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WELCOME to the August - September 2025 edition of the Parish News. The last couple of months have felt more like summer than spring - with all the hot weather harvest has started early. Whilst we love the dry and sunny weather, showers are always welcome.



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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 Wednesday 10th September 2025.

FARMING NEWS

The 2025 combinable crops harvest is well under way in the East Riding, with the autumn sown barley and oilseed rape now complete and in the barn. The yields so far have only been a little below average, which is remarkable considering how little rain we have had during the growing season. The first combines around here were out harvesting the barley on the lighter land in the first week of July - which is the earliest I can remember for many a year. The off-farm prices of the grains and seeds, however, are still falling, and I wonder sometimes if the efforts of a whole year's work for a marginal return make me feel is it all worthwhile! Of course it is. That's what we do, come rain or shine, and the politicians know it. Our irrigation lake is getting rather low now, which is not surprising, and the potatoes look good with all the water that has been sprayed on them. I often think that catchpit water is at a higher temperature than a borehole so it does not give the crop such a shock.

Vivergo is the name of an industrial bioethanol plant at Saltend, Hull that turns poorer quality wheat, that is not good enough for bread etc., into ethanol, animal feed, and even the NHS use carbon dioxide which is also produced during the process. Most of the wheat is sourced from farms in the Yorkshire – Lincolnshire area. All the above is at risk after the government agreed a trade deal with the USA which reduced the import tariff on bioethanol from 19% to nil, opening the door to much cheaper imports from across the pond. This would probably make the Hull plant unviable. The closure would involve around 180 job losses, and deny many farmers in this region a ready market for their wheat. We already have fuels with 10% ethanol added, and some suggest it should be increased further to 20% ethanol. However, some vehicle engines may cough and splutter with this increase.

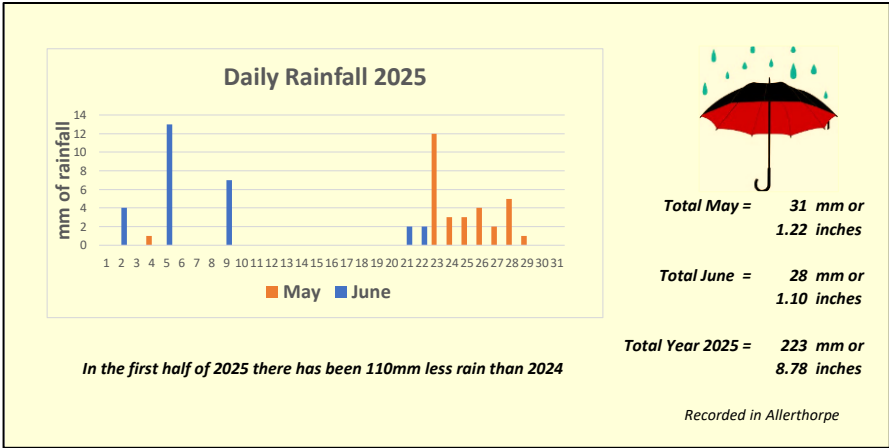
We farmers use glyphosate on fields to provide a clean entry for the next crop by eradicating wicks/ twitch /couch grass or whatever you want to call it. Gardeners also use the chemical which is sold in small packs under various trade names. However it has been found to be less effective when mixed with hard water which is predominant in our area. This could result in some grassweed resistance by delivering a sub-optimal kill. 30% efficacy could be lost due to the calcium and magnesium in hard water binding with

the active components. Gardeners could use a water softener but it would be difficult to add this to a 4,000 litre spray tank.

A recent survey questioning farmers on farms, at markets, and at shows, in North Yorkshire, has suggested that many found it easier and more comfortable to seek medical advice from a vet rather than a GP. Many farmers struggle to take time off due to the constant demands of looking after livestock and crops, and prioritise their work over health and well-being. In the survey, which was carried out mainly with about 200 stock farmers, it was found that many were worried about confidentiality in small communities. Some cited disclosing mental health issues to a doctor could lead to their gun licences being revoked. Time constraints, logistical challenges, lack of awareness, geographical isolation and stigma all contributed to delays in seeking help from a GP. We all know that the health service is under pressure, partly to do with an ageing population and the ability to access more life enhancing treatments.

A final thought: maybe electric cars are another way of reducing the number of pensioners, like me, roaming the streets. While their silence is viewed as one of the benefits, if your hearing is not too good you are twice as likely to be in collision with an electric vehicle than a younger person!

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Summer update from Statkraft

What's the latest on Soay Solar & Greener Grid Park?

