



Wagtail

The parish magazine
of Whittington, Arkholme
and Gressingham
June 2018

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Whittington 'Come and Sing'



3pm this Sunday 27 May
Whittington Village Hall

New in Whittington

Just come along and enjoy singing
No auditions, no need to read music

We had great fun at the first session
in April, learning a simple call-and-
response song, with a chorus that
broke into a round. Seven of the ten
then presented our efforts at
Sunday Morning Songs of Praise
the following Sunday, with great
enthusiasm all round!

Join us this Sunday at 3pm in the
Village Hall. Everybody welcome,
whether or not you can make the
service the following Sunday.

Come along and enjoy!

Sunday Morning Songs of Praise



9.30am Sunday 3 June
Whittington Church

A half-hour service
featuring the very best

all-time favourite hymns, with Anthony
Smith at the organ, and extra pieces by the
new Whittington 'Come and Sing' choir
refreshments after · everybody welcome



Whittington Heritage Day

5pm Sunday 10 June
Whittington Church

Maurice Steele's
illustrated talk on farm
and village life 'as it
was' – heavy horses,

no running water, no electricity

presentation starts 5pm prompt this year
refreshments after · everybody welcome



Women's Institute

7.30pm

Monday 11 June

Gressingham
Old School Room
North West
Blood Bikers
visitors welcome



Whittington Race Night

7.30pm Saturday 23 June
Whittington Village Hall

a fun evening with six races
*you can be owner, trainer,
or jockey, as well as a punter*
free entry · supper · bar · raffle

Arkholme Patronal Festival



of Saint John the Baptist

10.30am Sunday 24 June

United Benefice Service
in Arkholme Parish Church

*All four parishes gather
to celebrate the midsummer
Patronal Festival of Saint
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more events on the back cover...

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Wagtail

Welcome to the June 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 July and August edition**. The deadline for items for inclusion is 19 June. Please submit all items to editor@wagtail.org.uk

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Many thanks as always to all our contributors and distributors.

Michael Hampson

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Whittington has its Sunday service at 9.30am on the first three Sundays of every month – that’s every Sunday up to and including the 21st of the month. *This month there’s a special – Whittington Heritage Day – on 10 June, see front page for details.*



Arkholme also has its Sunday service at 9.30am on the first three Sundays of every month – that’s every Sunday up to and including the 21st of the month. *This month there’s also the Patronal Festival on Sunday 24 June, see front page for details.*



Gressingham has two 9.30am services each month (first and fourth Sundays of the month), and one early service at 8am (second Sunday of each month). *This month Gressingham joins in the Arkholme Patronal Festival on Sunday 24 June.*

Hornby has Parish Communion with a congregation of 60 and a full robed choir every Sunday at 10.45am – unless there’s a Patronal Festival in Whittington, Arkholme or Gressingham – as there is on 24 June.



The ‘youth-led’ service is on the first Sunday of every month in Hornby at 10.45am – Parish Communion with our young people present and helping to lead, and the Junior Choir in addition to the regular choir.



SUNDAY SERVICES in JUNE



	Whittington	Arkholme	Gressingham
3 June	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	9.30am HC
10 June	5pm HD	9.30am HC	8am HC
17 June	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-
24 June	→	10.30am HC	←

SoP – Songs of Praise
 HD – Heritage Day
 HC – Holy Communion

Hornby
10.45am HC every Sunday (except 24 June)
8am HC on 3 and 17 June
Midweek communion every Wednesday 10am in Hornby

Notices

Rebecca Nicholls writes: **Just to express my sincere thanks** to Mrs Ingram, staff and parents at Arkholme school for the splendid party we were invited to to celebrate the Royal wedding. As we walked in the tables looked absolutely beautiful, decorated with fresh flowers and flags and fine china tea settings (even the tea pots) and the display of food on tiered cake plates had to be seen to be believed, it put the Midland Hotel to shame! The courteous and attentive young waiters were just as excellent, fit for any royal occasion! My only disappointment was that more people didn't take advantage of this generous invitation. An enormous amount of planning and preparation had gone into this event and I'm sure that all of us who attended thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon which ended with an accompanied tour of the school. To Mrs Ingram, staff and children – thank you for making us so welcome.

Class 4 teacher Mr Bonwick writes: Thank you for your donations of **clean tin foil**. Mrs Burrow has crushed it up and used it to help fill 6 more sacks which have been added to the Lancaster collection for guide dogs for the blind. She asked me to remind collectors that we don't collect pill poppers as even though they look like they are foil there is still plastic in them, also we don't collect tea bag bags as these are silver coloured but not foil. A scrunch test is good – if it stays crunched it is usually foil. The collection box is at the front of school near the school garden, next to the boiler house steps.

Many thanks to Robin Pritchard for the wonderful slideshow of the trip to Sri Lanka in Whittington Village Hall last month.

