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Soay Solar Farm

Construction kicks off with information day

In January, Statkraft held a drop-in event at Allerthorpe Village Hall to discuss construction of the solar farm before works started. This provided residents with an opportunity to meet the Statkraft team and principal contractor, Sunotec, to view construction plans and ask questions about the upcoming works.

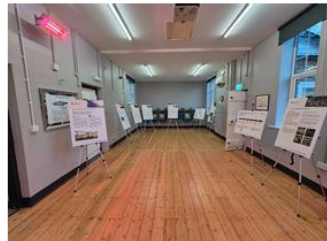
Discussions focused on the project timeline and how to stay updated on construction activity, management of the Public Right of Way, biodiversity and ecology considerations, and management of temporary disruptions such as noise and road traffic. Attendees also heard about plans to enhance biodiversity on site, including new habitats and bird boxes, and a boost of the community benefit fund to support more local initiatives.

Thanks to all those who attended and for your positive feedback on the open dialogue and level of information provided. Updates will continue throughout construction to keep you informed.

If you missed the event, the information displayed is available on the 'Project Documents' section of the project website.

Construction begins

Our principal contractor is now underway on site, having carried out vegetation clearance ahead of beginning the main construction works. To stay updated on the progress of the construction, please visit the Project Updates section of our website.



www.statkraft.co.uk/soay

FARMING NEWS

This year there have only been seven days in February without rain, and not many more in January. Even the dry days were dull and cloudy, but now the sun has appeared and the land has dried out enough to allow tractors and machines to get into the fields to carry out jobs such as fertiliser spreading, spraying and land cultivations. The main crops to be sown in our area in spring and summer will be barley, potatoes, carrots, maize and peas. We like to do the "right thing" and delay hedge trimming to the winter period just after Christmas. This allows the birds to take full advantage of the berries left on the hedgerows. Unlike many farmers who trim just after harvest when conditions are much drier. This is much easier, as we were struggling to travel on the borders of the fields as it was so wet. We did not manage to get round everywhere before the close season started on March 1st.

There is a widely held perception amongst farming folk that the BBC's Countryfile programme has a bias against agriculture. Critics argue that it often presents an urban-centric view of rural life. Its coverage of all sorts of topics over the years such as badger culling, water pollution, livestock not being housed correctly and environmental issues such as pesticide use has led to a straw stack full of complaints. If the BBC are to enjoy the support of rural viewers it needs to make robust decisions about whether to employ controversial presenters with an overt and aggressive campaigning agenda. Like it or not, it must showcase the value of important rural activities such as farming, shooting, hunting and angling. Some even say BBC radio 4's The Archers often misses the mark.

Recently the Government published Baroness Minette Batters' Farming Profitability Review. It highlighted a disturbing lack of knowledge about farming and the countryside at all levels of government, and whilst her suggestion that civil servants should "get out on farms helping in the lambing shed or spending a day picking cabbages" may not come to anything, the fact is that farmers need to work with civil servants to help their understanding of the problems. To this end there is to be something set up called "The Allerton Project Farm" where government staff connected with agriculture and the environment can enrol to hopefully get more decisions right. Clueless civil servants sent to farms to learn how they

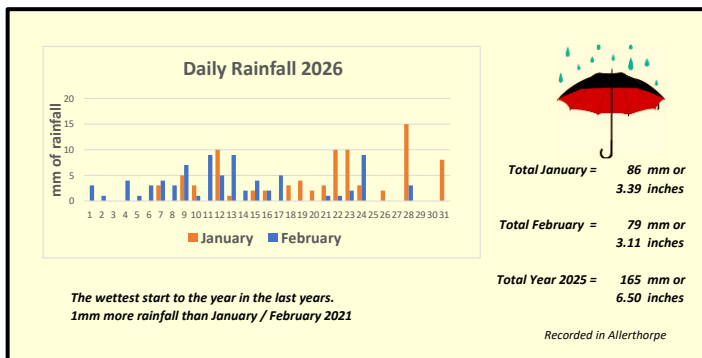
work was a recent headline. Another view was that it was a waste of tax payers money. If someone cannot tell a sheep from a goat, they should not be shaping agricultural policy!

Rewilding is still a word that can provoke strong reactions, not always positive, and naturally regenerating scrub can indeed look just like a lot of untidy abandoned land. It can however be essential for a resilient system and a precious habitat, a natural tree guard and a source of pollen. Equally a beaver-built wetland can seem pretty chaotic. Both types of habitat are complex and diverse and that's where their strength comes from.

