

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of a forest floor covered in autumn debris. It features a large number of chestnuts, some whole and some split open to reveal the light-colored nut inside. There are also many acorns, some with their green, spiky husks still attached. The ground is covered with a mix of brown, tan, and green leaves and twigs, creating a textured and colorful scene.

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October / November 2025

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# Dear Reader

After our first day of heavy, continuous rain, something appeared that we haven't seen for several months - puddles! Following weeks of desert-like conditions, hosepipe bans and the constant cry of, "We need rain", finally the heavens opened and delivered. Those of you who were out walking the next day probably came across these once familiar phenomena.

What is a puddle? A puddle is something that is shallow enough to splash in; it dries up quickly but the next time it rains it will be back again. When does a puddle become a pond; when does a pond become a lake? Can we leave that up to your further investigation?

Unable to resist Googling ourselves, we did come across the legendary Drummond Puddle in Newcastle. Over the six hours of its existence more than 500,000 people joined #DrummondPuddleWatch and a bottle of Drummond Puddle water turned up for sale on eBay. And then there was the Chair Bridge Puddle of Hammersmith, so called because a row of armchairs (well four) was lined up to allow people to cross the street.

A word of warning, if you deliberately or inadvertently splash a pedestrian when driving through a puddle, you risk 3 penalty points and a £100 fine - or you may be sent on a '*Puddle Awareness Course*'!

Perhaps the puddle that people will remember most is the one that the Vicar of Dibley unsuspectingly jumped into and disappeared up to her armpits. If you haven't seen it before, search on YouTube.



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

We hope we've made you smile and that we send you out, singing in the rain.

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## FOPPS Summer Fair & Raffle Success – Thank You!

### Raising Funds for Pool Primary School




We're excited to update that this year's Summer Fair was a fantastic success - raising a brilliant total of £3,131.51 for Pool Primary School!

A special thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported our raffle - it was a big hit, with some fantastic prizes kindly donated by our community and sponsors.

We would also like to thank our generous sponsors, who helped make the event possible and raise even more funds for Pool School:

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Whether you donated a prize, volunteered your time, or simply came along to enjoy the day - thank you for being part of such a wonderful event. Your support makes a real difference to our school community.

We're already looking forward to next year's fair!   

***Sarah Cliff & Sarah Corr***  
***Co-chairs FOPPS***

### Rainbow Charity Shop

The Rainbow Shop in Pool Methodist continues to do well. We had over £2,000 to give for the year to the end of July, so we gave donations last month to:

Preschool, for a new rug with a colourful star print  
Pool School, new reading books  
New planters for the stocks junction  
Otley Foodbank  
Otley Action for Older People  
Men's mental health  
Women's group  
Moorview Pet Rescue  
Prickly Pigs Hedgehog Rescue, for a microscope.

We also donate items throughout the year to homeless charities; for example, we had a stall at Pool Feast at which we sold a lot of toys, raising £111. We also had a clearance sale of summer stock the following week and have now put out winter stock. There are a lot of really good coats and dressing gowns. Yes, I'm afraid cold weather will return! Be prepared!

**We still need volunteers!** We are open 10-2 on a Saturday but there are always donations to sort at other times. If you could help, please contact Penny on 07904 184962 or, better still, come in and see us on a Saturday.

## Pool Methodist Church

Pool Methodist Church has enjoyed a lovely summertime with plenty of good weather, some wonderful services and plenty to encourage and enjoy. God is good and we enjoy the benefits and blessings of God's goodness and provision despite the sadness in many parts of our world. Caught up in the atrocities of war, violence, division and oppression it can be too easy to bemoan the state of the world rather than thanking God for his goodness. As we enter the autumn season we are reminded that Harvest is a significant festival to praise and worship God for all that He supplies.

Our **Harvest Festival** is celebrated on **Sunday 12 October** and, not only decorating the chapel with evidence of the provision of God through flowers, vegetables, fruit, hedgerow bounty and other gifts (salt, coal and water), we encourage friends to join us in collecting non-perishable items which will be sent to Otley Foodbank. Items of UHT milk, tinned meats and fish, tinned vegetables and fruit, tinned soups, pasta and beans, along with cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, dried pasta and jams are all welcomed. Do be generous as we seek to bless others in need locally.

We have got an active Facebook page - *Pool in Wharfedale Methodist Church* - and if you search for that in Facebook and 'Like' our page you can be kept up to date on all our activities and services. We continue hosting village groups and are delighted that the new Pool Beavers group has also made its home at Pool Methodist Church. We can also host one-off events like children's parties, social gatherings or small or larger meetings. To make a room booking at the chapel, please contact Mary on 0113 284 3026.

On **Saturday 1 November at 3.00pm** we will have our next **Forest Church** celebrating God's love with some outdoor fun. It will take place at the White House, Otley Chevin (turn off Birdcage Walk and follow the track named Johnny Walk, taking the right fork at the green gate and up the track to the White House - LS21 3JL). Suitable for all, especially children and families. Do wear appropriate clothing and footwear and join in the fun (put on suncream if it is sunny!). There will be singing, making, exploring, meeting new people, praying, reflecting, eating, and lots of fun! All welcome.

