



Wagtail

The parish magazine
of Whittington, Arkholme
and Gressingham
April 2015



Dragons Head Whittington

- Sale completed – finally under new ownership
- Renovation begins in preparation for reopening

My name is Simon Nutter. I live in Lupton near the Plough for the last fifteen years with my wife Fiona, daughter Sonia with grandson Adrian, and son Robert.

Some of you may know of us as we used to run Nutter's Café on the corner of the market square in Kirkby Lonsdale for ten years, before I sold and ran a business in Penrith for fifteen years up until a year last February.

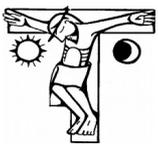
We used to come to the Dragon many years ago to play pool with a friend of Robert's, so when I saw the article in the Westmorland Gazette regarding the 'Save our Pub' appeal and the public meeting, I came along. Maybe that was my first mistake!

We have only had the place for three or four weeks now with us making tiny steps in tidying up the outside, plus uncovering the inside where we have discovered the effect of the place being unoccupied for so long, the damage that the old place has suffered – but surprisingly not losing any of our enthusiasm!

We hope that you, our new neighbours, will bear with us during the months ahead."

– The Nutters

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER DAY in the three parish churches



Good Friday 3 April
9am Whittington
9am Gressingham
10am Arkholme



Easter Day 5 April
9.30am Whittington
9.30am Arkholme
10.30am Gressingham
followed by refreshments
and Easter Egg hunts

3pm Sunday 19 April
Arkholme Parish Church

This Sceptred Isle

a celebration in
readings, poetry and music
of 'a place to belong'



Desiderata
Under Milk Wood
John Betjeman
Vaughan Williams
Avril Newey
Christine Burn

Wagtail

All local churches and community groups are welcome to send in news of their activities to Wagtail – reports of recent events as well as announcements of what is coming up. *Colour photographs can now be included too.*

The deadline for items for inclusion in each edition is the nineteenth of the preceding month. *Please submit all items to editor@wagtail.org.uk*

Wagtail is now online at www.wagtail.org.uk

Whittington has its own village website run by John Keegan. You can find it at www.whittingtonvillage.org.uk

Arkholme has a village mailing list run by Christopher May by email. Contact c.may@lancaster.ac.uk if you would like to join.

Thanks as always to all our contributors and distributors.

Michael Hampson (editor)

Directory

Local churches and community groups can be listed here for free

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

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We hope you find these listings helpful

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You can advertise here from just £2 per line – see wagtail.org.uk for details

Whittington B4RN Open Day

B4RN's superfast fibre-optic broadband has now arrived at the Village Hall.

To celebrate this achievement the Whittington B4RN team will be hosting a 'live' event in Whittington Village Hall from **1.30 to 4.30pm on Saturday 18 April.**

All are welcome to come along to find out more about B4RN, to see what the service has to offer, and to witness at first hand what it can do.

At 2.30pm the team will give a short illustrated presentation about the Whittington B4RN project, followed by a Question & Answer session. Meanwhile, Tooby's electricals from Ingleton will be on hand to demonstrate their smart TVs and wi-fi radios. Refreshments (tea and cakes!) will be available. See you there!

Jeff Eaman

Parish Councils

Arkholme Parish Council met on 2 March. Repairs to the pound wall are ongoing. Bollards are in situ to warn motorists and pedestrians. Councillors decided against installing CCTV for the village. Unusual crime figures for December were seven burglaries, four on or near The Herb Gardens, three on or near Carus Park. No crime was reported during January. Planning permission had been granted for the proposed modular building with access ramp to provide an additional classroom at Arkholme School. Hopewell Cup Competition: councillors propose six decorated cupcakes, judges will be Anne and Andy Deall, the overall winners from last year's container garden competition. Councillors agreed to support Gressingham Parish Council's request for a new 50mph speed limit from The Redwell Inn and also to request moving 30mph to the other side of railway bridge with 50mph from Whittington parish boundary. Meadowway signage needs replacing, and the the pavement is overgrown and unsafe. Full minutes are available on request from the Clerk. Next meeting 7pm Monday 13 April.

Whittington Parish Council met on 3 March. The AGM / Annual Parishioners meeting will be on 26 May. The planning appeal for the proposed wind turbine at Sunny Bank Farm was again discussed (the deadline for responses was 13 March). The village hall would be used for the three elections on 7 May (Parliament, City Council, Parish Council). Full minutes are available on the village website or by request from the clerk. Next meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 26 May in Whittington Village Hall.

