



Wagtail

May 2018
Whittington edition
also published in
Arkholme and Gressingham

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Whittington 'Come and Sing'



3pm this Sunday 29 April
Whittington Village Hall

New for Whittington

Just come along and enjoy singing
No auditions, no need to read music
We're going to have a go at learning
a simple call-and-response song,
with a chorus that can break into a
round. We'll then present our efforts
at *Sunday Morning Songs of Praise* in
church at 9.30am on Sunday 6 May

Everybody welcome, whether you
can make the service or not
Come along and enjoy

Sri Lanka Slide Show

Friday 11 May 7.30pm
Whittington Village Hall



by Robin Pritchard £3 entry, bar open

Monday 14 May 7.30pm
Women's Institute

Whittington Village Hall
Robert Webb on his year as
High Sheriff of Lancashire
visitors welcome



Wagtail Wheelers

present a fun-filled fund-raiser for



Saturday 19 May from 6.30pm

food served at 7pm
Arkholme Village Hall

in memory of Trina Pardula

Music and dancing to **Abba A Rival**
Charity Auction · Raffle

Trina was a founder member of The Wagtail Wheelers, accompanying all of our cycle trips including the important fundraising ones: Coast to Coast 2010, The Way of the Roses 2012, and Newcastle to Edinburgh 2015. We started planning our next charity cycle ride for Sarcoma UK with Trina whilst she was having chemotherapy. She was adamant she would be joining us. In her memory now we go ahead – leaving Gretna Green on Thursday 17 May and arriving back in Arkholme on Saturday 19 May. Join us that evening for a major charity fund-raiser for Sarcoma UK in Arkholme Village Hall.

Tickets £10 from ticketsource.co.uk/date/483512 or wagtailwheelers@gmail.com
donate – justgiving.com/fundraising/wagtailwheelers-gretnagreen2arkholmevillagegreen

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Wagtail

Welcome to the May 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 June edition. The deadline for items for inclusion is 19 May. 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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Committee usually meets second Thursday of each month (email or phone to check) – all welcome

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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

Whittington Church

Last month in Wagtail we had the vicar's report on 2017.

Here is the churchwardens' report on 2017, presented at the AGM in April.

The installation of an improved central heating system was the over-riding 'event' of 2017. The old oil-fired boiler was removed from the cellar, together with two large oil tanks, to be replaced by a more powerful gas-fired boiler. New radiators replaced the two attached to the front pews and one at the back, but the existing pipework was retained to be used by the new system operating under low pressure.

Preparation for the work involved many local people. Under the direction of John Pinch, the old boiler and oil tanks were removed from the cellar, and trenches were dug for pipework etc. We are very grateful to everybody who worked so hard and gave so generously of their time. Although the system was up and running for the end of the year, the temperatures achieved were less than hoped for. Some minor modifications were awaiting completion. [These were completed early in 2018, with superb results – a warm church on some of the coldest Sunday mornings of the winter.]

The life of the parish continued around all the work associated with the heating. A monthly pattern of one *Songs of Praise* service and two communion services was established. Songs of Praise has continually attracted more people (average 15) than the communion services, which were attended by between 6 and 12.

Special occasions marked by services have been popular as always.

The numbers for 2017 are worth noting:

Mothering Sunday 22 adults plus 6 children . Easter Day 35 +8.

Heritage Day 80 +1. Patronal Festival 42 +1. Harvest 25 +3.

Remembrance 40 +6 . Carol service 70 +5 . Midnight Mass 30 +1. Christmas Day 35 +8 .

The theme for Heritage Day in 2017 was church life in days gone by. Andrew White, our speaker, gave us a fascinating insight into the village church as it was. We hosted a Shrove Tuesday pancake party and the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. There were three weddings during the year, and Arkholme School held their Christmas service in Whittington. We were very glad of the improved heating on that very cold day.

Throughout the year, our church and churchyard are carefully maintained by an enthusiastic team of people. We are grateful to all those people who cut the grass, wind the clock, open and lock the church each day, or provide altar flowers and superb displays for Easter and Christmas. Our church building and its surrounding are always a credit to all those many people who care for it.

Without the dedication and co-operation of our PCC members – who all just 'get on with it' - none of the above would happen. Each person has adopted an important role, but a special thank you is due to John Pinch, who has quietly kept on top of minor repair work to the building, so that we are confident that it is in good order to face the quinquennial inspection which is due in 2018.

Last, but by no means least we thank our clergy. We have been delighted to have Sister Judith, our new curate, to lead some services this year, and we look forward to getting to know her better in 2018. To Michael, our vicar, we extend our grateful thanks. Michael not only leads services and deals with weddings and funerals, baptisms, and the pastoral care of the people in for parishes, he very quietly and efficiently produces bulletins, calendars, orders of service, lectionaries and much more so that all runs smoothly. Thank you, Michael, for leading, supporting and enabling us in all that has happened in 2017 in Whittington.

Judith Greenwood and Barbara Atkinson, 3 April 2018

Notices

Whittington Village Hall Coffee Mornings are on Wednesdays 3 May and 17 May.