Our October and November services are:

- Sunday 5 October – 10.30am **Civic service to bless the Parish Council** led by Lindsey Hurst. Our friends from St Wilfred's Church will be joining us on this day – refreshments afterwards in the church hall.
- Sunday 12 October – 10.30am **Harvest Festival for all ages** – David and Pauline Tate will be leading our praises. Do join us!
- Sunday 19 October – 10.30am Morning service led by Philip Gibson
- Sunday 26 October – **No Morning Service**  
3.30pm All Age worship especially suitable for families led by Rev Annie Baker-Streevy
- Saturday 1 November – 3.00pm Forest Church at White House, Otley Chevin
- Sunday 2 November – 10.30am Morning service led by Linda Duttine
- Sunday 9 November – **9.30am United Service for Remembrance Sunday at St Wilfred's Parish Church**, Rev Wendy Walker
- Sunday 16 November – 10.30am Holy Communion service, Rev Annie Baker-Streevy
- Sunday 23 November – 10.30am Morning Worship led by Joan Bosomworth
- Sunday 30 November – **No Morning Service**  
**3.30pm All age Worship and Gift Service**, Rev Cameron Stirk.  
Items of new toys, dolls, games, children's books, puzzles, jigsaws and anything else will be gratefully received, which we shall then pass on to the local Salvation Army who will distribute these items to families who can't afford many Christmas gifts this year. Please don't wrap up the presents. Let's bless those in need this Christmas.

**We would love to welcome you to these or any of our other events.**

Follow us on Facebook to keep up with forthcoming events.

*Rev Cameron Stirk and Rev Wendy Walker*

## St Wilfrid's Ladies Group

It's hard to believe that summer is over and here we are again with autumn upon us. What a beautiful summer we have had, and plenty to keep us all busy and happy.

Our monthly meetings keep going at Pool Social Club at 6pm and it is so lovely to have an informal and happy time together. All are very welcome and we would love to see more of you join us. If you want any more info, please contact Kath at any time on the numbers below.



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In August, we went back again to the lovely Rudding Park and it was as good as ever. We were blessed with good weather to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. The staff, the ambience and the meals are always brilliant and we always enjoy going to this magnificent place.



Then on 24 August we had our annual St Wilfrid's stall at Pool Feast and this year the weather was kind to us, so that was a massive relief. Our church helpers were amazing and everyone pulled together as a team, which was a joy to see. We have so far managed to raise £500, with hopefully more still coming in from 'after the event sales'. It takes a lot of hard work to make this a successful day, but with kind and loving people all around us we made it happen.

We were due to have our **Macmillan coffee morning** in September but due to my ill health have had to put it back to **22 November**. We will then make this a Tinsel and Mince Pie event and will try our best to get another £1,000 as we did last year. Please come and join us on the day as I am sure it will be a good morning out, from 10am until 2pm. All will be so welcome.

On **St Wilfrid's Day, 12 October**, we are going to Chequers on the Ripon Road for a carvery lunch as we did last year. Men are invited to join us on these days and we have over twenty of our parishioners all together around the table.

In December we have our Christmas luncheon at Otley Golf Club and this is always very special too.

For more information any time, please contact:

**Kath Gamble**  
**07793 612714 01132 037766**

## Pool Tiddlers Playgroup

The first week of the autumn term is a time when children begin a new school year. Some of our 'Tiddlers' have moved on to the next stage of education and we miss them and wish them well.

But we were delighted to welcome new as well as familiar faces to the first session of the Tiddlers Group in the Village Hall. It was a busy morning but so good to see the children playing, having fun, enjoying and exploring new and also favourite toys. Alexia entered into her role as organiser with enthusiasm, as did Becca, and we thank them for taking on this important work and provision for 0-5 year olds in the community.

Our thanks to everyone who took part and helped the morning run so smoothly.

**Mary Tuyn and Pam Baxter**

## Ladies' Lunch

Our Ladies' Lunches take place on the third Monday of each month, gathering at 12.15pm for an informal lunch, or even coffee and dessert, at the Square & Compass, North Rigton. We welcome friends from the area, including North Rigton, Weeton and Huby.

### **Future Dates**

Monday 20 October

Monday 17 November

Just turn up, or contact Barbara Massey or Doris Telford.

*Barbara Massey*

## Peace and Praise Worship Service

By the time this article has gone to press, we will have had our first *Peace and Praise Worship Service* on Sunday 14 September. We plan to hold this special service on the second Sunday of each month at St John's Church, starting at 5.30 pm with coffee/tea and cake, the service beginning at 6.00 pm and lasting no longer than an hour.

The event is designed as a very accessible and welcoming service with worship, songs, prayer and reflection. There will be a couple of short presentations with the theme of the Good News, a short testimony and congregation interaction. This promises to be an informal, sociable evening of uplifting music, peace, and prayer.

Everyone is welcome!

*Francesca Jenkinson*

## North Rigton Parish Council

### **Hall Green Lane/A658 junction**

After yet another serious accident and still no action from NYC. The Parish Council has resolved to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, demanding that some positive action be taken before there is a fatality at this dangerous junction. Our NYC Councillor, Nathan Hull, has also warned Karl Battersby, NYC's Head of Highways, that should a fatality occur, national media will receive a full briefing of the history of accidents at this location and the complete failure of NYC to take any positive preventative action.

### **Church Hill – water**

At long last, the water leak has been repaired. Unfortunately, according to the contractor, this may only be a temporary fix, as the actual cause of the problem has not been identified and future blockages with the consequent leakage may well recur. Should that be the case, the Parish Council will again pursue NYC for a permanent solution.

