@wagtail.org.uk](mailto:editor@wagtail.org.uk)*

# Arkholme and District WI



**Seventeen members and two visitors** were welcomed to our July meeting in Gressingham School Room.

**The evening began with business.** The national WI has invited members to design a centenary logo, and the Lancashire Federation has asked members to submit photographs of local public parks and gardens for their calendar. Lancashire Federation has also asked for quilt and runner designs to be submitted for the refurbishment of the Lancashire Room at Denman. The County Show will be on 27 and 28 September. Barbara put in a request for good quality raffle prizes and Marie would like any WI memorabilia. The group's outings for July and August will be the ACWW walk on 27 July, followed by refreshments at Anne Parr's house; a fish and chip cruise on the Lancaster canal; and a visit to Hoghton Tower on 22 August.

**Business over, we then enjoyed an extremely interesting talk by Caroline Eames, a forensic scientist.** Caroline told us of the many and varied fascinating cases she had worked on during her thirty year career, some quite distressing. We were all enthralled by her talk and many pertinent questions were expertly answered at the end.

**Fifteen members** met in Arkholme Village Hall for our first meeting after the summer break. Members had enjoyed our group's outings over the summer, and the ACWW walk had raised £45 for country women of the world. Nominations are needed for next year's committee and we will be sending a delegate to the Lancashire Federation meeting in Southport in March. The Lancashire Federation fun quiz will be on 29 January and we hope to enter three teams again. Rosemary thanked the group for the bursary which had enabled her to go to Denman to take a course called 'A Grand Tour of Italy'. She had greatly enjoyed the language, food, wine and culture covered by the course. We are already planning our Christmas celebration, a few venues are under scrutiny. Our group's September outing will be to Settle on Thursday the 21st – coffee, lunch and museum. October's outing will be a visit to Cranstons, who make pies for Booths.

**Janice then introduced the evening's speaker – Maurice Steele whose talk, 'A Touch of Nostalgia', was illustrated with beautiful slides and lovely music.** The talk reflected the countryside as it was – heavy horses, no running water, no electricity. As usual Mr Steele's talk was wonderful.

**During refreshment time** we did an 'extreme' dot-to-dot. There were hundreds of dots making up a famous face. Barbara romped away completing two whilst others of us needed help finding one, never mind finding 501. But it was good fun, lots of laughing.

**The next meeting will be on 9 October** in Arkholme Village Hall at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Andrew Lowe, whose subject will be 'Inside a Lakeland Farmhouse'. As always, visitors will be welcome.

# High Sheriff supports Prince's Trust 12-week Team Programme

The Prince's Trust is well-known for its work supporting young adults starting out in business and enterprise – but just as important is its full-time 12-week *Team Programme* designed to help potentially vulnerable or under-achieving young adults to access the world of work.

In Lancashire the programme is run by the Fire and Rescue Service – with Princes Trust funding – running three times a year across nine different sites. That's 27

programmes a year, with twelve young adults on each programme – helping over 300 young adults every year, who might otherwise be unable to access the world of work.

Arkholme's Robert Webb, as this year's High Sheriff of Lancashire, with the vicar Michael Hampson as High Sheriff's chaplain, attended the Team Presentation at the conclusion of the Preston Deepdale Summer Team Programme in August.

Each of the young people in turn talked about how they came to be introduced to the programme, and how much difference it had made for them. Some were already in employment. Canny employers should be snapping up the rest of them.

The full-time 12-week programme begins with a week of team-building exercises and planning, followed by a residential 'outward bound' week, and three weeks working on the team's own unique community project. There's another week back at base preparing for two weeks on work placements, and then another preparing for a two-week 'team challenge' helping others in their local area. Finally they spend a week preparing a personal portfolio – and making their Team Presentation.

It was a great event, showcasing the work of the Prince's Trust, the Fire and Rescue Service, and some remarkable young people.



## Gerald Hodgson writes...

Best wishes to Gordon Woodward, who over the years has done so much for the village and especially the Church. Gordon broke his wrist two months ago, and being unable to look after himself, he has spent his time at Saint Wilfrid's nursing home at Halton. I am sure you will join with me to wish him well, and hope to see him back in the village in the near future.