Gressingham Parish Council met on 9 March. Eileen Taylor stood down as chairperson, and Neil Reed was voted in as chairman. Neil presented Eileen with a bouquet of flowers in recognition for all the professionalism she has brought to the council, and Sheila Liggett some wine to toast Eileen's retirement as chairperson, although she remains a member of the council. It was confirmed that the precept would stay the same as last year at £1200. Councillors had no objections to the planned felling of an ash tree at Old Hall Barn. The proposed wind turbine at Sunny Bank Farm was again discussed, councillors comments being the same as before: the size is too high for the proposed site, and would have a detrimental impact on the environment. Councillors decided not to enter the best kept village competition. The clerk reported that after consulting with the PCC on only cutting the lower churchyard grass once a year to promote wild flowers, they preferred it to be kept as it is at present. Councillor Taylor will ask someone to come and advise on wild flower bulbs for around the white bridges. An email on green energy was read, the councillors felt it was not appropriate for Gressingham. The concept of a neighbourhood development plan was discussed but councillors decided it was not necessary when we already have a Parish Plan. Present: E Taylor chairman, N Reid, M Brooks, G Parker, S Liggett, G Metcalfe clerk, and Mrs Metcalfe as a member of the village. Next meeting: 7.30pm on 11 May.

Events around the villages

Whittington Village Hall Coffee Morning

Wednesday 1 April 10.30am to 12noon

Arkholme Village Hall Lunch Club

Wednesday 15 April and Wednesday 13 May 1pm

Please book at least two days in advance with Carole on 22202

Countryside Society

Friday 17 April 7.45pm *Hornby Institute*

Andrew Hinde will give an illustrated talk on Cave Conservation.

Flower Club 'Flower and Fizz' fundraising evening for Saint John's Hospice and Hornby Village Institute

Saturday 18 April *Hornby Institute*

7.30pm Drinks and canapés reception

8.00pm Floral art demonstration by David Ryland, NAFAS national demonstrator and keen gardener. Enjoy a live display combining art and horticulture and if fortunate enough leave with one of David's creations.

9.30pm Raffle, refreshments and chocolates

Tickets £20 from *The Flower Bank* 21510 and Hornby Village Institute

Dress Code (optional) 1920's theme – prize for the best costume

Ricardo Curbelo – Rhythms from Latin America

Saturday 25 April 7.30pm Hornby Institute – £10/£5

Ricardo Curbelo returns to Hornby Institute and once more takes his audience on a colourful musical journey on harp, cuatro, maracas and vocals. A great combination of traditional Latin American music, together with his own, often spellbinding compositions.
Tickets from Hornby Institute 22227 or <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/311704>

TurnAround Dance Theatre

Wednesday 29 April 8pm Arkholme Village Hall



Award-winning choreographer Ellen Turner, and sisters Lily and Grace, present three contemporary dance pieces: 'Trudy', 'Love Life' and 'Mirrored Minds'

Plus children's dance classes 'DanceAround'

with award-winning choreographer Ellen Turner

'BounceAround' (ages 5-7) Thursdays 3.45pm to 4.30pm

'JumpAround' (ages 7-11) Thursdays 4.45pm to 5.45pm

Arkholme Village Hall ellenrachelturner@gmail.com

www.turnarounddancetheatre.co.uk

Fourteen local ladies known as The Wagtail Wheelers

are cycling from Newcastle to Edinburgh between 2 and 8 May 2015 to raise funds for Headcase – the the only Charity in the UK that dedicates its funding solely to research to find a cure for GBM (Glioblastoma Multiforme) brain tumours.

