



Wagtail

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of Whittington, Arkholme and Gressingham

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**New every month for Whittington
starting Sunday 12 February**

Sunday Morning Songs of Praise

*an informal service featuring
the very best all-time favourite hymns
with Anthony Smith at the organ
and refreshments afterwards*

a half-hour service ideal for all ages

everybody welcome

starting at 9.30am on Sunday 12 February
and then the second Sunday of every month
(that's the Sunday between the 8th and the 14th)

Join us for the first of the new series
at 9.30am on Sunday 12 February

Saturday 11 February

Sausage, Pie & Beer Festival

all day 12noon to 7pm *Whittington Village Hall*

Local food suppliers

selling pies, sausages, beer,
pickles & jams, cheese, cake and coffee

Demonstrations and workshops

make your own sausages
learn to match food and beer

Amateur Pie Competition

bring your own home-made raised pie
or fruit pie and see whose is best

Fun for all the family

Voluntary £2 entry fee
in aid of Saint John's Hospice

*Stalls by Katie's Kitchen, Hornby Butchers,
Old School Brewery, Whin Yeats Dairy,
Sue Prickett Jams & Preserves and Kircabi
Coffee Roasters - support your local food heroes*

**Wednesday 8 February 1pm
Lunch Club**

Arkholme Village Hall

Open to all retired residents of
Whittington, Arkholme and
Gressingham – three-course lunch
£6 – please book by Monday with
Carole 22202 or Doreen 22023

**Monday 13 February 7.30pm
Womens Institute**

Arkholme Village Hall

Mike Winstanley 'Shopping in Old
Lancaster' – visitors welcome

**Tuesday 28 February
Boden Party**

all day – 9.30am to 5.30pm

Arkholme Village Hall

a pop-up Boden clothes shop with
adults' and children's fashions
in aid of Arkholme School PTF

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

Local churches and community groups can be listed here for free

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Wagtail

Welcome to the February edition – the first of the new year.

All local churches and community groups are welcome 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 March edition. The deadline for items for inclusion is 19 February. Please submit all items to editor@wagtail.org.uk

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Michael Hampson



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It's a service for young and old – everybody's welcome

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The buses are back!

...or at least, there's one a day each way, according to the new timetable. You can leave for Kirkby Lonsdale at about twenty past eight in the morning (0818 Gressingham, 0824 Arkholme, 0830 Whittington), and return from Kirkby Lonsdale at quarter to four (1545 Booths, 1548 Market Square), getting home just after 4pm. You can extend your trip to Hornby or Lancaster if you stay on the bus in the morning (arriving in Hornby at ten past nine or in Lancaster just after 9.30), but to get back from Lancaster you have to leave Lancaster at lunchtime (1315, or Hornby 1341), find something to do in KL for an hour and a half before joining the only bus home from KL at quarter to four. You can also use the same two buses to spend the night in Lancaster (or further afield): the four o'clock afternoon bus out (1554 Whittington, 1601 Arkholme, 1607 Gressingham) reaches Lancaster Bus Station at quarter to five, and the morning bus home leaves Lancaster at quarter to eight exactly, to get you home by half past eight. The buses run on school days only. Go to www.lancashire.gov.uk and in the search box type *bus 81*.

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Youth Worker Wanted

The Benefice of East Lonsdale is looking for a part-time Children's and Youth Worker to cover all six churches. **The position will be paid** and is expected to be approximately 10 hours per week. We would like to appoint someone who can help us develop our existing work, and explore new opportunities for the churches. For more information or to submit an application contact Revd Mark Cannon 21030 mhcannon@fsmail.net or Mary Winter 21784 maryswinter@gmail.com Closing date 15 February. [Ad]

Notices

Charity Thanks: the Whittington house-to-house Poppy Appeal collection raised £254.22; many thanks to Andrew for his help and also to Jenny our new local area organiser for Hornby and District, the district total was over £2,000 [Phyllis Pinch]; and the collections at the Whittington and Arkholme Christmas services for child-refugee winter survival kits (through 'Embrace the Middle East') came to £466.50, many thanks to everyone who supported this.

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; the new listing appears in a couple of months time. Before then, please get in touch on 21461 if you can help. We would be so grateful. – *Mary McClements*

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, which is looking at the potential for the church building to become the future social/cultural/religious centre for the village, plans to hold the next village meeting in April, to report on progress. Further details will follow in the next edition of Wagtail. – *Jane Paxman*

Lifts to Kirkby Lonsdale (and beyond) from Kirkby Lonsdale Voluntary Car Scheme: cars and local volunteer drivers available for medical appointments, hospital visiting, shopping trips, social journeys, any distance. The cost is 45p per mile (from the driver's house back to the driver's house), payable to the driver. Leave a message on 07788 522511. Volunteer drivers always needed too. – *John Preston*

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.' Runs from now until 24 March – LCC Go to www.lancaster.gov.uk and in the search box type *local plan consultation*.

A litter-pick and clean-up day is being organised in both Gressingham and Whittington, for the morning of Saturday 11 March – more details next month.