Construction of the BESS phase is nearing completion, and the team continue to prepare for construction of the solar phase. We have committed to holding a Drop-In session for residents before solar construction commences and keeping our project website updated - www.statkraft.co.uk/soay

Is Statkraft connected to other local Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) projects?

We are aware there is some confusion as to the projects Statkraft are involved in locally. We are happy to clarify that Statkraft have two projects in East Riding – the consented Soay Solar and Greener Grid Park and the Mylen Leah Solar Farm, which is in early stage development. BESS forms no part of our plans for Mylen Leah - if consented, the project would have a direct connection to the National Grid and no need for battery storage.

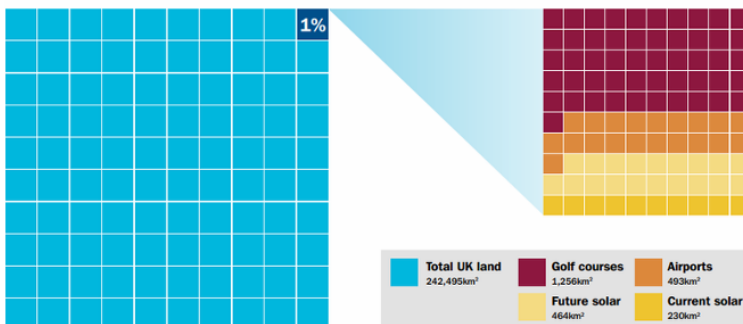
In summary, Statkraft have no links to current BESS applications in the area, and we are not reliant on these getting consent or being built, in order to operate.

Spotlight on Solar

The world is embracing solar power on a scale we haven't seen before – in 2024 solar was the largest and fastest-growing source of new electricity globally. Solar power is key to our clean energy future – both on rooftops and as part of solar farms.

How much land in the UK is used for solar farms?

Current and future solar power land use compared to other uses



Proportions of total UK land (blue) taken up by golf courses (red), airports (orange), ground-mounted solar panels in 2022 (dark yellow) and estimated additional land taken up by ground-mounted solar panels in the future under UK Government plans (light yellow). The right-hand square represents 1% of the left-hand square. Source: Carbon Brief analysis using Corine Land Cover data and estimates from Solar Energy UK, using Solar Media data. Chart by Tom Prater for Carbon Brief.

[The graphic is from Solar Energy UK. More information on the details included above can be found by visiting gov.uk and search 'Solar Roadmap']

VALEWATCH

This is the farm watch and rural crime group for the Pocklington and Market Weighton areas. The local volunteer-led group applied for a Community Safety Partnership grant from the Humberside Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner. They received nearly £3,700 of funding to support their initiative to purchase trailer marking kits to help protect their owners from theft.

David Horsley, Chairman of ValeWatch, said “whilst many types of rural crime in East Yorkshire have seen significant decreases in the last couple of years, trailer theft is a notable exception. Trailer thefts are particularly significant because they’re usually connected to other criminality – a stolen trailer or horsebox is often loaded up with items such as quad bikes, machinery, tools and equipment either from the same victim or nearby properties.”

According to data from The Equipment Register, one in ten second-hand trailers listed for sale is flagged as stolen. This unsettling figure underscores a growing epidemic that is plaguing the agricultural and equestrian communities.

PC Rich Fussey of the Humberside Police Rural Task Force said “initiatives such as this not only reduce the attractiveness of trailers to thieves but also help us to reunite stolen items with their rightful owners even where the serial number has been removed.”



Officers from the Rural Task Force have already been out in Meltonby supporting the project by fitting the kits to trailers and providing other free property marking solutions to help farms and rural businesses better protect themselves from theft.

Leo Hammond, Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Humberside said "we are committed to ensuring rural communities get their fair share of policing. Supporting the hard working volunteers of farm watch groups, like ValeWatch, is key to that."

"These kits are so important because as our Commissioner, Jonathan Evison says; the best way to support a victim of crime is to stop them becoming a victim in the first place."

ValeWatch, with over 220 members, is the largest rural crime group in the East Riding, and covers the western reaches of the Humberside Police area. Subscribers benefit, not only from text and e-mail alerts about local crime and suspicious activity, but also have the opportunity to access free property marking worth hundreds of pounds.

If you're interested in joining, then please contact valewatch@gmail.com for further details.

L to R: PC Josh Fawcett; PC Nick Beech; David Horsley (ValeWatch); Leo Hammond (Deputy PCC, Humberside) & PC Rich Fussey.

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As the warmer months draw more people to our rivers, lakes and coastline, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, in partnership with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, is urging everyone to stay vigilant around open water.