The debate about the future safety of glyphosate still rumbles on with the usual pros and cons. However as a user of chemicals and a consumer of food, the safety of the product doesn't worry me if it is only used responsibly for stubble weed control or stale seed beds. What I would be more concerned about is pre-harvest use. That is the practice of spraying shall we say wheat, barley and oilseed rape with glyphosate about ten days before harvest to hasten the ripening process before the combine enters the field.

ITV says it is showing a decrease in advertising revenues, yet when I switch on, I find ITV are actively promoting the ITVX channel. This is a channel where I believe you pay a monthly premium to watch their programmes without adverts. Equally I turn on to watch the BBC 6 o'clock news and they come on wanting me to watch something else on iPlayer or BBC Sounds. I want to watch the news. Leave me alone!

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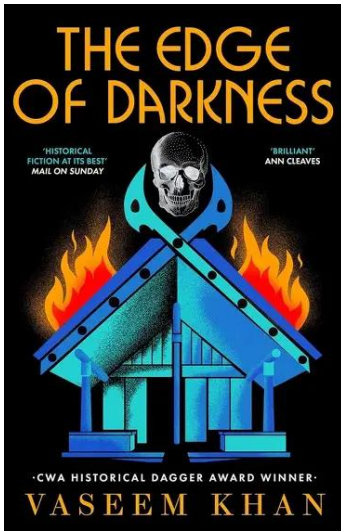
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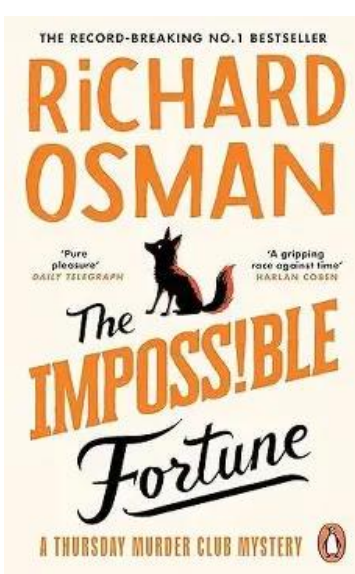
The Edge of Darkness, by Vaseem Khan.



India 1951. After wilfully ignoring orders, Persis Wadia, India's first female police detective, is exiled from Bombay to the wild mountainous Naga Hills District. Her career is in tatters. But when a prominent politician is murdered in his locked room at the Hotel Victoria, with his head missing, Persis is thrust back into the fray.

This is the sixth in the Malabar House series, a sub-continental version of Mick Herron's Slough House, and a perfect entry point for new readers. A fascinating insight into the turbulence of post-colonial India.

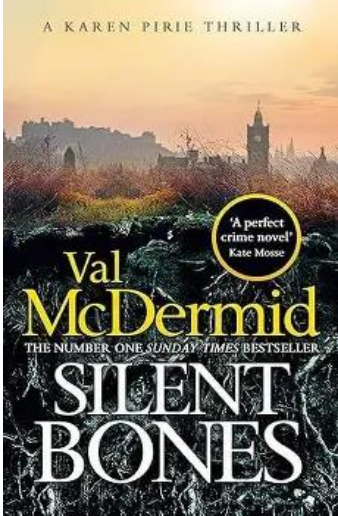
The Impossible Fortune, by Richard Osman



Another puzzling situation for the Thursday Murder Club, this draws the club into the strange world of bitcoin. Osman is on top form with a clever original storyline and some good red herrings. We welcome back the familiar quartet of Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim, and we see more of Joanna and her new husband.

Good to see Elizabeth getting her mojo back after the death of Stephen, bittersweet in that the characters' ages are beginning to show, especially Ron and Elizabeth. The plot kept me guessing all the way through: if you liked the previous books in the series, you will definitely enjoy this.

Silent Bones, by Val McDermid



When torrential rain causes a landslide on a motorway in Scotland, it reveals a crime scene: someone had hidden a body in the tarmac 11 years before. Meanwhile in Edinburgh new evidence reopens a closed case, and the accidental death of a hotel manager starts to look like murder.

The latest investigation for Karen Pirie and Scotland's Historic Crime Unit, this is beautifully structured, witty and twisty, together with incisive social observations.

Felicity Beaumont



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YOUR GARDEN IN APRIL

April's here and spring has sprung at last! As the weather warms up and early flowers start to bloom, all of a sudden there's a load of jobs to do outside. This month, there's plenty to sow and grow in your garden and greenhouse. But there's lots more to do besides sowing and planting out. Here are some garden jobs for April.

