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Dear Reader

As usual, the creative juices haven't started to flow yet so, for inspiration, we've decided to look back to the August/September 2025 issue - and guess what, we talked about the weather! Conditions in 2025 were very similar to this year, with long, hot, dry days, but back then, because of the previously exceptionally dry spring, a hosepipe ban was introduced in mid July. So far this year, Yorkshire Water has 'zero expectations' of any restrictions this summer.

We are now fifty years on from the memorable summer of '76. Oh those halcyon days when milk cost 9p a pint, a litre of petrol cost 17p, a pint of beer 33p and a bottle of Mateus Rosé was around £1.50. But that summer, water was at a premium, many people having to queue at standpipes for their daily supply.



Unlike last year, this year's Weeton Show basked in glorious sunshine and was a fun day for all those of us who supported *The Greatest Little Show in Yorkshire*. A massive well done to all the wonderful volunteers who made it happen.

Looking forward, we hope there is still some sunshine left for you to enjoy the rest of the summer, and fingers crossed that we get some rain, but only overnight!

See you in the autumn.

**L, C and L
and the team**

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Weeton Parish Council

Vehicle Activated Sign on A658 in Huby

The Vehicle Activated Sign on the A658 through Huby sustained significant damage as the result of an electrical fault. The repair costs are significant and it had been hoped that grant funding could be secured to part fund the repair. Options for grant funding are now looking unlikely, so the Parish Council will dip into its reserves to fund the full repair. Hopefully the sign will be back working in the autumn.

Vacant councillor position

Keen to make a positive difference to the local community? There is still a vacant councillor position on the Parish Council. The commitment is an evening every other month, plus time spent supporting small projects that enhance community life. If you are interested in being considered for co-option to the Parish Council, then please contact the clerk by email (clerk@weetonparish.gov.uk).

Residential development in the Parish

While the outcome of North Yorkshire Council (NYC) call for sites will not be published until the end of the year, it is probable a speculative planning application will be submitted to develop land on the west side of the A658 in Huby. At the Annual Parish Meeting in May, a variety of views were expressed to the prospect of significant residential development in the Parish. Given the current housing targets imposed by central Government on NYC, some development is almost certain, especially as there is a presumption in favour of developing sites in close proximity to sustainable transport links (mainly railway stations). The Parish also lacks certain types of housing stock which often makes it difficult for members of the community to remain local when their housing needs change. However, there are significant infrastructure issues in the area, alongside a need to retain the openness of the countryside and productive agricultural land. It is therefore the Parish Council's view that an appropriate balance must be struck.

Juniper Solar Farm

The additional information requested by the Planning Officer was received by NYC just before the submission date for this article. A response will be considered by the Parish Council and both the Parish Council and the Stop Weeton Solar Farm Campaign will speak in opposition to the proposal when it is considered by the Strategic Planning Committee. Once further information is known on which sitting of the Committee will hear the application, details will be published on the Parish Council website and WhatsApp community.

David Chalmers

Chair, Weeton Parish Council

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News from St Barnabas'

Summer is well and truly with us now and we have had some lovely events recently. In the past couple of months we have had three weddings and our annual Cellissimo concert on 5 July; a lovely afternoon was had by all who attended.

Unfortunately, the church bells are currently out of action. The floor to the bell chamber is needing some work. Hopefully the repairs will be sorted out soon.

Our family service now has a new look. There is a box of toys at the back of church for little ones and children are now helping with hymn books and taking the collection. Please do come along and enjoy this first Sunday service of the month.

Looking ahead, we will be holding the Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th October. Everyone will be welcome. Please bring bags of dry goods for the food bank.

A huge thank you to everyone who sent donations or went on to the Parish Giving Scheme during this past couple of months. It is greatly appreciated and anyone who hasn't already, but would like to send a donation, please send to Revd Stroma McDermott. Many thanks

Sandra Moss

Community coffee morning

Our community coffee mornings are open to anyone who enjoys home-made cakes with tea or coffee, in a friendly environment. How can you turn down such an invitation?

We raise money to keep St Barnabas' Church open.

There is no get together in August, but the event starts again in September, as follows:

16 September, 10am - 11.30am

Venue: Sleights Meadow, top of Crag Lane, Huby

We thank Anne and Rod for the use of their welcoming barn.

I hope everyone has coped with the recent hot weather and I wish you all a happy summer break.

Ros Bodsworth
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Almscliffe Tennis & Bowling Club

Under the summer sun!

The early summer has brought a couple of spectacular heatwaves meaning that watering the green has become as essential as mowing, and both tennis and bowling have experienced requests to rearrange matches because of the heat! Certainly, social tennis attendance on a Saturday has taken a bit of a dip during Wimbledon fortnight, many players preferring to watch the professionals slug it out in 30+ degree heat rather than take to the court themselves!

Indeed, I am writing this from London, in between a couple of days at SW19 watching scintillating tennis in searing heat. It is not widely known amongst all Wimbledon fans that you can increase your chance of getting tickets by becoming a club and LTA member so you have an additional chance of tickets in the LTA ballot as well as the public ballot and yet another in the volunteer ballot should you take on a role at the club!



The fabulous weather, plenty of Pimm's, a paddling pool for the youngsters, a cleverly constructed big screen to watch England's defeat of Panama, and an amazing luxury raffle with prizes including tickets to see Peter Kay live, a quad biking and archery experience at Hazelwood Castle and a generous voucher for The Square & Compass, only added to everyone's enjoyment of the annual BBQ on 27 June. We hope to entice even more villagers to join us next year.



Tennis

This was in stark contrast to the very cold weather, not to mention rain, which still failed to put a dampener on our *Play with the Pros* tennis event, when Davis Cup player Danny Sapsford and Wimbledon Doubles Champion Jonny Marray put attendees young and old through their paces and gave us some great tips.



Our 1st Mixed Team are currently heading their division and may well be looking for promotion at the end of the summer season. Whilst the other mixed, ladies and men's teams are comfortably placed, matches are competitive – some you win, some you lose!

Kinetic coaching will be running tennis activity camps the weeks beginning 20 July, 3 and 24 August and 1 September. As these are very popular with juniors, parents need to book places early. If we have tempted you to pick up or improve your tennis skills, the full coaching programme begins again week beginning 14 September and

introductory offers are still available from our coach for both junior and adult beginners or rusty racquets.



