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Dear Reader

Welcome to summer! Depending on your point of view, we've had the most fabulous few weeks of weather or it's simply been 'too darn hot'. But you could almost put bets on the fact that as soon as the school holidays start, it rains - and it did! Could it be that we have St Swithin to blame, as it rained on his day, 15 July?

Common folklore has it that St Swithin, who was Bishop of Winchester, wanted to be laid to rest outside, "where the sweet rain of Heaven may fall upon my grave". At some point, his remains were moved inside; there was a great storm and it rained for many weeks after.

*St Swithin's Day, if it does rain
For forty days, it will remain
St Swithin's Day, if it be fair
For forty days, t'will rain no more.*

But worry not, statistically, neither forty days of rain nor forty days of sun are likely to occur.

Unfortunately, Weeton Show, the greatest little show in Yorkshire, didn't enjoy the best of weather but this didn't dampen the spirits of the competitors and loyal supporters and a good day was had by all.

Those of our readers who are of a certain age may remember the summer of 1976. After a long, hot, dry spell a Minister for Drought was appointed and the flood gates opened. Fast forward forty-nine years and a hosepipe ban is introduced over many regions, and what happens? It rains!!

Whatever the weather, have a fabulous summer.

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

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North Ripton Parish Council

Hall Green Lane/A658 junction

Unfortunately, no progress to report with regard to the introduction of traffic calming measures. The Parish Council is continuing to press for action. Several residents have complained about the 'sight lines' at the bottom of Hall Green Lane due to the obscuring vegetation. This has been reported to NYC Highways as an urgent issue but as there has been no action, the PC's own contractor has now been instructed to cut back the long grass and vegetation.

1st Aid/defibrillator training

The 1st Aid training, including CPR, held at The Square & Compass on 21 May was a great success, with some 20 residents and others attending. Thanks to Gavin Lord for conducting the session and Cllr Tim Bennett for organising. A reminder that the training and familiarisation session with the defibrillator, provided by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, is planned for **6 September**, commencing at 10.00am, at the Square and Compass. Could all those interested in attending please contact the clerk via the email address below to confirm numbers.

Church Hill – closure

Please note, following the disruption caused by the installation of the new water main and consequential closure of Church Hill in June and July, a further closure of (hopefully!) one day only, will apply between **24/25 July** for tree trimming.

Litter picking

Following the success of the Annual Litter Pick, when several residents requested the availability of litter picking equipment so that ad hoc litter picks could be carried out on occasion; the Parish Council is pleased to confirm that equipment is now available for this purpose. Please contact Barbara Massey via barbaramassey@outlook.com to arrange supply of equipment.

Village Gala, 14 June

Another successful village event. Thanks to The Square & Compass and Aidy Scott for providing and running the bar. Thanks also to all the volunteers running the stalls and generally helping out! All moneys received go towards maintaining the Garden and village generally.

Juniper Solar Farm

As reported in the last edition of *Village News*, a formal application for the establishment of this vast enterprise at Juniper Farm, Weeton is to be submitted this month. The Parish Council received a presentation from the Help Save Weeton Village Campaign Group at its July meeting. The Group explained the negative impact on their village and surrounding areas. All North Ripton residents are urged to review the application when

available, along with the leaflet produced by the Campaign Group (enclosed with the last edition of *Village News*). A link to the application will be added to the Community Facebook page in due course, thereby enabling residents to submit their views to the Local Planning Authority, North Yorkshire Council.

Mike Richards

Parish Clerk

Contact via northrigtonparishcouncil@gmail.com

Woops – not what was intended

The fifth and final edition of snippets from church bulletins, collected over the years by Doris Telford:

1. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
2. A Pot-Luck Supper will be held at 5.00 pm – prayer and medication to follow.
3. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement at 7.00pm. The congregation are invited to attend this tragedy.
4. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday, *I Uppe'd My Pledge – Up Yours*.

Square and Compass Community Event

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North Rigton Gala 2025

Saturday 14 June saw a large crowd gather in the Village Garden for our annual event, despite its competing with the Knaresborough Bed Race with a team from the village taking part.

The Dog Show was a great success, with many requests to repeat it next year! So sorry, Tim, Gavin and Geoff, it looks like you are already booked for 2026!

There were also other differences to the event this year, with stalls and games for the children, to keep them entertained and spend their parents' money! And the Ukulele Band entertained us in return for a donation from the Parish Council to St Michael's Hospice in Harrogate.

Many thanks to all the stallholders and the teams setting up and clearing away. Thanks to those who attended and a huge thankyou to The Square & Compass for providing the bar, pizzas and hot-dogs. Thanks also to Adie and his team for running the bar so smoothly.

All the income from the day is spent in the upkeep and maintenance of the Village Garden. I do hope you enjoyed the day!

We will be holding a review meeting in early Autumn to arranged dates and activities for 2026, 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

North Rigton Primary School

We have really enjoyed a number of community based events over the last few weeks. We celebrated Sports Day on the field which was a huge success; a lovely way to bring our wider school family together. Our children in Y5/6 also took to the stage to perform *Heroes of Troy*; it was brilliant to see them flourishing!

In September, we are looking forward to welcoming many new families to North Rigton. The next academic year will begin with a grand reopening of our school playground which will undergo an extensive renovation over the summer holiday. We look forward to sharing this with the wider community in due course.

Mrs Gardiner
Assistant Headteacher

Class updates

Apples

This term we have focussed our learning on minibeasts and plants and the children have been super scientists! We have drawn and explored different habitats, labelled animals and have even had our own flight of butterflies! We have also grown our own



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sunflowers from seedlings, which has been brilliant. To embrace being scientists, we also became inventors - planning, designing and creating minibeast models and hotels! We have been so busy and had so much fun.

Pears

We have turned into amazing artists! Our *Graffiti is Vandalism* project started with a mysterious Banksy-inspired artwork on our wall. We had no idea how it got there! We became art detectives, learning about famous artists like Banksy, Piet Mondrian, and Kandinsky. Inspired by their work, we created our own pieces using bright primary and secondary colours, stencils and collages. We've had so much fun exploring different styles and creating our own art!

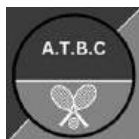
Busy Bees

This term we have been enjoying and appreciating nature. Through our science lessons, we have enjoyed exploring the habitats within our school grounds, appreciating the beauty of nature as we went. In our *We are Artists* project we have been showing our appreciation of God's artwork, nature, through art and music; learning about famous artists and composers along the way. We also had a lovely visit to Kith Homestead to look forward to where we can spend time relaxing and exploring things in the natural surroundings of Kith.