There is a Flower Festival in the fifteenth-century church at Tatham (LA2 8NH) on the theme 'Church Life in Flowers', 9am to 6pm daily, Friday 22 June to Sunday 24 June, with a church service on the Sunday at 11am.

Keerside Farm Open Gardens Day for Saint John's Hospice is next month, on Sunday 22 July, 10am to 4pm, with cream teas, stalls and games. More information next month.

Whittington Parish Council held its Annual General Meeting on Monday 15 May. No painting of railings had been carried out during the last financial year; it was agreed to resume this year. No crime reports were filed for the entire past year. The chair thanked the councillors for their support over the past year and secretary Gillian for keeping everything in order. The balance in the Current account at the end of March was £2,132.73, with £143.38 in a deposit account. The precept received from Lancaster City Council is £3,630.00 as requested, an increase of 10%. Eric Pelter agreed to remain as Chairperson. Rates were set for the clerk's salary and for annual grazing and shooting rights. The bench by South Lodge has been removed, designated beyond repair. The benches near the Church and Sellet Mill have been repaired. Next meeting: Monday 16 July 7pm in Whittington Village Hall, preceded by an open meeting at 6.45pm.

Arkholme 150 Club Draw for June: £20 Mr and Mrs Ireland, £10 Mr and Mrs Wilson, £10 Mr and Mrs McClements, £10 Mr J Mason, £10 Mr and Mrs H Burns.





The weather in Arkholme

Robin McIlveen

April Weather in Arkholme

17 Slightly Wet Days (less than 5mm) together adding up to 21.1mm

5 Decidedly Wet Days (from 5mm to just under 25mm) adding a further 65.0mm

22 Rain Days altogether adding up to **86.1mm** (3.4 inches) – leaving 8 dry days

Wettest Day 2nd-3rd with 24.6mm

April maintained the more restrained rainfall started by February, though its wettest day (May 2nd to 3rd) missed being an Extremely Wet Day (25 mm or above) by only 0.4mm. The second and third week of the month added only 20mm between them, but the fourth added another 25mm to reach a fairly typical monthly total of 86mm.

Afternoon temperatures remained distinctly low until the 19th, when they suddenly jumped to 21°C. Sunday 22nd was a balmy 24°C, but a return of persistently cold air kept daily maxima around 12°C for the rest of the month, establishing this as an unusually cold spring, though there was only one morning frost.

May has continued the dryish, rather cool phase, though there was a brief flirtation with summer temperatures on the 6th and 7th, despite that being a Bank Holiday weekend. As I write, the Royal Wedding seems to be attracting another early glimpse of summer.

The plight of the oceans rightly continues to hold a corner of the national and international stage, despite strong competition for attention. Media science correspondents are coping more or less successfully with this neglected feature of our planet's surface. The facts are stark. About 70% of the Earth's surface area is covered by sea water, ranging in depth from 0 to about 300m in coastal margins, and between 3km and 5km over the 'abyssal plains' that cover half the planet – and reaching 11km in the deepest of the long narrow oceanic 'trenches'. Sunlight filters into only the top couple of 100m of it all, where it sustains a vast population of tiny plankton plants which underpin the web of marine life. The great bulk of the underlying oceans are pitch dark, around 0°C even in equatorial regions, and dominate the mass, heat economy and living potential of the noisy green parts we think of as home. And over it all clings the shallow skin of air and cloud we breathe, enjoy, complain about and abuse, whose weather touches us all, and whose rain is largely a gift of the surrounding oceans.

Robin McIlveen

By the end of April, there have been 28 dry days in the 120 days so far of 2018, 71 Slightly Wet Days giving 85mm of rain, 21 Decidedly Wet Days giving 233mm, and still no Extremely Wet Days (despite the very near miss in early April); a total of 92 Rain Days giving 318mm of rain (12.5 inches). Continued at this rate, the full year's rainfall would be a much more usual 967mm, after 2017's third-wettest-on-record 1463mm.

Arkholme and District WI



Our speaker for the May meeting was well known to members: **Mr Robert Webb described his year as High Sheriff of Lancashire**, an ancient and honourable position. The first in Lancashire was appointed in 11th century, a very powerful position but with drawbacks: he had to provide his private army to support the king when called upon. Just as well that he also collected taxes and imposed fines! The ancient roots of the role are evident in the appointment: for Lancashire, the monarch takes a silver bodkin and pricks through his or her name in a list made on a vellum sheet. One reason for this is that unwilling candidates in the past scratched their name out – you can't do that with a hole in vellum! Robert was not unwilling and, although a sword is required, he never used it in anger during his year in office. His coat of arms now hangs alongside those of the other 65 High Sheriffs of Elizabeth II reign. Duties include meeting royal visitors to the county, but much is of the Sheriff's own choice. Robert chose to involve himself with the work of the many support services in the county, and memorable activities included a night shift on the streets of Blackpool with the police! His enthusiasm for the work of the services encouraging young people was evident. It is clear that today's High Sheriff is a giver rather than a taker from the community.