Firstly, we were sad to hear of the passing of a much-loved member of the Bowling Club, Roger Cassidy, well known in the village. Several members attended his funeral at Stonefall.

We are now about halfway through the season and the teams well into their games, both league matches and cup matches in the Harrogate Area League. The weather has caused us some problems, but not unsurmountable, as due to the heat some matches have had to be postponed and rearranged. And yet some evening matches have meant players getting rather wet, but this is England and anything can happen with the weather!

In the Challenge Cup, played on neutral grounds, Almscliffe beat Bardsey on Wetherby Green, but then were beaten in the quarter finals by Bilton, playing on Knaresborough Green.

In the Grange Park Cup (Division 1), Almscliffe Climbers lost 139 to 141 to Dacre Eagles. In Division 4, Hikers and Ramblers competed in the England Cup with the Ramblers reaching the semifinals having beaten Dacre in the quarter finals on Pateley Green, only to be out-bowled by a strong Starbeck team who went on to win the Cup. The Shutt Cup is still to play for in August, with the Strollers hoping for a good result. Almscliffe Kites, who play in the Tadcaster League, have had several wins in the Richardson Trophy play-offs and in League games. In the Harrogate Veterans League (over 60s) the three teams continue with some success in League matches, and Cup knock outs will begin in August.

We have had two successful *Chocolate 'n Wine* Saturday socials. In May, it was won by Richard L and Steve L, the booby prize Orin and Nigel. In June, winners were Caroline C and David, with booby prize Caroline B and Fiona. Thanks must go to Mary for organising these socials.

Bowling season continues throughout the summer and hopefully into early autumn; new members are always welcome - just come along on a Saturday afternoon and be bowled over! ☺

Search:
Almscliffe Tennis and Bowling Club
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News from St Peter's

Sicklinghall Community Service

Together in Faith, Growing in Community

We meet on the Tuesday following the second Sunday of the month (now that will have confused you!) at 10.30am. We enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake or biscuits and have a good natter before turning to a time of reflection. The reflections take many forms: pictures, poems, etc, and are a prompt for what they are saying to us. We end with some simple prayers and have a prayer tree for anyone who wishes to add their own prayers, which are included in our Sunday worship. All this takes place at Sicklinghall Cricket Club where we can enjoy God's creation in the warmth through the huge windows.

Our next meet ups are **Tuesday 15 September** and **Tuesday 13 October at 10.30am**. EVERYONE is welcome, there is no pressure to join in our reflection time.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Pet Service

We are planning to hold a pet service at St Peter's, Sicklinghall, on **Sunday 13 September**, see page 12.

Jan Ali LLM

Summer term at Sicklinghall Community Primary School

Although the sunshine took a while to make a proper appearance, we have enjoyed a wonderful summer term!

Summer leavers

The final few months of primary school are always particularly busy for our Year 6 children as they prepare for the next exciting chapter of their education. Their action-packed term began with a residential visit to Carlton Lodge, followed by the challenges of SATs and Bikeability Levels 1 and 2. They also enjoyed a visit to Sutton Bank, where they took part in a determination walk, setting personal goals and reflecting on their achievements.

The children have spent valuable time with their Federation friends, including a day at Admiral Long School, where they whittled wooden



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mushrooms in the forest and explored food chains and habitats within the school grounds.

To round off their time at Sicklinghall, they have been working incredibly hard to prepare and rehearse for their leading roles in the end-of-year production. This year's show is *The Bee Musical*, which promises to be a fantastic celebration of their time at school.

As always, we are immensely proud of their achievements; not only over the past few weeks and months, but throughout their entire journey with us. They have grown into thoughtful, confident and capable young people, and we cannot wait to see where their next chapter takes them.

Cherry Blossom Class

Cherry Blossom is also preparing for an exciting new chapter. Our September starters have been visiting during some drop-ins ahead of Transition Days, getting ready for their first days at big school.

As part of their topic on Fairtrade, the children have been learning about the journey bananas make from the farm where they are grown to the shops where they are sold. This has sparked many fascinating discussions about the wide range of jobs involved in the process, the variety of Fairtrade products available, and how we can all make more informed and responsible choices as consumers.

Willow Class

Willow Class has been immersing themselves in the Stone Age, exploring the tools and skills developed during this period, what life was like for early settled communities, and how some of these skills continue to influence our lives today. They attended a full Stone Age Day at Admiral Long, carving soap, looking at real stone age tools, and sketching and doing 'cave paintings'.

Alongside their history learning, the children have been designing and creating clay sculptures. They have developed their skills in joining, moulding and sculpting three-dimensional structures, before air-drying and decorating their finished pieces.

Sports Festival and Enterprise

Our Annual Sports Festival provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to work together within their school teams, showcasing the skills they have developed throughout the year and enjoying a range of sporting activities and games. It was especially lovely to welcome parents to school to cheer them on and celebrate their achievements.

We were fortunate with the weather, with only strong winds to contend with during one of the wettest weeks June has seen for many years.

This term's Enterprise project was linked to sports day, with the children designing, making and selling an impressive range of products, including clay trophies and

coasters. Their creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurial spirit were on full display.

We enjoyed an inflatables session at school too - the winning house had their own session before each class enjoyed the special summer treat.

Looking Ahead

As we move towards what promises to be a very busy end to the academic year, we look forward to celebrating the many achievements, successes and personal milestones of all our children, while reflecting on the journeys they have taken throughout their time at school.

Everyone at Sicklinghall is incredibly proud of each and every child and feels privileged to be part of their story. We wish all our families a safe, happy and restful summer break, and we extend our very best wishes to our Year 6 children as they embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives.

Mrs Zoe Ellis
Executive Headteacher

Calling all pets! Please invite your humans to a special service

Pet Blessing Service at St Peter's Church on **Sunday 13 September at 3pm**

Everyone is welcome. We hope to have some sheep, lots of dogs, possibly cats and, maybe, a horse coming along. It will therefore be a mixture of inside and outside on the day.

The service, lasting around 45 minutes, will be led by Revd Stroma and there will be treats, refreshments and cakes afterwards. Every animal will get a medal!

No need to give any advance notice, unless you are a speciality animal, in case we need somewhere special to put you.

Contact Liz Boyd, Church Warden

Please note that the views and contents in Village News are not the responsibility of the editors of the magazine but of the individual contributors.