Tigers

This term Tigers have been artists! We have been in full swing with our class production, *Heroes of Troy*. It was a fantastic, creative experience with the whole class taking part in all aspects; from acting and singing, costumes and props, scenery and music. A huge Well Done to the commitment and dedication of the year 5 and 6 children.

Sophia Gardiner
Assistant Headteacher



Almscliffe Tennis & Bowling Club

The sun has had his hat on and so have we!



Members have enjoyed playing and socialising under the sun, with many non-members making the most of our pay and play tennis court and coaching sessions. Hats, suncream and lots of water have been mandatory with our traditional tea and cake to end the day!

Summer BBQ Bash

We were blessed with the good weather; anxiety over forecast thunderstorms coming to naught, just a minor shower disrupting early preparations!

The success of the evening was down to the creative vision and meticulously detailed organisation of Sophie Thompson and Danielle Millsop who took the usual BBQ to new heights with a beautifully



decorated setting, change in menu, the addition of Pimms, treats for the children and an amazing array of wonderful raffle prizes, not to mention the delicious selection of salads provided by our culinary expert members!

Super to see club members, family and friends from the community enjoying themselves in our wonderful club setting!



Tennis



Matches for all teams have been hot and hotly contested! Promotion for our 1st mixed team and ladies A team has been to divisions where the standard of play is challenging. However, the Men's Doubles Team is riding high in Division 6 of the Leeds League and will be looking for promotion once again! We have welcomed some 'new to team tennis' lady players and are thrilled that the feedback is that they are having fun win or lose!



There has been a buzz around the Club at the introduction of the Club Championships; members getting to know each other as matches are played over the summer, involving all from the youngest to the more mature players as can be seen from the photographs.



Our young players *'have come on so much over the past year'* on our coaching programme run by Kinetic Tennis and *'are a joy to watch'* according to some of the parent spectators. Who needs Wimbledon!

As well as competing against each other, some, such as our Junior Player of the Year, are now moving on to LTA sanctioned tournaments, with Tom having recent wins in singles and doubles in a tournament at Graves.



Currently, our most popular social session is the Ladies Monday morning group, with all three courts regularly occupied at 10.00am. The friendly sociable atmosphere has encouraged participation from new players – a group name-change may be on the cards as members are keen to play additional sessions on a different day!

Bowling



We are well into the season now. There continues: the usual Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening league matches and Friday veterans matches, Wine and Choc on the second Saturday of the month and friendlies against other clubs in the area. Harrogate League Cup and Divisional matches are in full swing.

The Climbers Team won through to the semi-finals of the Harrogate League Challenge Cup after defeating Low Harrogate A, 265 to 219 and Collingham 272 to 261 in earlier rounds. Semi-final night arrived but success eluded the team. Well done for getting so far!

Strollers and Climbers are both yet to play in the Grange Park Division 2 Cup on 30 July. In the Shutt Division 3 Cup the Ramblers were narrowly defeated by Starbeck in their earlier round. England Division 4 Cup sees the Hikers play Black Swan on 23 July in their first-round match.

Pam Richardson and Margaret Atkinson were part of the Harrogate Team in the Inter District Ladies Competition at Huddersfield but were defeated after several valiant games in the changing weather conditions. Almscliffe Kites who play in the Tadcaster league are still in the Richardson Trophy Competition and play round 5 on 4 September.



The British Heart Foundation recommends bowling as a gentle but effective way to get active and socialise. Bowlers can walk up to 3 miles in a game exercising arms and legs. A good reason to join ATBC!



After recent struggles with an ailing mower, the Freemasons of Otley stepped in to help the Club purchase a new Lawn Mower. Royal Wharfedale Lodge of Masons secured a grant from their head office. As well as mowing it has several rollers which will help in maintaining the condition of the green. Trevor Backhouse, Charity Steward of the Freemasons, is seen in the picture presenting the mower to the Club. Thank you to Nigel Hall for liaising with the Freemasons on this.

See our Club website and Facebook page or email for information on all our tennis and bowling activities.

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Community Coffee Morning

It may have been hot but people have still been busy baking and helping run our coffee mornings, for which I am very grateful. We can all be grateful to Anne and Rod for hosting the coffee mornings at **Sleights Meadow, Crag Lane, Huby.**

After a break in August, the next coffee morning dates are as follows:

Wednesday 17 September 10am -11.30am

Wednesday 15 October 10am -11.30am

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of St Barnabas Church, Weeton. Please just pop in, even for a few minutes, if you are unsure whether to join us. We are a very friendly lot and will make you very welcome.

Ros Bodsworth
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Talks Group

There will be no charge this term for the Talks programme but donations would be much appreciated. We meet in Almscliffe Hall at 2pm, entry via the back door.

18 September	Je Sans Frontier	Medical emergencies abroad in unpleasant circumstances
16 October	The High Court and Me	Chris Holland, local retired judge
20 November	Worth Valley Railway	Steve Daly, the history of steam trains

Further information from Jenny Stacey, 07803 717659

Craft Club

We meet in Almscliffe Hall at 2pm, entry via the back door. Price is £2.00 per session

No August meeting

1 September details TBA

Jenny Stacey

Weeton Parish Council

Additional defibrillator for Huby

The Dads of North Rigton School (DONRS) recently ran the Knaresborough Bed Race to raise money for two very worthwhile local causes: refurbishment of the playground at North Rigton Primary School and the purchase of an additional defibrillator in memory of Jimi, a member of the community who sadly passed away in April. The defibrillator will be located at the west end of Huby and the Parish Council is currently liaising with a couple of third parties about suitable locations. Faye, Jimi's partner, is overwhelmed by the generosity of the community and wishes to thank the DONRS team and everyone for their kind words and donations.

Parking issues

Cllr Nathan Hull, our North Yorkshire Council councillor, has been petitioning the NYCs newly appointed Executive Member for highways and transportation to support efforts to find a resolution to the parking issues around Kingsway, Weeton Lane and Strait Lane. He is confident that a highways officer will start engagement with the Parish Council and local residents to discuss options. Cllr Hull did caution that any measures are unlikely to be implemented quickly as schemes such as residents' permit zones and parking restrictions (double yellow lines) will involve consultation and evaluation phases.

Juniper Solar Farm

It is anticipated that by the start of August, the planning application for Juniper Solar Farm will be live on the NYC Planning Portal where members of the public and

statutory consultees will be able to view the application and make comment. For those who do not have access to the internet, comments can be submitted by letter to NYC. Full details will be published on the parish notice boards once the planning application is live. The Parish Council will also be holding a dedicated planning meeting to agree a position on the proposal. Details will be published through the Council's communication channels, including the notice boards.