Whittington churchyard needs one or two more volunteer grass-cutters to join the team. Each takes responsibility for a section, which then needs just three or four cuts through the summer. Village strimmer supplied. Please contact Barbara on 72816.

Whittington's Gordon Woodward is in Saint Wilfrids Hall Care Home in Halton (LA2 6RE), and he would love to have friends and acquaintances visit – any time of day.

A new yoga class is running at Arkholme Village Hall on Tuesdays at 2pm.
www.yoga-shiatsu.co / email@yoga-shiatsu.co / Zoe 07483 214210

Hornby Swimming Pool hopes to re-open on Tuesday 8 May.
Get the latest information at facebook.com/Lunevalleyswimmingpool

Hornby Drama Group is looking for new members – adults and children. The next production is Roald Dahl's *The Twits* at the end of June, and the autumn programme is being planned now. Neil Read 21339 hornbydrama.org.uk realneed@hotmail.com

Whittington Parish Council

Whittington Parish Council met on Monday 19 March. Present were Councillors Eric Pelter, Colin Hall, Stuart Close, Barbara Atkinson, and Ted Lawson, and the clerk Gillian Hodgson. Apologies were received from City Councillor Peter Williamson. Progress on potholes was reviewed. The new bus service was noted. Volunteers would be sought for painting railings. There was an update on plans for a village defibrillator.

Two crimes against the person were under investigation within the parish. Councillors expressed concern that a number of crimes have been reported in the last few months. The clerk will contact local beat officer PC Barnsley. The link to

local crime figures is available at www.police.uk.

Councillor Lawson is retiring. Councillor Pelter led thanks for 18 years service. The vacancy will be publicised.

The centenary of the armistice on Sunday 11 November will be marked by a beacon lighting at 7pm. Whittington's event has been registered on the national website.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be on Monday 30 April at 7pm, and the Parish Council Annual Meeting will be on Monday 21 May at 7pm, followed by a regular Parish Council meeting; all in Whittington Village Hall.

Gerald Hodgson writes...

I have had a large variety of birds visiting my bird feeder this spring. They love fat balls and have eaten two every day – blue tits, great tits, long-tail tits, sparrows, robins, goldfinches and nuthatches have all enjoyed a feast, and the blackbirds and jackdaws wait patiently under the feeder to pick up the crumbs. I have finished feeding them now as I think they should search for food in the summer months.

I keep searching the sky for swallows but have not seen any yet. They are usually here between the 12th and 26th of April, so maybe they will arrive later this week.

Best wishes to Evelyn Pelter, our oldest resident to be born in the village. Evelyn is in hospital at the present time but hopes to be home shortly.

I think the council must have run out of the paint they use to mark potholes! Do you think if the Parish Council bought a white spray can and went round marking the potholes they would get repaired any quicker?



The weather in Arkholme

Robin McIlveen

March Weather in Arkholme

19 Slightly Wet Days (less than 5mm) together adding up to 11.6mm

6 Decidedly Wet Days (from 5mm to just under 25mm) adding a further 45.8mm

20 Rain Days altogether adding up to **57.4mm** (2.3 inches) – leaving 6 dry days

Wettest Day 9th-10th with 9.2mm

March maintained the more restrained rainfall introduced in February. Temperatures stayed a little below the seasonal average, and fell further in the middle of the month, when a mini 'Beast from the East' proved to be longer and colder than expected, with five consecutive morning frosts. The rest of the month stayed cool, completing a thoroughly chilly beginning of spring.

The rains switched on briefly with the coming of April, dumping over 40mm in the first, still rather cool, week, including nearly an inch on the 2nd/3rd, which missed being an Extremely Wet Day (at least 25mm) by a wet whisker.

The ripples of awareness of the extent of plastic pollution in the oceans are still spreading from the Attenborough TV series. I am old enough to remember the small local grocers that peppered villages, towns and cities in pre-supermarket days. I was particularly taken with the packing skills of a genial giant named Bertie, who assisted in the grocer's near my home in suburban Belfast. As each item on my mother's shopping list was fetched from the labyrinths beyond the polished counter, Bertie would execute a polished choreography of brown paper wrapping, each parcel finished with a flourish of binding and knotting twine (no sticky tape in those days) before being placed in my mother's well-worn string bags. An equivalent ceremony in the nearby butcher's, saw the meat cuts slapped and folded in grease-proof paper, retained with slightly meaty string. The daily bread was delivered house to house unwrapped from the backs of a swarm of small electric bread vans which toured the city daily (except Sunday of course).

It was silly of me to expect that all of this could be replaced by 'cost-free' disposable plastics, but like most people, I never thought about where they would end up once they had been binned out of sight and mind. I should have known better when I was coincidentally telling students about the big slow wheels of ocean surface waters, which accumulate floating material in their calm subtropical centres. As a boy, my lurid (unwrapped) adventure "comics" filled these Sargassos with seaweed, old pirate ships and giant octopi, but the sad reality now revealed by Attenborough's reporters is a global scatter of vast carpets of industrial and domestic trash floating under the cloudless skies of those parts. Actually history suggests that some good may come from the revelation: the sudden awareness and reaction to the dangerous stratospheric ozone hole in the late 1980s still stands as a landmark in our awareness of environmental fragility. Come back Bertie; dazzle me again.

