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WELCOME to the June - July 2025 edition of the Parish News. After a glorious April and May, we are keeping our fingers crossed the fine weather will continue. However, no doubt our farmers and gardeners will welcome some rain.



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We welcome all articles but reserve the right to shorten or amend them. Whilst we are happy to publish unedited articles, in the spirit of freedom of speech, any views expressed are not necessarily those of the Parish News Editorial Team. Please send your articles for the next issue to Mark Stageman by Thursday 10th July 2025.

FARMING NEWS

March and April have only yielded 36mm of rainfall, and at the time of writing the spring drought continues. History notes that it will rain one day soon and waterlogging in the fields will follow! However, farming is an optimistic profession and crops look good as they have now taken up the fertiliser, but without water soon the yields will be down, if not already.

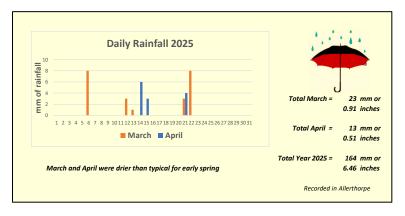
Specific crops such as potatoes and carrots can be irrigated, but it is impractical to spray water on cereals. A bigger problem for arable farmers is the price of wheat and barley. To give some idea, the trade Yorkshire feed value quotes recently have wheat at £172 and barley at £160 at the farm gate. Five years ago the above were roughly £165 and £140 respectively, and we all know about inflation during that time. A drought situation in this country won't affect prices here much, but a disaster elsewhere in the world for some probably will. Oilseed rape (not mustard as one local writer noted) has flowered well and this year does not appear to have been affected by the dreaded flea beetle, and also less pigeon damage shredding the leaves.

It is a question as old as time "are humans part of nature? or are we pitted against nature", relevant at any point in history about the enduring land access debate. People for example want more freedom to wander in private areas of countryside or to camp in the wild. As a species we are guite a strange one, because most species kind of stay in their lane, whereas humans want to colonise every habitat. We want to go into caves, across marshes, into woods, climb mountains and go into places wildlife would call their own. There are almost 70 million people now in Britain. In 1500 there were two and a half million people. There are 40 million dogs, and I don't know how many cats in this country. What impact does that have on wildlife? During the foot-and-mouth disease in 2001 nobody was allowed to walk dogs etc. in the open countryside and wildlife flourished because people were not there. Pocklington Canal is a site of special scientific interest (SSSI), but the towpath is frequented by many dog walkers and families with children which must affect the wildlife population. People will say "why can't we walk around field margins?", well that area is the one sliver that wildlife still has.

The UK government is grappling with a deepening trade dilemma, whether to strengthen ties with the EU by aligning with its strict food and farming standards, or pursue a free-trade deal with the US. The latter could reduce tariffs on major UK exports such as cars, pharmaceuticals and food, but a reciprocal deal letting in cheap food that's illegal to produce here will not be tolerated by many. It undermines the very standards we farmers are trying to uphold. Already we have to undergo many inspections from various organisations which cost time and money. We farmers face draconian penalties as a result of simple mistakes due to a lack of understanding of the huge amount of rules and regulations, whereas when the Rural Payment Agency makes mistakes they are treated as a clerical error. At the heart of the issue lies food safety and animal welfare standards. Aligning with the EU's strict sanitary rules would ease post-Brexit trade and boost UK exports – but likely block a comprehensive trade deal with the US, which demands access for banned products such as hormone-treated beef and chlorine-washed chicken.

Tree planting is very popular in rural, out of the way places with much of the work done by volunteers. It is hard work and the saplings and tools usually have to be carried by hand for the last bit. In many cases that is where human activity stops. This spring especially, many of the autumn planted trees will have died through lack of water. Water is heavy and difficult to transport to these areas, but I would ask all tree planters to follow up their essential hard graft and try to maintain the planted saplings with water and weeding.





BOOK REVIEWS



James, by Percival Everett

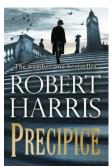
When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a new owner in New Orleans and separated from his wife and daughter forever, he flees to nearby Jackson's Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father who recently returned to town. This story of their travel down the Mississippi is at times comic, at other times poignant and revealing about life in the American South then.



