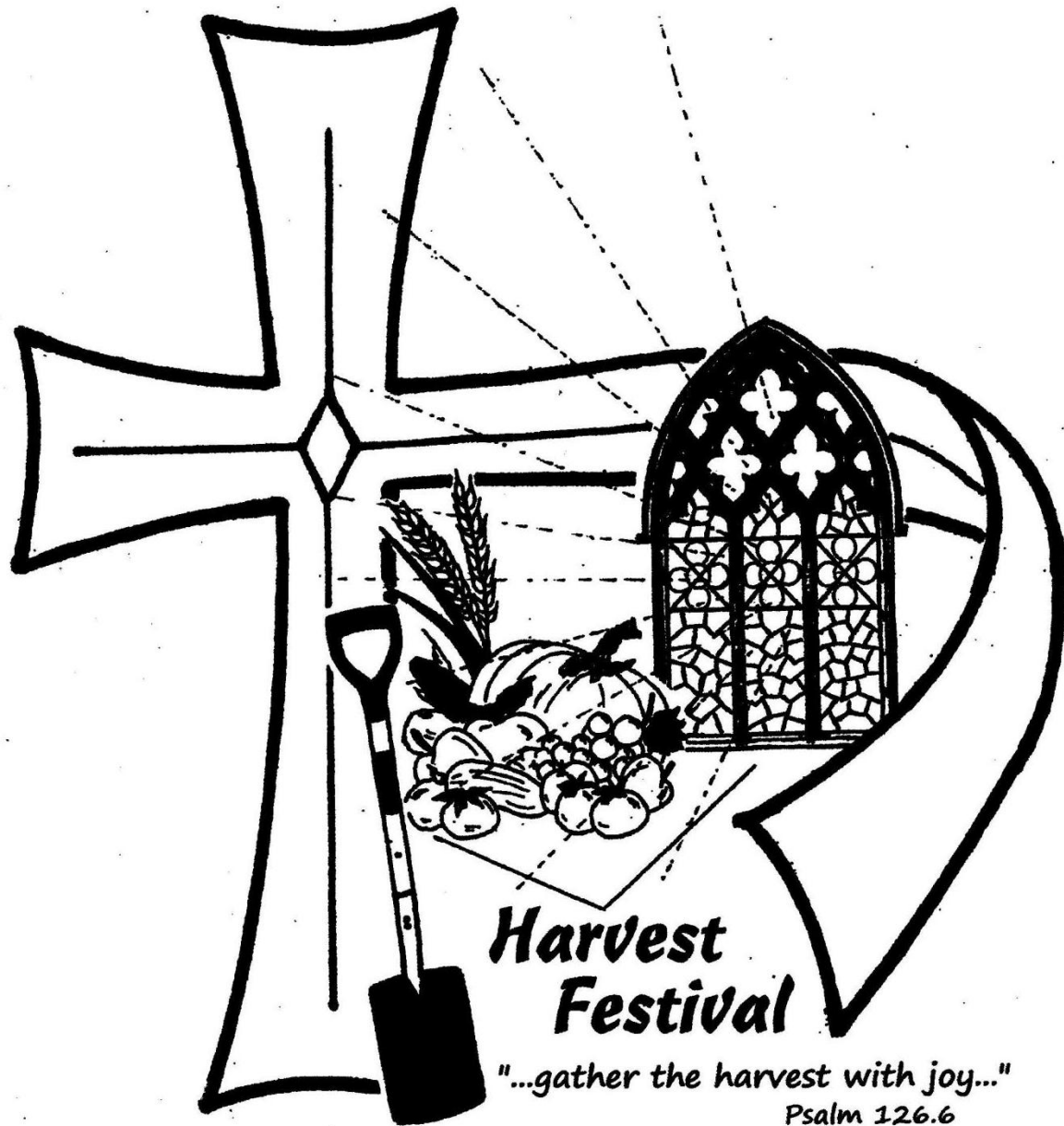


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Wednesday	1 st	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Saturday	4 th	10-12	St. Paul's Cafe
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Sunday 5th

09.30

Trinity 16

Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	8 th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Sunday 12th

09.30

13.00

[meet at 12.30]



HARVEST FESTIVAL

All Aboard

Harvest Lunch at Rigbys

Farmhouse Restaurant

Tuesday	14 th	13.00	Women's Institute in the Village Hall
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Wednesday	15 th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Sunday 19th

09.30

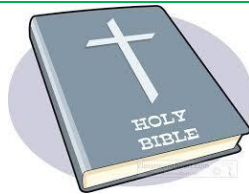
Trinity 18

Parish Eucharist

Tuesday	21 st	19.30	History Society in the Village Hall
Wednesday	22 nd	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
		14.00	Mother's Union in the Village Hall

