

PARISH NEWS

April – May 2025

A large white sheep with a thick, curly fleece and a small lamb in a green field under a cloudy sky.

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WELCOME to the April - May 2025 edition of the Parish News. Spring is upon us with an unusually warm start to March.



Snowdrops are now giving way to daffodils, and lambs are appearing in the fields. Let us hope the good weather continues.

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FARMING NEWS

The early March ground conditions have been very favourable for arable farmers with little rain, making fertiliser spreading on winter sown crops a lot easier. We are usually faced with wet areas in some fields with the risk of getting stuck, when going on regardless was not the best option.

I saw an advert in the farming press with a headline "Failed Rape" – grow mammoth millet, the perfect solution for failed crops of rape. Smugly we followed the Einstein principal of not growing the same crop which is liable to fail over and over again expecting a different result! Consequentially we ditched the rape and have three fields of autumn sown beans instead, which are up and growing well. Beans do not require any nitrogen fertiliser, as they fix their own which is an added bonus. The downsides can be late harvesting, maybe late September, or even October, and not so readily marketed as wheat or barley.

Not being stock farmers, it has been a delight to have a neighbour's ewes and lambs on the farm, folded on stubble turnips and now moved onto the growing grassland (a lambing fold is a traditional shelter or pen specifically designed for the lambing season). The lambs are aesthetically pleasing to watch in their development without the worry of their husbandry. I suspect that there will be less spring sown barley this year as the open autumn enabled more cereal sowings to take place in good conditions, and very few fields in this area were troubled by waterlogging. Let's hope the weather holds and spring sowings can proceed into good seedbeds.

The National Trust has recently released the first two pairs of Eurasian beavers under licence from Natural England, to live in the wild in Purbeck, Dorset. The rules say they will be carefully managed to avoid negative effects on farming, food production and infrastructure, and will be beneficial in creating natural flood defences and building wetlands that are havens for wildlife. Local farmers have raised concerns and want the right to exert lethal control if the animals become too disruptive.

Until now, the use of glyphosate as a herbicide in agriculture was considered to be the main culprit in contamination of English and European rivers. Domestic wastewater with detergents, rather than herbicide use, is likely to be the main source for glyphosate pollution. Apparently a study by a German University have found that certain chemicals which are used as

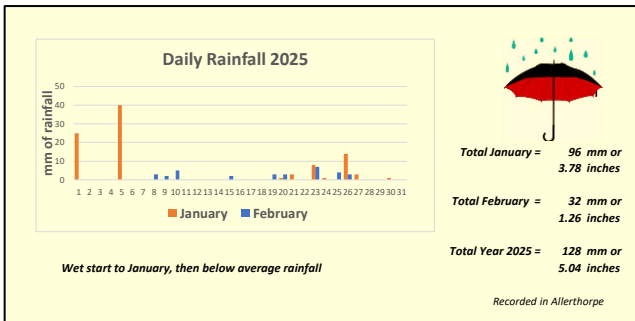
additives in laundry detergents may be converted to glyphosate in the sewage sludge of wastewater treatment plants. Hopefully this research will mean that farmers can still use this valuable chemical for many more years, as a ban has been threatened for some time.

While the press has focused on the farmer and tractor rallies on the changes to tax relief proposed in last year’s budget, for many growers there are a lot of other day-to-day challenges such as employment costs, access to seasonal labour, availability of plant protection products, the difficulties of trading with Europe and the old adage of farmers buying retail and selling wholesale. On top of that, politicians still seem uncertain of whether they want land itself to produce food, housing, solar panels, wind turbines or to be tuned back to nature. Government rhetoric may continue to say that food security is national security, but their actions are increasingly resembling a sustained attack on rural economies and food production.

You may know the issues of safeguarding and finance emanating from the top are affecting a huge number of parishes, as they struggle to conform to regulations which require churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members to attend or log into online training sessions. The hierarchy of the Church in my opinion has consumed far too much of the invested income of the Church and not concentrated on the clergy in the countryside with small parish churches that are needed to look after their flocks. Not enough local clergy has been trained and so the collapse of the church at this end of society has happened, with only pensioners trying to keep the C of E going. Many are having to cope with local church bankruptcy, closing of their church, and supporting one vicar coping with up eight parishes and eight churches. In 1990 85% of the then Church Commissions’ income

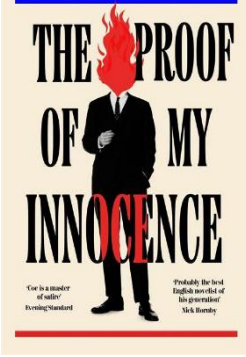
stream was spent on funding serving clergy. In 2022 only 25% of the amount available went on parish ministry.