Roses

If you grow roses they should already have been pruned and will now benefit from a good granular feed. It's a relatively quick and simple task yet is one of the most beneficial jobs you can do to ensure that your roses are at their most healthy and floriferous when summer arrives. Feeding provides your roses with key nutrients which will keep them healthy, allowing them to produce better blooms and be more able to resist pests and diseases. Granular feeds are easy to apply as they are simply sprinkled over the soil and lightly forked and watered in. It's a good idea to follow the feed immediately with a mulch. Feed again in July after the first flush of blooms. Roses can be planted at any time of year but will require very regular watering especially if the soil is dry and the weather warm.



Kitchen garden



April is a busy month for veg growers. There's a host of edible plants to sow under cover now: cucumber, pumpkin, courgette, marrow and, if you didn't get them started last month, tomatoes. For gardeners without a greenhouse, there are plenty of crops that can be direct sown including carrots, leeks, parsnips, broad beans, peas and spring onions. So, choose your seeds, get sowing and look forward to reaping the rewards of your efforts later in the year.

Lawns

Light de-thatching or scarifying and moss removal can be done in spring and/or autumn. Spring generally means sometime in April just as things warm up thereby increasing the growth and recovery rate but before the



heat and dryness of summer slows things down. Heavy scarifying is better saved until the autumn.

If the weather is fair and grass is growing rapidly, give lawns their first cut of the season. Raise the height of your mower's blades by a notch or two for the first cut, then gradually reduce the cutting

height as the season progresses. Spot-treat large weeds such as dandelion and plantain with a selective lawn weedkiller. Smarten up the lawn's appearance, by trimming grass along borders. Tackle bare patches by loosening the soil, sowing grass seed and watering. On established lawns, applying a high-nitrogen weed and feed will green-up grass and kill unsightly moss, but check product instructions, because some can't be applied for a brief period after a lawn has been cut.

Houseplants

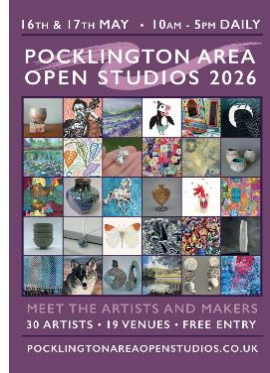
As light levels increase and temperatures rise houseplants put on new growth. Increase watering and start liquid feeding – there are general purpose feeds and specific feeds for some plants such as orchids and citrus. If a houseplant looks unhappy and has been in a pot for two or more years, it may need to be re-potted (roots bursting from drainage holes at the bottom are a tell-tale sign). Choose a slightly larger pot and fill with houseplant or loam-based compost. Never use houseplant compost for orchids though as they need a bark-based compost that allows air to reach the roots.



Penny Simmons

POCKLINGTON AREA OPEN STUDIOS

Fourteen years ago a small group of artists based around Pocklington agreed to get together and open their studios to the public for a weekend celebration of their artistic practices. The weekend proved such a success that the artists agreed to make it an annual event and Pocklington Area Open Studios was born.



This year 30 creatives across 19 venues will be opening their doors to celebrate the arts in all its forms. Artists in Pocklington, Barmby Moor, Allerthorpe, Wilberfoss, Skirpenbeck, Fangfoss, Yapham, Huggate, Nunburnholme, Burnby, Hayton, Seaton Ross and Ellerton will all be taking part.

Visitors will have a unique opportunity to step into the colourful, often hectic but always creative worlds of painters, ceramicists, sculptors, textile artists, jewellery makers, woodworkers, and photographers across the weekend event of 16th and 17th May.

For further details about the artists taking part and a map of locations please visit the website:-

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Whatever your standard, YCC can provide playing opportunities for you. The open age 1st XI play in the Yorkshire Senior League Division 1, the 2nd XI in the Yorkshire Senior League Division 3.

The resurgent 3rd XI now play in the Sunday Vale Division of the York Premier League, with an emphasis on enjoyment, sportsmanship and providing a bridge for some older juniors to move into open age competitions.

Over the last few years, YCC has become known as a centre for women's cricket in the west Wolds. The women's 1st XI are in the Yorkshire Women's League and recently have been pushing hard to become league champions. In 2026 there will also be a women's softball team to encourage greater participation.