The Humber region is known for its natural beauty, but its waterways also pose real risks, particularly from cold water shock, hidden currents and sudden slips near the edge.



Whether you're walking by the river, enjoying a day out by the sea, or fishing at a pond, it's vital to understand how to stay safe and respond in an emergency.

Last year a number of throwlines, specialist lifesaving equipment designed to help people in trouble in the water, were installed at multiple high-risk locations across the East Riding, including: Beverley Beck, High Eske, Tickton Bridge, Sugar Mill Ponds in Rawcliffe, North Frodingham, Goole Marina. Each site includes clear instructions on how to use the throwline in an emergency, making sure that bystanders can act quickly and confidently if someone is in difficulty.

Sarah Wilkinson, Head of Prevention at Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Our water safety campaign is all about equipping people with the knowledge they need to enjoy the water safely. Tragically, in recent years, young lives have been lost at local waterways, despite the heroic efforts of our firefighters and emergency service teams.

For more information go to <https://humbersidefire.gov.uk/newsroom/news/east-ridings-hidden-lifesavers-throwlines-at-key-water-spots>

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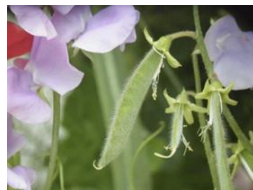
August is usually one of the hottest months, though maybe this year, after one or two hot, dry spells already, it will be different. After the colour and abundance of June and July, there is work to do to maintain a flourishing and inviting garden.



Many plants such as lupins, peonies, and irises have probably completed their flowering cycle now, and deadheading will keep them looking tidier and, for lupins, could encourage a second flush of blooms. Hardy geraniums may be looking straggly and will soon look all the better if they are cut to the ground and watered – new foliage will grow back. Other perennials such as campanulas, penstemons, phlox, heleniums and dahlias are hopefully flowering away happily and filling your garden with colour.

(pictured Campanula Single Blue)

Annuals including pelargoniums, sweet peas, marigolds, zinnias and verbenas will benefit from regular picking and deadheading – all of which will encourage more flowers to form. However you may wish to leave some sweet pea pods to ripen allowing you to collect seeds for sowing next year.



After the first wonderful flush of roses during late May and June do take



time to survey your roses – rambling, climbing, shrub or bush. Many roses will flower again during the summer but may need some attention. If there are signs of black spot

(pictured) do remove the affected leaves but don't compost them. Deadhead plants regularly unless one of the attractions of your roses is the

formation of colourful rosehips, and feed your roses if you are expecting a continuation of flowering.

Watering any plants in containers is likely to be a daily or even twice daily operation and is best carried out early morning or early evening to reduce water loss through evaporation. A weekly feed could be beneficial. To keep your plants happy and healthy do enlist the help of neighbours if you are planning to be away.



Beautiful scented English lavenders (*angustifolia* Hidcote and Munstead) will have been attracting bees all summer but when flowering dies down, towards the end of August, cut it back by about two thirds but don't cut into bare wood on older plants. This will keep your plants looking compact.

There is still time in early August to take plant cuttings if you wish to increase your plant stock for next year. Why not try to propagate honeysuckle, lavender or clematis in this way. The RHS website offers a wealth of advice on propagating different plants. Go to www.rhs.org.uk

Growers of strawberries and redcurrants will hopefully have enjoyed bumper crops this year and will now be finding their plants require some attention. After strawberry cropping has finished, cut off old leaves to allow fresh leaves to develop. Also, remove any straw mulch to prevent a build-up of pests and diseases, and take off netting so birds can feed on any pests. For redcurrants - once they have finished fruiting in late summer - just prune back any unwanted growth. Start by clearing out the centre to allow better air circulation (think of a wine goblet and you won't go far wrong) and then cut back any new growth by about half to keep the plant in check.



Enjoy the rest of summer and come September it will be time to choose spring bulbs again!

Penny Simmons



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Inspired by a true story and based on the 2019 hit film *Military Wives*, this is the world premiere of a brand-new British musical.



Written and directed by BAFTA award-winner Debbie Isitt (*Nativity!*), this new production is a funny, feel-good story of female empowerment and the perfect harmony of laughter, emotion and fun.

With their husbands and partners away at war, the women are isolated, bored and desperate to find a focus to take their minds off feelings of impending doom. Enter Olive who arrives on the 'patch' to help them form a choir and learn to sing. But Olive gets a lot more than she bargains for with this diverse group of women- who through the power of song find themselves facing their fears and making unexpected friendships along the way.


