



Wagtail

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Sunday 5 November
Divers Voyces



'By Luther!'

3.30pm
in Arkholme Parish Church
500 years of choral music
free entry
with retiring collection
for CancerCare

Saturday 4 November
Bonfire Night

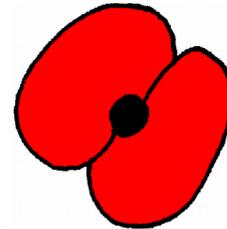


Arkholme Village Hall
doors open 5.30pm
fireworks around 6.15pm
bar, cakes, food, and guy competition
"presidents past and present"
free admission with a donations
bucket towards the fireworks
offers of wood (will collect from you)
and offers of help to set up
(from 10am on the day)
to AVHEntertainments@gmail.com

Wednesday 8 November
Lunch Club

1pm Arkholme Village Hall
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

Sunday 12 November
Act of Remembrance



begins **10.30am** in church
includes the 11am silence
Gressingham Parish Church

Monday 13 November
150th anniversary
bulb planting

10.45am Arkholme School
planting bulbs in the school grounds
in the shape of 150, as part of the
celebrations for the school's 150th
anniversary year. Everybody welcome.

More events on the back cover...

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Wagtail

Welcome to the November 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 combined December and January edition. The deadline for items for inclusion is 19 November. 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

Gressingham Parish Church

Many thanks to all those who made the church look so spectacular for Harvest. All the creative displays, filling the church, made for a very fine Harvest Festival celebration.



Flower arrangers for Christmas are welcome to go in any time from the beginning of Advent if their displays will last – and certainly this year in time for the new Christmas service on 17 December, which will be traditional readings and carols by candlelight – a quieter complement to the fine and bawdy celebration in the school room with its punch and carolling (provisionally 19 December). **December arrangements should be mainly green, with optional purple and/or white please – to match the Advent crown.**

Many thanks also to all those who not only cut grass all summer, but keep the green fuel can topped up. Reimbursement is available on request.

And many thanks to all those who turned out for the Boon Day at the beginning of October. There was a parade of power tools in action all morning, come rain or shine, and a load of grass cut, and shrubs trimmed, and some very worthwhile hard work inside the building as well. The place looked really cared for and tidy once again. It was a sociable and enjoyable occasion. Another go in Spring? Again, very many thanks.

Do join us on Remembrance Sunday. There are services simultaneously in all four parishes to keep the national 11am silence together. Our curate Sister Judith will be leading the service in Gressingham, starting at 10.30am.

And finally – vases! The clear-out uncovered dozens of unclaimed vases. Please do claim yours from outside the Church (they will come to no harm, being ceramic). After a reasonable time, if not collected, they will be offered to a Charity shop locally.

- Gressingham PCC



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Sunday Services in November

	Whittington	Arkolme	Gressingham	Hornby
5 November	-	9.30am	9.30am	10.45am
12 November	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	Parish Communion every Sunday
19 November	9.30am	9.30am	-	
26 November	9.30am	-	9.30am	

Notices

Arkholme enjoyed a village apple-pressing day on Saturday 21 October, following a village apple-picking day on Sunday 15 October. Thank you to everybody who came along to make it such a huge success. There was even juice left over and available in the hall – but it's all gone now! – *Graham J-P*

The Arkholme Christmas Tree is being donated from the grounds of Docker Park Farm, and a small working party is required to help move it from there to the village green on the first weekend in December (and then to take it down early in January). Offers please to Gillian Hodgson 21814 gillianhodgson6@gmail.com

The coffee morning for Macmillan Nurses at Teal Cottage raised an amazing £440. Thank you to everyone who came, donated raffle prizes and helped on the day – *Susan Beardsworth*

A really big thankyou to family, friends and neighbours for supporting the Macmillan coffee morning at Providence House. Thanks to all the helpers and bakers for all the lovely cakes and biscuits, raffle prizes etc. We made a fantastic total of £831.50 – *Anita and James Huddleston*

Melling Parish Council and Nether Kellet Parish Council are both looking for new clerks. These are paid positions, and details are available from David Nott on 21567 (Melling) and David Whitaker 01524 732810 (Nether Kellet).