The Cook, by Ajay Chowdhury

Kamil Rahman is a cook in a Brick Lane restaurant. But he used to be a detective back in Kolkata and somehow trouble still knows how to find him. When a young woman he knows is murdered, the police are convinced her boyfriend is the culprit, but Kamil isn't so sure and feels he has no choice but to hang up his apron and dust off his detective skills. Meanwhile, restaurant manager, Anjoli notices a troubling increase in the number of deaths among

homeless people in the area and decides to start her own investigation.



Precipice, by Robert Harris

In summer 1914 the world is on the brink of catastrophe. In London 26-year-old Venetia Stanley - aristocratic, clever, bored — is having a love affair with the prime minister H. H. Asquith, a man more than twice her age. He writes to her obsessively, sharing the most sensitive matters of state. All the letters quoted in the text from the Prime Minister are - astonishingly — authentic, as are all the telegrams,

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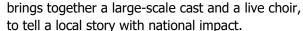




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HIS LAST REPORT

From 19^{th} July -3^{rd} August 2025 "His Last Report" (by Misha Duncan-Barry and Bridget Foreman) delves into the life and legacy of one of York's most influential figures: Seebohm Rowntree. Told through the voices of York's residents, both past and present, this is Seebohm's last, and most pressing report.

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Grand Opera House York

Classed as "The Musical of its generation, for all generations" by BBC Radio 2, the musical "Dear Evan Hansen" is coming to York from Tuesday 24th to Saturday 28th June 2025.

Packed with some of the biggest musical theatre songs of the last decade the musical has a score by Benji Pasek and Justin Paul (Oscar winning composers for The Greatest Showman) and a book by Steven Levenson.

Evan is an anxious high school kid who wants nothing more than to fit in. The thing is, on his way to fitting in, he didn't tell the whole truth and now must give up on a life he never dreamt he'd have. As events spiral and the truth comes out, Evan faces a reckoning with himself and everyone around him.

This brand new production marks the first time that a Broadway and West End phenomenon will tour the UK and Ireland. Age 12+, Atgtickets.com/york

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AN OLD ALLERTHORPE RESIDENT REMEMBERED



Not many of you will remember Miss Townsend, affectionately known as 'Townie.' She lived at The Cottage in Waplington Hall from about 1960 to 1984, when she had retired from nursing. Her memory was brought back sharply into focus when I had a visit from a distant connection of Miss Townsend. She had come to share with me, memorabilia: old photographs, letters, passports, and newspaper clippings that she had been left, and did not know what to do with them.

Miss Townsend was a trained nurse and before the war she worked in Hong Kong. She first went to Hong Kong in 1931 as a nursing sister at the Matilda Hospital. When World War Two broke out, she was on leave in

Britain, but she was determined to go back to Hong Kong to work and returned there via Canada in early 1941.

Miss Townsend had met a white Russian called Michael who had fled the revolution in Russia. They fell in love and became engaged. Michael joined the Forces to fight the Japanese when they invaded China and was sadly killed. Miss Townsend was heartbroken and never married.



The Japanese invaded Hong Kong on the 8th December 1941 and very soon all residents from the hospital were interned in the Stanley Internment Camp. They were very badly treated, had little food and many died. The medical staff did all they could, under very difficult conditions and hardly any medicine, to keep people healthy and alive.

When the Japanese surrendered, she returned to the UK in a troop ship and had some time recuperating and regaining her fitness. She longed to return to Hong Kong and kept writing and asking when she could return to work at the Matilda Hospital which had been severely damaged and

neglected. She eventually went back to work at the Government Hospital in 1946 and in August 1949 she returned to work at the Matilda where she was asked to be the matron in charge. She was very popular and made a great success of the role and retired in 1953 after sixteen years of service at the Matilda.

When she returned to the UK she worked in Doncaster for a few years before coming to Allerthorpe to retire and she was very happy in this parish. She was a diminutive figure, just five foot two inches but with a strong and determined personality, which one did not cross.

She was a very hard worker for St Botolph's and in the days when we used to have a summer fete in the vicarage gardens, she ran the bric-a-brac stall and was extremely competitive with the other stalls to see who could raise the most money. She spent a lot of time in the winter making little felt rabbits, mice and hedgehogs which sold very well on her stall.