Featuring a fantastic mix of pop, rock and power ballads to make you laugh, cry and sing your heart out, it is a story that started here in Yorkshire and has become a national movement.

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The Jewish Rabbi, Harold Kushner, tells the story of a small boy being sent to the corner shop for some groceries for his mother. Time ticks by and long after his mother expected him, he still hasn't returned. She becomes quite worried. Eventually the little boy returns and unaware of how worried his mum has been, he's surprised when he receives a scolding. 'What kept you? Why were you so long?' she asks.

'I'm sorry mum,' he replies, 'but on my way home I met my friend and his bicycle had broken, so I stopped to help him.' 'But child,' the exasperated mother continued, 'you are far too small and young for such things, you know nothing about mending bikes!' 'I know that mum. So, I just sat down on the pavement next to him and I helped him cry.'

This story reminds me of a modern day 'Good Samaritan' parable which Jesus told about showing abundant unconditional and indiscriminate love and compassion. This can be in very specific and practical acts of kindness, like the Samaritan who cared for the Jew who had been mugged. But sometimes, it can be as simple as taking the time to be with someone in their pain and sorrow, listening to them and weeping with them, just like the little boy did with his friend with the broken bike. Sometimes this alone has the power to bring comfort, healing, and peace.

A missionary translator, struggling with the language of a tribe in the mountains of Mexico, tried to get the right word to explain 'comfort.' Then one of his helpers asked for a week's leave explaining that his uncle had died and he wanted some days off to visit his grieving aunt 'to help her heart around the corner.' This was exactly the expression for 'comfort' the translator needed. I love it!

We might not be able to fix someone else's problems, like the little boy couldn't fix his friend's bike, but we can all find a way 'to help a heart around the corner.' This is the power of abundant, unconditional and indiscriminate love and compassion. A love that has its source in the God I believe in.

Your Vicar, Mark.

AUGUST CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
3 rd August Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Yapham Thornton Allerthorpe	9.15 am 10.45 am 5.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong
10 th August Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Fangfoss Barmby Moor	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
17 th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity	Allerthorpe Thornton	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
24 th August Tenth Sunday after Trinity	Fangfoss Barmby Moor Yapham	9.15 am 10.45 am 10.45 am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Morning Prayer
31 st August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Yapham	10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion

PARISH REGISTERS

We welcome into the Church family by baptism:

Charles Henry Farrow, baptised at Barmby Moor on 18th May.

Luke Andrew Moss, baptised at Barmby Moor on 18th May.

Twins Lennie David Murr and Alfie Woody Murr, baptised at Fangfoss on 22nd June.

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

Robert Stuart Bowman, burial at Barmby Moor on 11th June.

Phoebe Hirst, burial at Thornton on 29th June.

SEPTEMBER CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
7 th September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Yapham Thornton Allerthorpe	9.15 am 10.45 am 5.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong
14 th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	Fangfoss Barmby Moor	9:15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
19 th September	Barmby Moor	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival
21 st September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Allerthorpe Thornton	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
26 th September	Thornton	7.00 pm	Harvest Festival
28 th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Fangfoss Barmby Moor Yapham	9.15 am 10.45 am 4.00 pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Harvest Festival

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NEWS FROM ALLERTHORPE

Plant Sale Blooms with Success

The annual Village Plant Sale has once again exceeded expectations, raising in excess of an incredible £10,000 for our church projects. Held in the heart of the village, this event draws visitors from near and far. Thanks to the hard work of our green-fingered volunteers and generous donors, a stunning variety of plants — including annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, shrubs and trees - was constantly being restocked during the weeks it ran. We have finally come to an end for this year - special thanks to all the growers and all of you who helped in any way for your amazing contributions.

Thank you

Recently three members have retired from the PCC – Martin and Elinda Ratcliffe and Alastair Burnet – after many, many years of service. The church community would like to thank them for all their hard work and support.

Harvest Service

Do come along to the Harvest celebration at St Botolph's on Sunday 5th October at 6pm. The short service will be followed by a hot supper. All welcome.

Telephone Box

Although our phone has now been disconnected we have been allowed to keep the red phone box. If any of you have any ideas about how you would like to see it used please let the Parish Council know.

Volunteers needed for Church Cleaning

We are always looking for volunteers to help with cleaning our lovely church. If you would like to join the team please contact Carol Burnet 01759 302331.

Village Planters

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Homemade Jam now on sale

Looking for a sweet treat with a good cause? Our talented local jam-maker Angela has been busy bottling delicious, homemade jams with some fruit even grown right here in the village. Flavours include strawberry, raspberry and blackcurrant. Jars are available for £3 at the back of the village church or 2 jars for £5. All profits made go to church funds.

