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WELCOME to the October – November 2025 edition of the Parish News. We hope you have enjoyed the hot, dry summer. It has been so dry that harvest was early, and autumn has come to many trees, with acorns abounding. Let us hope for rain to restore our grass and reservoirs.



We are seeking volunteers to contribute to the magazine or work as part of the editorial team, please get in touch with one of the team below.

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FARMING NEWS

The continuation of exceptionally almost rainless weather in the July – August period enabled the harvest to be completed earlier than I can ever remember. The summer drought brought the crops to maturity early, although yields were down, but not as much as predicted. Wheat prices at the farm gate are down but the price of bread still rises! A plus side is that our fully serviced grain dryer has not had to be used at all this harvest. It is a case of buying a piece of farm equipment at vast expense hoping you will not have to use it.

Our first year of beans, instead of oilseed rape, has a reasonable yield, in spite of the tap root being almost non existent; they were on heavy land and must have got their moisture from the soil, as the land had the benefit of a good dose of farmyard manure. Our combine harvesting was progressing well until, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to use contractors to complete the work. Three different ones were used, as of course they were all busy elsewhere as everyone's crops were mature at the same time. As to whether we purchase another combine for the future will be assessed over the winter period. Our last field to be harvested on August 13th was a nearly 100 acre block at Givendale, and, as the wheat is stored at Hayton, we had to transport it through Pocklington. Whoever contrived to allow four different roads into the town to be either closed or have traffic lights at the same time needs to go on a course on traffic management. Also there seems, according to the signs, to be a perpetual flood on the A1079 at Canal Head! As the contractor's 30 foot bed combine had a larger throughput than we had trailers that could cope with the tonnage, to keep the operation going, and with the delays caused by the disrupting roadworks, we had to deploy two extra tractors and trailers. Many thanks are due to our farming neighbours Alistair, Ed, Freddie, Kevin, Steve and TJ who had combine capacity and equipment to enable us to finish the job.

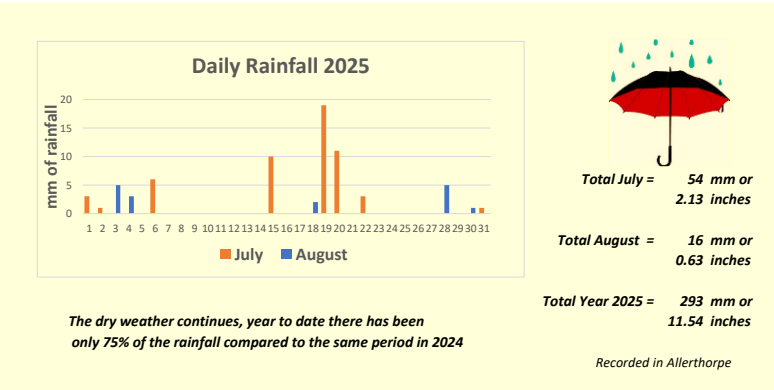
It has been well-documented in the farming press, and elsewhere, of the concerns about the government's proposed inheritance taxes on family farms. Why, if the government can support the loss making Scunthorpe steel works, Immingham fuel depot and Robin Hood Doncaster airport, cannot it give help to the Vivergo bioethanol plant at Saltend, Hull, which is

due to close. This business closure has been caused mainly by the government lowering the tariff on American imported bioethanol from 19% to nil. The plant processes lower grade wheat, mainly grown in Yorkshire, into fuel, animal feed and yes, carbon dioxide for use in the NHS. What is now going to happen to all this wheat?. It appears that the government’s attack on farming seems to be never ending.

We farmers need to be more positive about our own industry, which may just help nurture wider support and help keep the UK’s historic goodwill for farming in place for the future. Entertaining as “Clarkson’s Farm” is, it is not a true reflection of the realities of UK farming, and perhaps we need more stories of the good work being done by farmers who don’t have Amazon’s money in the background subsidising the muddles they get into.

I am a keen follower of cricket and make occasional visits to Headingley, Scarborough and York to watch Yorkshire play in the county championship. On the last Sunday in August three Yorkshire players, Joe Root, Jonny Bairstow and Harry Brook were playing in a competition called “The Hundred”. Two of the teams were called Welsh Fire and Trent Rockets. Meanwhile Yorkshire CCC were playing in a one day 50 overs per side match at Scarborough which they lost. Why were the three players mentioned above not playing at North Marine Drive? I think I know why, money. The players, unlike the dedicated fans, are not loyal to their clubs, they are (like football players) mercenaries, motivated primarily by the desire for gain!

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Mires Beck is a registered charity, founded in 1994. It provides a welcoming and supportive environment for adults with learning and physical disabilities, giving them the opportunity to develop skills, build friendships, and experience the many benefits of working with nature. This is not, however, simply a garden for pottering in; it is a hive of activity.