The junior section provides an excellent grounding to young players with teams from under 9 to under 15 playing in the York Junior Leagues. Two national initiatives have always proved popular; All Stars mixed cricket for 5-8 year olds starts on 8th May for ten weeks, with online bookings opening on 1st March. Just Google ECB All Stars and enter Yapham CC to sign up!

Overtime, All Stars on Friday nights have become great social events with the YCC 'Catering Corps' out in force providing something different each week from pizzas to burgers and so on.

Dynamos Cricket for 8-11 year olds is run as cricket camps, this year on 21-22 July, with a special girls camp on 26-27 May. Full details will appear on the YCC website. The club has a single point of contact for enquiries about junior cricket and this is: Michael Hodgkinson, tel: +44 7748 907755, email: michael.hodgkinson75@gmail.com

So, for anyone interested in playing, coaching, umpiring or just watching with a cold beer in your hand Yapham Cricket Club is the place for you!

SEASONS

There is something quietly miraculous about this time of year. After the long grey stillness of winter, not to mention the continuous rain, the world seems to remember itself. Hedgerows thicken with green, the first tentative blossom appears on the cherry trees, and the birdsong that greets the morning feels almost extravagant in its joy. I love the arrival of Spring! It doesn't arrive all at once, of course. It creeps in gently, one bud at a time and brings moments of wonder and hope. We need a good dollop of this to lift our spirits when we consider all that is happening in the world.

So, during this time of year, I remind myself to pause when I'm out walking the pooches to notice what has changed overnight. A patch of crocus or bluebells where there was bare earth. A nest tucked into the eaves. The world going quietly and determinedly about the business of renewal, re-birth and new life. It strikes me that this is what faith often looks like too. Not always the dramatic moment, the sudden flash of certainty, but something more like a slow, patient unfolding. Growth that happens in the dark, underground, before anyone sees it. Roots going deeper before the shoot appears.

The Easter season, which carries us through these Spring weeks, speaks profoundly to this. Resurrection isn't only the great miracle of that first Easter morning; it is a pattern woven into creation itself. Death giving way to life. Endings that turn, in God's good time, into beginnings. I wonder where in your own life you might notice something quietly growing. A friendship deepening. A worry beginning to ease. A sense, however fragile, that things can be made new.

As a family of parishes, in community together, we walk through all seasons together. We are here for each other, through both the winter and spring, the dark and the light, the sorrow and the joy. This is the very essence and joy of parish life together, whatever the season. Emma and I have been here three years now (how time flies!) and we love it, even the winters! May this spring lift your spirits and bring you moments of wonder, renewal and hope.

Your Vicar, Mark.

APRIL CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
2 nd April Maundy Thursday	Barmby Moor	7.00 pm	Maundy Service
3 rd April Good Friday	Allerthorpe Barmby Moor	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Easter Garden Meditation
5 th April Easter Sunday	Barmby Moor	10.00 am	Holy Communion
12 th April Second Sunday of Easter	Fangfoss Barmby Moor	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
19 th Easter Third Sunday of Easter	Allerthorpe Thornton	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
26 th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fangfoss Barmby Moor	9.15 am 10.45 am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion

Every Wednesday there is a service at 10.00 am at St Catherine's, Barmby Moor.

PARISH REGISTERS

We welcome into the Church family by baptism:

Ezra Harry Campbell-Long, Antigoni Frances Campbell-Long and Alexander Jack Hiles, all at Allerthorpe on 25th January.

John Patrick Smith and Bridget Kathleen Michelle Smith, both at Thornton on 8th March.

MAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
3 rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Thornton Allerthorpe	10.45 am 5.00 pm	Holy Communion Evensong
10 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Fangfoss Barmby Moor	9:15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Celebration
17 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	Allerthorpe Thornton	9.15 am 10.45 am	Holy Communion Celebration
24 th May Pentecost Whit Sunday	Fangfoss Barmby Moor	9.15 am 10.45 am	Celebration Holy Communion
31 st May Trinity Sunday	Fangfoss	10.00 am	Benefice Service Holy Communion

The theme for the Celebration services will be "God's Garden".



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NEWS FROM ALLERTHORPE

Winter Debris Clean Up

Our grateful thanks to the team from the Allertorpe Golf and Country Park who kindly cleared away all the winter debris from the paths on Main Street and the village hall car park.

Easter Services

We will be holding our traditional Easter Garden service at 10.00 am on Good Friday. There will be no Easter Day service at Allertorpe, just one communion service at 10.00 am in Barmby Moor.