Food Bank

Thank you to all who gave to our last Food Bank Appeal. We still need your donations of essential items, including tinned goods, pasta, toiletries, and baby supplies. Do remember it will soon be school holidays and bottles of fruit squash are very acceptable in this extremely hot weather. Your generosity is already making a difference to families in need in our wider area. Donations should be dropped off at The Gables farmyard – just look for the Food Bank notices. Please make sure all donations are within date and just a reminder that we can't take fresh foods.



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Benefice Vicarage Garden Party

This free event, held at Barmby Moor Vicarage in June, was an overwhelming success with around 150 people from all the parishes attending. Although rain threatened during the afternoon, it held off just long enough.

Collation of Reverend Mark Poole

We are delighted that Revd Mark is to be collated as the permanent vicar of the Barmby Moor Group of Churches by the Bishop of Selby on Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm at St Catherine's Church, Barmby Moor.

Allerthorpe 100 Club Winners

April: £25 – Margaret Brook (90), Pam Moll (72), John Brooks (127)

May: £25 – Tom Simmons (151), Stanley Stuart (232), Jane Smith (83)

June: £25 – Janet Cuthbert (279), Millie Whitaker (218),
Emily O'Gram (191)

NEWS FROM BARMBY MOOR

St Catherine's

Plant Stall

The plant stall did amazingly well this year. Raising £325 for Christian Aid and then a further £335.47 for St Catherine's. To those who grew we cannot thank you enough - plants would suddenly appear as people decided to donate their surplus. If you can help in any way next year please get in touch before spring, we would be most grateful.

Christian Aid

Thank you to all who supported the Christian Aid collection. The plant stall raised £325.00 and the envelope collections raised £531.95, making a grand total of £856.95.

St. Catherine's Coffee Mornings

St. Catherine's Café continues to flourish and, with the use of the main body of the church, we have more room.

There will be three coffee mornings in August, Saturday 2nd August, Saturday 16th August and Saturday 30th August, but only one in September, on the 20th, as there will be a wedding on the first Saturday of September.

Driveway Sale

We will be joining in the Village Driveway Sale on Saturday 16th August to raise funds to support St Catherine's Church. The stall will be in front of Wikiup on Main Street. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Den Gardham on 07740 171269

Harvest Home

This year we are trying something a little different. St. Catherine's Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 19th September at 6pm. This will be a family service, and afterwards we will be serving soup, bread and apple puddings. We hope that this new day and time will enable more people to join us. It will help if we have an idea of numbers, so if you do know you are coming, please text Jan on (07599 070113)



Vicarage Garden Party



How do you measure the success of an event? Perhaps by the number who attend, or the enjoyment they have? Perhaps by how many people pull together with help to stage the event? Perhaps by the catering, or by the activities on offer? Or perhaps by the facilities, the location and,

being England, the weather? By every one of these measures, the Vicarage Garden Party was a resounding success!

Held on 21st June at the end of a very hot week, everything came together as a result of a real team effort from all corners of the Benefice. Some folks set up the Gala Tent, some baked, some organised the displays and the

games, some offered prizes and others served refreshments, ran the raffle and the tombola, some entertained us as part of the Community Choir and others tidied the garden afterwards. Some energetic souls did a bit of everything! Over 150 people, young and not-so-young, came from all over the Benefice and even further afield. It was a real community party. The weather held right until the end, and everyone left having very much enjoyed the first of what we all hope will become an annual event.



Thanks go to everyone who pulled together to organise the event, to all who attended and especially to Emma and Revd Mark for generously allowing their home to be taken over for the day!

Lewis Anderson

The Gala Tent

Thank you to Dot Townley for the donation of the beautiful Gala Tent. It was perfect for the Vicarage Garden Party and will hopefully be used many more times.



Goodbye to Cannon Rodney.

The Vicarage Garden Party gave us all chance to say Goodbye to Cannon Rodney and his wife Kathleen. It was a delight to see Rodney looking well. He has supported the Benefice for many years and although he will be missed, we send both Kathleen and Rodney our best wishes for their life in Lytham St Annes.

St Catherine's Church 100 Club

Congratulations to the following winners.

June: £20 - Andrew Godwin (109), £15 - Lewis Anderson (120), £10 - Oscar Godwin (115).

July: £20 - Cheryl-Anne Taylor (146), £15 - Kate Fretwell (178), £10 - Janet Toes (15).