North Rigton Parish Council

High Moor Road

Unfortunately, despite firm undertakings from NYC Highways that total resurfacing from the top of Rigton Hill all the way down to the bridge over Nor Beck would be carried out “in June” clearly this has not been the case. We still do not have a firm date for the works but the permit for the work expires on 3 August, so hopefully will have been done by then!

Meeting with Highways Engineers

The Chairman and Clerk met with an engineer from NYC Highways in May, to discuss all the outstanding highways and verge issues throughout the village. The majority of the works needed on potholes (generally), blocked drains, damaged verges and footpaths, flooding (Brackenwell Lane/Church Hill) and other relevant issues, will be carried out when the above work on High Moor Road is undertaken. However, it is pleasing to note that some permanent repairs, eg the pothole at the bottom of St John’s Drive, have already been done.

Bus Shelter – bottom of Church Hill

Apparently, according to Openreach, the shelter is situated over one of their maintenance manholes and needs to be removed to allow access. Discussions between Openreach and the Parish Council are on-going but it is hoped to retain some form of shelter at this location.

Bus route through the village

Following a request from a resident, an approach is to be made to the bus company to seek re-introduction of this service.

Rigton Crossing

A further open meeting, with as many relevant officials as possible attending, is planned for **Wednesday 16 September**, at St John’s Church, details to follow.

Mike Richards

Parish Clerk

Contact via northrigtonparishcouncil@gmail.com

Ladies Lunch at The Square & Compass

We meet once a month at The Square & Compass for a light lunch, every third Monday of the month. Meeting time is 12.15 pm. Please join us, you would be most welcome.

Future Dates: 17 August 21 September 19 October 16 November

Please add them to your diaries, we’d love to see you.

Mary Hopkins

Doris Telford, 1929 - 2026



On Thursday 25 June 2026, family and friends celebrated the life of Doris Telford at St John's Church in North Rigton.

Doris Morrell was born on 10 May 1929 and first lived near Doncaster with her parents and brothers Colin and Michael. Sadly her mother died in childbirth when Doris was only 4. Having fought in WW1, her father was not a well man and, with Colin signing on in WW2, Doris lived with a variety of relatives and learned the need to be thrifty, which was a habit she always maintained!

However, she obviously thrived at school and became an English teacher, meeting her physics teacher husband, Douglas, and marrying him in 1953. They lived in Huddersfield and had three children: Sue, Anne and Michael. They moved to Bingley in 1967, where she loved her garden with a stream running through it and even used it as a venue for lunch before daughter Anne's wedding. She continued to teach at Benton Park Secondary School.

She moved to North Rigton over 30 years ago with Douglas when his health meant they needed ground floor accommodation and she quickly got involved in village life. For many years Doris was the church warden at St John's and her faith was an important part of her life. Sadly Douglas died in 1998 and his ashes are interred at St John's.

Doris took her duties as church warden seriously and was busy with all aspects of church life: organising rotas, arranging flowers, cleaning, singing and supporting the other churches in the benefice. As a representative at the Deanery Synod, Doris was committed to sharing information and finding ways in which to help the church grow. Her report for the secretary at PCC meetings was always written out neatly, with correct spellings and punctuation (something she was a stickler for!). She was quick to meet and welcome newcomers to North Rigton.

Doris was a natural at organising events and fundraising. She constantly supported church functions, including raising money for the new bells, and helped with raising funds to build a new classroom and playground at 'The Lord is My Shepherd' school in Ghana. Friends and neighbours were keen to support her efforts and through art exhibitions, coffee mornings, dinners and quizzes she raised a phenomenal amount of money. Doris flew out to the school on a couple of occasions, the second time in her 80th year, taking with her books and other resources.

In 2001 Doris decided that the parish newsletter needed a revamp and, as editor, she oversaw the first issue in the A5 format that you are now reading! She even hand drew the Easter egg featured on the front cover!

Doris led an active life. She kept herself fit both physically and mentally. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed walking. She was part of a weekly swimming group and she did this until well into her nineties. Doris was a keen gardener and her knowledge of plants and flowers was very impressive. With some help, she worked hard to keep her garden beautiful, and flowers from her garden decorated the church at her celebration service.

Doris loved literature and the arts. She loved to go to the theatre and attend different performances, including those by the Weeton & Huby Players. Doris had a good singing voice and after years of singing with different choirs, in 2021, at the age of 92, she joined the 'Altogether Now' community choir based in Harrogate. Singing with the choir was fun and the people there took her to their hearts. The group surprised her to celebrate her 94th birthday with a concert in her garden. She was delighted.

Doris had a wonderful sense of humour but she also liked things done properly and wasn't afraid to tell you. So many friends and neighbours have fond memories of their time spent with this inspirational lady. Until recently Doris was still enjoying visits to Harlow Carr Gardens and Horticap, along with trips to Wetherby on a Thursday on the little bus.

Doris lived independently at home until the last few weeks of her life. Her determination to stay in the village she loved was quite remarkable. Doris was not your average 'ninety something year old'. She always said she was very lucky to live where she did, but it was we who were the lucky ones.

Village Gala 2026

On Saturday 20 June, North Rigton residents once more gathered for their annual Village Gala. We reverted to the Party in the Garden format, not expecting to offer the children's games on the playing field, but Lyndsey and Neil came to the rescue and provided a fun filled hour of activities for the children before the main event.

After the sports, we were able to welcome so many families across the generations, gathered to have fun in the Village Garden. For the second year we began with the Dog Show; special thanks to Revd Stroma who judged and presented the rosettes. Teas and cakes, stalls to entertain, games activities for the children and adults, and a professional photographer, kept everyone busy and entertained.

And the music! Well done Ian for all your hard work throughout the afternoon and beforehand. Such a wide range of music, even with costumes, entertained us the whole afternoon.

Special thanks must go to all the stall holders and the teams setting up and clearing away. A huge thank you to The Square & Compass for the provision of the bar, with a new team under the tutorship of Adie, and to The Square & Compass once again, for the catering, pizzas, hot-dogs and raffle prizes.

All the income from the day is spent on the upkeep and maintenance of the Village Garden, some of which had already been spent on the new entrance gates and replacing the damaged gazebos from last year. We raised £1,300 - THANK YOU! We do hope you enjoyed the day!

We will be holding a review meeting in the autumn to arrange dates and activities for 2027, so keep a look-out for notices and join us at the planning stages of the event. We depend upon volunteers to plan and run this event successfully.

