



# Wagtail

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of Whittington, Arkholme and Gressingham

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Saturday 23 June 7.30pm



## Whittington Race Night

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Friday 6 July 3.30pm  
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Arkholme

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Monday 9 July 7.30pm  
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Sunday 24 June 3pm  
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Sunday Morning  
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Whittington Church

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Friday 29 June 7.30pm  
Saturday 30 June 7.30pm  
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more events on the back cover...

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# Wagtail

Welcome to the combined July and August 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 **September edition**. The deadline for items for inclusion is 19 August. Please submit all items to [editor@wagtail.org.uk](mailto:editor@wagtail.org.uk)

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*Michael Hampson*

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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](http://committeeadmin.lancaster.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetailsList.aspx)

**Gressingham Parish Council** agendas and minutes are available online at [www.hornbyvillage.org.uk/organisations/gressingham-parish-council](http://www.hornbyvillage.org.uk/organisations/gressingham-parish-council)

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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](mailto:editor@wagtail.org.uk)*



# The vicar writes...

## What connects:

- an Olympic medal ceremony
- a birthday party (whatever the age), and
- a poppy-day parade?

*...plus weddings, village fêtes, award ceremonies and presentations, all kinds of anniversaries, music festivals, memorial services, fundraising events, even protest marches?*

**They are all examples of gatherings that mark something that matters to us** – and the remarkable thing is how much they all have in common.

**They all follow a similar pattern** – as though the whole programme is written in our DNA.

**There will be speeches.** Someone will tell the story once again of why everyone has gathered – even though we already know.

**Someone will announce a moment of silence** to capture the solemnity of the occasion – even if it is only as the cake is brought in, or as we wait for a major announcement.

Other speeches might bring **encouragement for the future**, or even **stir people to commitment and action.**

There will almost always be **music or poetry**, even if it's only *Happy Birthday to You*.

And other rituals abound – like where and when to stand (and which way to face), and the **cutting of cakes**, and **gift-giving** and **presentations** and **applause**, and the way we all queue up to shake hands with the host, or the happy couple, or the chief mourner, or the prize-winner.

There will be **food and drink**, and if not **dancing** then often **processions**.

All these gatherings have the same elements – as though the whole programme is written in our DNA.

And this is what we do in church every Sunday, as well as at the big annual events like Christmas and Easter – and at christenings and weddings and on Remembrance Day.

There's food and drink – both ceremonial, on the altar, and practical, after the service.

Various people step up to speak.

There might be a poem, from the Old or New Testament or the Psalms.

There will be silence, and formal and informal prayers.

There will be encouragement for the future, and often a challenge to commitment and action.

And always, we tell again the story of why we have gathered, even though we already know: the great account of God's work in the world, from creation in the far past, to the completion and perfection of all things in the future – and at the centre of it all, the Gospel reading for the day, re-telling just one episode of so many from the life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth.

Every Sunday there is a great feast of music: some to listen to, some to get lost in, some to sing loudly with gusto – body, heart and soul in harmony.

And the whole gathering is like a dance, where everybody knows the steps – processing, sitting, standing, moving to the lectern, turning to the gospel, turning to our neighbours, sharing the peace, receiving the bread and the wine.

If you have seen or attended any of the events listed at the top of the page, you will feel completely at home in church. The whole programme is written in our DNA.



# Notices



**Many thanks** to everyone who supported Christian Aid Week in May. We raised £508.46 in Arkholme, £308.82 in Whittington and £338.59 in Gressingham. From our three organisers, Louise Jones (“a big thank you to everyone who donated, also a big shout out to my trusty volunteers, without whom we wouldn’t have been able to cover such a wide area”), Phyllis Pinch (“thanks to all who donated and to Barbara, Helen and Tilly, whose help was much appreciated”), and Lib Cottam (“thanks to all who contributed and to Glen Stevens who helped count up”).

**The Wagtail Wheelers** are very proud to announce that more than £15,000 has been raised for Sarcoma UK, in memory of Trina Pardula, from the sponsored cycle ride (from Gretna Green to Arkholme Village Green) and the fundraiser that followed in Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday 19 May. A big thank you to everyone who made it happen –



the cyclists and their support driver Pete, Rick Altham from Altham's butchers, the kind donors of raffle and auction items, *Mia Italia* for the bar, everyone who provided salads and puds, The Bay Horse, Lune Valley Pods, all those who set up and cleared away at Arkholme Village Hall and all the lovely people who came along to the fundraiser and supported the raffle and auction. Thankyou all. It took a lot of effort and a lot of planning but it paid off with a huge amount of money raised for a very worthy cause. It's not too late to donate. – *Louise Jones on behalf of The Wagtail Wheelers*  
[justgiving.com/fundraising/wagtailwheelers-gretnagreen2arkholmevillagegreen](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/wagtailwheelers-gretnagreen2arkholmevillagegreen)