David Chalmers
Chair, Weeton Parish Council
chair@weetonparish.gov.uk

St Barnabas' Church

It has been a busy May and June. See separate article on the 30th anniversary of the Dunkeswick air disaster held on 24 May. Also during May, we resumed our monthly coffee mornings at Sleights Meadow, Crag Lane; thanks to Anne and Rod Thorpe for their kind hospitality. It is lovely to be in their lovely barn again.

On 7 June we held our Open Garden Event at Creskeld Hall in Arthington, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Stoddart Scott. Although the day started off damp, the sun came through during the afternoon and about fifty people enjoyed wandering around their beautiful garden. Thanks to everyone who made cakes and helped with this event. It was a very special afternoon and such a privilege to have the opportunity to visit this tranquil space.

By the time this is printed we will have held the Cellissimo event on the 15 July. This is a very pleasant afternoon's entertainment.

Services for August and September

Sunday 3 August	11.00am	Family Service
Sunday 17 August	11.00am	Eucharist service
Sunday 31 August	10.00am	Benefice Service St Wilfrid's, Pool
Sunday 7 September	11.00am	Family Service
Sunday 21 September	11.00am	Eucharist Service

We hope to see you at one of our events or services. You would be very welcome.

Sandra Moss
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Dunkeswick air disaster 30th anniversary

On Saturday 24 May, St Barnabas' Church, Weeton, hosted a commemoration service for the families and friends of people who had lost their lives in the Dunkeswick air disaster in 1995. The small aircraft, bound for Aberdeen, took off from Leeds Bradford Airport but the pilot realised he had instrument failure and at 4,000 feet turned round to return to the airport. Being a very wet evening the plane, sadly, came down to earth and exploded in a barley field in Dunkeswick, killing all twelve passengers and crew.

The congregation consisted of about 50 people, 25 of which were families and friends of the people who had lost their lives. They had travelled from Northern Ireland, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Cheshire and around Bradford and the West Yorkshire area. There were also representatives from the emergency services who had attended on the day, a representative from the current police force and local villagers who remembered it first-hand.

The service started at 3.45pm, led by the Revd Stroma MacDermott and during the service the names of the twelve people who had lost their lives were read out and a candle was lit in their memory. After this, the family members were invited to also light a candle. Many people in the congregation also lit candles. It was a very comforting service and greatly appreciated by the families who attended.

Tea and cakes were then served by the ladies at St Barnabas' and families were able to catch up with other people they hadn't seen for some time.

There is a monument in the graveyard, on the side of the path between the porch and the gate, which was installed after the tragedy, and a Book of Remembrance listing everyone's name sits at the back of the church. The monument was decorated with lovely posies of flowers brought by the families and friends.

It had been quite challenging finding all the family members thirty years on but, thanks to Sue Scott's amazing record keeping of the first service in 1996, when the monument was dedicated, we managed to contact most of them.



A big thank you to everyone who was involved in making the service such a success.

Sandra Moss
Parish representative.

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VE Day 80th anniversary at Sicklinghall Village Hall

There was a surprisingly good attendance at the Village Hall despite many people being away for the holiday weekend. It turned out to be a really enjoyable and convivial get-together for all ages and families in our community. Yet the real point of the occasion was not lost. After the loyal toast and the singing of the national anthem it was the turn of Bill Campbell to speak about the true purpose of VE Day and VJ Day. His words simply cannot be bettered:

“I think we should take a moment to reflect on why we are really here. On the face of it, we are recalling 8 May 1945 when the nation celebrated Victory in Europe Day, but in reality we are not just recalling a date or a celebration or even the victory itself, but rather that generation of men and women who made that celebration and this anniversary and, most importantly, the Peace possible.

“We have seen many evocative black and white photographs capturing those smiling women, men and children gathered around trestle tables in halls or on cobbled streets in towns and villages throughout the country.

“They were having parties, although there was often little party food and drink to be seen, but they were celebrating as best they could with what little they had.

“As we look at those photographs today it is possibly all too easy for us to smile at the quaintness and somewhat impoverished look of it all and, in so doing, fail to recognise that those parties were celebrating the restoration of peace on what is arguably the greatest day in our history!

“Remember that for the six previous years the nation had endured grinding hardship and sacrifice in what was the most devastating world war mankind had ever seen and now, at the end of those six brutal years, it was all over, at least in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. However, the war in the Pacific and Far East did not come to an end until August 1945, after the twin horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki brought about its terrible conclusion and VJ Day ensued.

“What I find truly remarkable about the whole thing is that that generation just got on with what had to be done. It was unremittingly tough but they saw it through to the end and then they came together with family, friends and neighbours to celebrate peace, albeit with a confusing mixture of emotions:

intense relief and joy; great hope for the future; and yet also with overwhelming sadness for all those who would never experience those emotions again.

“There is a beautiful definition of real heroism which, to my mind, exactly captures the spirit and endurance of that generation:

True heroism is when ordinary people achieve extraordinary things.

“So, if in the future we ever talk about VE Day, or if we see those nostalgic black and white photographs, remember that those ordinary smiling faces looking out at us, perhaps the faces of our parents, grandparents or even great grandparents, are the faces of the extraordinary heroines and heroes who brought us Peace and Victory in Europe Day 1945.”

St Peter's Church, Sicklinghall

Some of the members of the congregation from St Peter's Church, Sicklinghall, recently attended the ordination service of the Reverend Emma James at Wakefield Cathedral, on Saturday, 28 June. This was followed by a Benefice service on Sunday, 29 June at Kirkby Overblow Church. A finger buffet was served after the service, which gave Emma the chance to meet many members of the Benefice churches, who are looking forward to welcoming her to their services.

We also want to extend a warm welcome to Jan Ali, our new Lay Reader, who will take some of the services at St Peter's.

Summer term at Sicklinghall School

Following the lovely sunny weather, we've had a very busy summer term here at Sicklinghall School!

Silver Birch Class has continued its weekly swimming lessons at Knaresborough, which will run until the end of term. It also enjoyed a trip to the Bradford Industrial Museum as part of its topic on Victorian times. More recently, it travelled across to our Federation partner Goldsborough Primary to join children from Victoria Primary School in Keighley as part of the Bradford Linking Schools Project, strengthening its year-long friendship through team-building activities.

Cherry Blossom Class has been immersed in a Titanic-themed learning experience, where the children sampled jam tarts and promenaded along the decking! They also took part in transport and seaside-themed workshops with their friends from Goldsborough and Admiral Long Schools. Highlights included exploring a modern Tesla and a vintage MG; while at the seaside workshop, they enjoyed a traditional Punch and Judy show, finishing the day with fish and chips and a refreshing ice lolly.

