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of Whittington, Arkholme and Gressingham*

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Saturday 10 March

Gressingham Fellowship Supper and AGM

Gressingham Old School Room

7pm Dinner · 8pm Public Meeting · please book dinner in advance on 22335

Mild Jamaican chicken or vegetable curry, or Moroccan lamb and apricot
followed by a fruit and panna cotta crumb dessert · £10 each · bring a bottle
AGM open to all Gressingham and Eskrigg residents (with or without dinner)



Monday 12 March 7.30pm

Women's Institute

Arkholme Village Hall

Jo Evans aromas workshop
visitors welcome



Wednesday 14 March 1pm

Lunch Club

Arkholme Village Hall

three-course lunch for £7 – *book by
Monday Carole 22202 or Doreen 22023*



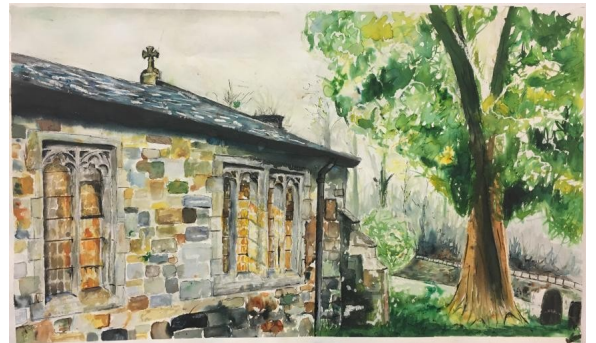
Saturday 24 March 7pm QES Jazz Band and Sixth-Form Choir

'Goodnight Sweetheart',
'Summertime', 'Big Spender'
and more

Arkholme Village Hall

Tickets £10/£7

Bar available, plus raffle
and auction of this painting of
Arkholme Church by Jasmine Weeks



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Palm Sunday 25 March 4pm (NB Clocks go forward)

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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 possible) 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

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

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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

Arkholme Methodist Church Rev Steve Charman 01524 33327

Book Club *Simon Acomb* 07710 721108

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

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

Hornby Singers Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm at Hornby Institute *Pat 21449*

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

Arts Society Lunesdale judieclegg@gmail.com

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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* facebook.com/WhittingtonVillageHall
Coffee Mornings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 10.30am to 12noon

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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

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Local churches and community groups can be listed here for free

Please send additions, updates and corrections to editor@wagtail.org.uk

What happens in church



Whittington



Arkholme



Gressingham

On a weekday...

you will usually find the church open during daylight, and you can come in to look around, or to sit and appreciate the quietness, and think your own thoughts.

On a Sunday morning at 9.30am...

you can come for the weekly service, which runs until about 10.10am.

Someone will greet you as you arrive, and offer you a hymn book.

You can sit wherever you want. In the middle about half-way back works well.

Most people will sit quietly until the service begins. The organ might be playing.

The service usually includes three hymns (which you can join in if you wish), some prayers, three readings from the bible (set for the day, and read by different people), and a 'homily' (where the minister talks about the bible readings).

You can then watch, or join in, the 'holy communion', where a symbolic meal of bread and wine is blessed on the altar, and shared.

After the service there's coffee.

Whittington's 'Songs of Praise' service has more hymns, and fewer readings, and no holy communion, and finishes about 10am. Other special services have their own mix of the same ingredients and a similar running-time. Gressingham's 8am service has no music or homily (or coffee), and finishes about 8.25am.

You'll be joining about a dozen people at a Whittington or Arkholme or Gressingham service. If you want something larger, Hornby's congregation is about sixty each Sunday, at 10.45am, with more music and a choir and a young-people's programme, and the service runs for about an hour.

There's a service every Sunday in at least one of the churches, and often in all three. Come along one Sunday soon.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Sunday Services in March

	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham	Hornby
4 March	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	9.30am SW	10.45am
11 March	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	8am HC	Parish Communion
18 March	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-	every Sunday
25 March	-	-	9.30am HC	

SoP – Songs of Praise; HC – Holy Communion; SW – Service of the Word (no communion)

Youth-led service 10.45am in Hornby, first Sunday of every month

Midweek communion 10am every Wednesday in Hornby

Vicar Revd Michael Hampson 21712 · Curate Sister Judith OCMM 03330 119563

Weekly bulletin online: www.these4parishes.co.uk

Notices

Hornby Pool could be re-opening in the first week of April. Over £1000 was raised at the 1950s party night at Arkholme Village Hall, but more share pledges and other funding and volunteer support will be required. There will also be a spring-clean before the opening – all volunteers welcome. 01524 805666
lunevalleycs@gmail.com

Gressingham Litter Picking is on Saturday 10 March, meeting at the Old School Room at 10am. Bags, pickers, clippers, and hi-vis vests will be provided, but bring your own if you have them. 21918 lesleywareing@gmail.com

Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club has a free taster morning for all ages on Sunday 11 March from 10.30am to 12.30am, followed by a Mother's Day Lunch in the clubhouse – book with David Towers on 015242 76365. A six-week beginners course starts 17 March.