Mary Hopkins

See article on page 31 regarding the Fellowship of the schools of Kirkby Overblow and North Rigton

Location of public access defibrillators (PADS) in the benefice

Sicklinghall	Attached to the outside wall of the school on Main Street (visible from the road)
Kirkby Overblow	Attached to the wall on the left of the entrance to the Shoulder of Mutton carpark (visible from the road)
Kearby with Netherby	Attached to the outside wall (to the left) of the Family Room at Maustin Park
North Rigton	Attached to the side wall of The Square & Compass on Rigton Hill
Huby	In the doorway of Almscliffe Hall
Pool	On the wall outside Pool Post Office Outside Pool Sports and Social Club On the wall adjacent to the main entrance of Old Pool Bank village hall on Quarry Farm Road
Weeton	Phone box opposite village green
Castley	Next to the seat on Castley Lane at the junction of Chapel Hill Lane
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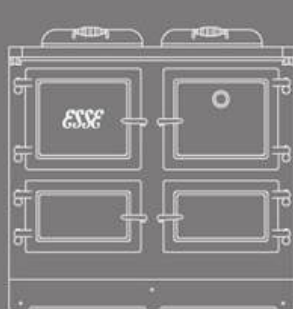
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Dear Friends

On Saturday 27 June we gathered at Ripon Cathedral to witness and celebrate the ordination of Revd Emma James. It was an uplifting service led by the Bishop of Ripon, the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham. Anna, the choir and the organ helped to raise our voices in praise and Revd Canon Jude Smith, Diocesan Director of Mission and Revitalisation, as the preacher, left us with plenty of food for thought as she reflected on the reading (Isaiah 6.1-4) and the Gospel (Matthew 9.35-10.1;5-16).



Both these readings are calls to mirror the acts of the Lord and they of course served as a reminder to the five ordinands who were ordained in the service, but that call was also to each and everyone of us. We were encouraged to go beyond the crowd and serve the least by seeing, noticing and acting.

Now hang on a minute, I hear you say, I'm not a Priest, what do you mean it relates to me too?

Here are a few tips to help all of us follow that call.

See and Notice

Throughout the gospels we hear of Jesus recognising and approaching those in need, even when they are lost in large crowds. We all live busy lives and it is very easy not to see the marginalised in all that busyness. We need to slow down and take the opportunity to look around and perhaps see those who are struggling alongside us.

Noticing also means listening with intent when chatting to someone, rather than thinking ahead to what you want to say or how you will respond.

Compassion and Empathy

We all hold some preconceived ideas about people simply by their appearance, how they speak or how they act. Acting judgementally is an easy trap to fall into. I once attended a safeguarding course, at the beginning of which the tutor put up a screen with pictures of men ranging from the well groomed to the unkempt and slovenly. We were asked to rate them by risk. I'm sure you have guessed that many trusted the well groomed, smiling gents and yes, they were the convicted criminals.

Try using empathy when meeting new people by learning and understanding more about them, rather than making snap judgements.

Respond with Love

When we are in difficult situations we have two options, react in a similar angry or aggressive manner or try to stay calm. If, like me, you have a quick temper then this is a real challenge, but with practice it does become easier.

Just as Jesus freely offers us the spiritual gifts of peace and grace, we should also look for opportunities to offer help and encouragement to those in need, especially those who cannot repay us for our acts of generosity.

All the above is a huge task and one that will trip us up at times but remember, with prayer, faith and hope as support we can do our very best to be a disciple of the Lord.

Here is a simple prayer you might like to use to help you along the way:

*In your time, Lord, in your time
Take the imperfect that is me
and create
the person that I could be
In your time, Lord, in your time*

May God bless you and guide you.

Jan Ali, LLM

From the Registers

Baptisms

31 May	Kirkby Overblow	Arlo George Robinson
31 May	Kirkby Overblow	Sienna Jane Wilkinson and Claudia Joanne Wilkinson

Weddings

29 May	Kirkby Overblow	Imogen Rose Proctor-Coughlan and Oliver Simon Fielding
6 June	Kirkby Overblow	Claudia Isadora Goss and Alexander Edward Humphries
20 June	Weeton	Eden Louise Greenwood and William Robert Townsend Buck

Funerals

26 May	Kirkby Overblow	Ian David Walker
3 June	Stonefall Crematorium	Roger Cassidy
25 June	North Rigton	Doris Telford
6 July	Pool in Wharfedale	Internment of ashes of Margaret Godley
17 July	Stonefall Crematorium	Diane Patricia Stead

Benefice of Lower Wharfedale church services

Sunday 2 August

Kirkby Overblow	BCP	8.30am
Pool	Parish Communion	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Celtic Service	11.00am
Sicklinghall	Service of the Word (Jan Ali)	9.30am
Weeton	Family Service	11.00am

Sunday 9 August

Kirkby Overblow	BCP	8.30am
North Rigton	Parish Communion Service	9.30am
Pool	Family Service	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Family Service	11.00am

Tuesday 11 August

Sicklinghall	Community Service	10.30am
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Thursday 13 August

Pool	Wharfedale Court	10.30am
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Sunday 16 August

Kirkby Overblow	BCP	8.30am
Sicklinghall	Parish Communion	9.30am
Weeton	Parish Communion	11.00am
North Rigton	Peace & Praise	6.00pm

Sunday 23 August

Pool	Parish Communion	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Parish Communion	11.00am
North Rigton	Family Service	9.30am

Sunday 30 August

Sicklinghall	Benefice Service	10.00am
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Sunday 6 September

Kirkby Overblow	BCP	8.30am
Pool	Parish Communion	9.30am
Sicklinghall	Parish Communion	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Celtic Service	11.00am
Weeton	Family Service	11.00am

Sunday 13 September

Kirkby Overblow	BCP	8.30am
North Rigton	Parish Communion Service	9.30am
Pool	Harvest Service	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Pet Service	11.00am
Sicklinghall	Harvest and Pet Service	3.00pm

Tuesday 15 September

Sicklinghall	Community Service	10.30am
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Thursday 17 September

Pool	Wharfedale Court	10.30am
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Sunday 20 September

Kirkby Overblow	BCP	8.30am
Sicklinghall	Parish Communion	9.30am
Weeton	Harvest	11.00am
North Rigton	Peace & Praise	6.00pm

Monday 21 September

Kirkby Overblow	Lego Church	3.30pm
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Saturday 26 September

Stainburn	Harvest Festival and Baptism	2.00pm
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Sunday 27 September

Pool	Parish Communion	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Family Service	11.00am
North Rigton	Family Service	9.30am

Monday 28 September

Pool	Lego Church (in school)	3.30pm
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Kirkby Overblow Parish Council

Planning

The 130th Annual Parish Meeting took place on 25 May. At the meeting, David Yeadon was elected to continue as Chairman with Jeremy Cross as Vice-Chairman. Giving his report, the Chairman said there had been no changes in personnel on the Council this year. Again it had been a quiet year, with only ten planning applications received, which was the lowest for one year he could remember .