In her latter years when she became less able, the residents at Waplington, took it in turns to mend her fire and sit with her in the evenings. She delighted in looking out of her window and seeing a beautiful cock pheasant down the drive. She later moved to a nursing home in Westow and died in Malton hospital in 1985.

There is a plaque behind the church in memory of her – Edith Townsend 1903 – 1985.

Sue Kaye







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GETTING IN A FLAP?

The cultural life of our locality has been given a boost recently by the formation of a new group for writers who are serious about expression through words as well as other art forms. FLAPs (Fangfoss Literary, Art & Philosophical Society) meetings include examination and discussion of the motivations, intentions, style and methods used in creative writing as well as critiques of members work.



FLAPs meetings are more broad ranging

than the usual run of writers and artists groups, and if the name of the group sounds rather highfalutin, even pompous, it should be understood that writers, of all people, should not be fearful of words. Meetings are once a month in Fangfoss village and are free, with refreshments (wine, soft drinks and snacks) and as well as honest, in-depth discussions there is much laughter.

FLAPs is not a writing group for beginners - members currently include published authors of both short and long form fiction and non-fiction, a dramatist and several poets - but the main criteria for membership is a sincere desire to practise writing, art and improve. If you are interested in joining please text your contact details (email and/or mobile phone number) to Tony at 07816 218985.



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A RACE?

I've just started catching up with the latest BBC1 series of 'Race Across the World.' It is a travel documentary/reality TV hybrid. Five couples of varying ages, some related, some in a relationship and others who are just friends, meet in one country and are challenged to race against each other to a final destination in another country. There are several checkpoints along the way. At the start, each couple surrender their mobile phones and in return receive a map and £2,000 to cover their food, accommodation and travel. This is insufficient to meet all the costs and so the couples are encouraged to find work on their journey

I love this series for a few reasons. Firstly, I'm transported from my sofa into different parts of the world that I will probably never see. It's a cornucopia of cultures, staggering scenery, delicious (and not so delicious!) food and a colourful array of customs and practices. I am also fascinated watching how each couple embraces the challenges, overcomes their frustrations and experiences the exhilarations as their journey unfolds. The viewer learns something about each couple's personal life and their relationship with one another.

What is interesting is the dilemma faced by each couple. Do they sacrifice time to experience the culture, savour the scenery and relate to the locals or do they press on focussed only on the race and reaching the next checkpoint in first position? It strikes me that this is a dilemma that often faces us all through our life on this earth. How often do we focus on racing towards something in the future at the expense of enjoying the day-to-day journey? Things like paying off the mortgage, reaching retirement, the next holiday, the test results, an operation date. It's good to look forward to these things but I find I must be careful that I don't spend all my time focussing on these 'checkpoints' at the expense of enjoying the journey. I need to remind myself to slow down and to savour the blessings of each day. Life isn't a race, it's a journey to be enjoyed. I think this is what the Psalmist meant in the words of Psalm 46, "Be still, and know that I am God." The God of all creation wants us to make the most of, and enjoy, every moment of this gift of life. It isn't always easy, I know, because life throws stuff at us that is really hard and painful. But the truth is, the final destination of life on this earth comes all too soon enough. Life isn't a race, it's a journey to be enjoyed. May you be blessed on your journey. Your vicar, Mark

JUNE CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
1 st June	Yapham	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday after	Thornton	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Ascension	Allerthorpe	5.00 pm	Evensong
8 th June	Fangfoss	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Pentecost	Barmby Moor	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday			
15 th June	Allerthorpe	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Trinity Sunday	Thornton	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
22 nd June	Fangfoss	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
First Sunday	Barmby Moor	10.45 am	Holy Communion
after Trinity	Yapham	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
29 th June	Thornton	10.00 am	Benefice
Second Sunday			Holy Communion
after Trinity			

PARISH REGISTERS

We Congratulate:

Demi Lanham and Jake Meggitt, married on 10th May at Allerthorpe.

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

Ann Thornton, burial of ashes at Barmby Moor on 25th March. Doreen Shelia Paul, burial at Thornton on 7th May.