Over the week, about 100 trainees are supported by 75 knowledgeable volunteers and a small number of full-time staff. They produce 500 varieties of herbaceous perennials, 100 Yorkshire-provenance wildflowers, 50 herbs, and 30 tree species. These are well-grown, well-priced, and some relatively unusual. Most are available at the centre, which is open to the public every day, 10am till 4pm.

You may already have seen the perennials at English Heritage or National Trust properties, or at Helmsley Walled garden. Driving around, you may have passed their trees and wildflowers planted by the Environment Agency on verges, or in the Humber and White Rose Forests.



In June some of the wildflower team – including Cal (St Catherine's PCC member and Deanery Synod rep) – planted 1300 plugs as part of the revamp of Queen's Gardens in Hull, with a little help from the Leader of Hull City council!

If you haven't found them yet and you've some spaces to fill in your garden, please do consider popping along to this wonderful community. By the time you read this, however, plant stocks will have run down, and their retail-arm will soon be hibernating, so do put a reminder on your calendar for Easter 2026.

Ken D'Arcy

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

Construction of the BESS phase is nearing completion. The team continue to prepare for construction of the solar phase.

Before solar construction commences we will hold a Drop-In session for residents to find out more and speak with the team.

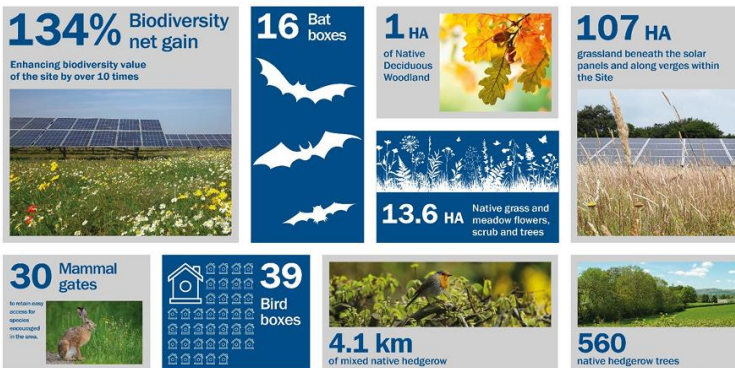
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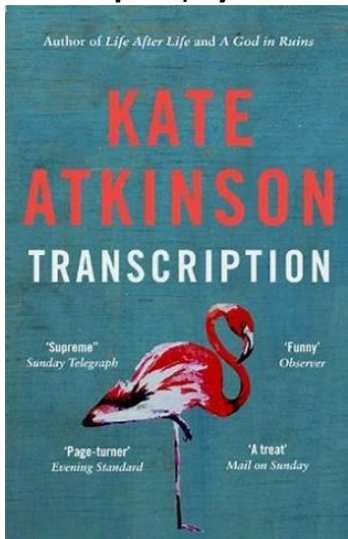
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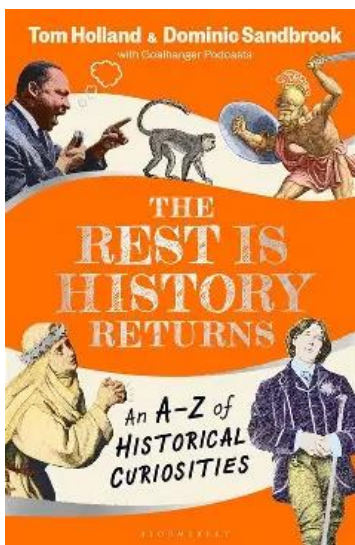


In 1940, 18-year-old Juliet Armstrong is reluctantly recruited into the world of espionage and sent to an obscure department of MI5.

10 years later, now a producer at the BBC, Juliet is unexpectedly confronted by figures from her past.

This book has the twists and turns of a mystery novel, and the thrill of espionage. Tragedy and comedy are skilfully entwined: it's a pacy, witty story.

The Rest is History Returns, by Tom Holland and Dominic Sandbrook

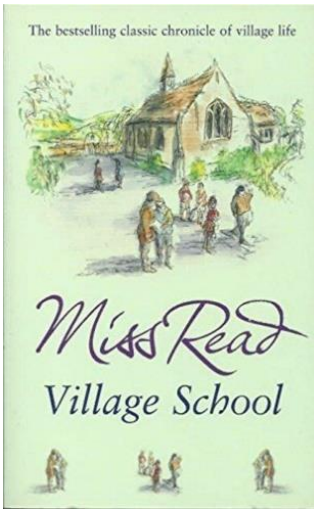


Subtitled An A-Z of Historical Curiosities, this could be described as Horrible Histories for grownups.