Sunday 26th

09.30



BIBLE SUNDAY

Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	29 th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
Thursday	30 th	19.00	Memorial Service in Church [remembering loved ones who are no longer with us]
		19.30	Pint Night

PLEASE NOTE

**The DEADLINE for
articles for the**

**NOVEMBER magazine is
FRIDAY, 17th OCTOBER**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I'm hoping that we will see an amazing outpouring of mission during our Faith and Fun events that are coming up. By the time you're reading this, we'll have had our chocolate bingo and pizza tea evening, our family fun day and our Songs of Praise across the benefice. These events have been run as part of our parish Renewal Programme and to contribute to the Diocesan Vision 2026, but the reality is that mission is an ongoing, everyday thing which is the responsibility of us all. Because who doesn't want people to know about the Jesus and how he can transform our lives in the way he does.



A few years ago the following cartoon was in The Church Times and it made me smile because although of course it was intended in a tongue in cheek way, it actually reflects the reality for many of those coming to a church for the first time.



Richard and I were worshipping at several different churches before I started with you as vicar and at one of them I was roped in on week one when I was asked to join their choir practically before the service had even ended.

But being ignored is just as bad too!

Before we came to Freckleton and Warton as we moved from Langho where we were very settled and happy, we had some of those questions from the cartoon, such as 'will I find friends here?', 'will anything odd happen?' going around our minds too. So, what must it be like for those for whom it isn't already a familiar and comfortable environment?

In my last parish when we moved into the village we went to the doctors to register. Easy, I thought, I'm an intelligent grown up, I know what to do and I know where the doctors is, it's the big building on the main road in the village that has a massive doctor's sign on it! But I was totally thrown to find a closed surgery, nobody answering the door and no information to be found anywhere on the outside of the building as to what on earth was going on. We were soon rescued by a friendly local who pointed us in the direction of Whalley Surgery as the Langho one had been closed for quite some time! Because of course the assumption was that everyone knows the score so what's the problem?

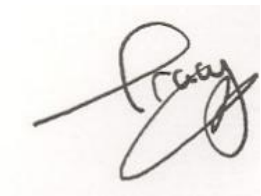
Except they don't ... It's the same with church, we need to look at everything from a newcomer's perspective. You know what time the services are without a notice board - they don't! You might know your way around all those fiddly pages in the service book, especially the old BCP books that flip from page to page but do they? You know what's going on with the children's play areas, where the toilet is etc.

All of our services, be it Sunday morning, baptisms, weddings and funerals are the 'shop window' of the Church; first impressions matter lots! That means that every encounter someone has at Holy Trinity or St Paul's has to be one where the quality of welcome and worship is of the highest order leaving them feeling loved by God and by us and wanting to come back to experience more.

After my licensing service lots of my friends and clergy colleagues went out of their way to comment on how genuinely and warmly welcomed they felt that night. I find that so encouraging as it's obvious that those who have felt called to the office of sides person take their responsibilities seriously. But it doesn't stop there, it extends beyond the greeting at the front door and everyone else in church clearly realises the importance of welcome.

So, thank you for understanding the importance of this and doing it so well and taking the importance of the furthering of the Kingdom of God seriously and appreciating that it's a task we share together, united in our love for Christ. And I pray that those who heard Bishop Jill speak over the faith and fun weekend or heard the testimonies given at the Songs of Praise event may have had some seeds planted or watered by God so that they may be a step closer to knowing him.

Yours, in Christ



Rev Tracy



Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of community. Thank you for helping us by Your Spirit to get to know new faces and people around us we do not know. Help us to be motivated to seek out relationships with others in our church communities. We pray for confidence to reach out and love others with our words and actions. Help us to reach out and see You at work. Enable us to have open hearts and to remember that we are all one in Christ Jesus. Open our hearts to have the willingness to get to know others as brothers and sisters. Open the door to new friendships that are founded in you.