Hornby Flower Club has Joan Bently from Cartmel Priory, 7.30pm at Hornby Institute on Thursday 15 March.

Arkholme Village Hall AGM is on Friday 16 March at 7.30pm. Everybody welcome. You can meet the trustees, contribute to discussions regarding the future of the village hall, and help us to continue to work for the benefit of the village. New trustees also welcome – nominations by Thursday 15 March to arkholmevillagehall@gmail.com

Countryside Society March meeting will be at 7.45pm on Friday 16 March at Hornby Institute, with Adrian Shepherd on The Long Preston Floodplane Project.

Aughton Bingo in aid of Saint Saviour's Church is in Aughton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 17 March.

Creative Writing and **Family History** courses are back by popular demand at Hornby Institute – both free of charge, both running for six weekly sessions on Thursdays beginning Thursday 19 April. Book on 22227. Creative Writing 10.30am-12.30pm, Family History 1.30pm-3.30pm.

The Hornby Occasionals will be presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Sorcerer* 7.30pm daily 18-21 April. Tickets £10/£5 from Hornby Institute 22227

The Wagtail Wheelers are cycling from Gretna Green to Arkholme in aid of Sarcoma UK, in memory of Trina Pardula, arriving back into Arkholme to be welcomed by a fundraising party in Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday 19 May – open from 6.30pm, food at £7, tickets £10, more details soon.

Arkholme Parish Council met on 5 February. There is still a vacancy for a fifth councillor. Two parishioners have agreed to repair the noticeboard. The Potholes on Docker Lane have been reported again. Annual rent for the two pounds has been received. Repairs will be discussed with one of the tenants. Councillors will investigate the possibility of installing information boards around the village. S137 donations were agreed for Arkholme Children's Party Committee, North West Air Ambulance, Arkholme Village Hall Playing Field, Arkholme Crown Green Bowling Club, Wagtail Parish Magazine, and Arkholme School PTFa. *Next meeting Monday 5 March at 7.30pm in Arkholme Village Hall.*

Whittington Parish Council met on Monday 15 January. The application for the siting of seven holiday lodges on land to the west of Sellet Hall has been withdrawn. The Village Hall has agreed that the planned defibrillator can be installed on its external wall. S137 donations were agreed for Royal British Legion, Wagtail Playgroup & Toddlers, North West Air Ambulance, Arkholme & District Women's Institute, and Wagtail Parish Magazine. Councillor Lawson will be retiring from the Parish Council after the next meeting. *Next meeting Monday 19 March at 7pm in Whittington Village Hall, preceded by an informal open meeting at 6.45pm.*

Village Hall Draws Whittington Evelyn Pelter £20, W Peil £10, C Parsons £5; **Arkholme** £20 Mr and Mrs Spooner, £10 Brian Shepherd, £10 Mr J Williams, £10 Mr and Mrs D Barton, £10 Brenda Lewis.

Arkholme and District WI



Janice McIlveen presided over the February Meeting in Whittington Village Hall and welcomed one visitor and 18 members. She also warmly welcomed our speaker, Anita Davies, who had stepped in at a few hours' notice.

Those who were expecting to hear about life in the amateur theatre were to be denied but can't have been disappointed by Anita Davies. She is an energetic and interesting lady who gave an insight into being a magistrate. She completed her training just in time to give birth to her third child 20 years ago and now travels to courts over a large part of Lancashire.

The idea of local justice goes back to Anglo Saxon England. Richard I set up a national system and the familiar description of Justice of the Peace came in after the Black Death. Every criminal first faces the Magistrates Court, and the magistrates can send you to prison or impose a hefty fine, although more serious offenders are referred to the higher courts. Indeed the magistrates see it all, from the distressing situations in some family courts to the man apprehended with a truck full of stolen garden gnomes! Mrs Davies gave us pause for thought and time to laugh and, on reflection, a chance to consider and be grateful to those who give up their time to fulfil these ancient and important duties.

Mention was made of the Annual Council Meeting when the speakers will be Olympic medal winning gymnast Beth Tweddle and the first British astronaut, Helen Sharman. Other activities on offer include dancing, knitting, show tips and a visit to historic Chester. Members are grateful to Whittington Parish Council for a grant of £50, reported by the treasurer.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 12 March at Arkholme when we shall make our own aroma product with Jo Evans. As always visitors will be welcome.