If you would like to find out about our efforts and donate to this worthy cause, please visit our justgiving page for further information:

www.justgiving.com/Wagtail-Wheelers-Headcase-cycle-2015

We will be cycling 180 miles over 3 days. We will be funding our own transport, food and overnight costs – and Headcase itself is run on an entirely voluntary basis. - Louise Jones



This Sceptred Isle

3pm Sunday 19 April

at Saint John the Baptist Parish Church, Arkholme

In the eight-hundredth year of Magna Carta

a celebration of 'home as a place to belong'

another in our occasional series of themed local cultural events

Readings including

- Desiderata
- 'This Sceptred Isle' from Shakespeare's Richard II

Poetry including

- selections from *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas
read by local poet, author and theatre director **Christine Burn**
- selected poems of *John Betjeman*
read by Hornby's **Sam Ashton**
- four selected poems read by **Avril Newey**
including her new piece written for the Lune Valley, 'Lent Morning'

Music including

- selections from Ralph **Vaughan Williams**
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind ('*O still small voice of calm*')
- Jerusalem ('*in England's green and pleasant land*')
- Love Unknown ('*Here might I stay and sing*')



Lent Morning

by Avril Newey – written for the Lune Valley, 2014

Avril Newey will be reading this piece in Arkholme on Sunday 19 April – see above

Sunlight, lifting from mist-swathes,
spirals round Whernside,
each grass-tip balances
its globe of sparkle,
daffodils and forsythia
bugle Reveille to the shades
that haunt these pastures,
birds hymn from palm blossom,
wild garlic candles pathways.

Lent parcels England's North.
In the cold dark of the snuggled church,
there are no flowers
but here, in this hillside garden,
there are two apple trees
promising blossom
and, from the fields beyond,
the chivvying of sheep with their lambs,
the breath of a gentle horse.

It is a rare daybreak
that drenches this valley.
Humbled by wonder
I reach again for
those certainties of
chalice and patten
once glimpsed in my youth,
can, momentarily, envisage heaven
- and so, it becomes.



The weather in Arkholme

Robin McIlveen

February Weather in Arkholme

Rain Days: 18

Decidedly Wet Days (5mm+): 4

Wettest Day 25th-26th: 22.3mm

Monthly total: 63.5 mm

Total for 2015 so far: 227mm (9.7 inches)

After very wet January, February has been fairly dry, with only 3mm of rain in the first two weeks, a damp third week, and a wettish fourth, including the wettest day, which accounted for one third of the monthly total. Temperatures stayed lowish in the first half on account of the morning frosts, and afternoon temperatures reached 10°C (50°F) on only two occasions - the 14th and the 25th.

March has come in cool and wet, with 24 mm in the first few days, some dry days and then more rain, bringing the total to 47 mm by the 18th.

Tropical cyclone Pam which devastated the island state of Vanuatu recently was an intense cyclonic circulation (clockwise in the south hemisphere, anticlockwise in the north) around a relatively calm eye a few tens of kilometres across, with surface winds of at least Force 12 in the violent ring extending 100km or so beyond the eye, and gales (Force 8 to 11) for another 300 km beyond that. Rainfalls of hundreds of mm per hour fall in the violent rings, and the fierce winds there produce storm surges which raise sea levels several metres above predicted tides for an hour or more, as well as destructive waves.

Such storms form in tropical oceans in the late summer, when large areas of sea surface exceed a critical temperature of 27°C (80.6°F) more than 500 km from the Equator. The storms drift west before turning poleward and weakening as they move over cooler waters, or land. They are called *Hurricanes* in the Atlantic and east Pacific, *Typhoons* in the north-west Pacific, and *Cyclones* elsewhere, but they are all the same animal, and are the most powerful big storms on earth. Force 12 winds (ie averaging at least 58 mph for 10 minutes at head height) are a minimum for the storm to be called a Hurricane etc, and 30 minutes of winds like this devastated parts of southern England in October 1987. Sustained winds at head height in cyclone Pam seem to have exceeded 120 mph in the violent ring – but by how much we may never know since the fragile anemometers (the whirling cups) seldom survive the associated blizzards of debris.

As I write on 17 March the death toll stands at about 40, but the vulnerability of Vanuatu's low-lying islands to winds and storm surges in particular suggests that the final total may be very much higher. The sharp sea surface temperature threshold of 27°C strongly suggests that such storms will increase in number and intensity as the oceans continue to warm in the coming years, but not in our latitudes. Be thankful that our local sea bathing is as bracing as it is.

Robin McIlveen

Arkholme and District WI

Andrew Lowe presented his slides and talk '**Discovering Lake District Villages**' at our meeting on 9 March. He was the Architectural Conservation Officer for the Lake District National Park for many years and a man whose passion was his profession. He started well by describing Arkholme's main street as an outstanding collection of dated houses. With superb slides he showed us what to look for in a building to suggest its history and the changes that have played a part over the ages. All his villages were in the National Park but the styles and details were familiar to all of us living in this architecturally rich part of the country where the landscape and the buildings still 'belong'.