**The First Gressingham Balsam Bash** was on Saturday 16 June, with a very good turnout for a community onslaught on the Himalayan Balsam that is spreading in the village. After a briefing by our leader Alice Helyar, small groups set off to various parts to pull the invasive weed. An enjoyable and rewarding morning for all. A second *Balsam Bash* is planned for Saturday 7 July – *Neil Read realneed@hotmail.com*

**Arkholme School's Peace Pole** was unveiled on Tuesday 12 June, supported by RotaKids and the Rotary Club. Mr Bonwick's Class 4 presented their research on people who work for peace, and their poems on the theme, and the vicar provided a blessing. *The Peace Pole movement began in Japan in 1955, and went international in 1983. There are now more than 100,000 Peace Poles in 180 countries, each with the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in at least four languages.*



**Arkholme School is buying a new piano** and after discounts, grants, and sponsorship, is having a final push to fund the last 34 keys at £9 a key. Cheques/cash welcome at the school office.

**Arkholme's Headteacher Joy Ingram** won the Primary section of the Moneywise Magazine Personal Finance Teacher of the Year award, winning £3,250 for the school, and a slot on BBC Breakfast News – the presentation was in London on 7 June.

**Whittington Annual Parish Council Meeting** was on Monday 21 May. Eric Pelter stepped down as chairperson after 20 years service. Colin Hall was elected in his place, with Stuart Close as vice-chairperson. At the meeting of Whittington Parish Council that followed, Malcolm Fell volunteered to stand as a Parish Councillor. Next meeting 7pm Monday 16 July in Whittington Village Hall, with an open meeting first at 6.45pm.

# Arkholme and District WI



Anybody passing through Gressingham during our meeting will have seen the most fantastic motor bike – red and yellow livery, flashing blue lights and siren (sadly switched off!). It belonged to Bob Bryne, the speaker from **North West Blood Bikers**. This group of volunteers transports blood, vital medication and records between hospitals in the North West area outside normal working hours for hospital transport. The service began in London in 1962 and worked mainly in the South until 2000. Now the North West group has 250 volunteer riders and is the busiest in UK. Last year they answered 2,047 calls, driving some 49,000 miles, saving NHS £180,000. The charity owns 12 liveried bikes as described but the rest are owned by their riders. These have no blue lights or sirens but please do move over when you see them in your mirror. Even if he or she can't yet pass they know that you have noticed. They often work in relays to save man hours, after all, the rider is not available to pick up in Kendal if he's still travelling back from central Manchester.

Not all members of this dedicated group are riders. The controller is the vital link, just one person with 2 phones who co-ordinates the action for the whole shift. Woe betide the rider who forgets to call in on reaching home! Their generosity and dedication have won NWBB Queen's Awards and now they have been nominated as Charity of the Year at Morecambe Sainsbury's for 2018 – you can still vote in store or online.

**Our next meeting will be in Arkholme** at 7.30pm on Monday 9 July when Mr K Lumb will give a talk and demonstration on Pottery Making. As usual, visitors are welcome.

## Gerald Hodgson writes...

**With the death of John Haston at the age of 101 last month** Whittington lost a great friend, and a man who dedicated so much of his leisure time to raising funds to build a Village Hall for all the community to enjoy. John was born at Church Cottage on 20 May 1917, went full time to Whittington school, and worked on the family farm for the rest of his life. His wife Muriel was born at Gressingham, and they spent over seventy happy years together. They really were a good team. John and a small group of villagers got together in 1946 to form a committee, which John soon became Chairman of, to raise money to build a Village Hall. The village already had a site that had been given to the village by the Dawson Greene family when the estate was broken up in 1926. It consisted of a small sweet shop, with the men's reading room above, and a large overgrown garden. It took almost twenty years to raise enough money to start building, and with the help of a grant from Lancashire County Council, the Hall was finally opened in 1964. When I was asked to join the committee in 1966, the first task was to raise money to build the supper room. After that, new tables and chairs were needed, and later on a new maple dance floor was laid. The central heating was a constant problem which was finally solved when gas central heating was fitted in 1986 just before John retired and left the committee. All these things were paid for with money raised by the sheer hard work of the committee led by a wonderful chairman. John was also chairman of the Horticultural Society, which held an annual show, but ran out of helpers in the 1970s. John's achievements and his legacy to the village will be a hard act to follow.

**The Council seem to have given up on repairing pot holes.** The road surfaces just seem to get worse and worse, and no sign of any roadmen. I think they must have made the highways inspector redundant so that they are not being constantly reminded of the poor state of our roads.