G.O. Farmer



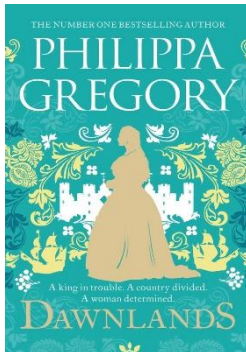
BOOK REVIEWS

Jonathan Coe



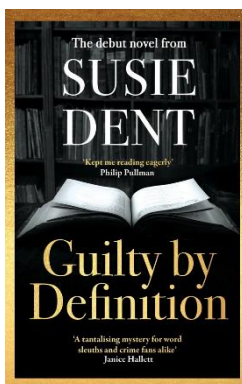
The Proof of my Innocence, by Jonathan Coe

A funny, clever satirical novel, set in the weeks of Liz Truss's brief tenure. Post-university life doesn't suit Phyl. Her budding plans of being a writer are going nowhere, living back at home with her parents and working by serving Japanese food at Heathrow's Terminal 5. Then family friend Chris comes to stay. He's been on the path to uncover a secretive think tank founded at Cambridge in the 1980s, that's been scheming to push the British government in a more extreme direction. But speaking truth to power can be dangerous and power will stop at nothing to stay on top.



Dawnlands, by Philippa Gregory

Spanning the everyday lives of people in the fenlands of eastern England during the time of the reign of James I, the Monmouth Rebellion, and the enslavement of native Americans and Africans in the sugar plantations of Barbados, this is a well-researched, gripping and intelligent portrait of a woman fighting to survive in a hostile world.



Guilty by Definition, by Susie Dent

This is the first novel from the word expert presenter familiar from TV and radio shows such as Countdown. When an anonymous letter arrives at the Clarendon English Dictionary, it hints at secrets and lies linked to a particular year: the year the sister of Martha, the senior editor, went missing. More letters arrive, with complex hidden clues that Martha and her team unite to solve. If you like finding the meaning of unusual words, or mystery novels, this is huge fun, and beautifully written.

Felicity Beaumont



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SPRING GARDENING

April is one of the busiest months in the garden. Planting, sowing, dividing, potting, weeding and watering are all pressing matters, and if the weather is kind, a great deal can be achieved during the steadily increasing hours of daylight and warmer days.



So much can be planted now. Potatoes are easy to grow – one seed potato will produce many potatoes to harvest. Prepare the soil by digging and removing weeds. Then dig straight trenches 12cm deep and 60cm apart. Plant seed potatoes 30cm apart and cover them with soil to fill the trench. When the shoots reach 20cm tall,

use a rake, hoe or spade to mound soil up around the bases of the shoots, covering the stems half way. This is called earthing up. You can also grow first early and second early potatoes in a large bag on a patio, regularly covering the bottoms of stems with more compost as they grow.



If you don't already, why not grow your own strawberries this year? Summer simply wouldn't be summer without strawberries. You can buy them all year round in supermarkets but, even in season, they're expensive and rarely taste as good as home-grown fruit. Strawberries grow very well in pots, window boxes, hanging

baskets and grow bags as well as in the ground. Children will enjoy growing them.



Sweet peas are easy to grow from seed and can now be sown directly into prepared ground or into small pots of compost and allowed to germinate in the greenhouse, before transplanting into the garden in late May. Pinch out the tips of young sweet pea plants when they reach

about 10cm tall, to encourage bushy growth.



This is the perfect time to think about dividing perennial plants, especially if they have been losing their vigour, looking congested, or maybe you would just like more of them. Plants do look best when planted in threes, fives or sevens. Clumps of plants such as Hemerocallis (day lily), Kniphofia (red hot poker) or Agapanthus will

need splitting with a sharp spade or an old bread knife into chunks with good roots and at least three or four shoots. This method can also be used for plants including hostas, asters, heleniums and phlox. Generally when dividing, lift plants just as they are surging into growth to lessen the stress. Replant as soon as you can and keep new plants well-watered, especially in dry conditions.