### **Overgrown hedges**

Throughout the village there are a number of hedges, bordering properties, which obstruct the pathways, causing pedestrians difficulty. It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain their hedges and the Parish Council would be grateful if relevant hedges could be trimmed back, now the bird-nesting season is at an end. NYC will be contacted by the PC to request that hedges and vegetation are trimmed back on the pathway from Huby along the A658.

### **Juniper Solar Farm**

The Parish Council has submitted its response, objecting to the above application. It is interesting (but not surprising) that there are some 400 responses from local residents and others from further afield, virtually all objecting. The Parish Council will monitor the position and await the outcome of the Planning Committee's decision.

### **Village and property waste bins**

The Parish Council has been actively pursuing NYC to regularise bin collection, not to have the continuing saga of missed collections. It is hoped the position should now be fixed. There has been some difficulty with the emptying of the bin on Brackenwell Lane, which is regularly used by dog walkers for disposing of dog waste. NYC will be requested to include the emptying of this bin on their regular collection round, but if this is not possible, regrettably, the bin will be removed.

*Mike Richards, Parish Clerk*

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# North Rigton Primary School

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## Community Coffee Morning

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break, even though it was probably too hot for some. At least we are getting the rain now.

Our next community coffee morning is as follows:

### **Wednesday 15 October 10 am - 11.30 am**

Half the proceeds of this coffee morning will be given to **Macmillan Cancer Support**. Thankyou to Anne and Rod for hosting the coffee morning at Sleights Meadow, Crag Lane, Huby.

The last coffee morning of the year will be on:

### **Wednesday 19 November, at the same times.**

This coffee morning will have a cake stall and raffle.

Any donations to either the cake stall or raffle gratefully received. Please see notice boards for the venue in November.

Everyone welcome.

***Ros Bodsworth***  
***01423 734627***

## Weeton Parish Council

### **Juniper Solar Farm**

At the Parish Council meeting on 21 August, the Council voted unanimously to object to the Juniper Solar Farm Planning Application. Many thanks to those who expressed a range of views to the Council, both in written correspondence and attendance at the various Parish Council meetings held over the last couple of months.

The North Yorkshire Council Planning Officer is anticipated to produce her report by early December, with a final decision expected to be made by North Yorkshire Councillors at a Planning Committee meeting, most likely in the New Year.

***David Chalmers***  
***Chair, Weeton Parish Council***  
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## Almscliffe Tennis & Bowling Club

### *What a summer!*



I am not sure that I can remember a year when the chat on our club WhatsApp groups has centred around its being too hot to play rather than the age-old dilemma of ‘will we be rained off’!



#### Tennis

Summer leagues completed, our Men's Doubles Team fulfilled their early season promise and gained promotion in the Leeds League, and our 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed team moved up to Division 4 in the Harrogate & District Tennis League with a resounding win over top of the table Wetherby – well done! Onwards and upwards!



The courts have been busier than ever with matches, social sessions and our first ever Club Championship; tension rising not only because of the complication of getting four people's diaries to agree on a match time but the nervousness at the approach of finals day at the end of September! Another excuse for a club social and hopefully a BBQ if the weather holds.

Laughter, chatter and pure joy have characterised four of the 6-week school holidays as we hosted the biggest junior tennis camp so far, with up to 39 youngsters enjoying varied tennis-related activities and fun, delivered by Kinetic Tennis' band of qualified coaches, ably assisted by our local Tennis Leaders: Annie, Tabby, Lucy and Thea. One local mum sent a message: *'.. just wanted to thank you .. (the coaches) and everyone else involved for the wonderful summer camps. The boys have had*

*an absolute amazing time, and it was lovely putting them to bed last night and hearing all the stories! .... The boys have demanded they go for more days next summer!'* Just remember to book your place early as the camps have become an extremely popular, good value holiday activity.



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Our usual term-time coaching programme for adults and juniors will be well underway by the time you receive this edition of News. However, the magazine may arrive just in time for you to join us for a very special event run by the charity **Bright Ideas for Tennis on Saturday 4 October**. **Jonny Marray, a former Wimbledon Men's Doubles Champion** and **Danny Sapsford, a former British Davis Cup player** will be teaching a series of coaching masterclasses, open to all, with one suitable for every age group and ability, starting at 1pm.

There will be an opportunity to test your serve against a speed gun, a pro-am exhibition match, a tombola, and other fun activities and refreshments. The aim is to fundraise for a community tennis fund to be used locally to support wider engagement in tennis activities and disability tennis. **Contact Jamie Walters of Kinetic Tennis on 07938 850558** for more information or to book a place, or see our club website, Facebook page or email for information on all our tennis and bowling activities.

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### Bowling

Another season comes to a close. In July, the club was sad to hear of the passing of Richard Broad, a longtime member of the club and an active bowler. His interests were many and varied: classic cars, sailing, caravanning, as well as bowling.

This season has seen some brilliant bowling from our members. **In the Harrogate Evening League** quarter finals of the Grange Park Cup, The Climbers played Wayside Rangers then went on to the semi-finals only to meet our own Almscliffe Strollers team, who had beaten Knaresborough Tigers. The Climbers went on to win through to the finals, only to be beaten 143 to 137 by Black Swan. To have two of our teams in the semi-finals was a great achievement.