The main item of business was the resolution to be voted upon at the National AGM at Cardiff on 6th June – 'Mental health matters as much as physical health'. The proposer's concern is that although one in four people will experience a mental health problem every year there is still a stigma around talking about it, even among close friends and family. This can not only worsen the problem but impede getting help and treatment. She hopes to see the WI work to reduce that stigma by learning about the issue and discussing it openly. If the resolution is adopted NFWI will be mandated to campaign on the topic and make representation to bodies responsible for mental health services. After discussion Arkholme & District WI voted to adopt the resolution. The Federation offers willow weaving, a hare or heron, and a walking treasure hunt in Slaidburn during the summer. There were also invitations to two events featuring North West Blood Bikers, a money raising prize bingo night at Halton on 22nd June and a talk by NWBB at Borwick on 10th July. Members should contact secretary Nicole asap if they are interested. We await official guidance on new data protection legislation. A walk along the river from WVH to support ACWW was agreed but no date fixed. Helen Mackereth agreed to gather stamps collected by members for the same organisation.

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 11 June in Gressingham Old School Room when we shall hear from the North West Blood Bikers. Visitors are welcome.

Gerald Hodgson writes...

I must first apologise to David Airey of West Hall farm, for it was David who turned out after the last heavy snow fall in March, and gritted the whole length of Church Street, making travelling so much easier for us all. Thank you David, it was much appreciated.

The swallows did finally return on May 18th. Stuart Close saw them at Docker Hall on the 20th, and the house martins on May 1st. There are far fewer than in previous years, and it was only today May 17th that I saw the first one flying around the Church Tower. It seems that the flying insects they feed on are getting fewer. Our modern lifestyles must be responsible in some way. It is such a shame how many varieties of birds have disappeared locally in my life time.

The next dance in the Village Hall is on Saturday 2 June when the music for dancing will be played by the Scottish band Tartan Sound. Another good night guaranteed.

Part of my Whittington Archive will be on display in the Church on Sunday 10 June. Come along and see what the village was like in days gone by.



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Divers Voyces Chamber Choir presents a choral concert at Saint Margaret's Church, Hornby, on Sunday 3 June at 7.30pm, and is joined for the second half by Hornby Choral Society – fifty voices in all – for a presentation of the **Fauré Requiem**. Free admission, wine and nibbles after, retiring collection for the church organ refurbishment. *If you know the Fauré Requiem, you can still join the mass choir for the day with a final rehearsal that afternoon: tonyewens@hotmail.co.uk or 21505.*

Summer Afternoon Teas continue inside Saint Margaret's Church Hornby, 3pm to 5pm on Sundays 17 June, 15 July and 19 August.

Free money for teenagers

The Whittington and Arkholme charities make small cash grants to young people from Whittington and Arkholme who are in further education.

If you are aged 16+ and in full-time education this September, send your contact details and details of your course and year to vicar@these4parishes.co.uk.

The charities hold old educational endowments associated with the two villages. Trustees include the vicar and representatives of the two parish councils.

Buses

Towards Kirkby Lonsdale and beyond (and back from Lancaster)

	NS	S					S	NS	Sun
Lancaster	0645	0645	0745	0945	1145	1345	1545	1545	0850
Hornby	0712	0712	0812	1012	1212	1412	1612	1612	0907
Gressingham	0718	0718	0818	1018	1218	1418	1618	1618	0910
Arkholme	0724	0724	0824	1024	1224	1424	1624	1624	0917
Whittington	0731	0731	0831	1031	1231	1431	1631	1631	0923
Kirkby Lonsdale	0740	0740	0840	1040	1240	1440	1640	1640	0928
Ingleton	0800	0815	0900	1100	1300	1500	1700	1730	0945
Settle	0827	0840	0925	1125	1325	1525	1725	1755	1020
Skipton	0925	0925	1010	1210	1410	1610	1810	1840	(1)

Towards Lancaster (and back from Kirkby Lonsdale and beyond)

	NS				QES				Sun
Skipton		0850	1045	1245		1445	1645	1845	(2)
Settle		0929	1125	1325		1525	1725	1925	1637
Ingleton		0958	1158	1358		1558	1758	1958	1710
Kirkby Lonsdale	0730	1015	1215	1415	1545	1615	1815	2015	1735
Whittington	0737	1022	1222	1422	1554	1622	1822	2022	1732
Arkholme	0744	1029	1229	1429	1601	1629	1829	2029	1738
Gressingham	0750	1035	1235	1435	1607	1635	1835	2035	1742
Hornby	0755	1040	1240	1440	1615	1640	1840	2040	1746
Lancaster	0820	1105	1305	1505	1654	1705	1905	2105	1805

Key: NS - not Saturday; S - Saturday only; QES - QES school days only

Sun – Sundays and Bank Holidays only from 1 April to 21 October

(1) continues to Malham 1050, not to Skipton; (2) begins at Malham 1605, not Skipton

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