Early Plant Sale

Over several years the village plant sale has proved to be an amazing fund raiser, but also an annual event in village life when our community pulls together. For such a small village this is an outstanding achievement. The success is down to the hard work of all those involved in every aspect of the sale, but especially in the growing of the plants.

Easter Saturday, April 4th, will be the start of this year's plant sale together with a coffee morning in the village hall. A chance to enjoy light refreshments and sit down to discuss your plant sale bargains. Hopefully by then we will be enjoying some excellent Spring weather to encourage us into our gardens over Easter.

Main Plant Sale

The main sale will start at 10.00 am on Saturday, May 2nd. As ever there will be a great variety of flowering plants and vegetables. All priced very reasonably. Again there will be coffee and homemade cakes on sale in the village hall. Please remember to bring cash to pay. The sale will continue for several weeks and an honesty box available for payments.

Quiz Night

March 20th saw yet again another enjoyable village night. Our thanks to Angela and Penny and all their helpers for the delicious supper. Again Chris Pollard outdid himself with planning the most ingenious questions to challenge us mentally, but at the same time give us enormous fun.

ALPS (Allerthorpe Ladies Pub Social)

This continues to gain in popularity, thanks to the efforts of Sue and Bev. We meet on the third Thursday evening of each month at 7.30 pm. In April this falls on the 16th, and in May on the 21st.

Please do come and join our friendly ladies. Bev and Sue will be on hand to greet you as you enter the pub. We buy our own drinks and congregate in the back room. For those new to the village, it is a great opportunity to make some new friend's or just have a chat.

Preserves Clearance Sale

Chutneys and relishes are now at £1.50, which is half price. Don't forget it's the season for Seville orange marmalade. All jams and marmalade priced at £3 each or 2 for £5 sold at back of church there is a box for cash.



Annual Parish Church Meeting

Our APCM is on Tuesday 12th May, 7pm at the Old Vicarage.

Trussell Trust Village Food Bank

Please only give food that is within date and no fresh foods please, such as tea, coffee, squash drink , soups and tinned foods, etc.

Allerthorpe 100 Club

Our thanks again to Deborah Bird who continues to run our 100 club and to those who collected throughout the village. The year runs from April to March, with a draw every month. One half of the funds raised go to support the church, the remaining half is given out as prizes. If you are new to the Village and missed the collectors' visit and want to participate please ring Deborah (07763 988599). Tickets are £10 each per entry and there is no limit to the number of tickets or family members you wish to have a winning chance.

Winners

January: £25 – Clare Metcalfe (255), John Atkinson (140), Penny Simmons (84).

February: £25 – Frederick Barritt (204), Steve Hare (137), Mike Sutton (5)

NEWS FROM BARMBY MOOR

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES.



We are delighted to announce that the Benefice Easter Service this year will be at St. Catherine's. During this service Bishop Flora, the Bishop of Selby will be present to confirm a member of the Community Choir. Our services are:

2nd April Maundy Thursday Service 7.00 pm

3rd April Good Friday Meditation 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

5th April Easter Sunday Service 10.00 am.

Christian Aid Week – 10th to 16th May

Christian Aid first began in 1945 when churches across the UK came together to respond to the urgent refugee crises following the Second World War.



81 years later Christian Aid is still determined to fight poverty and respond to humanitarian emergencies, no matter how tough it gets. Your support helps provide vital resources to families facing crisis around the world, making a real difference in their lives. Volunteers from Barmby Moor will deliver donation envelopes to each household. If you wish to contribute, please place your donation in the envelope and return it to the Vicarage, the Boot and Slipper, or the Post Office before the end of May.

Plant Sale Saturday 2nd May 10am to noon

We are having a plant sale outside St Catherine's Church on Saturday 2nd May from 10.00 am to noon. This is on the same day as the Coffee Morning so you can have a coffee too! Any money raised from this sale will go towards Christian Aid.

If there are any plants left, we will continue to sell them outside Wikiup on Main Street. Any funds raised from this sale will go towards the upkeep of St Catherine's Church.

Donations of surplus plants or seedlings are gratefully accepted. Please contact Den Gardham on 07740 171269 if you can help in any way.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 11th May at 7.00 pm in St Catherine's Church. At this meeting, the election of churchwardens and members of the PCC for St Catherine's Church takes place together with reviews of the previous year's activities. All are warmly welcomed to attend.

St. Catherine's Café Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings will continue as usual, providing a friendly and welcoming space for conversation and community. They take place on the first and third Saturday of the month. In April, these dates are the 4th and 18th, and in May they are on the 2nd and 16th. We are happy to sell pieces of cake or savouries for you to take home too.