Originally a series of podcasts, this dives into the past with such topics as:
Which Mitford sister tried to seduce Adolf Hitler?
Who destroyed the greatest library in the world?
Historical Love Island - Was Edward III a bit of a bad lad?

A rollicking rollercoaster through the past - entertaining and informative.

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Well here's a chance to see national favourites Jason Durr (Heartbeat, Casualty), Susie Blake (Coronation Street) and Max Bowden, best known for his role as Ben Mitchell in Eastenders, in a chilling thriller at York Theatre Royal.



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SOME GARDEN JOBS FOR OCTOBER



While the warmth of summer may be fading, there's still much to enjoy in the garden during autumn. From that refreshing bite of the morning air and the glittering frost on the lawn, to the magnificent display of autumn leaves, this season has its own charms. And there's plenty of jobs to be getting on with!

The autumn leaves will begin to colour up and eventually fall. It's time to dismantle the summer displays and prepare the garden for the winter ahead.

October usually sees the first frost blackening the foliage of tender plants, such as dahlias. Then you will need to think about the best way to overwinter your dahlias. You can leave them in the ground under mulch or lift them and store them somewhere cool, dry and frost free. For more advice on how to do this go to <https://www.rhs.org.uk/prevention-protection/overwintering-tender-plants-lifting-or-mulching>



Weeds will still be germinating and growing strongly in mild periods of weather, so be vigilant and remove them when you see them. Try to dig them out rather than pulling them up, as you're more likely to get them out with roots. As the garden is tidied in preparation for winter, lots of material is generated for composting. To encourage it to rot down quickly, turn the contents regularly to stir it up and allow in lots of air. Avoid adding weeds to your compost – best to burn those or dispose of them in the brown bin.



After weeding any areas, spread a 3-5cm-deep layer of compost, although new beds can have up to 10cm deep. This protects and feeds soil

organisms, which keep soil aerated and structured. Homemade compost or well-rotted manure will work well.

If you enjoy cooking with garlic, October is a good time to start off a crop. Solent White is a popular softneck variety (small cloves, keeps well) and hardneck Kingsland White (larger cloves, said to be more suited to northern climes) can both be planted now for harvesting next June or July. Break the bulb into individual cloves and push into the prepared soil so the tip is just covered. Space the cloves 15cm apart in rows 30cm apart, so it will be easy to hoe off weeds. Alternatively you could start it off in pots or modules in a cold greenhouse or coldframe.



Make time to give evergreen hedges a final trim before the bad weather sets in, so they look neat and tidy for the winter. This month is an ideal time to plant bare root evergreen and semi-evergreen hedging plants. Choose evergreen hedging for year-round screening and native hedging such as hawthorn,

blackthorn, hazel, holly, beech and yew, to provide a habitat and food source for wildlife too!

Maybe you are beginning to look ahead to the festive season – it's not too soon to be choosing prepared hyacinth and paperwhite bulbs which you can grow at home for beautiful, colourful, scented displays. Plant indoor hyacinths from September and into November. When planting hyacinths indoors, the bulbs can be covered midway up the bulb, with the top exposed. If growing multiple bulbs, they can be positioned quite close, as long as they do not touch. Water lightly and keep them somewhere dark and cool for about 10 weeks until shoots appear and then bring them into the light but not close to a heat source. They should then flower within about three weeks.



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On the 1st November the Church commemorates All Saints Day. This always reminds me of the song, "When the Saints Go Marching In" and in particular the lyrics, "I want to be in that number....." They suggest that we all aspire to be a saint. Really?! When I think about what it means to be a saint, I wonder whether the idea of 'being in that number' is just too hard or even undesirable?

Google defines a saint as: 'A person acknowledged as holy or virtuous.' So, that's me out straight away! Another definition is 'heroes that do mighty deeds that are signs of God, and which sets them apart from the rest of us.' I still don't think I'm going to be in that number! And the historical notion of a saint is 'someone who died for their faith, a martyr.' So, that seals it. I will never be a saint!

However, after a little more research I discovered something that stopped me in my tracks and made me think. Gregory Dix, a Benedictine monk described saints as: the plebs sancta Dei – the holy common people of God. Now, I like that! It reminded me of a notice in the vestry of a church where I served as curate that read "We are the saints of this church: falling and rising, worshipping and weeping together, serving and celebrating, changing and being transformed in Christ, reflecting the love and grace of God, here in this community." Taken together, saintly living might just be within my reach, and maybe for you also.

They suggest that saintly living is an attitude of acknowledging our imperfection, our brokenness and our vulnerability; acknowledging our dependency upon one another and upon God. Saintly living is being in community with one another, openly and honestly, grounded in compassion, justice, forgiveness and trust.