Star & Garter

After lying derelict for several years, the Star & Garter was purchased during the year by a village resident. This is excellent news for the village. Renovation work is now well under way to create four bed and breakfast units, with the main ground floor area being available for village and community use.

Tennis courts

Please see separate report below.

Village precept

The precept had been increased by £500 up to £11,000.

Litter pick

We had another village litter pick in April.

Social events

On the social front, the events team put on a successful pantomime *Cinderella*, which was sold out for four nights, and another well attended Christmas community lunch was held in the church. Regular coffee mornings on the first Wednesday of each month in church continue to be popular.

The Chairman thanked our North Yorkshire Councillor, Andrew Paraskos, and our Parish Clerk, Mike Richards, for their help and input over the year.

David Yeadon
Chairman

Village tennis courts

The two courts have been in place for around thirty years. Whilst the playing surface, which has been repainted once, remains in reasonable condition, all perimeter fencing has badly deteriorated and needs replacing. The lower timber boarding is rotten and warped, with the angle iron posts badly rusted through. Whilst the site is leased from

North Yorkshire Council, the Parish Council is responsible for all repairs and maintenance. It would seem a better option to do away with the timber boarding and continue the chain link fencing to the ground. Two quotes in excess of £20,000 have been received, with the most reasonable being £16,700, from Pavescape Ltd who are court specialists in Harrogate.

This amount of money could only be raised through some form of grant or lottery funding which would probably require the Parish Council to put up a percentage on its own. Whilst we are happy to look into this there is concern that, as the courts are so seldom used for tennis, is this sort of expenditure warranted or justified? Renewing the perimeter fencing in itself is unlikely to increase the number of people playing tennis. What is the alternative? Are there any other uses for the site? The Parish Council would be pleased to hear from villagers with any views or ideas on this.

David Yeadon
PC Chairman

Kirkby Overblow Educational Foundation

If you live in the village of Kirkby Overblow and hope to go to college or university this year, then read on!

This charity was set up in 1922 to give financial assistance to children living in the village of Kirkby Overblow who were proceeding to further education. In those days secondary schooling was not free, so help was given to those few individuals who passed the exam into the grammar school. Nowadays, such schooling is available to all and the remit of the charity has changed to reflect this. One-off grants are given to those persons who go on to university or college, to help towards the purchase of books or equipment needed for the course.

If you feel that you may qualify for such an award, please apply in writing to:

The Treasurer, Dr S. Noble,
The Lodge,
Kirkby Overblow,
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giving details of the course of study and the university or college you hope to attend.

Applications must be received **by 31 October** for consideration by the trustees at their next meeting.

Only those living in the village of Kirkby Overblow are eligible for a grant

News from All Saints'

Since I moved back 'oop noorth' from London some fifteen years ago, my summer holidays have always involved one or two flights to Europe with Jet2. If you've travelled with our local airline, their jaunty jingle promoting their red-uniformed *'famously friendly on-board service'* along with the pop track *'Hold My Hand'* will be a familiar earworm.

Setting aside this year's EU passport border woes, I had the idea that we at All Saints' might possibly borrow the airline's *'famously friendly service'* tag-line to describe our own offering. These are my thoughts, but it's up to you to decide

Turn up early for one of our regular 11am Sunday services and you'll find we're keen to serve you coffee, tea or juice. Often the cake and biscuits will be homemade - a mid-morning treat! Always there will be welcoming chat and local catch-up. Don't forget, we offer a full programme: informal Celtic Worship, Family and Communion Services, as well as 8.30am BPC for early risers. All services are listed on the centre pages of the magazine. Conversations with strangers, friends and neighbours will keep you busy after the service has ended. Regular, reliable and famously friendly? Well yes! So maybe we're off to a good start?

You might also want to come along to **coffee morning**, first Wednesday of each month, 9.30 to 11.30. Home-baked cakes and savouries, coffee or tea, all for the price of a voluntary donation. Super-popular with visiting cyclists and ramblers, as well as with locals, mums (young and old) and friends. If you enjoy coffee and cake it's a no-brainer. Sociable too, if that's what you'd like - and I think you will. Famously friendly? It's top marks from me.

Do our seating arrangements come with generous leg room? Yes! Do we have toilet facilities at the rear of the church? Yes! Biometric ID required? No!

Have we earned the *'famously friendly'* accolade? The decision is yours of course ... but I think we're on track :-)

Last summer we came together from across the benefice to welcome our new curate, Emma James. This year, on the last Sunday in June, All Saints' had the privilege of hosting a second Benefice Service to celebrate Emma's ordination as priest. Bishop Anna had led the service of Ordination of Priests the previous day in Ripon's glorious cathedral. Our Benefice Service was an opportunity for our six churches to show our love and our support for Emma as she commits to serve in our parishes. Revd Stroma with Revd Emma, what a team - dynamic, strong, capable and caring. Once again, Caroline Henderson and the coffee morning team coordinated and provided refreshments, the centre piece being a magnificent celebratory cake decorated by Liza Gisborne. The bells rang out, the congregation was large and the buffet was splendid!

On the housekeeping front, the fire alarm has undergone a major overhaul. Resurfacing works and general improvements are about to begin on the access paths through the churchyard, and this will include the installation of lighting to improve safety in the winter months. Our Ground Force volunteers continue to do an

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impressive job in maintaining the newly planted borders, which have flourished this summer.