Mothers Union

We have had two exciting events since the last edition of our Parish News. Firstly, in May, we welcomed Rob Hawkins, Area Manager for St Leonard's Hospice shops and Clare Headley from their Fundraising Team. Even though we know their shop in Pocklington and the hospice in York, there was plenty to learn about the charity and their work. As a bonus, we were able to give £100 to St Leonard's Hospice thanks to the generosity of everyone there.

Secondly, in June, our "annual" Garden Party was held in our garden, and this year we enjoyed better weather than the previous couple of years. Those who came had a lovely afternoon, with plenty of tea, cake and other treats, but, more importantly, lots of chat and laughter. Roll on next year! 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.

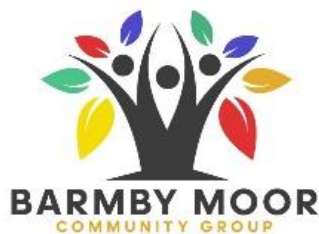
Fiona Anderson

BOOT-IT, Barmby Moor

We have come to the end of another very successful year with the Boot-It group. We have lots of new participants who cannot believe we can keep up to date with online technology and laugh so much. Please put September 18th on your calendar for the autumn term. Ring 07711 137680 for more information.

Barmby Moor Community Group

Barmby Moor Community group have started to organise their annual Christmas celebrations. (We know it's a bit early but Santa will be kept very busy soon enough.)



These will start with the return of the annual festive Christmas Market held at the Boot and Slipper pub, we have a few spaces left this year if any business requires a table. Please kindly contact Alexandra Hudson directly to get further details. alexandrahudson1@outlook.com

The market is on Saturday 29th November from 10am - 2pm. Selling Christmas trees, wreaths, crafts and artisan gifts, cakes, pork pies and much more... A fabulous way to start your Christmas shopping.

Future dates for more festive celebrations in December are as follows:

6th - Boot and Slipper Christmas Party.

13th - Santa's Grotto

20th -Live Nativity

Barmby Moor Playing Field Association 100 Club

Draw 30th April - 94 tickets

First prize - £70.50 Laura Oxley (10), Second prize - £47 Lucinda Stubley (44), Third prize - £23.50 K Speak (17).

Draw 4th July - 94 tickets

First prize - £70.50 Gabriella Cameron (99), Second prize - £47 Jo Appleton (24), Third prize - £23.50 Kev Shirley (17).



NEWS FROM FANGFOSS, BOLTON AND SPITTAL

Caf Connection, and Plants Too

It has been lovely seeing so many people at our monthly cafés this year. We have been really lucky with the weather, which has enabled people to sit outside the church and enjoy the beautiful churchyard, as well as the home baked delights. We are very fortunate to have so many excellent and willing bakers in our parish – resulting in an average of 15 different types of home-baked goods to choose from each time!



Thank you to all our lovely bakers, and of course to everyone who has supported Café Connection, raising funds for

the maintenance of our church.



The cafe plant stall has been very popular, with people keen to buy the locally grown plants, at bargain prices!

There will not be a Café Connection in August, so that our bakers have time to prepare for the Fangfest weekend. The café will then run from 10am to 4pm on both days of Fangfest (6th and 7th September), serving home baked delights to eat in or to take away.

Fangfest 2025

St Martin's Church will be hosting a Flower Festival inside the church over the Fangfest weekend of 6th and 7th September. This year, the theme will be 'A Touch of Silver', to celebrate 25 years of Fangfests.

There will be several fundraising stalls in the churchyard – tombola, books, produce, plants - and a 'Trug of Treats' will be raffled. People will also have the opportunity to win the infamous 'Wheelbarrow of Wine'!!

Please come along and grab a bargain, and support St Martin's Church.

Beer, Pimm's and Hymns

To celebrate the end of the Fangfest weekend, we would like everyone to join us at 6pm on Sunday 7th September in a short, informal, outdoor (weather permitting!) singalong at The Carpenter's Arms, led by Revd Mark.



Harvest Festival



At 7pm on Tuesday 7th October, Revd Mark will be leading our Harvest Service in church, which will be followed by a Harvest Supper at The Carpenter's Arms. All are welcome to the service but please let Julia Cockman know (01759 369662) if you would like to attend the supper, as places are limited.

Fangfoss 100 Club Winners

May 2025: £25 Oliver Calpin (141), £25 Bryn Jones (132)

June 2025: £25 Sarah Britton (48), £25 Joyce Lee (83)

Sports Day and Summer Fair in Fangfoss

On Thursday 26th June the pupils of St Martin's School held their annual sports day. The weather was dry and sunny (albeit slightly windy) and everyone enjoyed a wonderful spectacle of sporting achievements. The children showed incredible determination, teamwork and support of each other, which was wonderful to see. A record number of parents took advantage of the tailwind and plucked up the courage to take part in the parents' races - to the delight of their children.