So, in light of this, maybe aspiring to be a saint isn't so hard or undesirable after all! Maybe, just maybe, you and I could be, "in that number, when the saints go marching in."

Your Vicar, Mark.

OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
5 th October Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Yapham Thornton Allerthorpe	9.15 am 10.45 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Harvest Service
12 th October Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Fangfoss Barmby Moor	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Celebration
19 th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Allerthorpe Thornton	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Celebration
26 th October Last Sunday after Trinity	Fangfoss Barmby Moor Yapham	9.15 am 10.45 am 10.45 am	Celebration Holy Communion 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:

Erin Karrah Newson, Karrah Newson, Casey Heath and Phoebe Henderson, all baptised at Allerthorpe on 13th July.

Lando James Farley, baptised at Allerthorpe on 23rd August.

We Congratulate:

Vanessa Mann and George Parkin, married on 16th August at Thornton.
Annabelle Coakley and Alistair Purdy, married on 30th August at Fangfoss.

NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
2 nd November Fourth Sunday before Advent	Yapham Thornton Allerthorpe	9.15 am 10.45 am 5.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong
9 th November Remembrance Sunday	Fangfoss Barmby Moor	9:15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Remembrance
16 th November Second Sunday before Advent	Allerthorpe Thornton	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Celebration
23 rd November Christ the King	Fangfoss Barmby Moor Yapham	9.15 am 10.45 am 10.45 am	Celebration Holy Communion Morning Prayer
30 th November Advent Sunday	Allerthorpe	10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion

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

Sydney Stephen Swales, burial at Thornton on 30th June.

David Ralph Marks, service at Allerthorpe on 11th August, followed by cremation at York.



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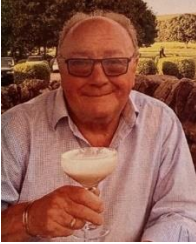
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NEWS FROM ALLERTHORPE

David Marks - September 27th, 1946 - July 20th, 2025



A tribute and memories from his stepson Richard.

David came into our lives at the most tragic time, our family had been torn apart with the passing of my sister Caroline. My mum, Marjorie, always said an angel was taken from our lives and another was sent to look after us. This turned out to be true.

I first met David when he came to meet me at the airport, where I had arrived after receiving the news of Caroline's death. I had never met him and didn't know who I was looking for. He greeted me with a smile and firm handshake. He had driven a long distance to pick me up, a stranger who was now family in these awful circumstances.

He helped endlessly as our lives were in tatters, holding my mum's hand every step of the way. He was also one of the founding members of the charity we set up in Caroline's memory. We couldn't have done it without him. His work helped the charity thrive and makes a difference to other young people travelling. His efforts helped to save lives.

David supported many charities - The RSPCA, Guide Dogs for the Blind and York Against Cancer to name but a few. He was a man you could trust and depend on. I knew within the first six months of meeting him he would protect, dearly love and look after my mum for the rest of his life. They both deserved a second chance .

At work, David was responsible for setting up the first Tesco Superstore at Clifton Moor in the late 1980s. He also had endless anecdotes of opening the first store in Eastern Europe, and how things worked very differently there. David always had passion and excitement for business and had had a very successful career, and pioneered many new working methods, and was very well respected by all his colleagues.

In the later years, there were lovely memories of David in his garden. Roses were always his favourite; he grew many different varieties with

vibrant colours, and they were beautiful every year, giving a wonderful scent to the garden. From his seat in the conservatory he could admire his roses. He always said yellow roses are for love, and would buy them for mum every week. On summer afternoons there was nothing better than enjoying a BBQ under the wisteria. The fridge was always full, and people were forever welcomed at home. He loved good food and a glass or two of wine. Fast cars were a big interest - his Jaguar XJR was his pride and joy.

He got to love twice, had two wonderful marriages and was very happy in both. He had a lovely homelife, built and nurtured a second family and got to embark on another exciting and I am sure unexpected adventure in his retirement. The man I knew was someone who loved my mum and welcomed us into his home without a second thought.

Before his illness David was a big part of Allerthorpe village life and events, with David and Marjorie being married in the church 22 years ago.

Rest in Peace David, our deepest sympathy to David's family and friends .

Friends of St Botolph's lunch

Many thanks to Angela Batty for hosting lunch for the Friends of St Botolph's on Saturday September 13th at the Old Vicarage. All that were able to make it enjoyed a delicious meal and good company.

Plant Growers Coffee morning



Tuesday 30th September, 10.30 am. Do come along to the Plant Growers Coffee Morning if you are at all interested in helping in anyway with next years Plant Sale. At the Vines. Waplington Hall. Please let Penny know you if you are coming – 01759 303832 or 07713 976025.

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.



