



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
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for CancerCare

Sunday 5 November
Bonfire Night

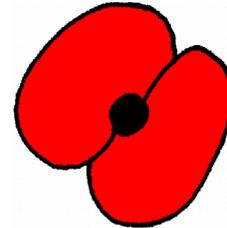


from 6.30pm
with fireworks, bar,
hot food, cakes and toffee
free admission
with a donations bucket
towards the fireworks
Low Hall Farm Whittington

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
Saint Michael the Archangel
Parish Church, Whittington

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

Notices

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 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 afterwards – but it's all gone now! *Graham J-P*

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).

Whittington Parish Council met on Monday 18 September. Three members of the public attended the open session for raising parishioners' concerns from 6.45pm and the meeting proper started at 7pm. The Speed Indicator trial installation had been completed over the summer months. No details of data were yet available. The possibility of a village defibrillator was discussed. Councillor Atkinson will contact Kirkby Lonsdale First Responders for their considered opinions. Councillors discussed the siting of a dog-waste bin on The Long Walk; a parishioner had offered to empty it weekly. Potholes and overhanging trees had been reported on www.FixMyStreet.com. Duncan (07733 397518) and John (015242 73052) continue to work on bus service improvements with two campaign groups and with businesses in Kirkby Lonsdale. The Council restated its full support for the planning applications for The Dragons Head Hotel which Lancaster City Council continues to oppose (16/00238/FUL and 17/00352/FUL). Next meeting Monday 20 November 7pm in Whittington Village Hall, open meeting from 6.45pm.

Whittington Village Hall Draw September £20 Mel Schofield £10 Thomas Atkinson £5 Henry Thompson, October £20 Tim Hurst £10 Anne Pettifor £5 Peter Bibby

John Keegan encourages everyone to engage with the parish council about budget-setting for next year. He hosts his own news and discussion forum at www.whittingtonvillage.org.uk/blog/ and you can contact Whittington councillors direct through the official Whittington Parish Council website www.whittington.org.uk, and attend the open forum at 6.45pm before each Parish council meeting (next meeting Monday 20 November).

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 Dalemian 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

New heating and more at Whittington parish church



Whittington's *Parish Church of Saint Michael the Archangel* stands on a site that dates back a thousand years. The tower is more than five hundred years old, and the 1875 restoration created a magnificent building that continues to serve us well. There were new stained-glass windows in 1922 and 1969, the millennium mosaic was created in 1999, the bells were rehung in 2009, and in 2016 we had new gutters and downpipes and the very splendid new gates, which were dedicated on Remembrance Sunday last year.

Now in 2017 we have just completed a renewal of the heating system. Five new radiators – unobtrusive but powerful – add to the system that was already in place, and a new efficient gas boiler powers the whole system. The work has cost just over £20,000. It means that our church building – both beautiful and practical – can continue to serve the village as an active parish church for many years to come.

All three villages in the Wagtail area have active parish churches. On many Sundays there are services in all three. Each one has a programme of three services every month, and there are extra services at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. All three churches will mark Remembrance Sunday with services starting at 10.30am and including the 11am silence. It is testament to the way that the churches remain at the very heart of village life in all three villages.

Whittington PCC has decided not to ask for contributions towards the new heating system, which has been paid for out of what remains of the historic *Building Fabric Fund* – because what the church really needs to secure its future is not single donations but ongoing support month by month, so that the church can continue strong through this generation and into the next and the next.

Monthly giving from within Whittington now provides more than half of Whittington parish church's income. People give between £5 per month and over £100 per month – equivalent to between £60 per year and over £1,000 per year. Most opt for between £10 and £30 per month. Five pounds per week would be £21.65 per month.

To set up your regular donation (or to make a one-off donation) you can visit your bank branch, or use online, mobile or telephone banking, to set up a payment to the Whittington PCC account 01-04-81 83241760. If you include your address as the reference, the treasurer will contact you about Gift Aid, which increases the value of your donation by 25%. Your contribution will help to ensure that the church remains active at the heart of village life now and into the future.

– Whittington PCC



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OF ENGLAND

Sunday Services in November

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



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

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