JULY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
6 th July	Yapham	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Third Sunday after	Thornton	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Trinity	Allerthorpe	5.00 pm	Evensong
13 th July	Fangfoss	9:15 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday	Barmby Moor	10.45 am	Celebration
after Trinity			
20 th July	Allerthorpe	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday after	Thornton	10.45 am	Celebration
Trinity			
27 th July	Fangfoss	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Sixth Sunday after	Barmby Moor	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Trinity	Yapham	10.45 am	Morning Prayer

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







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NEWS FROM ALLERTHORPE

Easter Benefice Service

This year St Botolph's hosted the Easter Benefice service, welcoming 71 people from across the five parishes. Revd Mark took the service and delivered an enlightening sermon.

On Good Friday Revd Mark also took the traditional Easter Garden service, including the blessing of this year's garden. The stone was rolled from the tomb on Easter Sunday.



Village Plant Sale



After the heatwave of the previous week, the chilly weather on Saturday May 3rd was unexpected. However this did not deter our lovely villagers, who had worked long hours to get the plants displayed and ready for the sale.

The Village Hall, resplendent with Union Jack bunting, was a hive of industry with all the tables looking splendid and ready for the approaching teas and coffee gathering.



So many mouth-watering cakes and home baked goods to choose from.

A great many people have helped to make this a success over the years. This year a surge of new helpers pulled out all the stops to get everything ready.

Over £3,500 was raised, on the Saturday and across the Bank Holiday weekend, for church funds. A truly resounding success.

New plants will be put out in the coming weeks on a daily basis. If you are looking for tomatoes there will be plenty of varieties to choose from. As for flowers, there are masses still to come. So do keep checking out the stalls by the church and the pub.

Once again many heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped in any way, and remember it is still going on! Cash only in the honesty boxes please.

Diana Mowat 1933-2025



Quite a few of us will remember Di and David Mowat who lived in Allerthorpe for some 30 years until the late 1990s. During their time in Allerthorpe, they were both very active in the life of the church, both in Allerthorpe and in Barmby Moor where David sang in the choir. Di played the harmonium at Yapham for a few years too!

Sadly, Di died on April 5th of this year, aged 91, in the Swansea nursing home where she had been resident for the last

two years following a fall. Her daughter Katy was with her.

Born in Bridlington, she worked at the War Office in London after leaving school. She met David at a dance in the Highlands. She was staying with family and David was working on a nearby Estate, following a period as an Agricultural Officer in East Africa. After they were married, they lived at first in Scotland, but moved to Allerthorpe when David was offered a job with Landpak (later Sundora). Their time in Allerthorpe was the happiest of times for Di.

Their daughters Katie and Caroline grew up there; she was involved not

just in church and village life, but in the Sue Ryder Home, Meals on Wheels and the Spennithorne Home of Healing; often with the Langs or the Lamberts, they had family caravan holidays at Levisham or further afield. When David retired they packed their caravan and drove to Northern Portugal where both daughters were working. There they looked after Bethan, their eldest grandchild, joined the Anglican church and got involved with the local community.

A few years later they moved across the river to Galicia. After David died, Di continued to live in Spain, learning to drive again. Only when her own health began to fail did she move back to Britain, this time to Swansea to be near Katie and her family.

She will be much missed by her family and fondly remembered in the Barmby Moor Group of parishes. Her ashes will be taken to Galicia to be reunited with David's.

Food Bank

In these hotter dryer months all kinds of long-life soft drinks are very acceptable as well as the usual tea and coffee donations. As prices rise in all our supermarkets many older and younger families face difficulty with weekly shopping bills. If you can help in



any small way it would mean a great deal to those in need. Tinned goods, packets and long-life cartons are all very welcome. Thank you for your continued support.

Home Made Jams

Always a treat are homemade jams of seasonal fruits made by Angela Batty. They are perfect to top off a homemade scone or Victoria sponge for tea! You can find these at the back of church. £3 for a single jar or £5 for 2 jars.

Congratulations

It is wonderful news that Revd Mark is to become our permanent vicar. Our congratulations and best wishes to Revd Mark and Emma, long will they remain part of our community.

Revd Mark's appointment as vicar will take place at a Collation Service on Friday 7th July, 7.30 pm at St Catherine's Church, Barmby Moor.