Our **annual sports day** was a huge success, with children and families enjoying a mix of challenging skill activities and traditional races. The four school houses, Darwin, Thunberg, Tesla, and Coleman, competed in great spirit.

Willow Class has had an exciting term alongside its federation friends. It enjoyed a week-long residential at Carlton Lodge, where the children took part in axe throwing, caving, gorge walking, and more! They've also participated in joint PSHE lessons and even climbed Roseberry Topping together.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our **Year 6 leavers**, it's lovely to reflect on their achievements and adventures. After completing their SATs, they celebrated with a fantastic trip to Mission Out near Leeds, where they developed climbing and problem-solving skills while enjoying time with friends. They also took part in bikeability Levels 1 and 2, gaining valuable cycling skills and road safety awareness.

Everyone in **Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6)** gave a phenomenal performance to the school community. Their interactive show asked the audience to decide: *was Mr Wolf Guilty or Not Guilty?* The children's talent, determination, exceptional singing and teamwork made the entire school community proud.

In early July, we welcomed our **new reception starters** for their transition days. It's hard to believe September is just around the corner, and we look forward to welcoming them officially into the Sicklinghall School family.

We wish all children moving on to new schools the very best of luck in the next stage of their journey, and we hope everyone enjoys a happy, restful summer. We look forward to seeing you all around the village and at school events in the next academic year.

Looking after our Hall

Our Village Hall is the focal point of the village with its lovely green area and modern facilities. We take great care to ensure that it is safe and in good order. It has come to our attention that there have been incidents of minor damage in the grounds which, if left unchecked, could cause further damage and possible injury. If you or your children play at or use the Hall, please be careful not to cause any damage and let us know if you see anything broken or out of place.

We would not want to shut off the grounds but it is a consideration, for everyone's safety, if the damage continues.

Thank you and let's keep vigilant.

Suzanne Phillips
on behalf of the committee
at Sicklinghall Village Hall

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The Rector writes.....

Well, as you receive this edition of *Village News* I hope you are having a really good summer, managing to deal with the heat, and that you've made some plans for what you are doing and visiting loved ones aplenty.

And then August transitions into September and that starts a whole new season, and for many it brings new beginnings: starting school, starting university, starting new jobs and internships, starting retirement, and for a few of you starting life in new homes and locations.

Often new beginnings also means some endings too: leaving home, leaving established friends and colleagues and leaving the sense of the familiar routines for something new and uncertain. But as the Bible reminds us, we are never alone and there are plenty of verses that help to encourage us.



One of my favourite verses in the Bible is this from Isaiah. It reminds us that God is always at work stirring up new things in and for his people.

At my previous church we had a wonderful banner with this verse on it and I would deliberately sit next to it as it gave me confidence and courage for the things God was

encouraging us to do. I hope it encourages you too.

This autumn there are new and exciting things within the Benefice. Emma James, our Curate, will be with us; we have a new licensed lay Reader, Jan Ali, coming to work with us; we have a new praise and worship service with live musicians at North Rigton; a new house group starting; the children and young people's groups will resume exploring their faith with their friends; we will welcome the schools back and our family services restart, including at St Wilfrid's, Pool, plus John and Gillian Fairfield will be sharing their experiences journeying the Camino walk to Santiago de Compostela, which I hope might inspire some of us in the Benefice to do the same.

So, whether you are at the start, middle or end of a time or season, my prayer for all of us this transition to autumn will be especially significant and hopeful, opening new doors and experiences for all of us.

***Blessings,
Stroma***

Confirmation at St John's, North Rigton



An introduction to Emma

Thank you for the wonderful welcome at All Saints' recently. It was lovely to meet so many people, and I am really looking forward to getting to know each congregation properly.

A bit about me:

Most of my working life has been as a primary teacher, which I loved and fully expected to be in for the rest of my working life. But, in 2019, I felt that God called me out of teaching to work for his Church, firstly as a youth worker in Bilton, Harrogate, and now as an ordained minister. And here I am!

I have three children – Hannah, Freddie and Louis. Hannah has just finished a psychology degree at Durham University, Freddie is at Manchester doing music, and Louis is just coming to the end of Y12 at St Aidan's School, and has no idea what he wants to do!

I also have two border collies who keep me active and busy as they need lots of exercise! I love going out for walks with them - and in fact, being in God's creation is one of the places I feel closest to Him. I also very much enjoy singing and am a member of a local choir, *Knot Another Choir*.

This summer, I am attending two Christian camps. The first is New Wine, where I am serving on a team as Village Host, which basically means that I welcome everyone and then I am on hand to sort out any problems they may have during the week. The second is a youth camp called Limitless where I am taking a group of 30 young people from across churches in Harrogate and Knaresborough. We will join approximately 6,000 other teenagers and they will enjoy worship, teaching and lots of games and fun (and we will perhaps try to fit in some sleep!).

So, during the summer, if I'm not around, it will probably be because I am under canvas somewhere! But, in September, I am very much looking forward to working with Stroma to serve you, love you and to walk alongside you.

Revd Emma James (Curate)

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Benefice of Lower Wharfedale church services

3 August

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

10 August

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Kirkby Overblow	Holy Communion	8.30am
North Ripton	Parish Communion	9.30am
Pool	Parish Eucharist	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Family Service	11.00am
Pool	Lego Church	4.00pm

17 August

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Kirkby Overblow	Holy Communion	8.30am
Pool	Family Communion	9.30am
Sicklinghall	Parish Communion	9.30am
Weeton	Holy Communion	11.00am

24 August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

North Ripton	Family Service	9.30am
Pool	Parish Eucharist and Pool Feast	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Holy Communion	11.00am

31 August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Pool	BENEFICE Communion	10.00am
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7 September

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

14 September

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Kirkby Overblow	Holy Communion	8.30am
North Ripton	Parish Communion	9.30am
Pool	Parish Eucharist	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Family Harvest Festival	11.00am
Pool	Lego Church	4.00pm

17 September (Tuesday)

Sicklinghall	Community Service with Coffee Morning	10.30am
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21 September**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Kirkby Overblow	Holy Communion	8.30am
Pool	Family Harvest Festival	9.30am
Sicklinghall	Parish Communion	9.30am
Weeton	Holy Communion	11.00am

22 September (Monday)

Kirkby Overblow	Lego Church Harvest	3.30pm
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28 September**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

North Rigton	Family Harvest Festival	9.30am
Pool	Parish Eucharist	9.30am
Kirkby Overblow	Holy Communion with Sunday Club	11.00am

From the Registers**Funerals**

22 May	Sicklinghall	Joan Buck
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Interment of Ashes

14 June	Pool-in-Wharfedale	Pauline Milner
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Weddings

7 June	North Rigton	Harriet Cheshire and Michael Hoyle
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21 June	Weeton	Emily Baxter and Oliver Fuller
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Baptisms

31 May	Pool-in-Wharfedale	Hugo William Stam
22 June	Kirkby Overblow	Robert Garnett Taylor
6 July	North Rigton	Lili Margaret Walker and James Alwyn Walker

Confirmations

1 June	North Rigton	Henry Connolly Harry Griffiths John Maiden Rebecca Maiden Leilani Maiden Julie Frisby Elizabeth Bamford
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News from All Saints'

For many of us this time of year means an escape to a favourite holiday destination and an opportunity to catch up with family and friends. School's out and we're eager for relaxation and renewal away from the pressures of exams, office deadlines and the demands of the kitchen sink. So, while we're all in kick-back mode, please let me lead you on a gentle meander along the pleasant byways of News from All Saints'.

