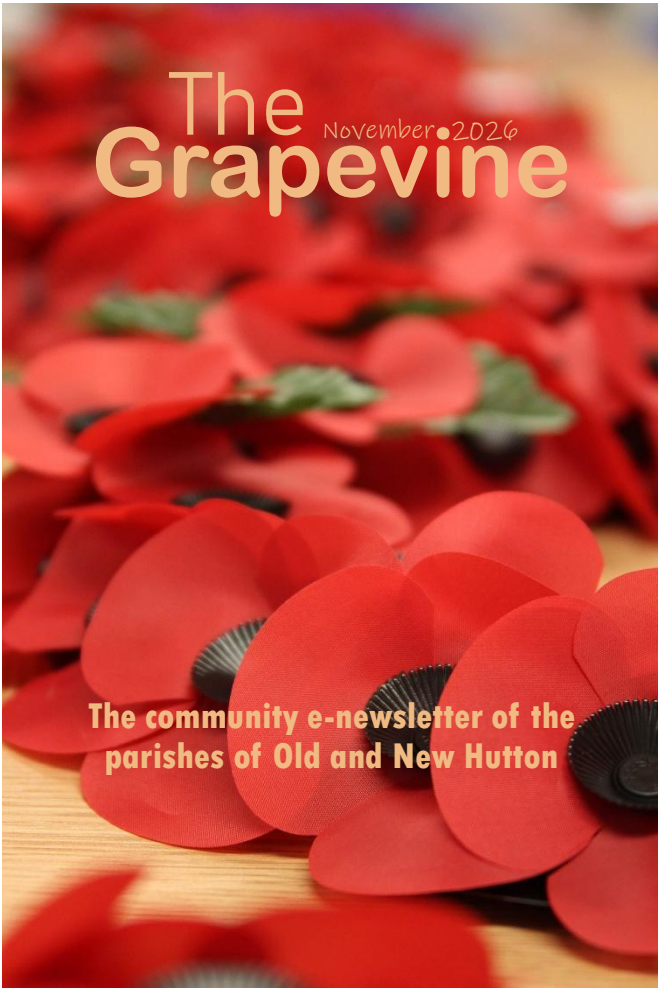

The Grapevine
November 2026
The community e-newsletter of the parishes of Old and New Hutton

The Rev'd Becky Gibbs writes…

In 1982, inspired by my hero, "Wonder Woman", I became the defender of the weak on the primary playground. Taller and stronger than most of the other children, I took on the bullies, often returning home with bruised skinny shins but buoyant. Sadly, in 1983 the bullies began to get bigger and I lost my first fight. I hung up my magic golden lasso!

In the last few weeks, I have found two new heroes, again on TV: Ross Kemp and Miranda Hart - at the time of going to press, two "Faithfuls" in The Celebrity Traitors. For those unfamiliar with the show, celebrities gather in a Scottish castle, where the Faithful must work out who among them are secretly Traitors. As this magazine arrives, the final will either be approaching, or we'll know who has won!

I like Ross and Miranda because they join in wholeheartedly, sometimes risking murder or banishment to raise more money for charity or stand up for a friend. I hope they don't become Traitors, but if they do, I'll forgive them. After all, it's just for fun.

Part of the appeal of The Traitors is that it's a game, it's pretend and the consequences aren't real. It's an escape from a world where people are genuinely hurt, broken and oppressed every day.

November is a month when we remember people whose courage and sacrifice have shaped our lives, sometimes at enormous cost. On the 1st, we give thanks for the saints, both those who have days named after them and the ordinary saints remembered by those whose lives they touched. On the 8th, Remembrance Sunday, we will pause to remember those who gave their lives in two world wars and pray for peace.

Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

This verse appeals to me because it reminds us that heroism isn't necessarily about extraordinary acts but about the ordinary choices we make to stand alongside others.

I may have hung up my lasso in 1983 but in 2026 I haven't entirely given up wanting to help those who need someone by their side.

Who might need you to be their hero today?

With love,
Rev'd Becky

Poppies

Why are they selling poppies, Mother?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppy, my child, is a flower of love.
For the men who marched away.

Why did they choose a poppy, Mother?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppy grows.

But why is the poppy red, Mother?
Why is it so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mother.
Why does it have to be black?
Black is the symbol of grief, my child,
For the men who never came back.