Friends of St Martins School (FOSS) organised a carnival style summer fair to enable the school community to extend the usual sports day festivities. FOSS members provided an amazing array of refreshments this year including some mouthwatering fruit boxes, popcorn, donuts and ice cream, all to the children's (and adults') delight.

We were extremely proud of the oldest children in the school who showed their amazing entrepreneurial skills by running a great variety of carnival style games. From apple bobbing to penalty shoot outs; tin can alley to teddy grabbers! The younger children were spoilt for choice and had a great time.



The visiting adults were also treated to a beautiful plant stall provided by the church. The variety and quality of the plants paired with Julia's unrivalled knowledge, advice and guidance was a wonderful addition to a very successful day.

Important information regarding Jubilee Park

Now that it's summer and more people will be visiting Jubilee Park, we would like to provide you with some important information regarding its use.



- If you are visiting the park by car, please note that there is NO parking anywhere down Back Lane and at the entrance to the Park.
- Please park sensibly in the village and allow access for large agricultural vehicles and machinery.
- There are no toilets at the park.
- The Park is entirely run by volunteers and residents from Fangfoss and Bolton.
- Visitors are always welcome. If you feel you can help with the expense of keeping the Park open, there is a collection box at the first shelter, and a banner on the gate with a QR code that leads to the donation page. Please consider one of these options.
- Be aware that there may be volunteers working in the Park during your visit. This may cause some disturbance, but please be considerate towards them.
- Forthcoming events include "Fangfest" – 6th and 7th September and the Bonfire on November 8th. Both of these are major fundraisers for us, so do come if you can!

We hope you have a lovely summer and enjoy using all our facilities. If you are available to help in any way, please contact lyn@fangfoss pottery.co.uk. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THORNTON AND MELBOURNE

Cafe and Sale for Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Janet Hayton would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped on Saturday 5th July at the Wolds Edge Methodist Chapel in Melbourne. The event raised £1,210 for the ongoing work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service.



All the team that helped worked very hard entertaining many visitors, lots of families and friends over the two hour period.

The "Box of Treats" was won by Kate Blackmore.

Ken Hutchinson (the Community Fundraiser for the North East) was there to answer questions and also sell goods and Christmas cards.

Doreen Sheila Paul

The funeral of Mrs Doreen Paul, a former churchwarden of St Michael's Church, Thornton, was held on the 7th May. Doreen was born in Brighton, on the 16th March 1937 to Earnest and Gertrude Peacock (Nee Palfreyman).



During the war, Doreen and the family moved up to East Yorkshire, her mother's birthplace, settling in Thornton, where they lived for many years. Doreen's father eventually became the postman for the area and was a familiar face to many in the local villages.

Doreen grew up in Thornton, embracing the church and its values and married her beloved husband Stan there in 1959. They had four children together before Stan sadly passed away in 1983.

In later years she assumed the role of churchwarden at St Michael's, also helping out with village fetes, cake stalls and selling poppies for the Royal British Legion. It was a role that continued with the help of friends when she moved to Wold Garth in Pocklington.

Whilst at Wold Garth, Doreen loved spending time with her four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and enjoying crafts such as knitting and crochet. She'd grown up with pets too, always having a dog or cat around, sometimes both, and had two companion cats at Wold Garth.

Poor health eventually meant she had to give up her role as churchwarden, but the church and Thornton village were always of great importance to her. She had many happy memories of Thornton and could recall, with astonishing accuracy, stories of the village and its people in days past - she'd had long friendships with many of them. One of these stories was of the marl pond, down Church Lane, and of the Land Army girls who had dug out most of it for material for bricks.

Sadly, at the age of 88, Doreen passed away on 8th April 2025. She will be both deeply missed and fondly remembered by her family and all who knew her.