Arkholme resident Jim Hayton of Bainsbeck Farm is at the moment being cared for at Hornby Nursing home. Jim – who I think will qualify as the oldest resident to have been born and lived in the village all his life – is well respected in the farming community, and is well known for his interest in vintage tractors, and his ability in vintage ploughing matches. Best wishes Jim, hope to see you back home soon.

Another invalid is Margaret Blades of Keer Holme Farm. Margaret had a brain tumour removed in an operation at Preston Hospital ten weeks ago, and is making a very slow recovery, best wishes Margaret from your friends in village.

My apple tree has produced the best crop of fruit this year it has ever had. A lot of the fruit finished as windfalls after last weeks storm, and first the blackbirds came to eat them, and then when the sun returned this week a swarm of red admiral butterflies appeared, and what a beautiful colourful sight they are. They only appear when the sun is shining so it is a mystery where they go when it rains.

# Notices

**Arkholme Jumble Sale** will be in Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday 11 November from 2pm. Please save your jumble, which can be dropped off between 3.30pm and 6pm on the Friday, or before 12 on the Saturday. If you have a large item that you need to have collected, or if you are unable to drop off in those times, please let us know. If you are able to help on the Friday or Saturday, to set up tables, set out jumble, bake, serve teas/coffees, or man a stall, it would be hugely appreciated. Please contact Danielle Barker barkwoodbarn@gmail.com

**Arkholme Village Hall Draw** (the 150 Club) lets you support the Village Hall and includes a chance to win cash prizes. It costs £20 to join and to be allocated a numbered ball for the year. Each month we draw balls from the 'hat' to see who has won the cash prizes. Winners are published in Wagtail. Of each £20, half goes to the running and upkeep of the village hall and the other half goes straight back out as prizes – over £900 prize money in the last year. Before we start knocking on doors, I would like to give anyone who is interested the opportunity to pay online by bank transfer (this is much less time consuming for us) – account number 61808605 , sort code 40-27-02 . Please put the first line of your address as the reference , and if your house name is too long to fit on the name on your bank account may not be the same as the name on our list, please send me a quick email with your name and address so that I know who the money has come from. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Good Luck! – *Emily Sapsford, Ivy Cottage, Arkholme 07824 349276 browne\_emily@hotmail.com*

**Hornby Drama Group** is looking for new members. Whatever your age or experience, whether you fancy acting on stage or helping behind the scenes (lighting, set construction, costumes etc), come along and see what we're up to, and you will be made very welcome. To find out more, contact Tina Helm on 07890 628636 or c.helm63@yahoo.co.uk or see the website [www.hornbydrama.org.uk](http://www.hornbydrama.org.uk)

**Save Hornby Pool** (Lune Valley Community Society). The formal application to re-open the pool and take it into community ownership has been favourably received and we await further developments. The Three Choirs fundraising concert raised an incredible £700 – our thanks to our own Hornby Singers, and to Gathered Voices and Maelstrom who travelled from Morecambe and Blackburn. The £25 Community Share pledges have now raised over £20,000 . More contributions would help improve future viability and in view of this superb support to date we are hoping to introduce specific shareholder benefits, details to follow. But it's not just about money – we need active volunteers both now and in the future. We urgently need more help and ideas for a fundraising/social sub-committee, and eventually we will also need renovation work parties, and admin volunteers when the pool re-opens for business. Please give us a call, we would love to hear from you. If not already signed up for our newsletter, please do it now, and get regular progress updates. And tell us what you want – all ideas and input appreciated. *Roger Carter 01524 805666 lunevalleycs@gmail.com*

**Carnforth GriefShare Support Group** – it hurts to lose someone, but you can find help at GriefShare, a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. The GriefShare course starts at 7pm on Monday 16 October at Carnforth Free Methodist Church, Hunter Street, Carnforth. Sessions include "Is This Normal," "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," and "Guilt and Anger." All ages and backgrounds warmly welcomed. *Elspeth 01524 702966 www.griefshare.org www.cfmc.org.uk carnforthgriefshare@gmail.com*