NEWS FROM BARMBY MOOR

Vicarage Garden Tea Party

A garden party is to be held at the Vicarage, Barmby Moor on June 21st from 2pm to 4pm. There will be tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes. A marquee will be erected to allow for inclement weather. There will be games for children, and a raffle plus tombola. All are welcome - there is no charge - we just hope you will be able to come and enjoy the afternoon.

ST CATHERINE'S V.E. Day

A service of remembrance was held at St Catherine's on VE Day. Over 50 people from our community attended the service. After the service a wreath was laid at the Cross of Sacrifice in the Commonwealth War Graves area.

St. Catherine's Coffee morning.

The date of the first coffee morning in June is Saturday the 7th. There will be no coffee morning on the usual third Saturday (21st June) as there is to be a garden party



at the vicarage that afternoon. We do hope our regulars and members of the community will join us there when we will be serving drinks and cakes.

The July Coffee Morning dates are Saturday 5th and Saturday 19th. Please do come and join us. If you haven't tried Audrey's famous fruit loaf it's certainly worth a visit.

Gardening Group

Thank you to the folks who have been helping in St Catherine's churchyard during the last few months. You will see that an area of the churchyard has been cut by the gardening group using a flail mower. This was to try to remove the tussocky grass that had tiny self-seeded trees, briars and other invasive plants amongst it which would eventually become scrubby if left.

We hope that the grass cutter, James Horsely, will then be able to mow these with a conventional mower once later in the year. The coarse, tussocky grass outcompetes most wildflowers, but is good for insect life and small mammals. Hence an area of tussocky grass has been left as a refuge, and this will be divided into two and each half scythed on alternate years.

Lost

A pair of secateurs were found in the churchyard. They have no brand name, but they do have bright orange handles. Please contact Jan Gardham 07599070113

Barmby Moor Feast - July 12th

St Catherine's Café will be running a refreshment stall at the Feast again this year. We plan to serve tray bakes, buns etc. If you can help with baking or serving, please get in touch with Jan Gardham 07599070113

Treasure Trails

We have some children's treasure trails available at St. Catherine's Church if you would like to complete these with your child. Please get in touch with Jan Gardham 07599070113. A great way to spend a few hours on a wet afternoon in the summer holidays.

Deep Cleaning - help needed

Once a month, usually on a Saturday morning between 10am and noon, the cleaning team goes into St. Catherine's to give the church a deep clean. We would welcome volunteers to help with this. It is not onerous, and we usually work to our strengths and Lewis usually keeps us joyful with a blast of music. If you could spare even a short time, we would be very grateful. The next deep clean is on Saturday 14th June.

Advance notice - Driveway Sale on Saturday 16th August

Den and Jan Gardham will be hosting a driveway sale in aid of St. Catherine's Church on 16th August (along with many others in the village). We found last year that the bestselling items were old tools, gardening equipment, and ceramic garden pots. If you have anything you would like to donate, please get in touch with Den or Jan Gardham 07740 171269

St Catherine's Church 100 Club

Congratulations to the following winners.

April 2025: £20 Tony Culyer (106), £15 Peter Shaw (28), £10 Duncan Ward (162).

May 2025: £20 Lewis Anderson (120), £15 Andrew Goodwin (109), £10 Tony Culver (42).

Mothers Union

First of all, can I thank everyone for the support that has been given to our Mothers Union Group here in the Benefice of Barmby Moor. We have such a loyal following from all our parishes, and real fellowship each time we meet. At our meeting in March we welcomed Lynn Kitchener who gave us some insight into life at Full Sutton Prison. And it is not exactly as portrayed by the media! Through her work teaching prisoners to sew and produce a variety of items, including clothing, she experienced a more personal and human aspect of life in a top security prison which she was able to share with us. Thank you Lynn!

Our next speaker will be from St Leonard's Hospice but that will have to wait until the next edition of the Parish News.

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

Chatty Craft

For any new residents that have arrived in the village, just to let you know we have a Chatty Craft group that meets on a Monday morning 10 -12 in the cafe area at St Catherine's Church, Barmby Moor.

We are an extremely friendly group, where you can learn a new skill or teach us one! You are welcome to pop in just for a coffee and a chat. We look forward to meeting you.