Harvest Festival Service

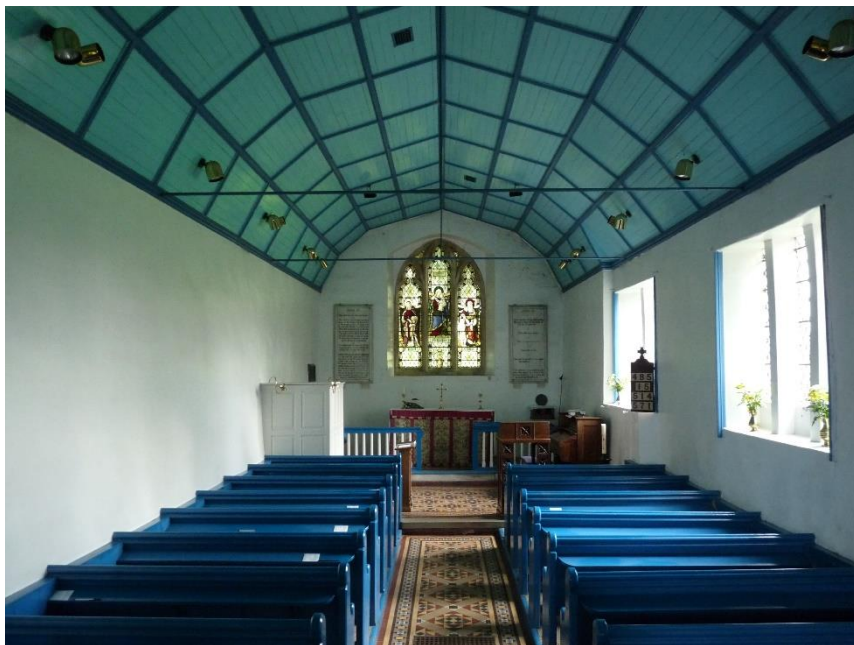
The service this year will be held on Friday September 26th at 7pm in the church.

100 Club Winners

June: £25 Barbara Chamberlin (90), £25 Neil Hargreaves (107),
£10 Rev Jan Hardy (58).

July: £25 Peter Triffitt (67), £10 Amanda Wise (46)

NEWS FROM YAPHAM-CUM-MELTONBY



Church News

It was decided at the APCM that, in the interest of safety, the church should remain closed during the week. This is a sad decision, but after consulting with the insurers, the PCC felt it was the wisest thing to do. Services are held as normal with everyone welcome.

We participated in the vicarage garden party in June, which was a huge success. It was great to see so many people there from around the Benefice.

Yapham Allotments Open Day

There will be an opportunity for the public to visit the Yapham Allotments (also known as the Gravel Pits Allotments) on their Open Day on the 7th September, between 11am and 3pm. Please come and see us and see the results of our grant from the East Riding Council.

This will be an opportunity also to see our orchard which we established in the spring of 2024.

For further information please contact: Robert Peckover
peckoverrobert@gmail or call 07403 661700

Remembering David Walshaw



David was born in Huddersfield, where he was a dairy farmer. Although he had an ambition to farm on the Yorkshire Wolds, in 1993 he bought Meltonby House Farm and moved there with his wife June and daughter Rachael and son Howard.

This was to be a temporary move, but David decided to stay at Meltonby. David transferred his farming activity from dairy to beef, building up a suckler herd and growing cereals. The family were very involved with the farming business, working with David who was always striving to make it better.

David's hobby was shooting, and for some years he was shoot captain of the local shoot, where he was very keen to encourage young people to participate. He will be very much missed.

We offer sincere condolences to June and the family.

Hog and Hop - Saturday 5th July

It was great to see Yapham Village Hall full of people having a great time at the Hog and Hop!

A huge thank you goes to Anna and Iain Hallam, and their helpers, for their hard work in organising such a fantastic and successful village event.



Music from 'The Mixtapes' band had everyone up and dancing. The hog was delicious, and the hall was brilliantly decorated. A good night had by all!

Yapham Village Hall can be booked for all kinds of events - meetings, exercise classes, children's birthday parties. Free Wi-Fi, fully equipped kitchen, large car park and very reasonable hourly rate.

To book the hall for your next event please contact
erlandmooney@tinyonline.co.uk or 07808 665373

Pop up café - September 20th

Pop up café in the village hall 10am till 12pm Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a bacon sandwich or cake. Proceeds to go to the village hall.

Instead of a recipe this month a poem

A farmer is a happy man in spite of everything
So long as in his pocket there's a length of baling string
He walks his land each morning, he's as happy as a king
And dangling from his pocket is that length of baling string
He spots a gate that's broken and needs a nail or two
But why waste cash on nails, a length of string will do
He lives by all the seasons, summer, winter, autumn, spring
There's not a day that passes that he doesn't use some string
Even when it's Christmas and church bells start to ring
He's tying up his Christmas gifts with a length of baling string
And when he's old and leaves this earth for that great big farm up there
He walks the fields of paradise without a single care
And when he reaches heaven and hears the angels sing
He marvels at the pearly gates tied up with baling string

Ann Pearson

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