

ASKHAM BRYAN

Village Newsletter



Garden Party '25

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September 2025 – November 2025

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News from around the Village

Thank You for a Wonderful Garden Party!

Lucy Fernandes reports...

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our recent Garden Party such a success. Together, we raised an incredible £1,252 (after costs) in support of the ongoing restoration of St Nicholas Church - a truly meaningful achievement for our village. Fiona Brown's Lemon & Raspberry Cake took 1st prize in the Cake Competition and tasted every bit as amazing as it looked! Just Another Jester kept spirits high and had us all dancing by the end! We're so grateful to all who attended, helped, donated, and cheered us on. Special thanks to: The Sisters of Poor Clare for generously hosting us in their garden.

A Plea from the Parish Council

Clerk to the Council writes...

Please be aware that the Recreational Area is not an area for the exercise of dogs. The Parish Council recently highlighted this with appropriate signage and we would like to thank all responsible dog owners who have respected this. This article is for the benefit of anyone who was unaware of this.



We encourage dog owners to find alternative places to exercise their dogs and please clear up any dog litter which is a requirement of the England and Wales under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. Thank you for your cooperation.

Natural Environment Committee

Kathryn Nolan & Jo Fell write...

Our focus over the coming year is to encourage pollinators in our gardens and village spaces. By introducing plants that provide food sources for pollinators we can support these vital insects.



To encourage wildlife during an autumn garden tidy, focus on providing shelter and food sources. Instead of a complete cutback, leave some plants uncut, especially those with seedheads and hollow stems which provide food sources for birds and overwintering sites for insects. Create piles of leaves and debris in sheltered areas. These provide essential habitats and food for insects, birds, and small mammals like hedgehogs.

Finally, **a date for your diary, on 4th October** the NEC will be meeting at the village pond to remove unwanted vegetation such as small tree saplings and purple loosestrife which are starting to encroach across the pond. **Volunteers to join the working party would be very welcome** – please watch the village social media sites for further details.

Entertainment for the village

LADY LAVINIA'S PARTY

World premier of a one-act operetta set in Askham Bryan

Lady Bryan seeks to secure the family inheritance at Askham Hall after Lord Bryan gambles it all away

Join Jo and Dave Hartley for their biennial evening of music
on **Saturday 4th October at 7pm**
in the village hall

Second half will be Gilbert and Sullivan Highlights (mostly)

- Tickets £10 (cash on the door) includes a glass of wine/juice
- Free to children under 13 if accompanied by an adult
- Bring extra cash for a raffle
- All in aid of the village hall
- Reserve your place at johanna.hartley@yahoo.co.uk



...and another!

...Save the date...

Next year's Garden Party

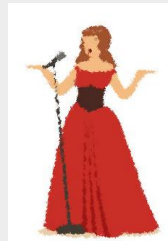
20th June 2026

Singing Masterclass by International Soprano Mhairi Lawson

**Sunday 21st September at Askham Bryan Village Hall
2-7pm (or any part of this)**

Tickets £10

Those of you who come to Jo and David Hartley's G&S evenings will know Mhairi who regularly joins in. She is returning with her professional hat on as an international performing soprano and Professor at the Guildhall School of Music London to give a masterclass to 12 singers from York Opera.



Please join us for an informative and enjoyable afternoon. It will be in two 2-hour sessions with an hour for tea and biscuits in between. Feel free to stay for as long as you wish.

Fun Dates to Meet

COFFEE AND CHAT MORNINGS

Wed Sep 17th 10am-12pm

Wed Oct 15th 10am-12pm

Wed Nov 19th 10am-12pm



Looking forward to seeing everyone and meeting new villagers.
All proceeds to local charities.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Askham Bryan WI

First Wednesday of the month
at 7.30pm in the village

Upcoming dates:

Wed Sep 3rd : Yorkshire Pasta Company with a
chance to buy

Wed Oct 1st: Mary's Meals – a charity that sets up
school feeding programmes in the world's
poorest areas

Wed Nov 5th : Chair Yoga with Rachel Hammond
New members always warmly welcomed
Please ring Rachel 07515 577377 to find out more

ASKHAM BRYAN WALKING GROUP

This is a friendly group who like to lunch at a pub
following their ramble which is optional, of course!

Dates of forthcoming walks

Wed Sep 17th - leader: Robert Baines

Tues Oct 21st - leader: Ian & Helen

Tues Nov 18th - leader: Keith & Lisa



To find out where and when to meet ring Monica on 708337

More Fun Dates

Curry and Quiz Night A Fun Fund Raiser for our Village Church

Saturday 20th September 2025

Join us for a fun evening of food and trivia

Meal choices:

Please choose when booking
(all served with pilau rice and naan)

- Chicken Tikka Masala **or**
- Chicken Bhuna **or**
- Mixed vegetable curry
(vegetarian option)

NB Cash bar available



BOOK NOW as a group or individually – tables of 8 or we'll match you with a team.

To reserve your place, message Lucy 07806 570111



VILLAGE HALL CHAT AND SOCIAL

**THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER at 7.30pm
in the VILLAGE HALL**

Come and join us to see how the hall is run and to meet and chat with members of the committee while enjoying a glass of wine and nibbles.