Robin McIlveen

By the end of March, there have been 20 dry days in the 90 days so far of 2018, 54 Slightly Wet Days giving 64mm of rain, 16 Decidedly Wet Days giving 168mm, and still no Extremely Wet Days; a total of 70 Rain Days giving 232mm of rain (9.1 inches). Continued at this rate, the full year's rainfall would be a much more usual 940mm, after 2017's third-wettest-on-record 1463mm.

Arkholme and District WI



President **Janice McIlveen** welcomed 15 members and two visitors to Gressingham Old School Room for the March meeting.

After two meetings with hastily arranged substitute speakers – both excellent – this month we ‘got what it said on the tin’, and how glad we were. **Oliver Westall** is an accomplished, experienced speaker who taught at the University of Lancaster for many years. He was persuaded by one Vice Chancellor to become the University Orator. **As the Public Orator** he speaks at formal and traditional occasions such as the university’s fortieth anniversary. He also travelled worldwide to promote Lancaster and described some of the lighter moments, avoiding drunken elephants in India and spinning on the dance floor with Junoesque Russian ladies! At graduation ceremonies he presents candidates awarded honorary degrees, and has fascinating memories of many, ranging from Harold Wilson to Jane Horrocks. He must research them, write and then offer his speech before 1500 people. No pressure then! We could see that Oliver Westall was the perfect choice. The fact that he was not paid for his work was compensated for by the people he met and learned about.

New activities on offer from the Federation include a Poetry Appreciation and Writing day and a Cushions and Bunting Class in late June and July. There is a training session for those interested in becoming an Independent Financial Examiner (IFE) for WI accounts. Anne Symons gave information on visits she has arranged for members: ‘Echoes of Light’, an exhibition by the Guild of Glass Engravers, at Tennants in Leyburn on 5 June, and a visit to Helmshore Mills, one of the last working mills, in Haslingden in July. There is still time to sign up for the visit to Harlow Carr RHS Gardens on 8 May. Contact Anne if you want to join us. Secretary Nicole Davison explained how the changes to the Data Protection Act will affect WI record keeping. She announced that the resolution chosen to be debated at the AGM in Cardiff in June is ‘Mental Health Matters’. The full resolution begins ‘Mental health matters as much as physical health’ and it is published with briefing notes in the members’ magazine. Arkholme and District members will discuss and vote on whether to support it at the meeting in May.

At the resolution meeting on **Monday 14 May**, Robert Webb will speak about his experience as High Sheriff of Lancashire. The meeting will be held at Whittington Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Village Hall Draws

Whittington

£20 Irene Riley
£10 Roy Williamson
£5 Marie Blackburn
new tickets on sale now

Arkholme

£20 Mr and Mrs Bowker
£10 Mr J Nicholson
£10 Mr and Mrs May
£10 K&D Waddington
£10 Mrs P Johnson



Wagtail

Sunday 13 May 3pm to 5pm
*Afternoon teas served at your table
inside Saint Margaret's, Hornby*

Wednesday 23 May 7.30pm
First optional rehearsal for Hornby's 'Come and Sing' Fauré Requiem, which will form part of the programme at 7.30pm on Sunday 3 June (see below). Another optional rehearsal follows on Wednesday 30 May, and the rehearsal on the day (4.15pm to 5.30pm) is compulsory for singers (but not for the audience). Singers please register with tonyewens@hotmail.co.uk or 21505 giving contact details and stating whether soprano, alto, tenor or bass. Using Novello SATB vocal score, edited by Desmond Ratcliffe, some copies available at rehearsals.

Sunday 3 June 7.30pm
Divers Voyces choral concert with Fauré Requiem and more *Saint Margaret's Hornby*

Saturday 19 May 10am to 4pm
'The Cup of Life' contemplative and creative day of prayer at *Saint Joseph's House of Prayer*, next to *Tunstall Church LA6 2RQ*. Please bring your favourite mug. Lunch provided. Book on 03330 119563. No charge, donations welcome



Sunday 10 June 5pm



Heritage Day
Whittington Parish Church
Maurice Steele's illustrated talk on farm and village life 'as it was' – heavy horses, no running water, no electricity
*5pm prompt this year
and refreshments after*



Sunday Morning Songs of Praise is a half-hour service featuring the very best all-time favourite hymns with Anthony Smith at the organ plus readings and prayers and refreshments afterwards
*9.30am on the first Sunday of every month
at Whittington church – join us on Sunday 6 May*



SUNDAY SERVICES in MAY



*Midweek communion every
Wednesday 10am in Hornby*

	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham
6 May	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	9.30am HC
13 May	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	8am HC
20 May	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-
27 May	-	-	9.30am HC

Hornby
10.45am HC every Sunday
8am HC on 6 and 20 May

SoP – Songs of Praise
HC – Holy Communion