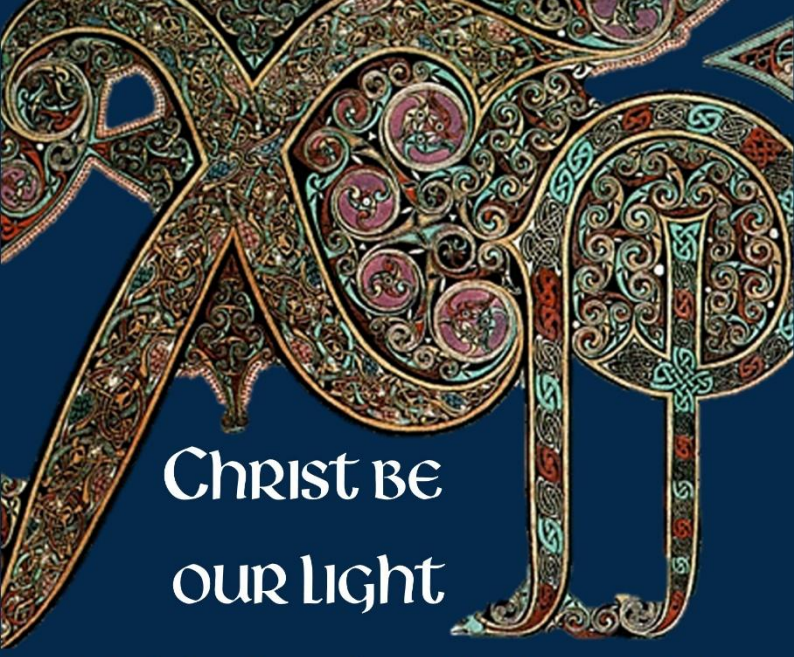
But why, Mother dear, are you crying so?
Your tears are like winter rain.
My tears are my fears for you, my child.
For the world is forgetting again.

LtCol John Francis Willcocks OBE MBE MiD

LtCol John Francis Willcocks OBE MBE MiD, wrote the poem in 2004, three years before he died.

Willcocks was born in 1918 and his father (an Artillery Major, Chevalier of the French Légion d' Honneur) suffered a gas injury in WW1 and died in 1919. So, Willcocks would have himself been a small boy asking questions about Remembrance Poppies to his widowed mother.

The young Willcocks followed in his father's footsteps, growing up to become an Artillery officer in WW2. He was Mentioned in Despatches. He retired from his Army career in 1962 and went on to become a senior civil servant. He also performed charitable volunteer work.



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1pm-4pm

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Stalls still available £10 or £15.

All enquiries to Louise

Church Services in November

Sunday 1st	4pm	Old Hutton	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	9.30am	New Hutton	
	10.45am	Old Hutton	
Sunday 15th	4pm	Old Hutton	Worship Service
Sunday 22nd	4pm	New Hutton	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	No service in the Huttons		
	4pm	Kendal Parish Church	
		(Community joint Advent service)	





Sing In Exultation

Kendal South Choir



Christmas Concert

Conducted by Geoffrey Field

Andy Plowman (organ)

Wendy Nicholas (piano)

7.30pm, Saturday 12th December

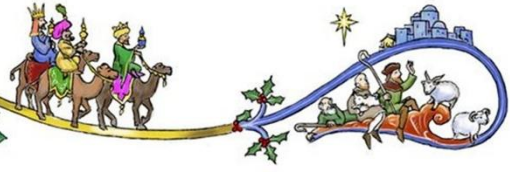
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Our friendly team will be on hand to show you around our site and answer any questions you may have.

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Call 01539 723766 or email bookings@bendrigg.org.uk if you have any questions.

https://bendrigg.cinolla.com/course/curiosity-day

Creating change, one adventure at a time

Bendrigg

Grayrigg Young Farmers Report

Members have helped with putting up at Grayrigg Show and the Westmorland County Show and a special thank you to John Handley for manning the YFC stand on Grayrigg Show Day.

To kick off the winter competitions, we travelled to Sedbergh to the White Hart Sports and Social Club for the Southern District Pool, Darts and Dominos Competition. We had over 20 members taking part, which is a great start to the new year. Grayrigg A team came 3rd, Paris and Lucy came 2nd in Dominos and Ben came 3rd in Connect 4. We've entered three junior and three senior teams in the quizzes, with members going between Sedbergh, Grayrigg, Colby and Soulby. I'm sure some of the teams will go through to the next round, although some of the questions have been rather tricky. Ben, Connor, Morgan and Jacob then took on the challenging 'Just a Minute Competition' - a valiant effort from these four lads. Elizabeth, Emily, John and Elisha competed in the Senior competition where they came 2nd, so they will go through to the next round. We have two teams entered into the Junior Public Speaking competition, which takes place in early November and two teams for the Junior Reading, so everyone is trying something new.

Our Club Meetings have involved going to the Kendal Dry Ski Club for a fun night of Tubing; it was great that the Ski Club members volunteered their time so over 30 members could hit the slopes. We've had a talk from CADAS on smoking and vaping. There was a fun roadshow where everyone enjoyed games and challenges, welcoming new junior members. We were early with the pumpkin carving and then we've been stock judging at Sunny Bank, Grayrigg, by kind permission of David Carol and Craig Galbraith with David Barton being Master Judge for the evening. Thank you to all involved.

Ice Skating with other clubs within the Southern District is taking place soon and then we are holding our Annual Bonfire Night on Tuesday 3rd November by kind permission of the Ellis Family at Moss Head Farm, New Hutton, LA8 0AL. Everyone welcome. Food and drinks available to purchase and it's £4 entry (cash only). Finally, a reminder for your diaries that our Annual Christmas Domino Drive will be held on Tuesday 15th December in Grayrigg Coronation Hall, 7.30 pm start, with great prizes to be won. Hope to see you there.