Buddleias are the best plants to attract butterflies to your garden and need to be grown in a sunny spot. Butterflies adore the honey-scented nectar. Buddleias can become leggy and those that are late summer flowering, such as Buddleia davidii, should be cut back in spring. How

much you prune your buddleia depends on where it is positioned – if it's at the back of your border you may want to reduce each stem by half to maintain height. However, if the whole bush is visible cut it back hard so that it stays compact.



Get the soil ready now by raking to a fine tilth whenever the weather allows and start sowing all the really hardy crops such as beetroot, spinach and broadbeans. Sow tomato seed under glass, and in six weeks or so you should have plants ready to go into growbags or large pots. Look after the plants. and by mid/late July you could be reaping the benefits.

So much to do and so much to look forward to. Happy gardening!

Penny Simmons

POCKLINGTON AREA OPEN STUDIOS 2025 **IS COMING!**

Creatives from the Pocklington area are once again opening their studios to the public for a weekend celebration of the arts. This year the event, held on 10th and 11th May, will be the biggest yet, with 31 artists taking part in 21 different venues.

This compact and enjoyable art trail celebrates quality craftsmanship in many forms, including painting, ceramics, textiles, illustrations, jewellery, sculpture and photography.



31 local artists & makers from around the Pocklington area are taking part across 21 different venues - our biggest event ever!



Visitors will be able to meet this diverse, welcoming group of makers in person in studios based in Pocklington, Barmby Moor, Skirpenbeck, Fangfoss, Bishop Wilton, Huggate, Nunburnholme, Burnby, Hayton, Seaton Ross and Ellerton.

A printed brochure will be available from April. Keep a look out for it in local shops, cafes and pubs, libraries and from participating artists.

More detailed information can be obtained from the website – www.pocklingtonareaopenstudios.co.uk and on Facebook or Instagram.

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Phase 1: HV Yard

- Completed

Phase 2: Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

- All BESS units installed
- Number of HGVs steadily decreasing to 10 per day during April & May
- Scheduled to be completed late 2025

Phase 3: Solar

- Not in construction
- A "drop-in" session for local residents will be held at the Allerthorpe Village Hall before construction starts, likely to be in late summer
- Approximately 12 months construction duration

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How do you reduce the risk of lock snapping



Across Humberside burglaries are taking place where a lock has been 'snapped' to allow the offender entry to the property.

Lock snapping is where force is used to 'snap' the cylinder in the lock, which then allows access to the locking mechanism of the door. This method is very quick, very quiet and requires very little skill.

There are options that can be considered to reduce the risk of your locks being 'snapped':

- Fit SS312 diamond approved lock cylinders that have been tested to resist this type of attack. Look out for a 3-diamond mark on the lock cylinder.
- Make sure that any cylinder fitted is the correct length for your door. Cylinders come in different sizes and should be flush with the outside of the door/handle when fitted correctly; this makes it more difficult to get hold of the cylinder.
- Consider upgrading the handle to a higher level of security; a 2-star handle will provide better protection for the cylinder.
- Consider using motion activated CCTV that will alert you to anyone going near the doors of your property.

It is always recommended that you contact a reputable locksmith who can advise you on the best locks and ensure they are fitted correctly.

For more crime prevention advice, visit the Secured by Design website on the following link - www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice

DARE TO HOPE...

Speaking about her own experience and that of others, I remember my mum saying as I grew up, "some good comes out of everything, Mark." I must admit, if she was referring to something that I was finding particularly difficult, disappointing or devastating I didn't find it very helpful! When you are in the thick of a profoundly painful time or trying to carry on following tragedy and suffering, it can feel as though life is nothing other than a barren and dry wilderness or a dark and miserable never-ending winter. These times are tough for us all.

Reflecting on the news over these past few months it has sometimes felt as though we are amidst a wilderness or winter. It seems there's no end to the tragic stories of human suffering resulting from a misuse of power, selfish greed, war, natural disaster, hatred, violence and abuse. Reading of the plight of others is distressing and can move me to tears. Recalling my mother's proffered wisdom, perhaps I can be forgiven for being even less convinced that 'some good comes out of everything'. If I'm honest, sometimes, I am left wondering, where is God in all of this?