Looking ahead, **Harvest Festival** will take place on **Sunday, 27 September** at 11.00am, with refreshments served beforehand. Harvest is a nature-themed service especially suited to families and children. As always, we'll celebrate with gorgeous seasonal flowers, autumn produce and your favourite hymns. But that's not where our Harvest ends. We would also like to continue to support the Food Mission at St Peter's Church, Harrogate. St Peter's runs a weekly mini supermarket, open to anyone who needs a helping hand. Donations of non-perishable larger staples such as tea bags, instant coffee, breakfast cereals, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, sweet biscuits, toiletries and washing-up liquid are all in demand. If you feel able to contribute to this project, to make a difference where it's needed, All Saints' is open from 10am to 5pm every day. Please bring your gifts during the preceding week or on the day and they will be delivered to St Peter's after our Harvest service. They will be received gratefully and with thanks.

Lego Church will begin again in church after school on **Monday, 21 September**, and Emma and Moira will be on hand with snacks, a bible story and masses of colourful bricks for your young builders.

Singers should note that rehearsals for our much-loved **Christmas Concert** will also begin at the end of September, and the concert will take place on **Sunday 20 December**. Full details can be found below.

And finally would you like to compile the next **News from All Saints'**? I'll be away and I'm in need of a deputy. The deadline is early September, and I'll be available until the end of August to lend a hand. If you're interested, please email me at jillgittins@mac.com to discuss. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jill Gittins

KO Carol Concert

It feels totally alien to be thinking about Christmas whilst, as I sit here at my laptop, we are living through yet another heatwave. But time and tide wait for no man. We will be starting practice sessions for the KO Carol Concert on **Monday 28 September**, with the concert being held on **Sunday 20 December**. If you have a burning desire to join us this year and will be available to sing on the evening itself, please contact me via the Village News email - lwparishnews@yahoo.co.uk.

If you're convinced you really don't have a singing voice, then we look forward to welcoming you to the audience on the night.

Linda

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Clay Shoot

The annual Clay Shoot took place on 6 June at our usual site on the south side of Walton Head Lane, overlooking the Wharfe valley. While persistent drizzle continued in the morning, this did not spoil the day. Sixty guns took part divided into ten teams of six. Again the day was set up by Erik Aaron Shooting Ltd.



In the morning session there were five different stands, with some proving more challenging than others. Out of fifty shots only six guns managed a score of 40 or more. The best individual score and winner of the Dales Bennett Cup was Ray Morrell, with a score of 47. The Ladies Cup was won by Lynn Hardcastle, with a brilliant score of 46.



After a break for lunch the team flush took place, where all six team members shoot together at 100 clays over a set time. As usual, very competitive and won by Tom Hodgson's team, who missed only 12 and scored 88. Tom's team also won the team cup for the combined scores from both the individual stands and the flush.

Afterwards there were drinks and prize giving in the garden of the Shoulder of Mutton. Always a great day.

I would like to thank all Shoot committee members for their help in organising the day.

David Yeadon



Macmillan Coffee Morning, Wednesday 7 October All Saints' Church

Our regular All Saints' Coffee Morning in October will be devoted to fund raising for Macmillan Cancer Support.

I'm sure the lives of most of you will have been touched by cancer, either personally or through a friend or family member. Please come along and help us to make this a record breaking fundraiser. You can enjoy coffee and homemade cakes in the company of friends, family and neighbours.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Caroline Henderson



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The Fellowship of the schools of Kirkby Overblow and North Rigton



A term of exciting changes at the Fellowship.

We are delighted to have officially welcomed in the summer term Mrs Sophia Gardiner as Fellowship Headteacher of All Saints, Kirkby Overblow and North Rigton CE Primary Schools. Mrs Gardiner took up post this term having worked as Assistant Headteacher at North Rigton for the past seven years. Mrs Sarah Honey has also been appointed as Fellowship Assistant Headteacher and Headteacher for one day per week, having worked at All Saints for over twenty years. Together, the leadership team are excited about the next chapter of the two schools and look forward to meeting members of the wider community in due course.

Both school leaders would be pleased to show prospective new pupils around both schools. Please get in touch if you would like to arrange a tour.

KS2: Activity Weeks

Tigers Class at North Rigton (Years 5 and 6) last term enjoyed an amazing activity week full of fun. The children took part in a week's worth of activities and day trips including:

- A town day, including a cinema trip, meal out and climbing and abseiling experiences
- A trip skiing and sledging at Xscape
- An outing to the Forbidden Corner and Brymor icecream parlour
- A museum visit to Bradford
- An outward bound day at Nell Bank.



At All Saints, Sun Class (Years 5 and 6) also enjoyed a jam-packed week of experiences such as:

- Paddleboarding at Ripley Castle
- A visit to The Deep in Hull
- A historical trip to Beamish Museum
- A city day to York, including spending time at the National Railway Museum
- A fun-filled play-based day at Stockeld Park.

Both Fellowship schools are extremely proud of their personal development and enrichment offers; fun was had by all and memories made for life!

Local Hero Award

We are very proud that Mrs Gardiner has received a Local Hero Award for Teacher of the Year 2026. Mrs Gardiner has worked tirelessly to support children and families over the years and has worked especially hard to raise the profile of children born prematurely. We are very lucky to have her leading The Fellowship and are delighted that her commitment to the two schools and dedication has been recognised, with both North Rigton and All Saints being accredited as Prem Aware schools.



News from St Wilfrid's

I am pleased to announce a belated bit of news from St Wilfrid's. At our Annual APCM in May, Gill Wilson was appointed as our second church warden, together with Susan Ford who has had the role for many years. This job involves a lot of work caring for both the church and the grounds so we would like to thank them both for taking on this role and working so hard for our church.

For those not aware, there is now a tub at the back of the church for donations to go to Otley Food Bank. Anyone who would like to donate is welcome to do so.

In addition to the Food Bank, St Wilfrid's continues to support and collect donations for St George's Crypt. Again, we have a collection point at the back of the church. St Wilfrid's has been supporting this cause now for some years. In addition to the many, many carloads of items that have been taken to the Crypt, we have also over the past five years handed over £5,533 to the charity. Thank you to all who have supported this worthy cause.

Anyone wishing to donate to either of the above, please note that the church is open on Monday and Thursday mornings and of course for services on Sunday mornings, when all are welcome.

Finally, a big thank you to the ladies from the church who helped at the refreshment stand at the Pool Primary School Fair at the beginning of July. The amount raised is not yet known, but I am sure will be published soon.