We are so lucky to have Revd Mark as our permanent vicar. It would be fantastic to have as many people attending as possible to celebrate his collation. There will be refreshments served after the service.

Harvest Service & Supper

Sunday 5th October at 6 pm at St Botolph's Church. Having witnessed the amazingly high temperatures this summer, we need to realise how reliant we are on our farming community to grow our food. We are still classed as a rural village and happily still surrounded by fields and woodland. So come help us to celebrate the traditional harvest festival thanksgiving. The short service will be followed by a supper buffet. The collection will go to a farming charity.



Quiz and Curry Night



Friday 14th November in the Village Hall. Our Quiz and Curry nights have established themselves as a favourite night amongst our villagers and keen quiz fans! Chris has stepped into the role of Quizmaster with huge

enthusiasm. He is always keeping us on our toes with new ideas. So please don't think you need to be a brain of Britain to join in - it's just for fun! All our events are helping us to keep our church open - thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 22nd November 10am-12 noon. Volunteers to support this Village Hall event would be appreciated, including donating cakes, helping on the day, and providing items for the raffle. All support would be very welcome! Please speak to Bev, Jane or Julie.

Christmas Carol Service

Monday 22nd December at 7pm. This is an early reminder for you to save the date! Let us raise the roof with our singing of all your favourite carols at the Nativity Crib Service. Bring your children and grandchildren to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. The service will be followed by refreshments at the Old Vicarage.

Food Bank

As the summer finishes and the weather changes to cooler days and nights, we need to think of those who are struggling to put food on their tables, especially the elderly in colder weather.

So any contributions of tinned soups, tea bags, coffee, biscuits, tinned meats or fish, canned vegetables like chickpeas, sweet corn or pulses like kidney beans, can make a meal go further in these difficult times. You are always so generous - thank you so much for your good will.



Church Cleaning

We always need volunteers. It is not an onerous task and we need more people to join the rota. If you think you can help please contact Carol Burnet.

Jams and Preserves

This summer's weather has produced a bumper crop of fruit and vegetables. New season preserves include jams from strawberries, raspberries, damsons and seedless blackberries. Marmalades are available all year round.

Coming soon will be this year's chutneys and relishes, some interesting varieties including Old Vicarage fig and apple chutney, courgette, red pepper and tomato relish, and autumn chutney.

All varieties are available in the church and Village Hall. £3 per jar or two for £5. All proceeds go to church funds. The church is open 9am to 5pm every day, except Monday.

Allerthorpe 100 Club Winners

July: £25 – Tracey Foley (22), Trevor Howard-Smith (45),
Mary Williams (1159)

August: £25 – Sally Wilkinson (68), Andy Moll (44), Heather (76)

NEWS FROM BARMBY MOOR

ST CATHERINE'S

Collation of Reverend Mark



It is with great joy that the Collation and Induction of Revd. Mark, as permanent vicar of Barmby Moor Benefice, will take place in St Catherine's Church on Wednesday 1st October at 7:30pm. We hope to see as many of Barmby Moor residents there as possible to share in this celebration.

St Catherine's Café.

The café will be open on the 18th October, 1st November and 15th November when we return to a winter menu. There will, unfortunately, not be a café on the 4th October. Don't forget if you wish to buy take away food you can always preorder by letting Jan Gardham know a few days before the café.

Driveway Sale

Thank you to all those who donated to this sale and to those who helped unpack items, sell and then clear away. We had so many items that we were able to keep selling on both the Saturday and the Sunday. Any unsold items were donated to St Leonard's Hospice, and we are very grateful to Rob and Phil for packing up the items and then transporting them.

Christmas Jumpers, Tinsel and Stars out early this year!

The Big Carol Sing will take place on Friday 28th November at 6:30pm. Do come along to this fun carol singing event. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served to soothe those vocal cords.

That same weekend sees St Catherine's selling Christmas floral door hangings and table centres, and testing your skill with The Buzz Wire Game at the Christmas Market. (Boot and Slipper - 10am to 2pm)

Dates for your Diary.

Sunday 14th December 4pm - Seven Lessons and Carols

Saturday 20th December - The Live Nativity at the Boot and Slipper

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass 11:30pm

Churchyard update

In the April/May Parish News I wrote about the idea of organising regular working-parties in our two-acre churchyard. Well, now autumn is here, it's very pleasing to record that the twice-monthly gatherings are well-established and (we like to think!) making a difference.

Some areas for wildlife will be gently managed with long grass left; near the church, on the network of paths, and around regularly tended graves, the grass is being closely mown. The remaining areas are being maintained as 'medium grass', i.e. 4 inches (10cms) high, to encourage wildflowers. This has involved much mowing and raking to try to lower the fertility of the ground.