Reflecting on the Easter story helps. I dare to hope. On Good Friday Jesus is beaten senseless and, in an act of barbaric violence, is nailed to a cross suffering a slow and torturous death. His mother looks on in anguish and despair and witnesses what is every parent's worst nightmare, the death of their child. At 3 o'clock darkness descends, and Jesus is placed in a tomb. Easter Saturday passes like a barren and dry wilderness or a dark and miserable never-ending winter. The air is thick with grief and despair. But on Easter Day, dawn breaks, the sun shines and in the garden of the tomb not hell, but all heaven has broken loose! Jesus has conquered death and has risen to new life. Darkness and evil have not had the last word. Goodness, or 'Godness' has the last word. Resurrection follows death. There is hope.

I witnessed this truth recently in the uplifting and inspirational news story of a young Gazean boy who travelled to a hospital in Jordan following military approval to leave Gaza. His family hoped that one of his legs could be saved following devastating injuries caused by intense bombing of his home. The news article pictured his mother weeping with joy as her son

kicked a football for the first time. All around us are many more stories embodying the truth of Easter: Spring follows winter, day follows night, Easter follows Good Friday. Darkness and evil do not have the last word. God does. Dare to hope.

Have a blessed Easter.
Your Vicar, Revd Mark
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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

Thursday 8th May will mark 80 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day, when the Second World War came to an end in Europe. At that time, the long anticipated news resulted in spontaneous celebrations breaking out across the nation. A national holiday was declared, and people from all walks of life came together to mark the moment.

This year's anniversary of VE Day, in today's troubling times, is an opportunity for all of us and nations to come together and remember, and to learn about the stories of those that served in the last World War.

The Government has confirmed that there will not be an extra national holiday in recognition of this special VE Day anniversary. However there will be a four-day celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day, which will include a flypast, concert and a Westminster Abbey service.



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APRIL CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
6 th April Fifth Sunday of Lent	Yapham	9.15 am	Holy Communion
	Thornton	10.45 am	Holy Communion
	Allerthorpe	5.00 pm	Evensong
13 th April Palm Sunday	Fangfoss	9.15 am	Holy Communion
	Barmby Moor	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
17 th April Maundy Thursday	Barmby Moor	7.00 pm	Holy Communion Washing of Feet
18 th April Good Friday	Allerthorpe	10.00 am	Easter Garden
	Barmby Moor	3.00 pm	Last Hour of the Cross
20 th April Easter Day	Allerthorpe	10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion
27 th April First Sunday of Easter	Fangfoss	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	Barmby Moor	10.45 am	Holy Communion
	Yapham	10.45 am	Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday there is a service at 10am at St Catherine's, Barmby Moor.

PARISH REGISTERS

We welcome into the Church family by baptism:

Hugo Groves - baptised at Thornton on 18th January.

Isaac Jack Eastoe – baptised at Allerthorpe on 26th January.

Ebony Jai Leigh Dalton – baptised at Barmby Moor on 2nd March

Robert Burnell Hornsey – baptised at Barmby Moor on 16th March.

We say a sad farewell and offer condolences to the family of:

Brian Willis, burial at Allerthorpe on 5th February.

David Stanley Kidd, burial at Thornton on 13th February.

Kenneth Tinson, burial at Yapham on 6th March.

MAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
4 th May Second Sunday of Easter	Yapham Thornton Allerthorpe	9.15 am 10.45 am 5.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong
11 th May Third Sunday of Easter	Fangfoss Barmby Moor	9:15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Celebration
18 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter	Allerthorpe Thornton	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Celebration
25 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Fangfoss Barmby Moor Yapham	9.15 am 10.45 am 10.45 am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Celebration



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NEWS FROM ALLERTHORPE

Churchyard Spring Clean Up

Many thanks to those few stalwarts who answered the call on Saturday 8th March to get the churchyard ready for the mowing season. This year the winter storms resulted in less fallen branches than previous years. Now thanks to our volunteers the churchyard is looking so much better.

Early Spring Plant Sale

The Early Spring Plant Sale begins in the village at 10am on Saturday April 5th. Our growers have been busy over the winter tending hundreds of plants. There will be lots of really healthy plants for you to choose from and definitely some you may not find in the garden centres. Come early to avoid disappointment!

* Please remember this is cash only sales: there will be an honesty box on the plant stall. A proceeds go to church funds.