# The weather in Arkholme

*Robin McIlveen*

## **August Weather in Arkholme**

15 Slightly Wet Days (less than 5mm) together adding up to 23.1mm

10 Decidedly Wet Days (from 5mm to just under 25mm) giving 100.0mm

**25 Rain Days** altogether adding up to **123.1mm** (4.8 inches) – leaving 6 dry days

Wettest Day 2nd-3rd had 18.3mm

**August has been a little drier than June and July, but not much** – its total is 50% over the long term average of about 80mm for any month of the year. Again the number of *Decidedly Wet Days* is into double figures, as it has been for 4 of this year's 8 complete months. A striking feature of the new way of presenting the rainfalls, is that these Decidedly Wet Days average about 10mm per day, so that 10 of them typically deposit 100mm, as this month, before we add the contribution from the more numerous Slightly Wet Days. The many cloudy days kept afternoon temperatures mostly below 20°C, but the muggy nights have partly hidden the fact that these values are well below the seasonal average. September has shown no let up in the wet weather, with nearly 120mm already by the 19th, and scope for lots more.

**However unwelcome this amount of rain**, it pales into insignificance compared with the rainfalls associated with the spate of severe Hurricanes in the Caribbean, where our average month's rain can fall in an hour, and keep falling for many hours more as the intense phases pass over.

**At first glance** you might wonder how this can be, given that, at any instant, there is only about 40mm of water (vapour, cloud and rain) in the column of atmosphere resting on each square metre of the sea and land surfaces there. The key to the paradox is that the Hurricane is continually gathering in the warm, moist air in the lowest few kilometres of the tropical atmosphere, and then spewing it up in the vast ring of violent thunderstorms which surround the quieter central eye, to deluge the surface with continual torrents. That gathering also spins up the residual Earth's rotation to give the ferocious surface winds, which have peaked at 180mph in recent cases. Such winds have a destructive power nine times greater than the 60mph winds which trigger amber warnings in British Weather Forecasts.

**The vast wheels of roaring air** drive shallow waters before them, raising storm surges which can add several metres to the sea levels at the coasts, adding to the one metre rise caused by the extremely low surface pressures in the central eye.

**Some recent reports** confuse storm surges with storm waves, which of course are several metres from crest to trough, but storm surges are actually more like a short additional tide, adding to the usual predictable astronomical tide. A four-metre storm surge in the very low-lying mouths of the Ganges at the top of the Bay of Bengal drowned 250,000 people in about four hours in 1970, when a hurricane made lethal landfall.

**Water may well be** the mainstay of life, but remember Storm Desmond, and be thankful we live well outside the Tropics.

*Robin McIlveen*

**By the end of August** there have been 72 dry days in 2017, 109 Slightly Wet Days giving 152mm of rain, 59 Decidedly Wet Days giving 599mm, and 3 Extremely Wet Days giving 95mm. That makes 171 Rain Days giving 846mm of rain (33.3 inches). At this rate the year's rainfall would be a highish 1,270mm. This prediction keeps rising.



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# Sunday Services in October

	<b>Whittington</b>	<b>Arkholme</b>	<b>Gressingham</b>	<b>Hornby</b>
<b>1 October</b>	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	6pm SoP	10.45am
<b>8 October</b>	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	8am HC	Parish Communion every Sunday
<b>15 October</b>	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-	
<b>22 October</b>	9.30am HC	-	9.30am HC	<i>HC - Holy Communion</i>
<b>29 October</b>	<i>United Benefice Service, Hornby 10.45am</i>			<i>SoP - Songs of Praise</i>

## Book Fair

10am-4pm Saturday 7 October  
Second-hand, out-of-print and antiquarian books, and classical CDs *Hornby Institute*

## Murder Mystery Evening

Friday 20 October  
£25 includes three course meal  
*Hornby Institute 22227*

## Flower Club

Thursday 18 October 7.30pm  
Joan Robinson – ‘Scintillation’  
£4 with refreshments *Hornby Institute*

## Coffee Morning and Table-top Sale

Saturday 28 October  
*Aughton Recreation Rooms*  
Contact Rachael 07940 709166  
if you would like a table  
*in aid of the new playground*

## Countryside Society

Friday 20 October 7.45pm *Hornby Institute*  
Anne Smith – Myers Allotment, Silverdale

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