With valuable input from churchwardens Jan and Den, together with Jackie and Clive Jeffery, a 3-year plan has been drawn up for ongoing maintenance of the grass, and this will soon be on display.

In April, too, I mentioned establishing a dry hedge. Now we have two sections – each 15 yards (14m) long and 4 feet (1.2m) high. New areas have been scarified and scattered with yellow rattle seed, again to help wildflowers flourish, and where graves and the Irish yew trees were being damaged by ivy and brambles, these have been removed. In the south-west corner, the path has been realigned to prevent damage to family graves.

None of the above could have happened without the help of our members, now numbering 15. We are very grateful. On any given Monday ten or a dozen volunteers can be relied on, but if you have time, you would be most welcome. We get together on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 2-4p.m. There is absolutely no obligation, and no need to apologise or explain if you are not available. There is a great atmosphere – and tea and cake!

For more information, please contact Den Gardham (07740 171269) or Ken D'Arcy (07740 151320).

Ken D'Arcy

St Catherine's Church 100 Club

Congratulations to the following winners.

August 2025: £20 - Mary Ballard (301), £15 - Louise Pocklington (33),
£10 - Bronya Emmison (26).

September 2025: £20 - Verity Anderson (108),
£15 - Wendy Stainton (325), £10 - Ken D'Arcy (4).

Barmby Moor Community Group



November and December News.

Our annual Christmas Market returns on 29th November, 10am–2pm at the Boot and Slipper pub. Come along and shop from local businesses offering candles, wreaths, cards, ceramics, cakes, and more.

Support your community; start your Christmas shopping nearby and enter our raffle for a chance to win prizes including a festive hamper (£1 per strip), handmade crafts, and seasonal treats - plus many more surprises! Proceeds support future Barmby Moor Community Group events (like the ones below). Hot and cold refreshments will be available on the day. Mark your calendars and bring your friends and family - we look forward to celebrating with you!

Come along and meet Santa in our very own Grotto at the Boot and Slipper pub on Saturday, 13th December from 12 to 2pm.

- Say hello to Santa and tell him your gift idea.
- Write your special postcard with your Christmas wish list—Santa will write back to you just in time for Christmas Day!
- Have your photo taken with Santa and his helpers.
- All of this is included for £5, which also covers a gift from Santa.

How to book:

- Please prebook your allocated time slot when purchasing tickets directly from the Boot and Slipper pub.
- Tickets go on sale 1st November and sales close on 29th November.
- Only ticket holders will be able to meet Santa on the day.

We look forward to celebrating the magic of Christmas with you at the Boot and Slipper pub

Mark your calendars for 20th December 5.45pm at The Boot and Slipper pub, Barmby Moor. After our tremendous success last year, Barmby Moor Community Group are delighted to be returning in collaboration with St Catherine's Church for another magical evening.

Experience the Barmby Moor Live Nativity performance, featuring the Purple Pig Company with a donkey and a few more animals. Enjoy a live singing performance from the Barmby Moor Community Choir. Children from our local community will present a Nativity play, narrated by Reverend Mark Poole.

Join us for plenty of carol singing to get the festivities and merriment under way! This is a free event. No tickets required.



If you know any children from the community who would like to take part in the Live Nativity, please collect and submit a participation form at the Boot and Slipper pub by 29th November. (A costume for the narrated part must be provided for the child please).

We very much look forward to seeing you at the above events and thank you for your support this year and donations at the events. This enables us to carry on and provide more for the community to enjoy.

Mothers Union

Anyone who says you cannot have a laugh at a Mothers Union meeting wasn't at our recent one. Alison Easson had us all chuckling recounting her tales. She donned her hat and instantly transformed into Betty Wainwright, that infamous village busybody. Everyone there could easily recognise at least one, or two, of her characters and the stories. The one I found most intriguing was about Mrs Wormeron, but you'll have to hear for

yourself what that was all about. The smiles lingered during our tea and biscuits afterwards and we went home with a lighter step! What an enjoyable afternoon.

We meet every other month at 2pm in the Cafe Area at St Catherine's Church, Barmby Moor. Our next meeting will be 12th November when our speaker will be Revd. Chris Wingfield. Everyone is welcome, so do join us for our meetings - there is always a cup of tea afterwards.

Fiona Anderson

BOOT-IT, Barmby Moor.

A new term at the BOOT-IT group.

Please come and join us at the Boot and Slipper, Barmby Moor between 10am and 12am every Thursday, term time. We keep up to date on how to use smart phones, tablets and laptops and new technology. You can try things out on the class tablets before you put them on your device. Each session stands alone.

You do not need to join the group but can just come when you can. The first session is free and then we pay £5 for the two hour session. Be warned, we do laugh a lot. Please ring 07711 137680 for more information. We hope to see you.