Gill Damp

Pool Methodist Church

It has been a lively summer for the Methodists in Pool, from cheering marathon runners with bells and big smiles, to gently reshaping the way we worship to reflect our informal, inclusive nature while retaining the depth and meaning of all we do.



Rob Burrow Marathon

On Sunday 10 May we gathered outside rather than inside the chapel, not only cheering the marathon runners but ringing bells with joy – and

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plenty of smiles exchanged. Thank you to all who contributed to our donation bucket, which raised £66 for the Rob Burrow MND Centre, the first purpose-built home for MND.



Intimate and inclusive worship

In recent months we have worked as a congregation to structure our worship in ways that reflect who we are – a small and caring community where everyone is welcome. We have arranged our chairs in a circle with the freedom to sit, stand or engage with craft materials as we sing hymns, pray and reflect on what God is saying to us today. If yours is a quiet faith, if you're not into fuss, if you find God in simplicity and in the sincerity of new friends... then the services in our chapel may be for you! We may be small in number, but we are big on care, welcome and the love of God.

We have a number of services each month:



First Sunday

No worship in our chapel as we worship with Bramhope at 10.30am

Second Sunday

Craft and Communion service with a story and craft for old and young to enjoy together, 10.30am

Third Sunday

Our new *Singing the Faith* service to lift our voices in hymns old and new: 16 August, 20 September at 3.30pm

Fourth Sunday

Another opportunity to worship together as God's children, with a different theme each time

Rainbow Shop

We are grateful to all the wonderful volunteers in the Rainbow Shop, which expects to donate around £2,000 to local charities at the end of July, alongside year-round support for groups such as the Baby Bank, Clothes Bank and Ilkley Jigsaw. Please continue to support our shop through your donations and popping in for a browse. There is always a bargain to be found!

Provision for children and young people

Many thanks to Alexia, to Moira from St Wilfrid's and to the whole Tiddlers team for the safe, fun and friendly place that Tiddlers offers to the young families in our village. We also thank Michelle for planning such exciting Carousel activities every month! Finally, it is a privilege to host the uniformed organisations in our hall knowing that they are learning and developing character whilst having fun, with such dedication from leaders.

Watch this space for more exciting events in the autumn term from our **Harvest Service on 11 October and Remembrance Sunday on 8 November**, and all sorts in between!

Grace and peace,

Rev Wendy Walker

Wendy.walker@methodist.org.uk

News from Tiddlers

What a lovely summer term we've had at Tiddlers! It's hard to believe another year has flown by.

We finished the term with a bang at our End of Year Party on 17 July, with plenty of arts and crafts, free play, dancing, singing and, of course, lots of yummy party food. It's always a special way to celebrate another wonderful year together.

As always, it's a bittersweet time as we say goodbye to some of our Tiddlers who will be starting primary school in September. There may well be a few tears (mostly from the grown-ups!), but we've loved watching these little ones grow from tiny toddlers into confident, happy children ready for their next adventure. We wish each and every one of them the very best as they start school. We know they'll all continue to shine brightly.

This term we've also had the pleasure of welcoming lots of new families, alongside all our regulars. One of the loveliest things about Tiddlers is the wonderful community that has grown around it. Seeing friendships blossom, not just between the children, but between parents, grandparents and carers too, is what makes Friday mornings so special. We really are lucky to be part of such a kind, welcoming and supportive village community.

As a volunteer-run playgroup, we're so grateful for everyone's support throughout the year, and to the Village Hall for providing such a warm and welcoming home for Tiddlers each week. It simply wouldn't be possible without the kindness and generosity of our volunteers and families.

We'll be taking a little break over the summer before returning on **Friday 11 September**, ready for another year of fun, friendship and play. Whether you've been coming for years or you're thinking of joining us for the first time, you'll always find a warm welcome at Tiddlers.

If you haven't already, do join our Facebook page to keep up to date with all our sessions, dates and special events.

From all of us at Tiddlers, thank you for making this such a special year. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing old friends and new faces in September.

Alexia Zeniou

Pool Primary School



WE WON BEST FLOAT!



What an incredible day we had at Otley Carnival! We are so proud to announce that Pool Primary School won Best Float (again!) with our fantastic *Year of Reading* theme.

Our float celebrated the joy of reading, with children bringing beloved book characters to life and showcasing the imagination, creativity and love of books that make our school so special. From classic favourites to modern adventures, every child looked amazing and played their part brilliantly.

A huge thank you to all the staff, parents, carers and volunteers who helped design, build and decorate the float, and to our wonderful children for representing the school so beautifully.

We're absolutely delighted with the award and proud to have shared our love of reading with the community. Well done, Team Pool Primary!

On a separate note, we currently have spaces in Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 from September! We encourage parents/children to come and visit the school at a time convenient for them to have a look round and see how amazing we are!

Friends of Pool Primary School – a busy end to the school year!

The Friends of Pool Primary School have had a fantastic few weeks, with three successful events bringing our school and village community together while raising valuable funds for the children.

Our Superhero Shop in June was once again a huge success. Children loved choosing a special gift for the superhero in their lives, with five gifts and a card chosen by the children themselves. It was wonderful to see so many excited faces as they selected their surprises, and the event raised £162.40 for the school.

On 2 July, we welcomed back the ever-popular Mr Shuffles for our Summer Disco. As always, he kept the dance floor full from start to finish, with children enjoying an evening of music, games and lots of fun with their friends. The disco raised a fantastic £227.12.

The fun continued the very next day with our Summer Fair on 3 July. This year marked a change from tradition, as we moved the event from its usual Saturday to an after-school Friday afternoon. We'd love to hear what our community thought of the change, so if you attended the fair, please share your feedback by emailing poolpta@gmail.com.

Visitors enjoyed a delicious choice of refreshments, including traditional hot dogs alongside new additions of homemade chicken curry and mushroom curry, which proved very popular. We also welcomed an ice cream van for the first time, which was a big hit on a warm summer afternoon.

Our usual refreshments were also available throughout the afternoon, including a wonderful selection of



homemade sweet treats. A huge thank you goes to everyone who baked cakes and sweet treats for us — they were very much appreciated!

We also introduced a brand-new Pick & Mix Sweet Stall, which was a huge hit with children and a very popular addition to the fair.

There was plenty to keep everyone entertained throughout the afternoon. Games included the ever-popular Topple the Teachers Tin Can Alley, featuring lots of familiar teacher faces on the cans, Poo in the Loo, Hook a Duck, and tombolas galore, with the Teddy Tombola proving especially popular. A new highlight this year was the giant octopus name game, where the winning name was proudly announced as Sir Squigglesworth.