A Village Defibrillator is being considered for Gressingham. These are increasingly being seen in public locations – and often in old village telephone boxes. There is one on the outside of Arkholme Village Hall, and another on the outside of Hornby Primary School. Placing them in the community can dramatically reduce cardiac incident survival rates. The cost (to be met locally) would be approximately £2,300 – but the installation also requires a small team of volunteers to be trained and available to administer defibrillation should an emergency arise. Please send your comments on the proposal to sallyriley3@googlemail.com or ring 21678.

Save Hornby Swimming Pool – update. Community Share pledges of £25 each have now reached £26,000, just short of the £30,000 target. Further pledges, large or small, are very welcome – anyone can pledge any amount for any reason. Pledge now and pay later! The next major fundraising event will be a 1950s party night with vintage Rock and Roll by the fabulous Jetsons at Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday 27 January – watch for details in next month's Wagtail. For share pledges, sponsorship, newsletter or anything else please contact Roger Cater lunevalleycs@gmail.com or 01524 805666.

Whittington Village Hall has a Wine and Cheese evening on Friday 17 November. Coffee mornings this month are on Wednesdays 1 and 15 November from 10.30am.

Arkholme and District WI



Monday 9 October saw sixteen members and one visitor meet in Arkholme Village Hall. Janice was in the chair with Nicole as secretary.

Business first. Nominations were requested for next year's committee. There was a discussion of team names for our entries in the Federation Fun Quiz in January. Our entry in the County Show did very well and members who have not yet been to Denman are invited to apply for a first-timer's bursary. Two members have been invited to Dalemmain House for afternoon tea, with a view to taking more members to visit the Hall in the future. Halton WI have invited us to join them on their trip to Carlisle and our WI November outing is to Gretna Green on November 20th. Our Christmas celebration will be lunch at Holker Hall on December 8th. Jane reported a healthy bank balance but she does have some bills to pay. We also learned of the many courses and talks available to us at venues around the county – from a talk on food allergies at Bolton-le-Sands to a literary lunch in Blackburn.

Janice then introduced Andrew Lowe whose illustrated talk on Lakeland Farmhouses was interesting, informative and entertaining. Studying these farmhouses reveals a great deal about their occupants. Apart from meeting the basic requirements of protection from the elements, warmth, light, and cooking, the carvings, door handles, cupboards, fireplaces and decorated plasterwork reveal their tastes, superstitions, aspirations and wealth.

The next meeting is on 13 November in Arkholme Village Hall and will be our AGM. The new committee will be elected, the old year will be reviewed, and there will be a Jacob's Join. Visitors welcome.

Gerald writes...

What a happy night we had at the Harvest Supper, good company, good food, and surrounded by fellow villagers – far more enjoyable than sitting at home watching TV.

Congratulations to Malcolm Fell for winning the prize for the Best Managed Farm at the Westmorland County Show. Well done for all the hard work it must have required to reach such a high standard.

Once again the Church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Festival, each individual window was so nicely decorated and the screen and altar flowers were once again superbly crafted – it really is a pleasure to view these colourful displays.

This month we will be commemorating Remembrance Sunday when we recall the lives of the young men who left our village to fight for their country and never returned. They never got to enjoy the world as we know it today. But for their sacrifices we may never have enjoyed the freedom we take for granted. [Services start in each church at 10.30am – Ed.]

A word of advice to the young man we passed one dark night riding his bike dressed in dark clothing and with no lights to warn other road users – he is an accident statistic waiting to happen. Your parents should have more sense than allow you out on a bike so poorly prepared for the conditions, what a pity we no longer have a local policeman, he would certainly have given you a dressing down and made you walk home!

The next dance at the Village Hall is on Saturday 18 November when Dennis Westmorland will be providing the music.