Barmby Moor Playing Field Association 100 Club

Draw 28th August 94 tickets

First prize £70.50 - Kev Shirley (75), Second prize £47 - L Cameron (58), Third prize £23.50 - Stu Harvey (31)

Barmby Feast 2025 – Profit Confirmed!

We're absolutely thrilled to announce that this year's Barmby Feast raised an incredible profit of £11,071.28!

A massive thank you goes out to everyone who made it possible – our generous sponsors, dedicated stallholders, brilliant entertainment, and most importantly... every single person who attended!

Your support means the world to us. The committee is already discussing how to best invest this year's profits to benefit the Playing Fields long-term. First on the list: a new boiler, so the football teams can finally enjoy warm showers after a match!

SAVE THE DATE: Barmby Feast 2026 is set for Saturday 11th July – mark your calendars now!

Here's to community, celebration, and building an even brighter future together. Thank you again!

Dementia Forward

Community Coffee Morning

10.30 - 12 noon every Friday at Ballerina House, Lavender Fields Care Village, Feoffee Common Lane, Barmby Moor. Everyone is welcome to come along for great company and delicious homemade cakes. It's also a chance to meet new people, chat to the team at Dementia Forward and enjoy some activities. Suggested donation, £2.



Advance Notice

DEFIBRILLATOR FAMILIARISATION COURSE

Date – Saturday 10th January, time 10am in the Barmby Moor Village Hall, Chapel Street, YO42 4EN

The session usually lasts no more than an hour. We explain what happens when you call 999, how the call is triaged and how a defibrillator is accessed if required.



We fetch a training defibrillator and manikin and show how the defibrillator works, how to check if a person is or isn't breathing and how to do CPR. We ask that there are a minimum of 10 people if possible, but there are no maximum numbers.

The defibrillator on Chapel Street, Barmby Moor has recently been used. An additional machine is now being installed on Sutton Lane.

NEWS FROM FANGFOSS, BOLTON AND SPITTAL

Millennium Embroidery Updated

A group of crafters from Fangfoss have been updating an embroidered screen which was made to celebrate the new millennium. It was originally made to showcase Fangfoss and Bolton in 2000. Twenty five years on, a community project group has revamped the screen.



Jennifer Olsen, co-ordinator of the project, said "This was very much a community project involving a group of very talented ladies from the parish. The crafters were: Jane Allen, Carol Barber, Pamela Broughton, Angela Coakley, Julia Cockman, Mary Cook, Anne Cooper, Jane Glaister, Lyn Grant, Pam Holley, Sue Redshaw, Maggie Smith and Maureen Trigg. The ladies met once a fortnight for a year. They produced appliqué work, hand embroidery, cross stitch, machine

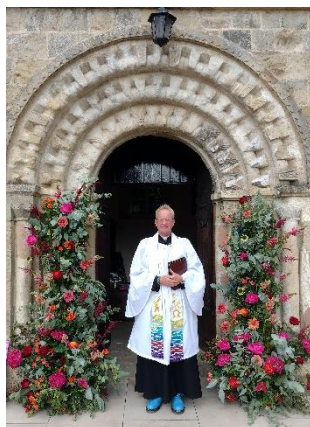
embroidery, quilting and many other techniques to produce the screen. We hope visitors will enjoy seeing all the things our parish does immortalised in this piece of work".

The screen can be seen in St. Martin's Church, Fangfoss.

Wedding

On the last Saturday of August, the church was adorned with beautiful flower arrangements for the wedding of Annabelle Coakley and Alistair Purdy. Revd Mark led the service, which was not only appreciated by all the congregation, but also by the couple's two dogs, who voiced their approval appropriately!

We send our very best wishes to the new Mr and Mrs Coakley-Purdy for a long and happy life together.



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.

Cafe Connection

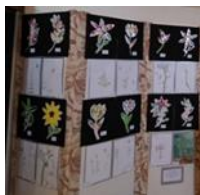
After pulling out all the stops to produce a huge number of delicious cakes for our cafe at the Fangfest weekend, we are giving our lovely bakers a much needed rest! Cafe Connection will be back in action in December for our Christmas Cafe on December 13th. The monthly Cafe Connections (with plant sales), on the last Saturday of the month, will resume in the spring. Thank you to everyone who has supported Cafe Connection and has made it such an enjoyable social event.

Fangfest

On the 6th and 7th of September, Fangfoss village celebrated '25 years of Fangfest', an event dedicated to traditional crafts and art from the village and surrounding areas. Fangfoss Pottery and the Rocking Horse Shop opened their premises to visitors to see demonstrations and view their products. There were many other attractions providing entertainment and individual participation, such as the popular Buskers Tent on The Green, and archery and games in the orchard. Attendance included individuals returning to the arts festival, as well as first-time participants.