Rosemary Blanchfield returned to take the chair and thanked Barbara Atkinson for stepping in last month. Centenary celebrations continue; the National Federation of Women's Institutes has been granted a Royal Garden Party to be held on 2 June. One member from each Institute is invited to attend and a ballot for the place will take place at Arkholme & District's next meeting on Monday 13 April. Members unable to attend this meeting may still enter the ballot. Our own celebrations were discussed; we plan a canal trip from Skipton and a meal in early September when the weather will, of course, be superb.

Members voted to donate £100 from the proceeds of the autumn rummage sale to the Lancashire Federation's adopted project with our affiliated international society, the Associated Country Women of the World. ACWW helps women to support themselves and their families, often with a small loan or basic equipment. We also plan to join 'Women Walk the World' in late April. When you have members worldwide, nobody has to walk too far – think about it! – so join us with women all over the world for a stroll and tea and cakes.

We meet next on Monday 13 April in Arkholme Village Hall at 7.30pm.
All are welcome to hear Melanie Lytham on '**Chutney and Cheer**'.

Jane Binney

Gerald writes...

Keen observers of traffic signs will no doubt have noticed the new sign that has been put up at Biggins crossroads at Kirkby Lonsdale again advising HGV drivers not to use their road but I suppose use Church Street at Whittington instead. A similar sign was placed there a few years ago but we eventually persuaded Cumbria Council to remove it so perhaps with a little effort we can do the same thing again, I hear the Parish Council have the matter in hand so let us hope they are successful.

That hard working lady Marjorie Dixon from Harrison's Farm is 90 years old this week, best wishes for a happy birthday Mrs Dixon from all your friends in the village.

Have you been watching the Rooks rebuilding their nests in that large oak tree at Dobby Lane? They really have worked hard and there must be almost twenty nests in the tree this year. They must have reared a lot of young Rooks last year.

There was a break in at the Village Hall last week but fortunately not a lot of damage was done and nothing much was stolen. no money is ever left on the property so really it was a wasted effort on their part but it is not nice to think that people are wandering the village at night looking for things to steal. A truck was broken into at Low Hall and a quantity of hand tools were stolen on the same night so it pays to be vigilant the whole time.

Gerald Hodgson

Whittington Village Hall draw: C. Owen £20, Mrs Holland £10, D. Foster £5



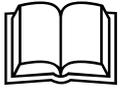
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HOLY WEEK 2015



Palm Sunday 29 March
Clocks go forward
 Joint churches Palm Procession
 begins outside Hornby
 Primary School at 10.45am



Monday 30 March 'Meet the author'
 7.30pm at Saint Margaret's Hornby
*Linda Woodhead is author of our
 Lent Book and Professor of Sociology
 of Religion at Lancaster University*



Maundy Thursday 2 April
 Eucharist of the Last Supper
 and Gethsemane Watch
 7.30pm Hornby



Good Friday 3 April
 9am Whittington · 9am Gressingham
 10am Arkholme · 10am Hornby



Easter Day 5 April
 8am Hornby
 9.30am Whittington
 9.30am Arkholme
 10.30am Gressingham
 10.45am Hornby

**More than 50 people have
 read our Lent Book this year**
 'Christianity' by Linda
 Woodhead, in the Oxford
 University Press *Very Short
 Introductions* series. There is a
 chance to meet the author
 here in the four parishes on
 the Monday of Holy Week –
 see left. She will answer
 questions and talk about some
 of her research into the life of
 faith communities in the UK
 and beyond.

**'This Sceptred Isle' on
 Sunday 19 April** is the latest
 in our occasional series of
 themed local cultural events,
 with readings, poetry and
 music on the theme 'a place to
 belong'. Avril Newey brings a
 new poem written for the
 Lune Valley, Christine Burn
 reads from *Under Milk Wood*,
 and Sam Ashton reads John
 Betjeman. 3pm on Sunday
 19 April in Arkholme church.

Sunday Services in April

	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham
Sunday 5 April	9.30am	9.30am	10.30am
Sunday 12 April	9.30am	9.30am	8am
Sunday 19 April	9.30am	9.30am	-
Sunday 26 April	9.30am	↔	9.30am

...and in Hornby

10.45am Parish Communion every Sunday
8am Holy Communion on 5 and 19 April