**In the Vets League (over 60s)**, Almscliffe A bowled through to the semi-finals in the Division 1 Cup, coming up against Black Swan A on the neutral green of Boston Spa, but after a hard-fought match lost out. Almscliffe B team in Division 3 also got through to the semi-finals in their Division Cup but lost out by only 4 points to Black Swan B. Again, to have two teams in the semi-finals was brilliant.

Margaret Atkinson was successful in winning the HABA Ladies Merit Trophy played at Bardsey, eighteen ladies competed. Harrogate area Champion of Champions had two Almscliffe members playing, Margaret and John Atkinson. Results not known as we go to press.

Our monthly *Wine and Chocs* club competitions have continued. They have been postponed twice during the year, once due to rain and then due to heat. What a summer we have had!



Friendlies have been arranged against other clubs; a chance for our newer members to have a go. Thanks go to Mary for organising these and the Friendlies. Thanks must go to the Green Team who have had a difficult year coping with the weather; all greens in the area have suffered with the lack of rain.

Finally, to end the season the following poem, author unknown:

### **Mat and Jack**

*As the final bowl rolls into the sunset  
And the last players, bow their heads and leave the green  
The gates are closed, the end of the season  
Work on the grass is the reason given.  
No more sounds of bowls a clatter  
No more laughter and cheerful chatter  
No more 3 up, 3 down  
Arms raised like a performing clown.  
Jack and Mat return to the cupboard  
Considering months of solitude and being bored  
No one to play with for 6 months, said Jack  
Just be patient, said Mat, next year they will be back.*

## **Birthday celebrations**

On Saturday 30 August, members of the St Barnabas Church family joined together to celebrate the birthday of Ann Berry (90-something plus change!).

Ann has worshipped with and served the church community for many years and it was lovely to welcome her son and granddaughter to the Rectory to celebrate with her.

***Stroma***

## **Talks Group**

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2pm in Almscliffe Hall      Please enter via back fire door.

16 October	Retired Judge, Chris Holland
20 November	Worth Valley Railway, Steve Daly

***Jenny 07803 717659***

## Crafts Group

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9 October	Cards, Jenny
13 November	TBA
11 December	TBA

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## Celebrating community talent



***Little Mouse* by Gillian Lishman - a Weeton writer's tribute to our countryside and all those creatures that live here**

Many of us are aware that throughout the parishes of the Washburn Valley we have some incredibly talented and creative people - residents, neighbours and friends. However, one such inspiring person will be too reticent to promote her new and second children's book, *Little Mouse*, so I am doing it for her! We can't have something so wonderful, that children, parents and grandparents will enjoy sharing at reading time, to go unmentioned.

Gillian Lishman and her family have lived and farmed in Castley for over thirty years. She now lives in Weeton with her own business as a Reflexologist and Foot Health Practitioner. During the Covid 19 pandemic, Gillian's business had to temporarily close, like that of many other people, and it was during this time she got the inspiration to write *Little Mouse*. As she was unable to see her grandchildren, she used to video bedtime stories for them. However, on a walk around the fields one day the idea of writing a letter to the children, including a story she had made up, was born, and this became a weekly project right throughout the lockdown period.

The countryside, as any farmer or resident knows, is teeming with wildlife, beautiful trees and hedgerows. It was a particular tree on the farm that inspired the idea for *Little Mouse* and her friend and neighbour, Old Owl. Little did Gillian realise at the time that her imagination fueled her desire to write and this would eventually become a published book in 2022, now enjoyed by readers young and old both in the UK and overseas.

In the first book, the main characters are Little Mouse, Old Owl, Scruffy Mouse and Mattie Mouse. I've been fortunate to read an advance copy of *Little Mouse 2*, to be released in October; it includes some fun new characters including the Prickle family, Buster Mole and Ginger and Horatio Cooper (guinea pigs). But these are not just cute stories about animals in our countryside; embedded is a narrative that runs through all families bringing up young children - how to live your life to the best of your

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ability and consider the impact on others. Gillian subtly weaves positive values throughout each chapter. Themes of kindness, compassion, friendship and caring, for both people and the countryside, emerge naturally.

The books are packed with vibrant, colorful images, illustrations born from Gillian's own sketches, bringing to life the curious characters and their adventures. Designed for children from the age of 3 up to approximately 10 years old and beyond they make an ideal gift for those wanting to support our local rural economy and enjoy locally inspired stories. If you want any more information about the book series, Gillian is happy for you to contact her at [info@castleytreatments.co.uk](mailto:info@castleytreatments.co.uk).

*Jane Whitehead*  
*Weeton resident*

## St Barnabas' Church

I hope you have enjoyed the glorious summer we have had. The gardens are needing rain very badly as I write this. Let's hope autumn brings us some much needed moisture.

At the end of June we had a lovely wedding at St Barnabas'. The church was full and looked absolutely beautiful. The sun shone and apart from a very short shower it was perfect weather. We wish Ollie and Millie many happy years together.

We are now looking to autumn and our annual **HARVEST FESTIVAL** which is always a lovely service. It will be held on **Sunday 5 October at 11.00am**. We will be collecting for the food bank again, so any dry goods, tins of fruit, meat, fish or vegetables, pasta and sauces are all very welcome. The food bank at St Peter's is always extremely grateful for everything we send. It is sad the need is so great in Harrogate.

Our monthly coffee mornings are starting again in September and everyone is welcome. We will be having the main Christmas coffee morning on **Wednesday 19 November** at Sleights Meadow. See more elsewhere in the magazine on the coffee mornings.