Our inflatables were a huge hit once again, including a giant slide and the return of the enormous Football Darts challenge. The highest scorer walked away with a World Cup football! A huge thank you to Weidmann Whiteley for once again generously sponsoring the inflatables.



We were also delighted to welcome a fantastic selection of local businesses and organisations to the fair, including Tropic Skincare, The Refill Collective, Janet Francis – The Home Movement, Bakers Cakes and Pool's own wonderful Rainbow Shop charity stall.

Our raffle was a highlight, with more than twenty fantastic prizes up for grabs, including a Helijet helicopter ride, a family ticket to Deer Shed Festival, an Amazon Fire Kids tablet and many more, generously donated by local businesses.

Children also loved having their faces painted, while the Pocket Money Stall was so popular it completely sold out of squishies in record time!

A huge thank you goes to every local business that donated raffle prizes, everyone who supported our events and all of the amazing volunteers who gave up their time to support the event. None of these events would be possible without your support.

We're still busy counting the final total raised from the Summer Fair, so watch this space — we'll reveal the grand total in the next edition!



Sarah Cliff and Sarah Corr
Co-Chairs FOPPS

Pool AFC

🏆 Clubman of the Year - Arron Adams 🏆



Huge congratulations to Arron, our well-deserved Clubman of the Year.

Arron is one of those people who works tirelessly behind the scenes, making the club a more professional, organised and welcoming place for everyone. His dedication often goes unnoticed, but the difference he makes is felt across the entire club.

From leading fundraising activities across the club to running his own junior girls team, he never hesitates to go above and beyond for the good of the club.

His commitment, generosity with his time and unwavering support are a huge part of what makes our club so special. We simply couldn't do it without him.

Congratulations Arron, and thank you for everything you do. This award is thoroughly deserved 🙌🏆

Mark and Pool AFC

Pool Scouts

A big hello again from us all at Pool Scouts. We hope you've all been enjoying the warm weather and didn't get too uncomfortable in the recent heat wave.

Our fabulous little Beavers have been making the most of the sunshine and enjoyed an exciting session on Otley Chevin. They put their tracking skills to the test using GPS and learned all about the wildlife living around them.

Our lovely (and lively!) Squirrels also relished the opportunity to explore the Chevin Forest. They even had a cooling paddle in a stream and looked for sticklebacks. After all that walking and paddling, they were rewarded with juice and biscuits and a game of Stuck in the Mud. Leaders also joined in with this game and LOST to the 4-6-year-olds. The shame! Clearly, we need to up our game.

After all that playing (and losing for our leaders) we had a very important and exciting task; investing two of our members so that they become official Squirrels. They both stated their Scouts promise with pride and I think it was a very proud moment for their parents who joined us at end of the session to witness the special event.

Our Beavers have been very environmentally conscious of late and have been litter picking around the village for the second time. They have also enjoyed bug hunting and during this session found a newt. An exciting find for all!

We also had a Squirrels session dedicated to the Let's Grow badge where we decorated a yoghurt pot to look like a monster's body and planted cress seeds inside so that the cress will look like the monster's hair.

We also completed our Feel Good badge by engaging in activities that make us calm and happy. We started off by making something out of air-dry clay that brings us joy. There were a lot of snails, (I'm sure the budding gardeners amongst you would inherently disagree about the joy part) a tower and a football, amongst many other items. We also enjoyed learning the dance moves to Cha Cha Slide and decorating biscuits so that they look like flowers. The Squirrels seemed to thoroughly enjoy this session and I think it's safe to say that they were definitely 'feeling good' by the end.

We've also had some very active sessions. Beavers took pleasure in a bike ride, indoor games, football skills, netball training and self-defence, while our Squirrels enjoyed team games.

Both Squirrels and Beavers will celebrate the end of the school year with an exciting party. We all look forward to inviting them back in September.

We wish you all a fabulous summer. Please stay safe in the heat.

We are in need of more volunteers and are looking for like-minded people to join Pool Scouts. If you would like to become a Scouts Leader and make a difference to young people, please sign up via <https://poolscouts.org.uk/volunteer/>.



The lighter evenings have meant that our Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers have enjoyed many more activities outside: nature walks, outdoor cooking, orienteering, games and treasure hunts. Several groups have taken their units away for a sleepover or a weekend, which allows everyone to get to know each other so much better.

All of our units are run by a dedicated team of volunteers, who do an amazing job, but their time isn't infinite and, as such, we're looking for help throughout the area. Not only would we like to welcome in new volunteers who would be happy to lead units, we need regular weekly helpers and administrators.



The waiting list for girls to join grows daily so, if you can help, please do get in touch.

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest

Harrogate u3A

Joining your local u3a is a great way to find and develop new interests and make friends in a relaxed environment.



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- make a difference, stay active, keep learning and have fun
- get out to meet face-to-face – learning together and making the most of life
- access online learning, training and resources to inspire you; members can attend learning events and talks for free
- meet other people with similar interests; learn new things and share your skills

The membership year runs from 1 September to 31 August and fees are £16 for the year. More details can be found on our website <https://harrogate.u3asite.uk/welcome>.

We are holding in-person renewal and information sessions at The Wesley Centre, Oxford Road, Harrogate on **Tuesday 11 August, 2pm to 4pm, and again on Monday 17 August, 10am to 12noon**. In addition, we will have a display at St Peter's church (glass foyer) in Harrogate from **21 to 25 September**, where you can find out about membership and interest groups. We hope to see you there.



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Farnley Estate WI

Our August meeting is entitled *Make it wild – from scalpel to spade and beyond*. We will be shown the work of a nature protection group offering carbon offsetting.

September's meeting is a talk by Jessica Liddle who farms locally in Stainburn, she will tell us about her diversification into producing flowers such as dahlias.

During this month our members will once again be given the opportunity to join together and experience a crafting session. This will be led by Bernie, the cousin of one of our members, and will take place in the party room owned by Anne Thorpe, who is another member of our WI. The members will be making gift tags, cards and gift-wrap ready for Christmas.

To view our programme for 2026 please visit

<https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate>

All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated. In addition, on the 4th Wednesday of the month our new social events begin and these have been chosen by our members.

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Diane Hanline our President by email to

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