Driveway Sale

St Catherine's will be taking part in the Annual Barmby Moor Driveway Sale in August to raise funds for St. Catherine's Church. Please save items you think we can sell. Contact Jan Gardham on 07599 070113

Chatty Craft

A nice selection of Easter crafts for sale.



Mothers Union



Even though Spring appears to have begun in earnest, with signs of new growth and sunshine that doesn't make us want to put an extra jumper on, the memory of our Christmas meeting (it was a party, really) has only faded slightly. We can all remember the feeling of warmth, friendship and the expectant pleasure that we hope 2026 will bring to every one of us. It was lovely to see so many join us, despite the atrocious weather,

and it was not just one person, but a few, who said they couldn't believe how much fun and laughter there was. Obviously, there were old fashioned party games - even pass the parcel - lots of food and a small glass of wine to keep us going until the tea was made. My thanks go to all those who braved the dismal day to join in the fun and games.

As we go to print just before our March meeting, news of the talk by Nigel Puckrin on red kites will have to wait until the next issue of Parish News. The meeting after that will be on Wednesday, 13th May 2026, when we will have a visit from Yorkshire Air Ambulance, who have promised to bring items we can purchase to help support their charity. We meet every other month at 2.00 pm 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

St Catherine's Church 100 Club

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for 2026. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated. A little reminder tickets are £12 each and drawn at the first coffee morning of the month.

7 February 2026 draw: £25 - GA & SA Harman (332),
£20 - Nick Pollitt (154), £15 - Mike Turner (49).

7 March 2026 draw: £25 - Max Goodwin (188), £20 - Cheryl Taylor (146),
£15 - Margaret Field (117).

Barmby Moor Community Group

Barmby Moor Community Group is made up of 10 volunteers from various local organisations and individuals, all committed to bringing together and supporting our village and its surrounding community. Our common goal is to celebrate and strengthen the community where we live.

We organise events to raise funds, and then use those funds for subsequent occasions, whether they are national or local. These celebrations are usually well supported by the community group, other organisations, and our Parish Council. When we do charge, it's typically just to help subsidise the overall costs. We are only able to do this with the support from yourselves, who attend our fundraising events and then come along and enjoy the celebrations that we host for everyone. These are our plans for this year.

The Spring Market returns on 25th April 2026, from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, at the Boot and Slipper Pub, St Helens Square, Barmby Moor. This year's event features both indoor and outdoor stalls, where a variety of local businesses will offer products such as flour, honey, fresh produce, fruit and veg, candles, jewellery, art and crafts, crochet toys, clothing, dog treats, sweets, candy floss, accessories, and much more. Attendees can also enjoy Andy's renowned pies, a selection of cakes, tray bakes, cookies, and both hot and cold beverages. A raffle will be held during the event. We encourage you to attend and support these exceptional local enterprises. Proceeds from the market will be allocated to subsidise the Winnie the Pooh celebration.



Winnie the Pooh 100-Year Celebration – 20th June 2026

This year marks the centenary of A.A. Milne's beloved bear stories, Winnie the Pooh. To commemorate this milestone, we are organising a village scavenger hunt, story time sessions, a best dressed teddy bear competition, guest DJ Ollie, face painting, and a teddy bears' picnic. A lunch box is included in the ticket price. Tickets are £2 each and can be purchased at The Boot and Slipper Pub or from Ken at Barmby Moor Post Office. Further details will appear in the next edition of the Parish News. Further events we are planning for 2026 are;

- 15th August – Driveway sale
- 28th November – Christmas Market
- 12th December – Santa's Grotto
- 19th December – Live Nativity

We would like to express our gratitude once again for your ongoing support of all our organisations within the village and the surrounding community.

Barmby Feast Returns - Bigger, Brighter, and Back for 2026!

Barmby Feast is just around the corner, and this year's celebration on Saturday 11th July at Barmby Moor Playing Fields (YO42 4DW), from midday onwards, promises to be one of our best yet. Following the fantastic turnout last year, we're delighted to share that the evening do is back, with even more music, food, and fun for all ages.

What's happening during the Day?