We are looking for more help serving coffee after our two services a month. Due to circumstances, a couple of folk have had to step back and it means that from January we will be unable to ensure we can serve coffee after the Communion service, the third week of the month. If you feel you could help at all, please get in touch with myself or Sarah Fenton. This service is very much valued by our older parishioners, who would be very sad if we had to stop doing coffee. It would only be two or three times a year, but so appreciated.

*Sandra Moss*  
*aemoss@btinternet.com*

## The Rector writes .....

I always like the autumn months, something about the changing light, burning candles, dog walks through the leaves and the wonderful autumnal landscapes; lots to be thankful for.

Our theme in October at our remaining harvest festivals is thankfulness, the importance of being thankful and saying thank you to God for all that we enjoy and all his provision for us.

It's not just that it's a good thing to do, it actually improves your health and wellbeing. Apparently, it's been statistically proved that if you write down three things each day to be grateful for, your overall happiness will increase by 5% in a month and 9% in six months!

Sometimes when I visit the schools and do collective worship, I suggest having a thankfulness jar in the room. The children write down something they are grateful for and at the end of the week they can all take something out of the jar, read it out and realise just how much there is to be thankful for. So you might like to try that one at home.

One of the many things I'm thankful for is the help, support and prayers of the churches, who enable so many new events and offerings over this year, including the new Peace and Praise service at St John's on the third Sunday of the month, a more informal style of service with live contemporary worship to help people encounter God in a meaningful way. We couldn't do what we do without our fabulous community.

Then, in November, we remember and are thankful for the service of many who sacrificed so much over a number of years for our freedom and for our futures. I hope many of you will be able to attend one of the Remembrance Services at the churches for our collective thankfulness.

This year we have celebrated the 80th anniversary of the ending of WW2 in Europe and Japan, momentous events that shaped the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and now the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is especially good and poignant therefore to be thankful for the peace that we enjoy, remembering and praying for the people in those places in the world where war and violence remain and for an end to their suffering, so that they too can live lives to be thankful for.

*Blessings,  
Stroma*

## Benefice of Lower Wharfedale church services

### 5 October

#### Sixteenth after Trinity

Kirkby Overblow	BCP Holy Communion.	8.30am
Sicklinghall	Harvest Festival Communion.	9.30am
Pool	Civic Service at Pool Methodist Church	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Celtic Service	11.00am
Weeton	Harvest Family Service	9.30am

### Saturday 11 October

St Mary's, Stainburn	Harvest Festival Service	2.00pm
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### 12 October

#### Seventeenth After Trinity

Kirkby Overblow	BCP Holy Communion	8.30am
North Rigton	Parish Communion	9.30am
Pool	St Wilfrid's Patronal Festival	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Family Service	11.00am

### Tuesday 14 October

Sicklinghall	Community Coffee Morning and Service	10.30am
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### 19 October

#### Eighteenth after Trinity

Kirkby Overblow	BCP Holy Communion.	8.30am
Sicklinghall	Parish Communion.	9.30am
Pool	Family Service	9.30am
Weeton	Parish Communion	11.00am
North Rigton	Peace and Praise	6.00pm

### Monday 20 October

Kirkby Overblow	Lego Church	3.30pm
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### 26 October

#### Last Sunday after Trinity

Pool	Parish Eucharist	9.30am
North Rigton	Family Service	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Parish Communion with Sunday Club	11.00am

### 2 November

#### Fourth Sunday Before Advent

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

## **9 November**

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Kirkby Overblow	BCP Holy Communion	8.30am
North Rigton	Parish Communion	9.30am
	Act of Remembrance at Memorial	10.45am
Pool	Civic Service	9.30am
	Act of Remembrance at Cenotaph	10.45am
Kirkby Overblow	Act of Remembrance Service	10.45am

## **Tuesday 11 November**

### **Armistice Day**

Sicklinghall	Village Remembrance at War Memorial	10.30am
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## **16 November**

### **Second Sunday before Advent**

Kirkby Overblow	BCP Holy Communion.	8.30am
Sicklinghall	Parish Communion.	9.30am
Pool	Family Service	9.30am
Weeton	Parish Communion	11.00am
North Rigton	Peace and Praise Service	6.00pm

## **Monday 17 November**

Kirkby Overblow	Lego Church	3.30pm
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## **23 November**

### **Christ the King**

North Rigton	Family Service	9.30am
Pool	Parish Eucharist	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Parish Communion with Sunday Club	11.00am

## **Monday 24 November**

Pool School	Lego Church	3.30am
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## **30 November**

### **Advent Sunday**

Weeton	Benefice Service	10.00am
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## **Nativities and Christmas events for your diaries**

## **7 December**

Weeton	Advent Family Service	11.00am
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## **14 December**

North Rigton	Family Nativity	9:30am
Kirkby Overblow	Family Christingle	11.00am

**20 December**

Weeton	Carol Service	4.00pm
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**21 December**

Sicklinghall	Carol Service with RC Church	3.30pm
Pool	Carol Service	4.00pm
Kirkby Overblow	Carol Concert	6.00pm

**Christmas Eve**

Stainburn	Carols and Candles	2.00pm
Pool	Christingle	4.00pm
Kirkby Overblow	Crib Service	4.00pm
North Rigton	Holy Communion	9:45pm
Pool	Midnight Communion	11.00pm