Main Plant Sale and Coffee Morning



This will commence on Saturday May 3rd at 10am, so come with cash to get all your summer garden plants. When you have finished shopping,

you can enjoy tea and coffee in the village hall until 1pm. Treat yourself to some delicious homemade cakes and bakes! All help is welcome either in the village hall or on the plant stalls.

Plants will be for sale throughout May and into June. If you could bake a cake for 3rd May or donate some spare plants during this period that would be much appreciated. For more information please contact Penny Simmons 07713 976025.



Village Hall Tombola

On 3rd May, alongside the Plant Sale, there will be a tombola to support funds for the Village Hall. All donations of bottles, toiletries, boxes of chocolates etc would be much appreciated, and can either be left in the Village Hall, or delivered to Jane Smith's house – Wheelwright Cottage (opposite the telephone box).

As you may know, the Village Hall has had a huge refurbishment during the last couple of years. We have also had solar panels and a storage battery fitted recently, having secured some funding from Statkraft. As with all old buildings, the repair and refurbishment is a continuous process and the money gained from the tombola will be used to make sure the Village Hall remains a warm, clean and welcoming place to celebrate events and hold classes.

If you wish to hire the hall or want more information, please contact the Village Hall team at allerthorpevh@yahoo.com

Food Bank

The donations to the Trussell Food Bank in Hull have decreased since Christmas. There is such goodwill and generosity at this seasonal time of celebration, but people are in need throughout the year. So please remember those less fortunate and see if you can spare some in-date, long-life foods from your larder or your supermarket shop. Many thanks as always for your contributions.



Jams and Preserves

Jams and preserves, on sale at the back of Church and in the Village Hall, are priced at £3 for single jars or £5 for 2 jars
There is a box for cash.

Friends of St Botolph's

Sincere thanks to Angela Batty, and all who ably assisted her, for hosting the lunch for Friends of St Botolph's,. The food was absolutely delicious and there was an amazing choice of mouth-watering desserts for everyone.

Angela thanked all present for their generous support and spoke very eloquently about what is needed - that is small donations over the year. Reverend Mark also gave a vote of thanks to all involved. We now have 50 Friends who have signed up to this scheme. If you think you would like to assist The Friends of St Botolph's please contact Angela Batty and she will be happy to explain it to you in full.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This meeting which is open to all, will be held on Tuesday 20th May starting at 7pm at the Old Vicarage.

St Botolph's Church 100 Club Winners

February: £25 – Elinda Ratcliffe (89), Harry Cowley (97), Sophie O'Gram (132), Bill Simmons (42).

March: £25 – Brian Bennet (180), Sue Mercer (50), Andrea Ballance (35), Melvyn Loftus (111).

NEWS FROM BARMBY MOOR

Coffee Morning at St Catherine's.



The coffee mornings in April are Saturday the 5th and 19th, and in May the 3rd and 17th. Please come along and enjoy delicious food including - Fiona's scones, Jenni's profiteroles, Jill's carrot cake or Chris's Victoria sponge, plus lots more homemade food. A warm welcome awaits all.

St Catherine's Church 100 Club

Congratulations to the following winners.

January 2025: £20 Jim Fletcher (29), £15 Najla Bartlett (24), £10 June Popperwell (194).

February 2025: £20 Jan Gardham (122), £15 Jeannette Anderson (150), £10 Melinda Watson (13).

March 2025: £20 Isabel Malin (313), £15 Liz Smedley (94), £10 Carolyn Haynes (189).



Friends of St. Catherine's

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The Commonwealth War Graves Cross

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) honours and maintains the graves and memorials of Commonwealth service members and civilians who died in war. It was brought to our notice that the memorial cross in the war graves area at St Catherine's was very green, and so after explaining the situation to the CWGC they have organised the washing of the cross. It was a painstaking job as they are not allowed to use any chemicals, but this has now been completed and looks pristine, which is particularly fitting as the 80th anniversary of VE Day is on 8th May this year.

QUIZ NIGHT?

QUIZ TIME

Wednesday 2nd April
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Christian Aid Week

This will take place from 11th to 17th of May.