Amen

FROM THE REGISTERS
Holy Trinity Freckleton & St Paul's Warton

Holy Baptism

24 th August 2025	Maisie Jayne Hill-Smith (St Paul's)
31 st August 2025	Harlow Grundy Rodowicz- Smith (St Paul's)
7 th September 2025	Remi Ann Kay Hodge (St Paul's)
14 th September 2025	Leo Arthur Danielsson (Holy Trinity)
14 th September 2025	Oliver Robert Danielsson (Holy Trinity)



Funerals

20 th August 2025	Rachel Ball (Southport Crematorium)
26 th August 2025	Paul Niblock (Holy Trinity)
27 th August 2025	Louis Gibson (Burial of Ashes) (Holy Trinity)
28 th August 2025	Brian Harvey Stevens (Burial of Ashes) (St Paul's)
28 th August 2025	Patricia Stevens (Burial of Ashes) (St Paul's)
9 th September 2025	Sidney Percy (Burial of Ashes) (Holy Trinity)
9 th September 2025	Eileen Craddock (Burial of Ashes) (St Paul's)



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Churchwarden's Letter

"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13)

In August the annual BBQ took place in the vicarage garden. Rev Tracy provided succulent burgers, sausages and chicken wings from her butchers in the Ribble Valley and Anne Marie and Richard put their aprons on and "set to" cooking.

As the sun shone down on our gathering everyone there enjoyed great fellowship, chatting and laughing in the warm afternoon sunshine. The sherry trifle I had to finish was divine. (thank you Audrey for making this treat. It reminded me of the ones my gran used to make). A big thank you to Rev Tracy for making the day so pleasurable.

I know many of you are aware that Joyce is now arranging the flowers in church, and from the positive comments I have heard, these displays have been a welcome addition to our church. Our nativity set has also been lovingly restored by Wendy who has spent many weeks restoring missing fingers, horns and pieces of robes to these figures then, repainting and varnishing them so they look like new. (As a matter of interest, does anyone know what year these figures were originally purchased?). So, as a small token of appreciation both ladies were given willow tree figurines, chocolates (Wendy) and miniature rose bush (Joyce) as a thank you for the joy brought to others by their kindness.

October is the month when Cancer Services raise the awareness of Breast Cancer. They recognise the traumatic effect a cancer diagnosis has on a person's life and that of their family and friends .

By talking to others about cancer, and testing that is available, we raise awareness of the disease and treatment options available. We also help to dispel misconceptions that prevent people going for routine testing. Many Cancer Survivors find a new purpose to their lives when finally told they are “cancer free” following months of treatment. So when you notice people wearing pink clothing in October you will understand their reason behind their bright attire. Our October cafe is going to dedicate the profits from this month's coffee morning in support of Trinity Hospice/Brian House. (who mark their 40th anniversary this month) I know many of you visit our cafe each month but this month, bring a friend with you to enjoy a coffee and chat and you will both be supporting a truly great cause as well.

In November we will be holding our Remembrance Sunday Service to remember those who died serving their country. The red poppy has long been associated with the fighting armies of Europe during the First World War. A vivid picture of this fighting can be felt as you read the poem “Flanders Fields” by John McCrae. Reflect on this poem’s words as you wear your poppy and give the respect it deserves.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Harvest Lunch at Rigby's Farmhouse Restaurant on the 12th of this month.

Blessings,

Jackie



**Sunday,
October 12th**





On Friday the 12th of September the Mothers' Union Deanery Festival took place at Christ Church Wesham. It was a wonderful service of praise and prayer led by Rev. Father Donald Carey, the Diocesan Chaplain, Rev. Jono Peatman and Rev. Bruce Johnson. It was attended by all of the groups within the

Kirkham Deanery and everyone's banners were proudly displayed at the front of the Church.



During the service there was a presentation of Long Service Certificates by Brenda Squires, Kirkham Presiding Member and Susan Willoughby, Blackburn Diocesan President. Grace from Freckleton Mothers' Union was awarded a 60-year service award, which is a fantastic achievement. She received a certificate and a beautifully engraved glass ornament.

Everyone who attended received a memento of the occasion.



Our meeting in September was held on Wednesday the 17th; it began in Church with a Eucharist, and continued in the Village Hall. Rev. Tracy kindly agreed to talk to us about her very interesting life and journey of faith.

Tracy began attending church between the age of 6 and 7, influenced by a kind neighbour, Mrs Livesey, and from this very young age she knew that God was calling her. At the age of 9, through sheer determination, she became a server, even though she was younger than she should have been and not confirmed, as was the norm.

Throughout her teenage years she continued to fulfil her duty as a server and would run from the church service to the stables, two of the most important things in her life, church and horses. She wasn't always a vicar but remembers the exact time and place, at the age of 27, while listening to a sermon about Africa, that became a turning point and the start of her path to ordination. She worked as a Civil Servant for 10 years and as a secondary school teacher for 13 years.

Her first ministry was at Langho and Tracy believes that God has always put her where he wants her. She had the joy of marrying couples that she had taught while she was teaching, and of baptising their babies. There was also the intense sadness of carrying out funerals of friends and people that she had known for a very long time. As she said "There are certain families that touch your life forever".