GRAYRIGG YOUNG FARMERS
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Old Hutton CE School

SIAMS Outstanding Church School

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks at school, with plenty of adventures and opportunities for our pupils!

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day trip to London, where they experienced the city from above on the London Eye, explored the fascinating exhibits at the Natural History Museum and toured the Houses of Parliament. The children had a brilliant day, making wonderful memories, and their behaviour throughout the trip was excellent. We were incredibly proud of them!

Closer to home, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took on the challenge of walking up Latrigg. Battling some very windy conditions, they completed an impressive eight-mile walk from Blencathra Outdoor Centre to the summit. Their determination and resilience were fantastic to see.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have also been making the most of our Adventure Curriculum with an exciting paddleboarding session at Killington Lake. These experiences provide wonderful opportunities for the children to develop their confidence, teamwork and resilience, while enjoying the beautiful outdoors on our doorstep.

As always, if you would like to find out more about life at Old Hutton, or are interested in a place for your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks for your support.

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New Hutton Village 200 Club Winners September 2026

Prize	Amount	Number	Name	Address
1	£100.00	73	Betty Pickthall	New Hutton
2	£75.00	99	Adam Thompson (Ella)	New Hutton
3	£50.00	87	Rachel Pettigrew	New Hutton
4	£50.00	199	Philip Bell	New Hutton
5	£25.00	110	Joan Blacow	Kendal
6	£25.00	38	Sue Chapman	Kendal
7	£15.00	196	Tracey Hodgson	New Hutton

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Prize	Amount	Number	Name	Address
1	£15.00	79	Louise MgGee	New Hutton
2	£10.00	183	Edward and Charlotte Woof	Oxenholme
3	£10.00	103	Ann Thompson (Poppy)	New Hutton
4	£10.00	105	Kevin and Kathryn Pickthall	New Hutton
5	£5.00	99	Adam Thompson (Ella)	New Hutton

MAVIS CLARKE

Frank and Family would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support, flowers, cards and well wishes following Mavis' peaceful departure.

The family thank all at Station House Surgery, District Nurses, Rev Becky Gibbs, Edward Waller and team at JJ Martin. Also, Greenbanks for floral tributes; Wendy, Ann and Jennie for St Stephen's Church; and Alison Thompson Catering for giving everyone a good feed!

Generous donations in Mavis' memory were split between St Stephen's Church and The Children's Society.

Luxury Afternoon Tea



New Hutton Village Hall

Thursday 5 November 2026

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

£10 per person

Traditional sandwiches, cakes & tea

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New Hutton Village Hall

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Old Hutton WI – October Meeting

Old Hutton WI held an open meeting for their October gathering when President Wendy Thompson warmly welcomed members and visitors.

There was good news to celebrate from the County Show, where members entering the two small co-operative classes were congratulated on winning two trophies. These were first place in the Produce Class B4 and the Chairman's Choice Award for the Craft Entry B3. Well done to everyone involved!

Members were kept up to date with forthcoming Federation events. A team is preparing to take part in the Federation Quiz in November. Several members are looking forward to attending the Christmas Canopies event at Greenodd at the end of November, while three members also expressed an interest in the Federation Carols and Readings at Beetham in December.

Preparations are also underway for our own Christmas celebrations. The WI Christmas Dinner will be held at Crooklands on Tuesday 1st December. Visitors are welcome to join us.

Nominations for the 2027 Committee took place, and members were reminded that next month's meeting will be our Annual Meeting, followed by a Jacob Join supper.

We rounded off the evening with a fascinating talk from Simon Kurt Unsworth on the ghosts of Cumbria. He began with a true account of his own experience of sensing a presence in a property on Kent Street in Kendal, setting the scene for an intriguing look into Cumbria's ghostly past.

It was an enjoyable evening, with plenty to celebrate and look forward to as we head towards the festive season.

As always, we welcome visitors to all our meetings. For more information, please contact either our President, Wendy Thompson, via email: thompsonclannew@gmail.com or Secretary, Ruth Rigg, on ruth.rigg@gmail.com



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In Memory of Will Nelson – Supporting MND

Following the recent sad passing of Will Nelson, who died from Motor Neurone Disease (MND), it was felt that some people in our community may wish to make a donation in his memory to support those living with this devastating illness.

Even if you did not know Will personally, you may wish to support others and their families who are going through the difficult journey of living with MND.

Old Hutton Village Hall has kindly offered the use of its charity account to collect donations via BACS.

If you would prefer not to donate electronically, the Hall Treasurer, Stephen Capstick, is happy to accept cash or cheque donations in an envelope clearly marked "Will for MND." Drop them into: Low House, Bridge End, Old Hutton, Kendal LA8 0NH

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Thank you for your kindness and generosity in remembering Will and supporting those affected by MND.

We will close this appeal on **30th November** when all donations will be sent to the MND Association.

The United Benefice of Old & New Hutton

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