Gerald Hodgson writes...

What a sad state our roads are getting into. Church Street is now one long pothole. How cyclists manage to negotiate it without damaging their bikes I do not know. I just hope no one gets hurt or has an accident. The condition of Hosticle Lane is just as bad. The retaining walls are falling in, the grates are blocked solid, and in some places the road surface is down to its foundations. If the road surfaces deteriorate much more, the Parish Council will have to employ a stone breaker, like they did before the roads were tarmacked.

It was not thought necessary for girls to be educated during the nineteenth century, but Mrs Greene from Whittington Hall thought otherwise, and with the help of the Rev Carus Wilson, who was the rector at the time, she opened a school at what is now numbers 1 and 2 Church Cottages. The girls were taught religion, the three Rs, and sewing. The school became so popular there were over seventy pupils attending at one time, and girls were travelling quite long distances to get there.

Is it possible that those two architectural gems, the tea room and the model dairy, at Home Farm, were built as teacher training aids for the girls to learn home making skills? There was also Whittington Hall laundry on the site which is now Church Close, so is it possible they were taught washing and ironing as well? For those people who have never seen the tea room, it was designed by Payley and Austin of Lancaster, with the oak panelling and carved fire surround by Waring and Gillows, and the beautiful stained glass windows by Shrigley and Hunt of Lancaster. The dairy is tiled with Italian tiles denoting the seasons of the year. What a pity villagers are never allowed to see them.

The next dance is on March 3rd when Bill Johnston will be playing the music for dancing.



The weather in Arkholme

Robin McIlveen

January Weather in Arkholme

18 Slightly Wet Days (less than 5mm) together adding up to 25.8mm

7 Decidedly Wet Days (from 5mm to just under 25mm) adding a further 86.0mm

25 Rain Days altogether adding up to **111.8mm** (4.4 inches) – leaving 6 dry days

Wettest Day 14th-15th with 18.6mm

December's more reasonable rainfall (103mm for the month compared with the notional 90mm per month) raised my hopes that the persistent wet weather that blighted last year from the end of May might be on the wane at last. But although January's 112mm was well below the dreadful monthly average of 167mm from June to November last year, it was still nearly 25% above the notional 90mm. On top of this, January's wettest day came shortly after the frosty spell which occupied much of the first half of the month. Since surface ground layers were still partly frozen, the 19mm of rain that day ran off freely to produce disproportionately heavy localized road flooding from a fall which was well short of my threshold for an Extremely Wet Day (25mm). And February has managed only 2 dry days in its first 17 days. I hope an anticyclone may help curb totals in the second half of the month.

Look on the bright side however. Two months after the shortest day (as I write) the days are lengthening nicely, and the midday sun is about 30° above the southern horizon, compared with its miserable 12.5° in the middle of the shortest day (one top section of a little finger at arm's length).

You may have noticed Lent coming in on 14 February. Apparently the word Lent is derived from an Old English word for Spring, and certainly our snow drops have given the recent sporadic snow flurries a run for their money.

The late Gordon Manley (founding head of Environmental Sciences at Lancaster University, and now commemorated by a fine research building on campus) caused consternation at the first Undergraduate Final Exams in Lancaster in the late 1960s. In a General Paper set to ensure a breadth of study for all students, Manley submitted the gnomic question "Beware the early Aconite – discuss". Apparently it was meant to provoke discussion of climatic warming, which Manley's world-famous Central England Temperature record now helps to assess. On the day it was met with ripples of hysteria. I sympathized, hearing the tale when I came to the Environmental Science Department a couple of years later. My almost total lack of biology (beyond year 7 Nature Study) left me supposing that the question was referring to the temperature response of a primitive form of Bakelite. I managed to conceal my ignorance from Manley in subsequent conversations. He was a charming, erudite and quite humble man, whose work provides a benchmark for modern research. His classic non-technical "Climate and the British Scene" is still showing on Amazon.

Robin McIlveen

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Hornby	0712	0812	1012	1212	1412	1612
Gressingham	0718	0818	1018	1218	1418	1618
Arkholme	0724	0824	1024	1224	1424	1624
Whittington	0731	0831	1031	1231	1431	1631
Kirkby Lonsdale	0740	0840	1040	1240	1440	1640

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Whittington	0737	1022	1222	1422	1554	1622	1822	2022
Arkholme	0744	1029	1229	1429	1601	1629	1829	2029
Gressingham	0750	1035	1235	1435	1607	1635	1835	2035
Hornby	0755	1040	1240	1440	1616	1640	1840	2040
Lancaster	0820	1105	1305	1505	1654	1705	1905	2105

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