Gerald Hodgson



The weather in Arkholme

Robin McIlveen

September Weather in Arkholme

19 Slightly Wet Days (less than 5mm) together adding up to 27.9mm

6 Decidedly Wet Days (from 5mm to just under 25mm) adding a further 88.6mm

1 Extremely Wet Day (25mm and above) adding 31.6mm

26 Rain Days altogether adding up to **148.1mm** (5.8 inches) – leaving 4 dry days

The one Extremely Wet Day was 12th-13th with 31.6mm

all compared to a typical monthly average of 80mm

September has shown no sign of an end to the wet weather which began towards the end of May. It has been a little drier than June and July, but not much – its total is 50% above the long term average of about 80mm for any month of the year. Though the number of Decidedly Wet Days is down to 6, at 23.8 mm the wettest of them narrowly missed being an Extremely Wet Day. In fact this day and the Wettest Day (a genuine EWD) totalled 55mm. Afternoon temperatures reached 19°C on September 4th, but persistent cloud kept many afternoons between 15 and 17°C, with a miserable 13°C on the 29th.

The rainfall total for June, July, August and September is almost 639 mm, which is about half of the total for a wettish year here, and averages 160mm per month, which is essentially double our notional monthly 80mm (which will of course begin to rise if this sort of weather becomes more common).

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 100 mm, 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.

October has shown no let up in the wet weather, with 125mm already by the 19th, and time for lots more.

The daughter of Tropical Hurricane/Storm Ophelia passed by on Monday September 16th, with very strong winds on the coast, but lesser winds inland, and mercifully little rain, at least in our area. The dull, lurid, liver-coloured sky was very impressive during the morning of the 16th, and was blamed variously on dust from the Sahara, and smoke from bush fires in Portugal. I heard of a couple of people who smelt burning, and believe that some flights ended early because of smoke in the cabins.

These things do happen. Fine dust and smoke particles fall at less than a centimetre per second in still air, and will therefore climb if they are in persistent faster updrafts. They can encourage the formation of cloud in rising moist air, and since a standard raindrop contains as much water as a million cloud droplets, the contaminated rain can leave brown stains on car bodies. I haven't heard of this on this occasion, but of course attention was focussed on the very strong winds. Some of the strongest gusts reported on the west of Ireland approached 100mph. These imply sustained winds of about 75mph, which is just into Hurricane Force 12. Feisty Ophelia.

Robin McIlveen

By the end of September there have been 76 dry days in 2017, 128 Slightly Wet Days giving 180mm of rain, 65 Decidedly Wet Days giving 688mm, and 4 Extremely Wet Days giving 127mm. That makes 197 Rain Days giving 994mm of rain (39.1 inches). Continued at this rate, the year's rainfall would be 1,329mm, which is very high.

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 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 Tina Helm 07890 628636 c.helm63@yahoo.co.uk hornbydrama.org.uk

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

Lunesdale Decorative and Fine Arts Society katebrady52@gmail.com 01524 782117

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

Police PC3573 *Rob Barnsley* morecambept@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

Arkholme and Whittington Parish Council Clerk *Gillian Hodgson* 21814

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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

Local churches and community groups can be listed here for free

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Katie's Kitchen at Newton

Festive Pies If you would like to offer your Christmas or New Year guests something special over the coming season, why not order one of these fabulous Festive Pies from Steve & Kate Manders at Katie's Kitchen in Newton? Great for Boxing Day or New Year, these handmade hot-water-crust pies are filled with layers of pork, sausage-meat, stuffing and cranberries. Each serves 12-16 people and they freeze well. Available to order now for delivery on 24th or 30th December. £25 each.



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Contact Kate & Steve on 01524 740995 or kate@wagtailcatering.co.uk [ad]



Wagtail

At Hornby Institute

Jazz

Saturday 11 November 7.30pm

'The Band From Uncle ' £10

MU

Wednesday 15 November 2pm

with local historian Andrew White

Flower Club

Thursday 16 November 7.30pm

Liz from the Flower Bank –

'My Journey as a Florist'

Countryside Society

Friday 17 November 7.45pm

Laura Sivell –

'The Private Lives of Butterflies'

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 18 November

10am-2pm

Hornby Singers

Now every Tuesday evening 7pm to 9pm

New members always welcome – there are no auditions, you do not need any previous experience, and you do not need to be able to read music. Come and join us – we are learning Christmas music and we do have fun.

£4 including refreshments – Pat 21449

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Five Thursday s beginning 9 November

10am to 12noon

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