Barmby Moor Community Group



We would all like to take the time to tell you more about the community group. We are a great group of volunteers who live in Barmby Moor and very much enjoy helping put on events for all of the community to enjoy. There are representatives from Barmby Moor Parish Council, Barmby Moor village hall, St

Catherine's Church, Calley Trust, Crafty Booter, Boot and Slipper pub and a few individuals from within the village. We are very grateful for the support we receive from businesses and all the residents in our village and surrounding areas. We certainly could not do this without this continued support.



So far this year we have held a fundraising Race Night and the VE day celebrations, which had entertainment funded by the community group for all to enjoy and to celebrate such an auspicious occasion. This year our plans so far for future events are:

16th August – Driveway sale.

29th November – Christmas Market event.

13th December – Father Christmas and his Elf visiting the Grotto.

20th December – Live Nativity celebration. More details on all the above will be shared in the up and coming Parish News, also on

Facebook pages for the community. Thank you once again for supporting and donating to these events.

Barmby Moor Playing Field Association 100 club

Draw 30th March 94 Tickets

First prize - £70.50 BMJFC (8), Second prize - £47 Moira Wilkinson Mudd (49), Third prize - £23.50 Mike Barker (64)

Party in the Park

The Party in the Park on 4th May 2025 was a huge success. Barmby Moor Playing Field Association (BMPFA) would like to say a huge thank you to those that supported and attended the party in the park event to celebrate the life of David Nixon, long term chairman at BMPFA. A fitting tribute and a long term reminder when using the facilities that 'the David Nixon Community Pavilion' is a lasting legacy of David's tireless efforts for the community. The event raised £1,751 for the playing fields, and BMPFA are excited to share plans on our objectives over the coming year. Thank you to everyone.

Barmby Feast 2025

Please come and join us on Saturday 12th July 2025 12pm – late, for this year's Barmby Feast!



The entrance fee is £2 for the day or £5 for a day and evening ticket. Wristbands will be available on the gate and in advance. If you'd like to purchase in advance, have any questions, or would like to help out on the day please contact Barmby Feast Facebook Page or by email: Barmbyfeast@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM FANGFOSS, BOLTON AND SPITTAL

Café Connection, and plants too!



As well as drinks and a fantastic selection of home-baking, we now have a plant stall at Café Connection, selling locally grown plants.

It was a real treat being able to sit in the churchyard at the April café, with petals from the blossom tree falling like confetti, whilst we enjoyed the baked delights and filter coffee on offer.



Thank you to everyone who supported St Martin's by coming to our cafes

and/or by baking delicious goodies or by donating plants. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our next cafes on the last Saturday of the month – May 31st, June 28th and July 26th – from 10am to 12.30pm.

Easter at St Martin's Church

A big thank you goes to the small group of volunteers who refreshed the driveway in the churchyard, with several tons of gravel, so that it looked lovely in time for Easter.





It was great to see the church full of children, and their families, for the school's end of term services. The children shared their reflections on the symbol of the cross at Easter, and created a colourful display of crosses from different cultures. The crosses, together with "Timelines of the Easter Story" were much appreciated when they were on display in church over the Easter period.

The large stone on the village green was again an ideal spot for our Easter Garden. Unlike the rain and winds of previous years, the garden had to contend with an unseasonal hot spell this year!

Although we did not have a church service in Fangfoss on Easter Sunday, it was lovely to be able to celebrate the day, with the rest of the benefice, at a joyful service in Allerthorpe.



Fangfest 2025 (September 6th and 7th)

It's amazing to think that it is 25 years since Fangfest first began. St Martin's Church will be celebrating this anniversary with "A Touch of Silver" Flower Festival inside the church. Our popular Café Connection will be open on both days, from 10am to 4pm, serving drinks and home baking in the church, and we will have several fundraising stalls in the churchyard, including books, plants and tombola.

Please make a note of the dates in your diary.



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FANGFEST 2025



Will be the 25th Arts & Crafts weekend in Fangfoss

To celebrate we'll be adding a 'Touch of Silver' to this year's themes.

Last year's Teddy Bear Trail was a great success so we're asking the wonderful residents of Fangfoss to let their imaginations run wild and help us put on a

25th Silver Anniversary Teddy Bear Trail.