**Christmas Day**

Pool	Holy Communion	9:30am
Sicklinghall	Holy Communion	9:30am

**From the Registers****Funerals and Internments of Ashes**

17 September	St Wilfrid's, Pool	Margaret Godley
15 September	St Mary's, Stainburn	Brenda Morgan
13 September	St Wilfrid's, Pool	William Marshall
20 August	St Peter's, Sicklinghall	Eileen Valma Pearson
25 July	St Wilfrid's, Pool	Shirley Patricia Bellwood
17 July	St Wilfrid's, Pool	Robert Boon
14 June	St Wilfrid's Pool	Patricia Milner

**Baptisms**

20 September	St John's, North Rigton	Matilda Mabel Stapleton
20 July	All Saints', Kirkby Overblow	Felicity Rose Gardiner



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# **Sicklinghall Village Act of Remembrance**

## **War Memorial in the Sicklinghall Cemetery**

### **Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 10:50 am**

Our annual ecumenical Act of Remembrance service will again take place this year. It will be led by John Barnes and Bill Campbell, with prayers by Revd Stroma McDermott and Father Andrew Summersgill. It is hoped that the pupils of Sicklinghall School will also be participating again.

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of St Peter's Church, the Church of the Immaculate Conception and the Sicklinghall Parish Council. There will then be an opportunity for members of the congregation to place personal crosses of remembrance at the memorial, in memory of their loved ones.

Whilst this is a standing service, seating will be provided for those people who are unable to stand. The service will last approximately 15 minutes.

Everyone is welcome!

## **St Peter's Church**

### **Eileen Valma Pearson 1950-2025**

The following tribute to Eileen is taken from the eulogy given by her daughter, Rachel Marston, at her funeral.

Eileen grew up in West Yorkshire and met her husband, Lindsay, whilst working as a librarian in Pontefract Library. She was invited to go on a 'blind date' by one of her colleagues from the library and this turned out to be Lindsay, who was working in Pontefract at the time. Lindsay had spent his childhood in Sicklinghall, as his family lived at Skerry Grange Farmhouse on the outskirts of the village. In time, he and Eileen moved to Sicklinghall and raised their own family of two daughters, Rachel and Louise.

Eileen had a shy, unassuming nature and was the quiet centre of the family. She was an active supporter of village events over many years. She helped at Field Day, Harvest Festivals, flower arranging in church and made countless teas for the Sicklinghall cricketers and their visiting teams. The club was based at Stockeld Park then and Eileen was famous for her meticulous scoring at the matches.

Eileen's funeral was held in St Peter's Church on Wednesday, 20

August. The church was packed to overflowing, with some members of the congregation having to follow the service from the path outside. The numbers reflected the respect felt for Eileen by her family and all the community. It was a dignified and uplifting service for a lady who gave so much.

The Yorkshire flag at the cricket pavilion was flown at half-mast for all to see, in tribute to a much-respected villager.

### **New Service**

From this autumn, there is a new midweek service of worship and reflection at St Peter's Church. Initially it will be on Tuesdays, once a month, at 10.30am. The first service was on Tuesday, 16 September, and more will follow on **14 October and 18 November**.

Revd Stroma McDermott will lead the service, supported by our new reader Jan Ali. The service will be short, simple and informal – the pattern will evolve to suit the needs of the congregation. All ages are welcome. There will be refreshments, including cake!

### **Harvest Festival**

St Peter's Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday 5 October**. All donations will be welcome and given to 'Caring for Life.'

### **Armistice Day 11 November**

Community Commemoration at the War Memorial

## **Building a safer, stronger community together**

### **We welcome a Neighbourhood Safe Community Group**

Two years ago, a WhatsApp group was established for CCTV owners in Sicklinghall, Kirkby Overblow and the surrounding hamlets. The idea behind the group was that when a crime was committed in the locality we would share the news and check our CCTV to see if we had any evidence for the police, an initiative created by residents, for residents, with one shared goal: to make our local area a safer, more connected place to live.

In a time when community spirit can feel distant, this group offers a practical and welcoming way to bring neighbours together. It's about more than just crime prevention – it's about building trust, improving communication and looking out for one another.

### **Why get involved?**

- **Safety in numbers:** Neighbours looking out for each other can be a powerful

deterrent to crime and antisocial behaviour.

- **Faster communication:** Share updates quickly through community WhatsApp groups, newsletters, or noticeboards.
- **Community connections:** Meet the people around you and build a stronger support network.
- **Peace of Mind:** Knowing you're not alone brings a greater sense of security – especially for elderly or vulnerable residents.

### **What we've done so far**

Some of the members have recently had an informal meeting to discuss how, as a broader community, we can work together to come up with a cohesive plan to combat crime. It is an unfortunate fact that our area is seen as an attractive proposition to criminals. We hope to keep this a quarterly event to keep the group successful.

### **How you can join**

Even small contributions – such as checking in on a neighbour or attending a monthly meeting – can make a big difference.

We are hoping to set up quarterly meetings going forward. Should anyone be interested in joining the WhatsApp group or attending a meeting, please get in touch at [nhsw.residents@gmail.com](mailto:nhsw.residents@gmail.com).

Thanks,

***The Neighbourhood Safe Watch Group***



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## Kirkby Overblow Parish Council

### Star & Garter

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the Star & Garter has been purchased by a local resident. With the building becoming increasingly dilapidated, this is excellent news for our village.