Christian Aid is a charity that works with 700 local organisations across about 50 countries around the world. They help poor communities and enable them to deal with hardships, from climate change to the threat of natural disasters. Alongside this, Christian Aid also helps with the education, sanitation, health, and reconciliation of certain communities. This year, Christian Aid Week will focus on the poverty in the communities of Burundi. Over 70% of people in Burundi face hunger and poverty every single day. Finding work and food is a constant battle, and even those with a roof over their heads often lack necessities like electricity and clean water.

Here in Barmby Moor we deliver envelopes to each household and if you wish they can be delivered back to the Vicarage, the Boot and Slipper or the Post Office.

Plant Stall

We are planning to sell plants again this year. The first plant stall will be on May 5th outside St Catherine's Church 10am to 12 noon. Any money raised

will go towards Christian Aid. If there are any plants left the stall will continue and any money raised will go towards the upkeep of St. Catherine's Church

If you have any surplus plants or seedlings we would be delighted if you could donate them for sale.

Please contact Den Gardham 01759302927 if you can help.

Mothers Union

This issue of the Parish News has made "Inbetweeners" of us! We told you all about our January meeting in the last magazine, but our deadline for this one is before our March meeting. So you will have to catch up with us later. However, we still have news to share with you so don't be disappointed. Last year, during one of the many "sorting out days" in St Catherine's, we found a treasure trove of Mothers Union records dating back to 1935 when a Branch of the Mothers Union was started in Barmby Moor. Those records have been investigated and a few samples will be put on display in St Catherine's Church, in the glass cabinet near the 102 Squadron Memorial. Please do have a look next time you are there. It will make fascinating reading.

We meet every other month at 2pm in the Cafe Area at St Catherine's Church, Barmby Moor. Everyone is welcome, so do join us for our meetings - there is always a cup of tea afterwards.

Fiona Anderson

Churchyard maintenance



For many years a small group of stalwarts has managed the wildlife areas in the churchyard and on the village green. But, with the increased amount of the churchyard now being managed for wildlife, it was decided to put this work on a more formal footing. The plan is to have working-parties on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from March to October, and on the 1st Monday during winter. The arrangement is: come when you can, bring some tools, 2-4pm, but stay as long or as short as you like. Given the anticipated age of most volunteers, we shall not be tackling anything too strenuous!

Tasks we have in mind are things like: clearing ivy and brambles, where they are clogging and damaging the yews; building a 'dead hedge' to screen the compost area, use up pruned branches, and provide a great wildlife shelter; and maintaining paths for the ever growing number of visitors. The idea is not to tidy the churchyard - after all, it was the 'mosaic of varied habitats' that the CPRE highlighted in their 2022 award and which led to us being shortlisted – with the village green – in last year's BBC Countryfile competition. Our policy will be to continue to maintain the churchyard for all God's creatures, human or otherwise. Please come and join us whenever you have time. There might even be tea and biscuits!

Ken D'Arcy

Barmby Moor Community Group VE Day Celebrations - Thursday 8th May

This year the Barmby Moor Community Group will all come together to plan and host events in celebration of the 80th VE day anniversary. A shared moment to mark the end of WWII.

9am. The day will start with the raising of a special VE Day flag, a short reflection and words spoken by Reverend Mark Poole and Nick Spencer. Everyone is welcome to attend this which is followed by the Boot and Slipper Pub coffee morning from 9.15am. £3 per person

6pm – 8pm. Fish and Chips with a choice of beans, peas or curry sauce - £8 per adult. Fishfingers and Chips £4 per child. Served at the Boot and Slipper Pub. Due to the fact that Prime Minister Winston Churchill did not ration Fish and Chips during WWII, we honour all of the fisherman, farmers and land girls, and serve Fish and Chips as the dish on this special occasion.

Please purchase a ticket for your food and ensure you book your allocated time slot with Lauren at The Boot and Slipper pub.

Tickets are on sale 18th March – 25th April.

6.30 – 8.30pm. Professor Dan will entertain us with his magic, disco, jokes and balloon modelling, all held in the marquee at the Boot and Slipper pub. (Free event for Barmby Moor Community)

8.30 - 9pm. Barmby Moor Choir will join us and lead us in song and celebration.

9.20pm. Reverend Mark Poole and Nick Spencer will take us through the next stage of our celebration - a time to reflect and remember.