We hope you'll join us for what is set to be a very special weekend with something for everyone, Pottery, Art and Painting, Carving, Felting, Ceramics, Archery, Live Music, a Viking Display, a Flower Festival all ending with Pimm's & Hymns at the Pub on Sunday evening!

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September

We look forward to seeing you

Jubilee Park Update The Party in the Park

The Party in the Park is on June 7th down at Jubilee Park from 4pm onwards. Three great bands playing live music have been booked and should get your feet moving! - "Limited Edition", "The Wednesdays" and the "York Turnpike Trust" There will be a BBQ, authentic Sri Lankan curry, Swirlz Gelato, and a bar – to keep you going all evening. The official opening of the Jubilee Park Bike Track will also take place.

Entry is £10 per adult and £5 per child and this includes a burger or hotdog. Further information about the event and how to book tickets, which must be obtained in advance, can be found on the Jubilee Park Fangfoss Facebook page.

Safari Supper

The Safari Supper will be held on July 5th. Look out for posters around the village for this popular fundraiser.

Fangfest 2025

Advance notice of the 25th Fangfest. This year on 6th and 7th September in Fangfoss village. Jubilee Park will once again be running the BBQ, for which help will be needed.

NEWS FROM THORNTON AND MELBOURNE

Cafe and Sale for Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Saturday 5th July at Wold Edge Methodist Church Melbourne 10.00am to 12 noon. Donations and enquiries contact Janet Hayton 01759 318287 Come and support, all are welcome.

Afternoon Tea Party in the village field on Saturday 16th August at 3pm to commemorate VJ Day. Afternoon teas will be provided but please bring your drinks and chairs. Bouncy castle for the children. All Thornton residents welcome.

If you would like to come please contact Jenny Smith 07952332713. or Jan Dawson 07870567853

100 Club Winners

April: £25 Ruth Steels (19), £10 Claire Triffitt (66), £10 Sarah Burton (39).

May: £25 Hazel McDonald (5), £10 Ken Dobbins (50)

NEWS FROM YAPHAM-CUM-MELTONBY

Church News.

We are still plodding along awaiting various reports. Our services are supported with love and concern for the future. May 4th saw 14 at our communion service led by Revd. Mark.

David Millican and I met with Keith Halliday the diocesesan buildings advisor at the end of April with a view to looking into our insurance cover. David contacted Ecclesiastical stating the facts and at this moment is awaiting response

Something to look forward to is the Garden Party for the benefice at the Vicarage on June 21st. We all pray for a fine day. Make a note in your diary! Any offers of cakes please speak to Ann Pearson.

We also look forward to the Collation of Revd Mark as our new vicar, this is the best news we had hoped for. Our congratulations to Revd Mark. The Collation service will take place at Barmby Moor on July 7th at 7.30 p.m.

On a personal note, I was awarded the huge honour of being invited by the King to receive the Royal Maundy Money at Durham Cathedral on Maundy Thursday April 17th. Also Revd Rodney was there, he is so deserving.

We were treated like royalty, the Ceremony and the pageantry were just amazing, so humbling and something to remember for the rest of my life. His Majesty was just so personal I cannot describe the emotion. There was a panic time when I wondered how we could get there with lambing in full swing, but our grandson rose to the occasion and looked after the sheep, and so we travelled to Durham the day before the big occasion.

Ann Pearson



RECIPE TIME

With the summer approaching and hopefully an abundance of vegetables, how about a vegetable lasagne

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons of olive oil

1 large onion chopped

2 garlic cloves chopped

I large red pepper sliced

1 tin chopped tomatoes

3 tablespoons tomato puree

sliced mushrooms

3 courgettes

salt and pepper

oregano fresh or dried.

Saute onion and garlic in oil for a few

minutes, then add sliced pepper, cook few more minutes, then add sliced courgettes, cook to soften. Add tomato puree and mix through. Add tin of tomatoes, rinse the tin with water and add to pan. Finally add sliced mushrooms according to your likes. Add the oregano.

Leave to simmer whilst you make the cheese sauce. 1 pint of milk with a nice cheddar and cornflour to thicken makes a nice sauce, but you can double the recipe depending how many servings you need.

Marilyn Millican



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