The Playing Fields green will be buzzing with activity, including:



- BBQ and food stalls offering something for every appetite
- Football tournament for local teams and friendly rivals
- Free family fun, including a bouncy castle, dance show, and classic sports-day games
- Alternative flower arranging competition – create a display in anything but a vase and bring it along on the day for your chance to win
- Dog show with categories for all our four-legged friends
- Tractor pull to test strength, teamwork, and village pride

Evening Entertainment - As the sun goes down, the party continues with:

- Live music from Jonny and the Dunebugs, plus other brilliant bands
- Dancing under the summer sky
- A firework finale to round off the night

Tickets are on sale now.

- Early bird (before 31st May): £3.50
- On the day: £5
- Under 12s go free

You can pick up early bird tickets and raffle tickets, from the Boot and Slipper, St Catherine's Church, by contacting us on Facebook or calling/texting Sarah Frow on 07595 948377.

Coracle Chamber Choir Concert

Coracle Chamber Singers return to Barmby Moor's St Catherine's Church on 13th June 3.00 pm to present their new choral programme: 'Miracle, Mystery, Magic'. The eclectic repertoire will include jazz, northern European folk song, a medieval motet for St Catherine, the 'Bogoroditse Devo' from Rachmaninov's Vespers, works by Arvo Pärt, Rebecca Dale, and 2 pieces by Barmby Moor composer Nigel Bartram, including the premier of a new work setting Sarojini Naidu's 'Song of a Dream'.

Barmby Moor PFA 100 Club Draw at the Boot and Slipper

30 October 2025 draw: £69.75 BMFC (109), £46.50 Sally Appleton (50), £23.25 Callum Barker (74).

30 November 2025 draw: £69.75 BMCC (25), £46.50 D. Smith (101), £23.25 BMFC (109).

30 December 2025 draw: Xmas Draw – £200 Ruby Shepherdson (42), £120 Rachel Gardham (65), £69.75 Kath Harvey (6), £46.50 Summer Barker (20), £23.25 Olly Brown (96).

31 January 2026 draw: £72.75 Kath Harvey (6), £48.50 Teresa Spayne (80), £24.25 Dave Smith (96).

28 February 2026 draw: £72.75 Ray Towse (56), £48.50 Rosie Barker (19), £24.25 Sally Beynon (30).

Dementia Forward

Dementia Forward is delighted to share that the Sycamore Gap sapling has now been delivered to the Lavender Fields Care Village, and we're looking forward to the planting later this year once the sensory garden is complete. Kindly donated to Dementia Forward, it will stand as a symbol of hope and a peaceful place for reflection for families affected by young onset dementia. We would also like to extend our heartfelt



thanks to our incredible volunteers

who help make Ballerina House such a warm and welcoming place for everyone - and a special thank you goes to the Pocklington School students, who have received fantastic feedback for the time and care they have given at the hub.



If you're interested in joining our Hub Clubs or coming along to the Community Coffee Morning, please contact our Helpline on 03300 578592. We are also keen to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering at the coffee morning which takes place every Friday at Ballerina House, Lavender Fields.

NEWS FROM FANGFOSS, BOLTON AND SPITTAL

Annual Church Meeting

This will take place at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 28th April in St Martin's church.

Evening Concert in St Martin's Church



We are delighted to give advance notice that Manhattan Voices will be returning to St Martin's church on Saturday 20th June, where they will be performing a variety of popular songs, from classical to contemporary, showcasing their talented singers.

There will also be a raffle and wine bar, with the money raised going to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, North Yorkshire Music Therapy, and St Martin's church. This event was very popular when the ensemble performed for us in 2024, so please make a note in your diary. More information will follow in the next edition of Parish News, and on posters.

Cafe Connection (and Plants too!)



The new season of Cafe Connection starts on Saturday 28th March, from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm, and will continue to run on the last Saturday of the month during the spring and summer. As usual, there will be

lots of different baked delights for sale, to eat in the church, or at the tables in the churchyard (weather permitting). We will also have a plant stall selling seasonal perennials at sensible prices! Please come along and enjoy a fantastic selection of home baking. If you don't have time to stay for a drink, please come and buy some treats to enjoy at home.

Fangfoss 100 Club Winners

January 2026: £25 Jean Todd (143), £25 Colin Prosser (170). February 2026: £25 Nicky Fletcher (44), £25 Darren Bailes (65).

Jubilee Park News.

We hope everyone is enjoying the Spring weather and that we don't get too many April showers to spoil your visits to Jubilee Park.

During the last few months, the committee have been busy. The seats on the “baby swings” have been replaced. The new roof on the shelter has been repaired and signs repainted. The willow sculptures have been trimmed back ready for new growth in the summer, and fallen trees have been removed. With the help of a grant from the Parish Council, we have been able to order parts for the Vortex, which had developed a leak last year, and are hoping that it will be repaired soon.