Parishioners from across the Benefice came together in June to help Revd Stroma and Moira welcome our new Curate, Emma James. It was a joyful and busy service (80 attendees) and during the brunch which followed we were able to introduce ourselves individually to Emma. Emma will be busy over the summer with commitments relating to her previous post, but should be in her new home and fully integrated into her new role by the autumn. Special thanks to Liza Gisborne who coordinated a buffet made with love and invaluable help from members of all our churches.

Two christenings also took place in early summer, and we're delighted to welcome babies Bobby and Felicity to our community.

With the school in recess there will be no Sunday Club and no Lego Church in August. **Lego Church** will begin again, after school, on **Monday 15 September**.

Looking ahead, **Harvest Festival** is scheduled for **Sunday 14 September** at 11.00am, with refreshments served beforehand. Harvest is a nature-based service especially suited to families and children. We'll celebrate with seasonal flowers, autumn produce, your favourite harvest hymns, and of course we'd love for you to join us. Once again we'll be collecting non-perishable foodstuffs on behalf of the food mission at St Peter's Church, Harrogate. St Peter's opens a weekly mini-supermarket for anyone who needs a helping hand and donations are always gratefully received. Tea bags, instant coffee, breakfast cereals, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, sweet biscuits, toiletries and washing-up liquid are all in demand. Let's give thanks for our own good fortune and make a difference where help is needed.

On the social side, June featured a very successful country music event organised by Kirkby Overblow Events and hosted at Mervyn Little's Sunrise Barn. Mervyn, along with two hundred and fifty pairs of cowboy-boots and their owners, danced the night away and raised a solid fistful of dollars which will be put to good use in the village.

Now, if, like me, you're looking forward to the annual production of our home-grown drama group, **KODS**, you'll be excited to learn that this year it's Panto! Cinderella! Oh yes it is! With a cast of thousands,

singing, slapstick and loads of fun, you won't want to miss out. Auditions are taking place in church on **Sunday 3 August** at 2.00pm. Help with props, costume and backstage is also needed, so please come along and find out more. Performance dates run from Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 November. Mary Kelly is your point of contact if you'd like to know more: **kodsauditions@gmail.com** or **tel 07720 064799**.

Singers should note that the **choir** is to begin weekly rehearsals with Will Lewis on **Monday 29 September**, 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start in church, in preparation for a Christmas concert on Sunday 21 December. Singers of any level are encouraged to join, just bring your voice and your enthusiasm, no audition or experience necessary.

Coffee morning, on the first Wednesday of each month, is a popular year-round event. Recent meetings have featured the sale of Kirkby Overblow honey generously donated by our neighbours John and Lesley Leahy who raised £280 for church funds, and Jean Matthewman's annual sale of cards in aid of the Flower Fund. Thank you to everyone who made a purchase. October's coffee morning (1 October) will be as always a **Macmillan Cancer Support** fundraiser. Please come along. Maybe you have a friend you'd like to invite? Coffee, tea and Kirkby Overblow's globally renowned home-baked cakes are served with a dazzling smile from 9.30 to 11.30 for the price of a voluntary donation.

Also on Wednesdays, **bell-ringing** practice takes place under the guidance of team leader Liza Gisborne who would be glad to supply further information if wanted (tel: 01423 879070). Start time 7.00pm. New recruits are always welcome.

We're making good progress in caring for the fabric of our lovely building. The repaired window on the north side of the nave is expected to be re-installed very soon, at which time the specialist cleaning of the remainder of the leaded windows will be completed. Churchwarden Jim Bennett has put together a package of eco-friendly heating solutions to replace the now-defunct oil-fired boiler. His report has been submitted to the relevant Diocesan committee for approval and a decision is awaited. On the housekeeping front, neighbour Lianne Cooper, who has recently formed her own cleaning business, has been engaged to support the volunteers on the cleaning rotas. We're pleased to have her on board.

Here our summer stroll comes to its end. Did you spot items of interest along the way? If so, don't forget to pop the dates in your diary, and we'll see you there soon!

Jill Gittins

KO goes country

What a night! The recent Country Night, hosted by Kirkby Overblow Events and The Friends of All Saints', Kirkby Overblow, was yet another outstanding village affair. The barn was buzzing with music, laughter, and that special community spirit that makes our little corner of the world so special.

It was truly heartwarming to see so many families enjoying the evening together - catching up with neighbours, dancing and sharing the fun with visiting friends and relatives, who of course were made to feel right at home.

A huge shoutout to Country Bound, who did an incredible job setting the scene and bringing the country party vibes—boots were tapping and hips were swinging all night long!

Our biggest thanks go to Mervyn Liddle and his family for the generous use of their amazing barn. Their hard work behind the scenes - from setup to decoration to the pre and final clear-up - helped make the night as special as it was. We truly couldn't have done it without them.

As always, it takes a village to put on something like this, and once again KO delivered! So thank you to everyone who:

cooked and served
pulled pints behind the bar
set up the space
brought signage, bins, fridges, trailers, pickups and even more
DJ'd, rigged the lights and sound

And of course, to everyone who bought tickets, sold tickets, joined in the fun, helped tidy up, bought drinks or a tractor(!), made saloon doors and supported the event in every way.

We're thrilled to share that, after covering all the costs, we're hoping to have raised a surplus of about £3,000, which will go straight back into supporting our local community. More news on that soon!

Here's to more village fun, more dancing and more great memories together.

With love and thanks from the team.

Lucy, Jo, Jim, John – and everyone else who made it happen xx

Kirkby Overblow clay shoot

The annual village clay shoot took place on Saturday 14 June on our usual site, the sloping grass banks off Walton Head Lane, which form a perfect venue. The forecast had been for rain and thundery showers but luckily we got away without getting wet.