9.30pm. Nationally across the country; villages, towns and cities will light a beacon to celebrate and mark peace and to pay tribute to those who undertook so much for us all during WWII. This will be followed by the reading of the official tribute, to bring together the nation, and the singing of "I vow to thee my country", Barmby Moor Community Choir.

Friday May 9th - Village Hall Dance.

Once again the popular Village Hall dance will return to celebrate the end of WWII. Pie and peas supper will be served and Jiving Licence band will get you up on your feet or bopping in your seat; guaranteed to be a night of fun. Doors open at 7pm with music from 7.30pm, food served at 9pm. This is limited in numbers, and a ticket only event. Please ensure you purchase your ticket from either the Boot and Slipper or Ken at the Post Office.

Tickets are on sale from 18th March – 25th April at £10 each. Bring your own drinks (no bar facilities, and only plastic glasses please).

Barmby Moor Community Group would like to give special thanks to the Calley Trust and the Parish Council for their kind donation of funds to assist us in hosting these 2 events.

Barmby Moor Playing Field Association 100 Club

30th November 92 tickets – 1st prize - £69 Ruby Shepherdson (42), 2nd prize - £46 Helen Smith (102), 3rd prize - £23 Fortini Langley (78).

Christmas Draw 10th December 92 tickets – 1st prize - £200 John Mudd (62), 2nd prize – £120 Fiona Aitkin (13)

10th December 92 tickets – 1st prize - £69 Helen Smith (102),

2nd prize - £46 Olive Nesbitt (36), 3rd prize - £23 Graham Puckering (93).

31st January 87 Tickets – 1st prize - £65.25 Kim Brown (33),

2nd prize - £43.5 K Speak (17), 3rd prize - £21.75 Rosie Barker (19).

23rd February 88 Tickets – 1st prize - £66 Gareth Dexter (85),
2nd prize - £44 Mr and Mrs Goodwin (47), 3rd prize - £22 Mike Barker (9).

Party in the Park at Barmby Moor Playing Fields, Flat Lane

Sunday 4th May 3pm – late.



This is a great way for our community to come together to not only enjoy the live music and entertainment, good food and drink, but also a great opportunity to officially name the pavilion in memory of David Nixon, a brilliant man, who made such a difference in our community and the reason we have the facilities at Barmby Moor Playing Fields. Free entry for everyone!

Let's make this a great May bank holiday Sunday

afternoon, enjoying quality time with family, friends and the wider community. Look out for more updates in the weeks ahead.

Columba Bird Sanctuary, Barmby Moor Call for used newspapers!

If you have spare newspapers the sanctuary would appreciate it if you could drop them in a box at the gate of the bungalow directly behind Hewson's Jet Garage. Any help with the birds on a regular basis would also be welcome.



NEWS FROM FANGFOSS, BOLTON AND SPITTAL

David Webster



Long term Fangfoss resident David Webster passed away earlier this year. A well-known local builder, David and his wife Denise, had lived in Fangfoss for nearly 30 years and were a fixture in the fabric of the village.

Born in Bridlington in 1962, David attended Sewerby School, a private school on the town's outskirts, before being apprenticed to Chapman and Craddock builders in Pocklington. His apprenticeship in 'Building and Plastering' completed, David worked for a number of companies in the area before setting up on his own. Over the years David's company earned a reputation for high quality and reliable workmanship, with a Fangfoss resident saying 'he was the best builder in the area!'

Away from work, David's social life centred largely around shooting. He was a regular competitor in the Ryedale League and a member of the Catton Shoot as well as the Dalton Estate shoot.

Very much a 'man's man' he enlivened many an evening at The Carpenters Arm's and was a loyal friend to those he knew. Denise would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and support which have been very much appreciated.

Café Connection

We look forward to welcoming you all to a new season of Café Connection in St Martin's Church. It will be running from 10am to 12.30pm on the last Saturday of the month i.e. March 29th, April 26th, May 31st, June 28th and July 26th.

Please come along and enjoy a fantastic selection of home-baking, and

have a chat with friends, and make new ones. If you don't have time to stay for a drink, please come and buy some treats to enjoy at home.

Fangfoss 100 Club Winners:

January 2025: £25 Mandy Carver (98), £25 Karen Hodgkinson (92)

February 2025: £25 Brenda Holmes (39), £25 Catherine Stubbings (130)

After 24 years of dedicated service, Maggie Smith has made the difficult decision to retire from running the 100 Club. Maggie will certainly be a hard act to follow! We are very grateful for all the time and effort that Maggie has put into running the club, which has provided much needed funds to help with the running costs of St Martin's Church.