**I thoroughly enjoyed the church Heritage Day.** The presentation was very good and very interesting. As usual the food and drink were very tasty, and my contribution seemed quite popular. As usual, if anyone would like to borrow any of my collected material, I am always willing to lend it out.



# The weather in Arkholme

*Robin McIlveen*

## May Weather in Arkholme

9 Slightly Wet Days (less than 5mm) together adding up to 21.4mm  
1 Decidedly Wet Day (from 5mm to just under 25mm) adding a further 6.4mm  
**10 Rain Days** altogether adding up to **27.8mm** (1.1 inches) – leaving 21(!) dry days  
Wettest Day 15th-16th with 6.4mm

**The weather changed gear spectacularly in May**, with only 28mm of rain in the whole month. In my 17 years of records, this tied with May 2016, and was beaten only by the Mays of 2010 and 2008, with their 22mm totals. The 21 completely dry days may well be a record. After a few warm days early in the month, afternoon temperatures were rather restrained until they topped 20°C on the 21st, but then stayed up for the rest of the month (apart from 18°C on the 26th), peaking at 25.5°C (78°F) on the 27th.

**Elsewhere in Britain** the latter part of May was marked by severe thunderstorms and occasionally damaging rain-showers. If any of these had fallen here, the monthly rainfall total could have been transformed in one hour. As it was, our warm dry weather carried on into June – after some rain on June 1st, in which I heard thunder within a few miles of Arkholme. This was followed by a run of 10 warm, completely dry days ending with some rain and a gale on the 14th, which left our lawn carpeted with fresh sycamore leaves torn from an upwind tree.

**The warm and (for us) dry spell was maintained from May 17th to June 13th** by a persistent area of slack surface pressure gradient, in which warm, moist air was prone to develop thundery showers during daytime almost everywhere over Britain, except it seems in our immediate locality. The individual thunder-showers often last for an hour or more, maintaining an intense core, whose rainfall rates can be an absolutely torrential 50mm (2 inches) or more per hour. The results at any given location depend crucially on the length of time these deluges last there. Since the shower cores are only a few miles across, if they are drifting along at 10mph or more, the heavy rain may last for only 15 minutes, depositing 10 to 15mm. But if the shower is nearly stationary throughout its life, the surface beneath may receive the full 50mm or more. Such intense falls will overload any British urban drainage systems, and will turn even large streams into destructive torrents. I believe the nearest of these occurred in the Manchester area, but I could see big clouds building on the sun-facing western slopes of the Pennines on many days during the thundery period, and Ingleton may have had much more rain than we did. Such strong local variations are typical of this sort of weather.

**We have missed such weather so far**, and if the westerlies return to their normal frequency for the rest of the summer, the fast-moving showers which develop behind the big frontal rain belts usually move so quickly that bursts of heavy rain are very short. Always look on the bright side.

*Robin McIlveen*

**By the end of May**, there have been 49 dry days in the 151 days of 2018, 80 Slightly Wet Days giving 106mm of rain, 22 Decidedly Wet Days giving 239mm, and still no Extremely Wet Days (despite the very near miss in early April), ie 102 Rain Days giving 345mm of rain (13.6 inches). Continued at this rate, the full year's rainfall would be 834mm – sharply down on last month's projection, for obvious reasons.





## SUNDAY SERVICES



	<b>Whittington</b>	<b>Arkholme</b>	<b>Gressingham</b>	
<b>24 June</b>	-	10.30am HC	-	
<b>1 July</b>	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	SoP – Songs of Praise HC – Holy Communion
<b>8 July</b>	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	8am HC	
<b>15 July</b>	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-	
<b>22 July</b>	-	-	9.30am HC	<b>Hornby</b>
<b>29 July</b>	<i>United Benefice Service, Hornby 10.45am</i>			<b>10.45am</b> HC <u>every Sunday</u> (except 24 June)
<b>5 August</b>	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	<b>8am</b> HC 1&15 July, 5&19 August
<b>12 August</b>	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	8am HC	<i>Midweek communion every Wednesday 10am in Hornby</i>
<b>19 August</b>	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-	
<b>26 August</b>	-	-	9.30am HC	

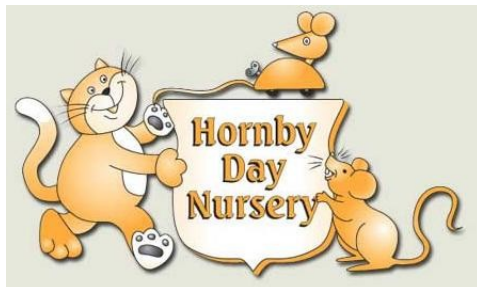
## Free money for teenagers

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](mailto: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.*

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