The village hall is an integral part of our village and is used for children's parties and other celebrations as well as the various clubs and the Parish Council. Where would the village be without it? BUT it seems that very few people are interested in helping with the running of it. We only have 4 meetings a year plus organising a May fayre for our funds, so involvement is not a big commitment. Help with our future projects would be much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you and to know that the future of our village hall is in good hands and serves the needs of our community.



A Word from Our Vicar

Dear Friends,

I was reflecting lately about the church in our village, comparing it with many other churches that I know and I wondered, what would we be doing if we didn't have buildings?

Before you lynch me, this is of course a hypothetical question. We do have the most amazing building in the heart of our village. People come from far and wide to look at it. It has been around for over 800 years and I would hope will be here in another 800 years. I raise the question because I was reflecting on the disjoin between the church as a building and the church as a gathered community of believers in worship.

I suspect that one of the reasons we have church building is for protection (usually from the weather in our country). In some countries it may be from attack. Even in our country, I suspect we have buildings because they offer security in the sense that the community can gather together in one place – people of like mind supporting one another. We all know that is why we join groups, but similarly our families (a small group) can provide security for those who are a part of it.

In the bible, the Apostle Peter refers to Christians as living stones, along with Jesus - *4 As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house [a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:4-5

As such those who gather are built together into a spiritual house, a church, a gathering of believers. Early Christians met in front rooms, under trees and in public buildings. In England especially we tend to have elaborate buildings, reflecting the glory of God. However, as we see in our own village a church can simply meet in the village hall.

What is important is that people gather together, share together, experience the ups and downs of life together and work together to serve God and the community. That is what true church is all about.

Be blessed, Geoff

Wedding

Ann Watson writes...

Family and friends filled St Nicholas Church on 9th August for the wedding of Charlotte Green and Cameron Hendry. Charlotte is the daughter of Jill and Jon Green who live directly in front of the Church, which meant that Charlotte could actually walk to and from the Church for the service.



Church Services @ Askham Bryan & ABC Parishes

Sep 7	12 th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am	Holy Communion (1662) - Copmanthorpe
		10:30am	Oasis - Bolton Percy
14	13 th Sunday	9:00am	Holy Communion (1662) – Askham Bryan
		10:30am	Oasis - Copmanthorpe
			No Messy Church
21	14 th Sunday	10:30am	Harvest Celebration for All Ages – AB
28	15 th Sunday	9:00am	Holy Communion (1662) – Askham Bryan
		10:30am	Oasis - Copmanthorpe
Oct 5	16 th Sunday	9:00am	Holy Communion (1662) – Askham Bryan
		10:30am	Oasis – Appleton Roebuck
12	17 th Sunday	9:00am	Holy Communion (1662) – Askham Bryan
		10:30am	Oasis - Colton
		10:30am	Holy Communion – Bolton Percy
		3:00pm	Messy Church – Askham Bryan College
19	18 th Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion (CW) - Copmanthorpe
		10:30am	Oasis – Askham Bryan
26	Last Sunday after Trinity	9:00am	Holy Communion (1662) – Askham Bryan
Nov 2	All Saints Sunday	9:00am	Holy Communion (1662) - Copmanthorpe
		10:30am	Oasis with Communion – Bolton Percy
9	Remembrance	9:00am	Holy Communion (1662) – Askham Bryan
		10:45am	Remembrance Service – Askham Bryan No Oasis
		3:00pm	Messy Church – Askham Bryan College
16	2nd Sunday before Advent	10:30am	Oasis – Askham Bryan
23	Christ the King	9:00am	Holy Communion (1662) – Askham Bryan
		10:30am	Oasis - Copmanthorpe
30	Advent Sunday	10:30am	ABC Communion Together – Bolton Percy

Celebration of Lay Ministries - Sat 27th Sept 2025 10:30am

Daniel Khan, Emma Peers, Rachel Reid and Alan Johnston will be licensed as Lay Ministers (Readers) to serve in the ABC and AAA parishes at York Minster. All are welcome to this service, to pray for and bless our new LLMs and celebrate with them as they move into this new phase of their ministries. God has been working in their lives in remarkable and different ways over the years and they have responded to His call on their lives. They have given much time and energy to training and preparing for this ministry to which they have been called. They will all be a great addition to our communities.

Regular Meets for Your Diary

Women's Institute	1 st Wednesday each month 7.30pm in village hall	Rachel Hammond 07515 577377
Village Coffee Morning	3 rd Wednesday each month 10am – 12 in village hall	Jennifer Smith 07704 022727
Flower Club	Last Wednesday in month 10am in village hall	Kathryn Smith 07709 448239
Wedding Flowers	Contact Mandy Baker	01757 288707
Parish Council	4 th Thursday 7.30pm (exl Dec)	Simon Peers cllr.peers@askhambryanpc.org.uk
Brownies Rebecca Kramm	Mondays 6.30pm -7.45pm in village hall	01904 707881 rjkramm@gmail.com
Rainbows Lisa Brookman	Mondays 5.15pm - 6.15pm in village hall	lisa.brookman1973@gmail.com
Yoga with Rachel	Tues 10.00-11.15am on Zoom Tuesday 7.00 - 8.30pm in village hall	07515 577377 rachel@acornyoga.co.uk

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**Next Newsletter deadline – Volume 98 will be:-
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