This year a record 72 guns took part being divided into 12 teams of 6. The traps were set up and the day run by Erik Aaron of Erik Shooting Ltd. The morning session consisted of 6 varied individual stands where every gun had 10 shots on each stand. The standard of shooting was good with 12 guns scoring 50 or more out of 60 clays.

The best score was by Andy Gott, who shot an incredible 59 out of 60 and was the winner of the Dales Bennett cup. The winner of the ladies cup was Gemma Johnson, with 46 out of 60.

After lunch the popular team flush took place where all 6 team members shoot together at 100 clays sent over at random intervals in a fixed time. The scores here were very constant with most teams shooting within the 60 - 70 range out of 100. The winners here were The Queen's Head team with 73, but only 1 clear of Tom Hodgson's team. The overall team cup for combining both the individual stands and the flush was won by The Queen's Head, narrowly beating Rawdon FC into second place. A great day as usual was followed by drinks and prize giving in the garden of The Shoulder of Mutton.



*Jim Bennett presenting
the Dales Bennett cup*

David Yeadon

Big journeys begin with small steps

Join John and Gillian Fairfield as they share their extraordinary journey walking the Camino de Santiago.

**Tuesday 9 September, All Saints' church,
hosted by the Revd Stroma McDermott.**



Just over a year ago, in July and August 2024, John and Gillian walked from St John de Pied de Port in southern France to Santiago de Compostella in northwestern Spain. You may have followed their journey as Gillian posted on Facebook. Come hear them share the story of their remarkable 800km (500 miles) journey along the Camino de Santiago - an ancient pilgrimage that draws walkers from all over the world.

They will share stories and photos from their own adventure on the **Route Francés**, the most popular of all the Camino paths. They'll answer questions like:

What **is** the Camino de Santiago and why do people walk it?
What is Route Francés and what other routes are there?
How long does it take?
Who walks the Camino and what inspires them?
What to pack, where to stay, and how to prepare
The unwritten "rules" (and joys) of the Camino
What do I get at the end?
The Best, the Worst and Life changing moments.

Refreshments available.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9 September at 7pm.

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 1HH

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.



Macmillan coffee morning, Wednesday 1 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.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Caroline Henderson

Join our WI group – friendship, fun, and a fresh outlook!



Are you looking to meet new people, learn new skills, or simply enjoy a good cup of tea, glass of wine and a chat? Then come and join our Women's Institute group – where community, creativity, and camaraderie come together.

The WI is more than jam and Jerusalem (though we do love a good bake!). It's a modern, forward-thinking organisation where women of all ages and backgrounds come together to share interests, support local causes and enjoy a wide variety of talks, workshops, and social events.

What you'll find at our WI group:

- monthly meetings with inspiring guest speakers, demonstrations, and discussions
- workshops and craft sessions
- campaigns and causes – be part of real change through our national and local initiatives
- friendship and fun – above all, it's about supporting each other and having a laugh.

Whether you're new to the area or have lived here for years, there's always room for one more at our table.

When and Where:

We meet on the last Thursday of the month at All Saints' Church, Kirkby Overblow, from 6.45pm. New faces are always welcome – just pop in or drop us a message, or follow us on Facebook @ Kirkby Overblow WI.



The WI has been empowering women for 110 years this year – and we're still going strong. Come and be part of something brilliant.

Because together, we're stronger. Together, we're WI.

The KO Girls Committee

Chair and adult Yoga returns to the church

As you may remember, both the chair and adult Yoga classes gathered quite a following a few years ago. They were taken by Esther, who had to stop as she went on maternity leave and unfortunately hasn't been able to return. Debbie Fleming is an experienced PT teacher who is experienced in many forms of physiotherapy, sports massage, movement and wellness. She also specialises in chair based and adult/senior Yoga classes.

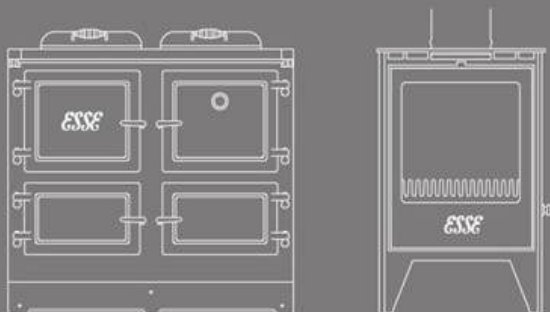
The idea is to put classes on in the church as before, with the chair based Yoga taking place on a Monday lunchtime and the 'floor Yoga' taking place one evening. Provided we can get a minimum of fifteen people per class, the cost will be £7.50 per person.

Could anyone who is interested please contact me or Debbie, 07817 135661, and we will see if we can get the necessary numbers together to make it work.

Many thanks

Jim
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Pet service at Kearby Methodist Chapel

On 6 July we held our second service for the blessing of pets at Kearby Methodist on the grass at the front of the chapel under a gazebo. The sprinkling of rain brought us closer together, but it didn't last long. Altogether it was great fun, and all the many dogs received a blessing and a treat. We sang hymns played on a keyboard by our circuit deacon Gary and we finished with tea and cakes as the children amused themselves rolling down the slope at the end of the lawn. But the highlight of the event was feeding the four baby lambs that our farmer member Robert had brought in his trailer.

We all had a great time as we thanked God for, and blessed, our animal friends.



Mr Geoff Rogers

We are sad to announce the death of our dear friend and faithful follower of our Saviour Jesus, Mr Geoff Rogers, whose funeral was held at Kearby Chapel on 22 July, followed by a burial at Kirkby Overblow cemetery and refreshments locally.

Our prayers and condolences go to his widow, Ivy.

Rev Gillian Robertson

Pool Tiddlers

Tiddlers is held in the Village Hall every two weeks on a Friday in term time and is a wonderful meeting place for preschool children from babies upwards and their carers. From 9-11am there is tea/coffee for adults, snack time for children, lots of toys and activities and the opportunity to chat and to meet and make new friends.

For the past three years, Michelle Adams has been the leader and organiser of Tiddlers. After our session at the end of July, Michelle's timetable means she is no longer able to continue with Tiddlers. She has been a wonderful, enthusiastic and inspiring leader and we will miss her very much. Thank you Michelle for all you have done for Tiddlers, we wish you well and every success in the future.

We are hopeful to be able to continue when we start again on the 5 September, with the help of people willing to be on a rota. Do contact me if you need more details. Every little helps and will be appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Mary Aartse-Tuyn - 01132 843026
Pam Baxter

Pool Primary School at the Otley Carnival

On Saturday 21 June, the Pool School community donned their best 1970's costumes and hit the road for the annual Otley Carnival. Our theme this year linked to the 50 year anniversary of opening of our school.