We understand that in due course a planning application will be submitted for change of use and alterations, with the aim of creating a village-controlled community space in the old bar areas, plus four bed and breakfast units which will be managed independently. The intention is that the community space can be hired out for activities that are not suitable for the church or the Shoulder of Mutton, with the proceeds kept solely to run/manage the community space. Once the cost of the property purchase and refurbishment has been recouped, then the whole building will become a village asset.

*David Yeadon*  
*Chairman*

### An exciting year ahead for Kirkby Overblow WI!

After a successful Annual General Meeting held in August, our lovely WI group is looking forward to an exciting and inspiring year ahead!

Our AGM was not only a time to reflect on the highlights of the past year – from fascinating guest speakers to creative craft evenings and also some fun line dancing – but also a chance to welcome new committee members who we are sure will have some great ideas to bring forward.

We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and dedication shown by everyone who helps make our WI such a warm and welcoming group.

With a renewed sense of energy, we are delighted to announce an exciting programme of events for the coming year. Expect a wide variety of talks, a social outing, hands-on workshops and opportunities to get involved with local causes. Whether you're passionate about learning new skills, supporting community initiatives, or simply enjoying a cuppa and a chat with friends, there's something for everyone.

We're especially keen to welcome new members – so if you've ever thought about joining, now is the perfect time! Come along to one of our meetings and see what we're all about. We meet on the last Thursday of the month at All Saints' Church, Kirkby Overblow, and guests are always very welcome. You can also find details on our website: [www.thekogirls.co.uk](http://www.thekogirls.co.uk).

Here's to another year of friendship, learning, and fun. We can't wait to see what the next chapter brings!

### *The KO Girls committee*

## **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, HG3 IHH  
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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'**

As autumn nights draw in, thoughts turn inevitably from far-flung summer adventures to activities closer to home. We could sweep fallen leaves and build a bonfire, play conkers with the kids, knit a cosy scarf or read a favourite book. Not forgetting that everyone's warmly welcome here at All Saints'. So let's take a look at what is going on in church .....

For the early risers, there's an 8.30am Holy Communion based on the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer on the first, second and third Sundays of the month. For those of us who prefer a more leisurely start to the day, we have an informal Celtic Worship on the first Sunday of each month, Family Service on the second Sunday, and Parish Eucharist with Holy Communion on the fourth. Refreshments are served from 10.30am with a chance for a neighbourly chat before these services begin at 11.00. We're a small village but our services are well-attended. Join the community, feel the love :-)

For our younger audience, as well as for anyone else with creative skills, **LEGO church** will take place on **Monday 20 October and Monday 17 November at 3.30pm**. Revd Stroma and Moira provide encouragement and a bible theme and drinks and snacks are on hand to keep the energy levels up - it's great after-school fun. Come along and build connections, rock those blocks!

**Remembrance Sunday** this year falls on 9 November. Our Act of Remembrance, followed by Family Service, will commence at **10.50am** and will be led by Moira Keith. This is our opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by all whose lives have been affected by war, and to remind ourselves of the value, the preciousness, of peace. Refreshments will be available beforehand as usual. I have no doubt this service will be well-supported by the village.

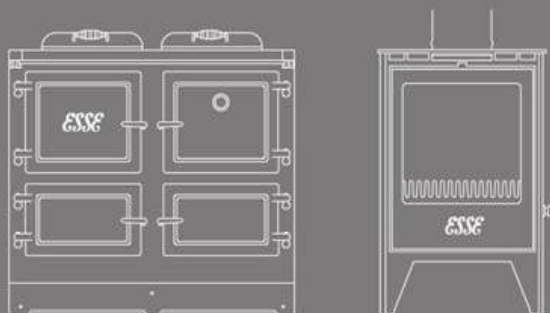
Our annual **Harvest Supper** will take place on Thursday 16 October. For a modest charge, hot food and soft drinks will be served and you're welcome to 'bring a bottle' if wished. The event will be an opportunity for community spirit to shine, and is open to all neighbours, their families and friends. Tickets will be on sale at the Shoulder of Mutton or can be obtained via the school.

Looking forward to Christmas, rehearsals have begun for our annual **Carol Concert** which will take place on 21 December. If you would like to be a part of our vibrant village choir, it's not too late to join. Rehearsals take place in church each Monday from 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. All welcome, no audition necessary.

Rehearsals for the **KODS' Christmas Panto, Cinderella**, are also well underway. This festive extravaganza will run for four nights from Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 November, plus a matinée on the Saturday afternoon and tickets will be on sale from the Shoulder of Mutton or to purchase online. Every KODS production is a pre-Christmas treat - always extremely popular, so don't forget to buy your tickets in advance! Keep an eye out for posters around the village and on the Kirkby Overblow Facebook page.

Now for some housekeeping items. You may already be aware of our defunct oil boiler and of our mission to comply with the CoE's green energy objectives in finding a replacement. Churchwarden Jim Bennett, Revd Stroma and Treasurer Robert Henderson have investigated at length every alternative, but for now a replacement modern oil-fired boiler appears to be the only cost-effective solution. Permission to install a boiler of this type has therefore been sought from the Diocese, and we are optimistic that a faculty will have been granted by the time you read this article. If not, and if our church remains without heating during winter, we should prepare for wardrobe adjustments, ie extra woollies!