The Park is 23 years old this year, so other equipment in it needs a little care and maintenance! The Zip Wire needs considerable work on it, and we are investigating the best way forward and obtaining quotes from various sources. The rotary swing is also out of action at the moment! All these repairs cost money that will make a considerable dent in our resources. So, if anyone has experience in applying for grants and is prepared to help out, we would like to hear from you.

Later in April we are holding a “Volunteer Day” where everyone will be welcome to help out with a bit of work in the Park – perhaps trimming around trees, weeding the play equipment, waterproofing some of the timber, replacing the timber surrounds etc. Dates will be publicised via the village WhatsApp group, Jubilee Park Facebook page and on notices around the village.







On Saturday June 6th we are holding “Music in the Park” again. This has been successful in the past two years and is a chance for everyone to get together, have a drink and something to eat, listen to music, and have a bit of a dance. More information will be released via the usual channels, with tickets going on sale in May.





By supporting events you are contributing to the upkeep of the Park. You can help even further by joining as a member at £5 or even by becoming a committee member. We meet every second Tuesday of the month, usually at the pottery, and we would love to see you!


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NEWS FROM THORNTON AND MELBOURNE

Baptism

On the 8th March we celebrated the baptism of John Patrick Smith and his baby sister Bridget Kathleen Michelle Smith with lots of family and friends present.

A Musical Potpourri for Spring - Friday 13th March

This was a near sell out event with the Pocklington Celebration Singers joined by Barmby Moor Community Choir entertaining us with a varied selection of well-known songs. Special thanks to Susan Currier and Tamsin Holding for all their efforts to give us this fantastic evening. A raffle was drawn at the interval raising £267. St Michael's Church Thornton with Melbourne launched their Sponsorship and Donation pack with information of how to help raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the church. £900 was raised at the concert, many thanks to all who helped and came.

Easter

Happy Easter to everyone. Please note there will be no service at Thornton on Easter Day.

Thornton Church 100. Club results

January: £25 Peter Triffitt (67), £10 Margaret Kemp (7).

February: £25 Mrs Rachel Martin (114), £10 Michael Craven (26),
£10 Nicholas Stubbins (9).

March: £25 Mr Richard O'Gram (49), £10 Cheryl Taylor (27).

NEWS FROM YAPHAM-CUM-MELTONBY

Church news

The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft proposal, as sent to them by the Bishop of Selby, for the closure of St Martin's Yapham cum-Meltonby for regular public worship. A notice has been displayed at churches throughout the benefice stating where the draft proposal could be viewed. A months' notice was given, which ended at midnight on 2nd March, for those who wanted to make comments against the proposed closure.

The proposed closure has been well publicised, locally and further afield. The Pocklington Post aired an article on Facebook, and the BBC News aired an article on the closure online. It had been viewed as far north as Lairg in the Highlands!

The Bishop has been to visit the church to see firsthand the state of the building. We now await the next step.

Annual Parish Church Meeting

The APCM will be held on May 24th at 12.00 pm kindly hosted by Anne Hutchinson.

School uniforms

Parents who are resident in the parish can apply for grants of up to £100 from the Feoffee Trust towards the cost of school uniforms for each child if they are moving school in 2026. Applications to john@yorkshiremaps.co.uk

FORTHCOMING THEATRE TO PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP

There is a new production of “Legally Blonde the Musical” coming to Grand Opera House, York from Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th April, starring Amber Davies as Elle Woods (Strictly Come Dancing). This ultimate feel-good rom com follows Elle Woods on her transformation from It Girl fashionista to legal ace at Harvard Law School, all in the name of love. Elle must prove she is more than blonde ambition, swap the changing rooms for the courtroom and learn that ‘being true to yourself never goes out of style’.



Then, fresh from a sold-out West End season, “Fawlty Towers The Play” is coming to Grand Opera House, York from Tuesday 19th to Saturday 23rd May. This brand new stage play has been adapted by comedy legend John Cleese. Join Basil (Danny Bayne), the delightfully bumbling Major (Paul Nicholas) and Polly (Joanne Clifton), and the 18 -strong cast as they bring to life all your favourite moments from the show’s unforgettable twelve episodes. Expect sharp wit, chaos and calamity at every turn! Secure your tickets asap and relive the madness of Fawlty Towers live on-stage.

For further information about the shows including running and performance times, please visit Atgtickets.com/york

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