For the second year running, villagers produced many imaginative displays of Teddy Bears for The Teddy Bear Trail, which raised funds for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Local organisations, charitable groups, and the church participated in the event. St Martin's Church hosted a "a touch of silver" flower festival in celebration of the Silver Anniversary. It welcomed a steady stream of visitors, who enjoyed the extensive selection of homemade cakes and pastries from Café Connection, some of which were eagerly eaten outside in the sunshine.



St Martin's Primary School pupils created some outstanding art displays, and the newly extended tapestry screen was exhibited, reflecting all aspects of the village.



The Carpenter's Arms celebrated the 25th anniversary - hosting live music in the beer garden on the Saturday evening and then concluded the Fangfest weekend with beer, Pimm's and hymns on the Sunday. Many thanks go to everyone who participated or helped to make the 25th Fangfest such a great success.

Fangfoss 100 Club Winners

July 2025: £25 Elaine Bryan (12), £25 Joan Worth (21)

August 2025: £25 Graham Edwards (4), £25 Bill Burton (13)

Jubilee Park

The summer holidays saw the park well-used, certainly helped by the hot and dry weather. To allow us to maintain Jubilee Park we need to raise funds and were able to do so at Fangfest by running our BBQ. We thank all who volunteered to help across the weekend and all those who attended and bought a burger!

Dates for your diaries:

Potatoes – If you have been growing a competition potato, please dig the crop up and weigh before 30th September, and send details to any committee member. The potato supper will be on 14th October in the Carpenter's Arms so don't forget to order your meal.

Photos – We will judge the photo competition at the Potato Supper. Please ensure all entries are in by 28th September.

Bonfire Night – We will be hosting our family bonfire night on Saturday 8th November in Jubilee Park. Please note that this will be an all ticket event this year.

For full details on all activities, please see our Facebook page.

NEWS FROM THORNTON AND MELBOURNE

VJ Celebration

Thornton village celebrated Victory over Japan day with afternoon tea in the village field. It was well attended and all had a lovely time. The children had a great time on the bouncy castle too.



Wedding

George Benjamin Jack Parkin and Vanessa Romero Mann were married at 2pm on the 16th August 2025 at St Michael's Church, Thornton by Revd Mark Poole. They were attended by flower girls and page boys, supported by lots of family and friends.



Mr. & Mrs. Parkin said "Absolutely beautiful church. Such a privilege to be able to get married in our local area and in Thornton Church which is very close to our hearts. Everything was perfect, better than we ever imagined. Thank you to Reverend Mark Poole and the lovely ladies for making our day so special."

St Michael's Church Thornton 100 Club

Thank you to all who supported the church via the 100 Club. The club was set up in 2011 and first drawn on the 16th December at the carol service.

We are continuing again, the new year starts in December 2025 through to November 2026. The first draw will take place on Friday 19th December at the 7pm Carol Service. Subsequent draws will take place in church every third Sunday at the Family Service. Winning numbers will be posted on the noticeboard and in the Parish Magazine. The prizes in December and June will be £25, £25 and £10. In February, April, August and October they will be £25, £10 and £10. In January, March, May, July, September and November £25 and £10.

Winners

August: £25 Bethany Fenwick (4), £10 Amanda Wise (46),
£10 Paul Fenwick (1).

September: £25 Joyce Fowler (10), £10 Stuart Craven (29).

NEWS FROM YAPHAM-CUM-MELTONBY

Church News

The proposals to close the Parish Church of Yapham, St Martin for public worship have been approved by the Bishop and forwarded to the Church Commissioners. If the Commissioners prepare a draft scheme or order to give effect to the proposals, an opportunity will be given for interested parties to make representations for or against the draft. Meanwhile we still hold our two services a month in the church to which all are welcome.

Passing Out

Congratulations to Wesley Jefferson-Hallet of Fir Tree House Meltonby. Wesley passed out of the Army Foundation College on the 7th August as Junior Regimental Sergeant Major! And the best recruit out of over 700 junior soldiers. This is a wonderful achievement.

He was presented with his award by Sir Roly Walker, Army General Chief of staff and enjoyed meeting Sir Gareth Southgate in a special reception after the parade. Wesley moves on to phase two training for the parachute regiment at Catterick in September. I am sure his family are extremely proud of him, and we send very best wishes for his future career in the army.



In the Ribbons

Another achievement from Meltonby was at the Yorkshire show when Aberdeen Angus beef from DJ and HB Walshaw was in the ribbons. Well done!

Benefice Service

August 31st was Yapham's turn to host the benefice service. It was lovely to see so many people in the church, and refreshments were served in the village hall afterwards.

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