Divorce Care for Kids is for children and young people from 5 to 13 who are struggling in whatever ways after family break-up. A new group – like an activity group or youth club – begins in Carnforth in February. www.dc4k.org and search for LA5.

Dementia Carnforth is a new project launching with lunch and poetry on Wednesday 8 February, 12noon to 2.30pm at the Royal Station Hotel, Carnforth. For people with dementia and their families/carers, and any who just want to support the event. Soup, pizza and chips – and bring your own poems, or just come to listen to others, bringing back memories with rhyme, rhythm and cadence. Members of Silverdale Players will be reading poems. £4 including lunch. Turn up on the day or contact Roger Clough for more details – 07703 103263 r.clough@lancaster.ac.uk

Arkholme Parish Council met on Monday 7 November. The Christmas Tree, the Carol Singing, and the Hopewell cup competition were all organised. Planning applications were reviewed, the planned work on street furniture was discussed, and two burglaries (from August, "on or near Locka Lane") were reported. The internal audit had been completed.

Concluding our series on The Lord's Prayer: Protect us from evil, temptation and harm

For "lead us not into temptation", the best modern translations have "do not bring us to the time of trial".

Translation is a complex art. God does not lead us into temptation – in the original Greek, or in daily life; and Jesus will have first spoken the prayer in Aramaic anyway.

We pray that God would *deliver us from evil* – wherever we may encounter it – and also save us from 'testing times'.

The familiar text:

Our Father, who art in heaven:
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The shorter version in Saint Luke:
Father (holy is your name): may
your kingdom come. Give us each
day our daily bread, and forgive us
our sins, as we ourselves forgive
everyone indebted to us. And do
not bring us to the time of trial.

Luke has a shorter, earlier version of the Lord's Prayer; the familiar text is Matthew's. But the conclusion is a later addition to both – in which we offer to God our hearts and our lives, acknowledging God as Lord of all.

Concluding our five-part series:

Our sustainer in the skies,
our nourisher and upholder,
ground of all being,
sum of all that is divine,
present in every breath we take,
beyond words,
beyond description,
beyond imagination:
may the values
of freedom and community,
the good of all humankind,
and the good of all creation,
be known throughout the earth.
May there be bread today
for all who are hungry, alone or afraid.
Heal the sores of the wrongs we have done,
as we also learn to love and to heal
those who may have trespassed against us.
**Protect us from evil, temptation, and harm;
Lord of creation, and Lord of our lives.**

SUNDAY SERVICES in FEBRUARY

	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham	SoP – Songs of Praise
5 February	-	9.30am HC	3.30pm EP	HC – Holy Communion
12 February	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	8am HC	SW – Service of the Word
19 February	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-	(service without communion)
26 February	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 February)
and the youth-led service on the third Sunday of every month (19 February)

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Arkholme and District WI



December's meeting in Arkholme Village Hall was an open meeting when we were joined by members and friends from other WIs in our area. With Janice in the chair, we had a very short business meeting, then listened enthralled to Mick Gradwell, a retired detective superintendent, who told us about some of the very high profile cases he had been involved with during his career. He then presented us with a hypothetical case which we had to investigate methodically. There was questioning, role playing, and the financial implications of our methods of investigation to be considered. In all this was a very interesting and informative talk. Mince pies, Christmas cake, wine and soft drinks were served to the thirty-six people who attended, and we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

January's meeting was held in Whittington Village Hall where Janice welcomed seventeen members and friends. The business meeting was quite short--Jane collected subs, Nicole collected resolution voting slips, and the Federation Quiz on January 30th was discussed. Arkholme is a quiz venue again. We will be providing refreshments and entering three teams. On April 24th we will be joining a WI group from Cumbria for a river walk and round Kirkby Lonsdale with refreshments at Anne Parr's home, in aid of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World). Our concert visit to Lancaster University has taken on a completely new aspect: the singing group who were to perform have been replaced by Nicola Benedetti, a rare treat. Then something completely different, we had a Zumba session! A few of us, forgetting we had to dance, wore our winter boots. Nonetheless, it was great fun, lots of laughing, mainly at our own ineptitude. The teacher Laura Sandham was very patient, she said we were wonderful!

The next meeting will be in Arkholme Village Hall on Monday 13 February at 7.30pm when Mike Winstanley will speak on Shopping in Old Lancaster. As usual, visitors are welcome.

Gerald Hodgson writes...

What a happy occasion the Arkholme Pensioners Lunch Club Party was – a very well-cooked traditional Christmas dinner, very neatly served by the school children, followed by some very good carol singing, again by the school children, making it a lovely start to the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise it, we thoroughly enjoyed it.

The Church carol service was well attended. We love singing those old traditional carols and hearing the Christmas story once again. It brings back so many happy memories of families and days long gone.

I suppose there was a good reason to renew the street lights. It certainly hasn't improved the quality of illumination, in fact you almost have to shine a torch to see if they are on. The new lights might have worked if the lamp posts had been ten feet taller and the light spread wider. I just think this is progress going backwards.

The next dance in the Village Hall is on Saturday 4 February when Dennis Westmorland is back playing, raising funds for Lupton Church.