Building on our efforts from last year, we had the privilege of travelling on a float. The children spent two days designing and creating props in school, before staff and families came together to create our 70's showcase.

We sang, danced and smiled our way through the streets of Otley, enthusing spectators as we went. Our efforts did not go unnoticed and the judges announced that we were the winners of the 'Best School Float' award for 2025. We are all incredibly proud of this achievement.

Pool Primary School Summer Fair

The Friends of Pool Primary School (FOPPS) annual summer fair was held on Saturday 5 July, and what a day we had! After a very changeable weather forecast and a drizzly start, it turned dry and the sun even shone! We'd changed things up this year and moved the location to the back playground and the school hall and this worked really well! In addition to the inflatable slide and castle, we had an exciting football dart game which





proved extremely popular! Big thanks to Weidmann Whiteley Paper Mill for funding our inflatables again! There was also a new nerf gun game which was nonstop busy, hook a duck, tin can alley, tombolas, face painting, craft stalls, hand massages, nail painting and palm reading!

We served our usual hot dogs, alongside delicious cakes (thanks to all the bakers!) and hot drinks served by our amazing crew of volunteers from St Wilfrid's Church. The Otley Tea Corner were selling bubble tea and Dim Sum - which was extremely yum!

The event closed with our raffle draw which had 27 fantastic prizes, including a family ticket to Deershed, £100 Amazon voucher, theme park tickets and many more! Thanks to all the local businesses who supported us! We also presented trophies and sweet hampers to the winners of a *grow a pound* initiative, which the children have taken part in to raise an incredible amount of money for the school!



As we write, the fair was only yesterday, so we don't have a fundraising total yet but we're sure lots of vital funds have been raised. This is made possible by our sponsors this year: Taylor Wimpey, Martin Dennison, Asda and Weidmann Whiteley Paper Mill. This support helps us raise so much more money for school and we want to say a great big **THANK YOU!**

Big **THANKS** also to the volunteers who helped on the day and in the run up to the event - we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!

Sarah Cliff and Sarah Corr
Co-Chairs FOPPS

Family fun in Pool - past and future events

Crafty Bees is Pool's family friendly crafting club. This time we made some superb Father's Day cards and gifts. Entry price is only ever £3 per family. Refreshments and all crafts are included.

Tiddlers is the long-standing play group for babies and toddlers. We want to keep this invaluable Pool Village gem running. We need someone or some people to join the rota for volunteering. If you are interested, please contact joost2@btopenworld.com.

Pool Carousel is a low cost, subsidised, bi-monthly family event. We coordinate lovely activities or guests to come and entertain families at a maximum of £5 per person. This month we are off to the fabulous Stump Cross caverns for a private crystal workshop.

The Crafting Hive is a ladies' crafting group. It is super low cost to match most people's budget. Last month we made our own resin jewellery. The next session is on **Thursday 7 August**. Find us on Facebook - **THE CRAFTING HIVE**.

All of the above events are run by some amazing volunteers.

We are also hosting our fabulous **Kiddies Carboot** on 3 August, 3.00-5.00 pm.

Last year we raised over £600 for Martin House Children's Hospice. The aim is for children to have a bedroom clear-out, or make a craft or invent a game. All the money they raise, they keep. They pay for a table and encourage people to attend and spend. Please share the event poster and attend with plenty of cash.

Thanks

The poster is for an 'INDOOR KIDDIES CARBOOT' event. At the top left is the Pool-in-Wharfedale CE Primary School logo. At the top right is the Martin House Children's Hospice logo. The main title 'INDOOR KIDDIES CARBOOT' is in large orange letters, with 'SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST' below it in blue. A yellow circle on the left says 'POOL VILLAGE HALL 3-5'. A blue rounded rectangle on the right says 'PROCEEDS SPLIT BETWEEN MARTIN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE AND POOL PRIMARY SCHOOL'. A large orange rounded rectangle in the center lists 'THE EVENT LINE UP' with bullet points: '*20 TABLES RUN BY A SUPER SET OF CHILDREN. SELLING UNWANTED TOYS/ HOME MADE CRAFTS/EXCITING GAMES.', '*SOPHIE TINDALLS FAMOUS TOMBOLA', '* A BLIND BID EVENT OF TRACEY KRUPIANAKA-SCOTT BEAUTIFUL ART', and '* HOT DOGS, CAKES AND SOFT DRINKS'. A green rounded rectangle on the right says 'CHILD ENTREPRENEUR EVENT, THEY KEEP ALL THEIR PROFITS'. At the bottom left is a QR code with a green arrow pointing to it from the text 'WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE A TABLE?'. At the bottom right, it says 'CONTACT MICHELLE ON 07716248691'.

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St Wilfrid's Church Ladies Group

We have another trip to Rudding Park booked in August and we will no doubt be having a fabulous luncheon here again.

We get this trip in before our **Pool Feast on 24 August** when St Wilfrid's will be doing our usual bric-a-brac stall. All donations, please, are very very welcome as we want and need to raise as much money as possible for our beautiful church.

Then on **Saturday 13 September** we are again doing a Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Support. As we managed to raise £1,000 last year, our hope is to raise the same again this year. Please, all who can, do support us and come along.

Our ladies meet up at Pool Sports and Social Club usually once per month, at 6pm for a couple of hours. Please come and join us, all would be so very welcome. Our next meeting there is **21 August** at 6pm as usual.

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We try to have something planned each month and in October, on **St Wilfrid's Day**, we are going back to the Chequers restaurant near Ripley, where we went last year to celebrate this auspicious day together.

Men meet up the first Thursday in every month at the Social Club too. Again, all are very welcome and new faces would be so appreciated.

We all need more help and support to keep our churches going, so please come along and enjoy camaraderie, friendship, laughter and fun together.

Kath Gamble

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Pool Methodist Church

Pool Methodist Church has been enjoying the sunshine and offering a warm welcome into the light of the love of God to many people. We are a hospitable space and a very welcoming and inclusive community.

Pool Methodist Church has a heart for serving children and families and is also enjoying hosting monthly All Age worships on a Sunday at 3.30pm. These are very interactive sessions and have a commercial break in the middle for crafts and drinks and yummy cakes! They are usually on the last Sunday afternoon of each month. Do watch our Facebook page.

We are also really privileged to host a Charity Shop which is well used and we are ever grateful for local donations given to sell in the shop. This year around £2,000 will be donated to charity. Watch this space for more detail when the final charity list is published.

Our next **Messy Church**, run in partnership with St Wilfred's Church, is on **Sunday 17 August at 3.30pm** at Pool Methodist Church. We would love to welcome new families to this special time.