The damaged window on the north side of the nave has undergone specialist repair, the ancient glass salvaged and re-assembled with new leadwork prior to being reinstalled. Cleaning of all our historic windows is now complete, so please drop by during daylight hours to see the sparkle. Church is open from around 10am each day. If you'd like to learn more about the history of the windows, a full-colour booklet prepared in 2020 by Robert Henderson and Liz Barrett provides genuinely interesting



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information on all aspects of the history of All Saints' and is available in church. A recommended donation of £2.50 can be left in the box in the wall to the left of the door on exit.

If you missed the Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning on 1 October, the next **Wednesday coffee mornings** will take place on 5 November and 3 December from 9.00 to 11.30am. The home-baked cakes are hugely popular with visiting cyclists and walkers as well as local residents, and they raise valuable funds for the upkeep of the building. We expect the school will be able to provide musical entertainment on occasion, and this is something we very much look forward to.



Yes, shadows are lengthening, the days *are* getting shorter, but the lights are still on at All Saints'!

*Jill Gittins*

## KODS 2025



The Kirkby Overblow Dramatic Society is proud to announce its first ever pantomime production – ***Cinderella***.

“Oh no you’re not!” “Oh yes we are!”

This year we have four evening performances at **7.30pm on Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 November** – plus a **2.00pm matinée on the Saturday afternoon**.

Tickets for the show – at All Saints’ Church - are available from the KO Events website:

<https://kirkbyoverblow.org/page/events>.

Doors open half an hour before the show begins and there will be a licensed bar, soft drinks, tea and coffee available.

As usual, we will be giving a significant percentage of any surplus to local and other charities

We anticipate another sellout season, so we suggest you book your tickets now.

Any queries, please contact Jim Bennett on 07970 374658.

We hope to see you there.

***John Fairfield, KODS Chairman***

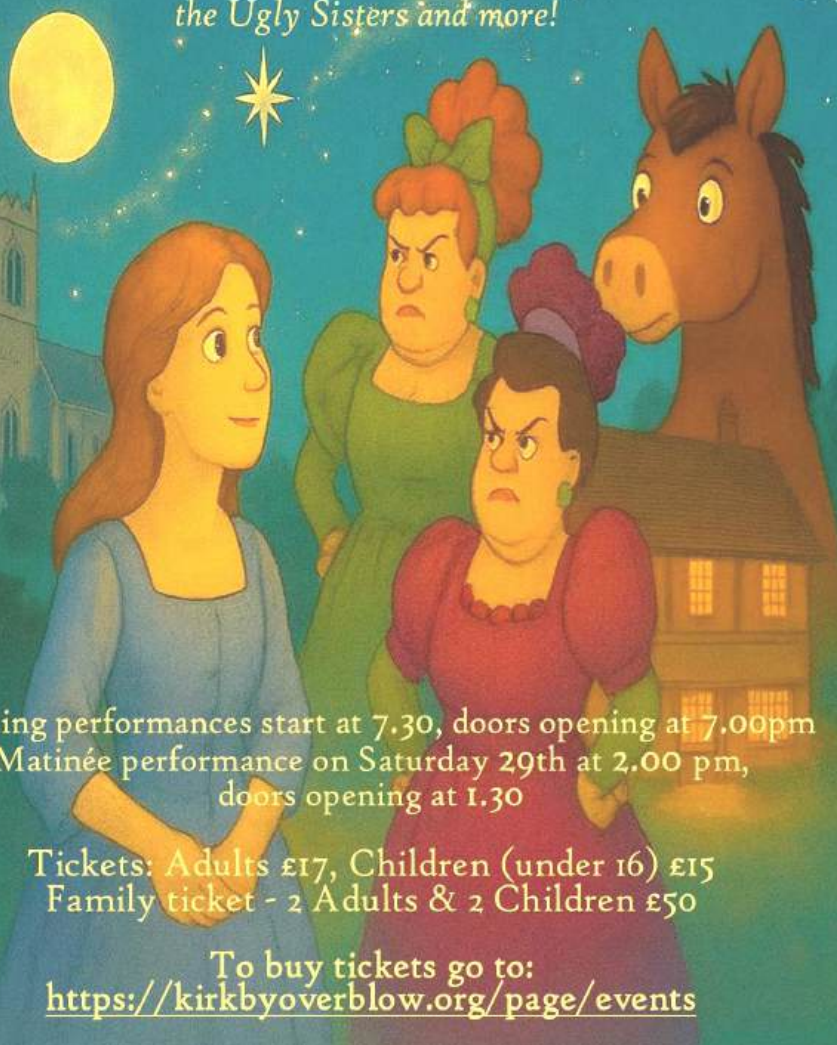
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To buy tickets go to:

<https://kirkbyoverblow.org/page/events>

## Farnley Estate WI

This summer, our President arranged for the members and their guests to have a guided tour of Farnley Hall, with which our WI has a long-established association.

Farnley Estate's inaugural meeting in 1937 was attended by ladies who lived or worked on or around the Farnley Estate. In the early days of our WI, meetings were held alternately at the Farnley Entertainment Room, which is part of the estate office buildings at The Square in Farnley, and at Leathley Parish Room. Nowadays we continue to use the excellent facilities of Leathley Parish Room.

In October, we have the Annual Meeting and social evening, this gives members the opportunity to get to know each other and share craft successes.

To view our programme for 2025 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 fourth Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for walks locally, with either a coffee or picnic stop.

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI, please contact our President, Diane Hanline by email to [farnleyestatewi@gmail.com](mailto:farnleyestatewi@gmail.com).

## Riding for the Disabled in Burn Bridge - help needed

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