It is seventy years this month since the big freeze of 1947. As an eleven year old at Arkholme school, I remember it well All the becks and ponds were frozen as well as the river Lune, lots of snow for sledging, and great fun sliding on the frozen ponds. Not much fun for our parents though, food was scarce, there was a shortage of coal, and every house then was heated by a coal fire. The miners were threatening to go on strike to make matters worse, and the dockers were holding up deliveries of fresh food on the docks. We just do not know what it is like to see shops selling food having empty shelves nowadays do we.



The weather in Arkholme

Robin McIlveen

November Weather in Arkholme

Rain Days 20 out of 30

Decidedly Wet Days (5mm+) 9 of those 20

Extremely Wet Days (25mm+) none

Wettest Day 17th-18th 25.6mm

Monthly total 136mm (5.4 inches)

December Weather in Arkholme

Rain Days 22 out of 31

Decidedly Wet Days (5mm+) 7 of those 22

Extremely Wet Days (25mm+) none

Wettest Day 24th-25th 15.6mm

Monthly total 88mm (3.5 inches)

Rainfall in the year 2016

Of the 366 days of 2016, 127 (35%) were completely dry, and the 239 Rain Days produced 1251mm of rain (49.3 inches).

Of the 239 Rain days, 91 qualified as Decidedly Wet Days (5mm or more), and of those 91, just two qualified as Extremely Wet Days (25mm or more).

November was much wetter than the very dry October, and the rains brought an acceleration of leaf fall, which quickly blocked roadside drains and roof gutters. The cloud kept dawn temperatures above freezing on many days, but there were modest frosts for a week from the 8th, and some sharper ones in the week from the 24th.

The late November dry period ended on December 6th, but returned briefly on the 18th before the rains started again on the 20th, reaching a dismal total of 46mm spread from Dec 20th to Christmas Day. That was followed by some dry frosty (seasonal) days until Dec 31st brought a final flurry of rain.

The New Year has brought a mixed bag – some days wet and windy, but others calm and mostly cloudy, with an unremarkable accumulation of 44mm by January 16th.

The rainfall total for 2016 is moderately high at 1251mm, but mercifully well short of last year's deluvian 1541mm. It is interesting to note that the implied average daily rate of rainfall in the 239 days (see below) in which rain fell in 2016, was 5.2 mm, which is just into the category I call Decidedly Wet Days. In fact only 91 of those 239 rain days actually qualified as Decidedly Wet Days, so many of the 91 must have been well over the qualifying 5mm. In fact two of them qualified additionally as Exceptionally Wet Days (over 25mm, or 1 inch). They were measured on the morning of March 1 (35.4mm) and August 22 (37.4mm), and between them they accounted for 73mm, which is nearly 6% of the annual total. It's the familiar story - rainfall is heavily skewed towards small numbers of unusually heavy falls, which of course are hard to forecast, and hard to cope with when they come. I wish you a New Year with as few EWDs as possible.

Robin McIlveen

ARKHOLME VILLAGE HALL DRAW. OCTOBER: £20 MR G FORD, £10 MR AND MRS DAY, £10 MR AND MRS TOMLINSON, £10 MR AND MRS METCALFE, £10 MR AND MRS GIBSON, £10 MR AND MRS SPOONER. **NOVEMBER:** £20 MR AND MRS C WADDINGTON, £10 A HEYNES, £10 MR AND MRS HARGREAVE, £10 MR D BURROWS, £10 MR AND MRS MAY, £10 MR R WEBB. **DECEMBER:** £20 MR G BARTON, £10 MR AND MRS TAMLIN, £10 MR AND MRS P WOOD, £10 MR AND MRS MC CLEMENTS, £10 MAXINE OGDEN, £10 MR R HOWARTH. **JANUARY:** £20 MRS M HODGSON, £10 MR C HALL, £10 MR J NICHOLSON, £10 MR AND MRS GIBSON, £10 MR AND MRS DUXBURY, £10 MR J HOLDEN. **FEBRUARY:** £20 MR S CLOSE, £10 MR AND MRS SMITH, £10 MR AND MRS MC CLEMENTS, £10 MRS E HELME, £10 MR AND MRS DUXBURY, £10 MRS C WEBB.

At Hornby Institute

'Senior Moments'

New fortnightly programme on Thursdays at 10.30am, open to all but of particular interest to the over-60s.

Thursday 2 February:

Financial Planning for retirement and future care. *Future topics include Lasting Power of Attorney (16 February), Living Wills, Long-term Care Options, Healthy Holistic Living*

Hornby Singers

Tuesday evenings 7 & 21 February 7pm to 9pm, and Tuesday afternoons 14 & 28 February 1.30pm to 3.30pm £4 – all welcome – Pat 21449

Saturday 11 February Ceilidh and Pie & Peas

7pm to 10.30pm
Lowgill Village Band
Tickets from the Institute 22271 or 07399 742153

Thursday 16 February Hornby Flower Club

7.30pm Rebecca Sanderson explains how she took a piece of neglected land and made it bloom – £4 – Pat 21449

Friday 17 February Countryside Society

7.45pm AGM followed by members' reports and contributions or exhibits.

Saturday 18 February 10am to 4pm Antiquarian Book Fair

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