We continue to be open for community bookings in our church hall and kitchen space and if you want to have a child's party in a large usable space we would love to work with you to try and provide what you need. To make a room booking at the chapel please contact Mary on 0113 284 3026.

On **Saturday 13 September 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. There will be singing, making, exploring, meeting new people, praying, reflecting, eating and lots of fun! All welcome.

Our August and September services are:

- Sunday 3 August – 10.30am Morning Service led by David Tate
- Sunday 10 August – 10.30am Morning Service led by Lindsey Hurst
- Sunday 17 August – *No Morning Service*
3.30pm Messy Church followed by Celebration
- Sunday 24 August – *No Morning Service*
Methodist Church at Pool Feast with an ecumenical stall
– Come and say Hello to us!!
- Sunday 31 August – *No Morning service at Pool*
10.30am Morning Service led by Rev Alastair Newton
at **Otley Methodist Church**
- Sunday 7 September – 10.30am Morning service of Holy Communion
led by Rev Wendy Walker
- Sunday 14 September – 10.30am Morning Service
- Sunday 21 September – 10.30am Morning Worship
- Sunday 28 September – *No Morning Service*
3.30pm All Age Worship especially suitable
for families led by Rev Wendy Walker

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

Follow us on Facebook to keep up with forthcoming events.

Rainbow Charity Shop

The Rainbow Charity shop, situated at the back of Pool Methodist Church, Main Street, Pool LS21 1LH, is desperately in need of more volunteers.

We are a small but friendly group, who open the shop each Saturday from 10am - 2pm. We are looking for people who can come along as much or as little as they like to help support the smooth running of this vital resource. Even if it is only one hour a month we would love to hear from you.

Volunteering aids to building a better community and is great for your mental health. Meet new people, put something back into the village and help support local charities. Do pop in to see us tomorrow when the shop is open or message us if you can help. Thank you!

Please contact Penny Gwilt on: pennanddave@yahoo.com

Rev Cameron Stirk

Farnley Estate WI

At our last meeting we heard a talk from a local lady, Stephanie Ferguson, entitled *My life behind the headlines*.

Stephanie, whose career was a journalist with the *Yorkshire Post* and *The Guardian*, spoke about the serious campaigns she had helped with, such as the reaction of the Leeds prostitutes to the Yorkshire Ripper. She also amused us with interviews she had had with people like Margaret Thatcher, who she discovered were very different people when interviewed informally.

In August, we have a talk about travelling in Antarctica. Our President Diane Hanline has also arranged a visit to Farnley Hall for our members and their guests. The September meeting is an entertaining talk *A bee in my bonnet*.

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 Diane Hanline, our President, by email to farnleyestatewi@gmail.com.



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. August is our bi-annual county camp in Ripon which will be enjoyed by Guides and Rangers who meet in Pannal.

One of the highlights of the summer term for many of our Brownies and Guides is participating in Junior Warrior at Bramham Park. This event is the prelude to Total Warrior and is set up early for the sole use of Girlguiding and Scouting from all over Yorkshire. It's a sell-out every year.



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



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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 mornings at The Wesley Centre, Oxford Road, Harrogate, on the mornings of **14 and 18 August**. Our annual **Showcase** event will be on **Monday 22 September** between 1.00 and 3.00pm, also at The Wesley Centre.

You can find out about membership and interest groups, we hope to see you there.



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Farnley Estate Young Farmers

The past few months have been very busy for the Young Farmers with rallies, judging and many more fun meetings.

At the start of May, there was club butchers lamb judging.

Results:

Juniors:	1 st Jack K	2 nd Ike R	3 rd Leah S
Intermediates:	1 st Daisy R		
Seniors:	1 st James D	2 nd Sam B	3 rd Holly R

The club also had many members take part in the district rally dairy judging.

Results:

Juniors:	1 st Emilie C	3 rd Ava R
Seniors:	1 st Billie T	3 rd Nicola M

Results kept on coming for the club as we entered many competitions at the district rally:

Beef

Juniors:	3 rd Harry K	5 th Jack K
Intermediates:	6 th Layla S	
Seniors:	5 th Charlotte T	

Lambs

Juniors:	6 th Leah S	9 th Riley W
Intermediates:	1 st Daisy R	5 th Isaac R
Seniors:	1 st James D	7 th Katie H

Breeding sheep

Juniors:	3 rd Emily D	6 th Arabella H
Intermediates:	5 th Sophie D	7 th Herbie F
Seniors:	2 nd Holly R	4 th Sam B

Pigs

Juniors:	3 rd Harry K	4 th Riley W
Intermediates:	1 st Daisy R	8 th Sophie D
Seniors:	1 st James D	5 th Sam B

Mystery

Juniors:	2 nd Brooke R	3 rd Harry D
Intermediates:	6 th Megan A	8 th Lila R
Seniors:	1 st Charlotte T	6 th Holly R

1st Junior stock judging trophy joint with Winksley cum Grantley

1st Christine Houseman Memorial Chain – cookery and flowers

2nd Richard Barrett memorial trophy most points in stock judging

3rd Mr and Mrs M Harrison Trophy most points in Junior

2nd overall for the club

A big thanks to the Ryder family for hosting the club mini rally. They built a fab obstacle course for everyone to enjoy, including the parents. Another big thank you for hosting goes to the Morphet family for accommodating the club the following week to play rounders. The county rally next followed, which was enjoyable and entertaining with lots of fancy dress, art and judging. The club finished with a 4th overall placing. Well done to everyone who attended. The club then went swimming at Rudding Park, which was fun for all who attended.

Congratulations to Holly R and Charlotte T for some amazing results at Northern area:

1st for Holly in the senior mystery judging and breeding sheep

2nd for Charlotte in the senior beef

Well done to everyone who attended the district farm valuation, you all did amazingly well to earn the club first place overall.

Other results:

Juniors:	2 nd Harry K		
Intermediates :	1 st Alex R	2 nd Izzy B	3 rd Daisy R
Seniors:	1 st Holly R and Billie T		3 rd Sam B

After May and June being filled with competition, we rounded off June with the Yorkshire show judging at CCM. Well done to everyone who competed as the club achieved 2nd overall club.

Ava R	4 th U18 breeding sheep
Jack K	2 nd U18 lambs
Nicola M	1 st junior dairy
James D	2 nd over 18 beef
Daisy R	1 st over 18 breeding sheep and 3 rd over 18 lambs
	Daisy was also 5 th overall

As always, if you are aged 10-28 and would like to join, please call our secretary Charlotte Towers on 07891 208415.

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Annabel Inman

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