Our thanks go to Maggie, and to Paula Simpson and Sally Murray, who have kindly agreed to take over the role.

Jubilee Park Update Maintenance Issues

Work on repairing several items in the Park are hopefully to be carried out in the near future. The shelter roofs were damaged during the winter storms and the popular children's tractor has suffered through wear and tear over 20 years of use! Thanks to a local resident, the rotary swing has now been fixed and is safe to use again.



There will be a general maintenance day on Friday 23rd May if anyone can come along and help tidy up the Park, we will find things for you to do!

Bike Jumps

Work is still progressing on the bike jumps. It is hoped to have the official opening on June 7th to coincide with "Music in the Park".

Music in the Park. – Saturday 7th June.

Following a very successful afternoon and evening last year, the event is set to return this year. It will be a ticketed event to help raise funds for the Park. Please put the date in your diaries.

Potatoes


By the time this magazine is delivered, we hope you have all entered the potato contest and have either planted your potato or are in the process of doing so. Your support will help raise funds for the upkeep of the park.

The committee hope you all have a lovely Easter and that the weather is kind to us! We hope to see you at some of our events during the year.



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NEWS FROM THORNTON AND MELBOURNE

Volunteers Needed

Thornton PCC is looking for new members; in particular it needs a new Church Warden and Treasurer as Claire Triffitt has now moved out of the village. Without a local presence it is difficult to be able to provide the support to Revd Mark. The roles are very rewarding and not onerous. Claire is hoping that perhaps one or two people may come forward for these roles quickly, to enable a suitable handover period. Please contact Revd Mark or Claire if you are interested and would like further information.

Church Electoral Roll - 2025 Renewal.

The Church Representation Rules require a new church electoral roll to be prepared for each parish in 2025. For more details or a form to fill in please email rebeccaemetcalfe@hotmail.co.uk or please call in for more info at North View, Thornton.

Diary Dates

Thursday, 8th May - Wolds Edge Methodist Church @ Melbourne will be holding an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Hope to see you there!

Annual Parish Church Meeting - Sunday 18th May 2025, after the church service which is 10.45am. All welcome to attend.

100 Club Winners

January: £25 Rev Jan Hardy (58),
£10 David Whitwell (47).

February: £25 Stephen Hudson
(61), £10 Nicholas Stubbins (9),
£10 Janet Scott (21).

March: £25 Brian Room (95), £10
Mrs Rachel Martin (114).



NEWS FROM YAPHAM-CUM-MELTONBY

Church News.

On January 19th the diocesan working party, led by Archdeacon Sam, came to look at the church building. This was followed by a public meeting in the village hall. David Millican read out a report on the condition of the church and the cost of repairs. An open discussion then took place, before the Archdeacon put the decision to close the church to a vote. The majority voted in favour of closure. This is very sad, but we have to be realistic in view of the money required to fix it. The Archdeacon will write a report for the Diocese of York Mission and Pastoral committee which will include the Working Party's agreement to closure. However, until the Diocese makes its final decision, we will continue services as usual at St Martin's, whilst safe to do so.

Funeral



On March 6th Revd Mark conducted the funeral of the late Kenneth (Ken) Tinson. Ken was a keen supporter of Scotland Rugby and his wish to have a piper play at his funeral was carried out. Pipe Major David Waterton-Anderson played the bagpipes in a truly ceremonial style. A wonderful tribute to Ken.

Our sincere condolences go to Carol and her family.

Recipe

Diana Barnes is renowned for her Swiss rolls.

Line a Swiss roll tin with non-stick parchment. Whisk 3 eggs with 4½ oz of castor sugar until thick. Then fold in 4½ oz of sifted self-raising flour and a few drops of vanilla essence. Followed by adding a scant two dessert spoons of warm water.

Bake in a hot oven 400F or 200C for 10 - 15 minutes.



Turn out onto baking parchment scattered with castor sugar and roll up, leave till cool. Di makes her own lemon curd in the microwave for the filling but you can use anything you wish. Then enjoy.

New Bus Shelter

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The Annual Parish Church Meeting is to be held in church on May 25th at 12.15pm.

Ann Pearson

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