Then in 2023, when St. Paul's in Warton and Holy Trinity in Freckleton were without a vicar, the Bishop spoke to Tracy about our churches. He believed Tracy would be a perfect fit and, as a Church, we are very glad that Tracy and Richard, her husband, came to Warton. Tracy works extremely hard for our communities, working between the two Churches and ministering at both St. Paul's and Freckleton C of E schools.

She is always busy but always finds time and works tirelessly to make our worship interesting.

We have recently had some visitors to our Mothers' Union group, which is wonderful. If you would like to come and join us, even if you would just like to give it a go, you would be very welcome.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 22nd October at 2pm – it is a talk by the RNLI. Then, on 26th November, Jo Houghton will be doing a candle making demonstration, with the opportunity to purchase gifts.

God bless

Amanda

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Our Churchyard

Our Churchyard pre-dates the current Church building and has graves that date back to the mid 1700s. Unfortunately time, and our Fylde weather, is not kind to gravestones and memorials. Following a tragic incident where a young child was killed by a falling gravestone, our Churchyard memorials have recently been inspected.

The inspection has indicated that a significant number of memorials require attention to ensure their safety, this is going to require professional work and make take some time. Although the PCC has a duty of care to ensure safety in and around the Church, ownership of memorials rests with the families of the deceased and the PCC is limited in the actions that it can take. In the coming months, the PCC will be trying to contact relatives to discuss the condition of affected memorials, to discuss remedial action.

In the short term, warning notices will be placed in the Churchyard and affected memorials will be marked. The majority of the affected graves are in the 'old' Churchyard however, some newer memorials are also affected. Everyone visiting the Churchyard is advised to exercise caution when moving amongst graves. In particular, children should not be allowed to play in the churchyard, dogs should be kept on leads and under no circumstances should memorials be pushed, leaned on or climbed.



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"Er... vicar – does the church have a position on the donation of GM vegetables for the Harvest Festival?"



The ladies of Warton WI were feeling very “catty” at our last meeting. No, we were not trying to scratch each other’s eyes out and it’s safe to say that not many nasty sarcastic comments ever spoil the friendly atmosphere. Instead we were hearing about the breeding and showing of pedigree cats, with member Gwen telling us about the beautiful Burmese and Burmilla cats that bore her breeder’s prefix of Bellabonny and grew up on the sunshine island of Mallorca before going off to forever homes all around the world. Michelle managed the projector and we were treated to a slide show of adorable kitten pictures.

We carried the same theme through the rest of the afternoon with a quiz of Catty Questions, while our usual monthly competition required a depiction of a favourite cat or a small cat ornament.

But Warton WI doesn’t just get together once a month. There are other opportunities to gather, such as the monthly session of the Crafty Ladies. Hosted by a different member every month, we meet to work on craft projects and enjoy morning coffee or tea, not to mention a good natter! Two of those projects came to partial fruition this month. The first of our blankets made up of knitted squares was put together with the much appreciated assistance of Hazel’s daughter, Carol. More blankets are coming along nicely and will eventually find suitable homes helping to keep someone warm this winter. Similarly, a first batch of knitted teddies was delivered by Rosemary to Rev. Tracy to be handed over to every baby baptised in the Church.

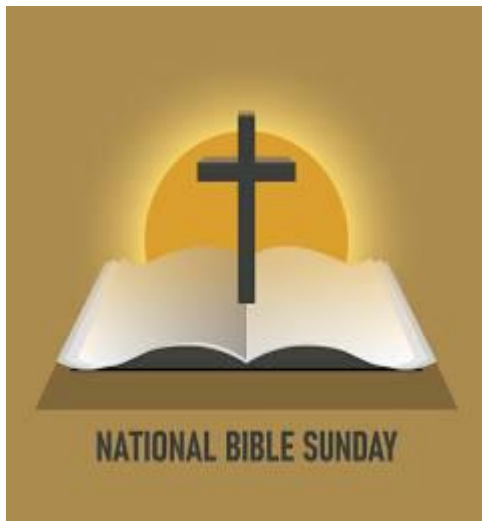
Another monthly happening is the outing undertaken by the Daytrippers and this last month saw us visiting Fulwood Bonsais. What a thoroughly amazing place! Behind what looked like a perfectly normal suburban semi was an extraordinary garden complete with fishpond, lawns, a tea house (or pub for those who prefer beer to tea) and over 300 bonsai trees of every shape, size

and species imaginable. The trees were all for sale in aid of Help For Heroes and other military charities supported by ex-army Andy, the owner and creator of these extraordinary gardens ... and three ladies just could not resist that temptation. Andy also showed us his wonderful hand thrown pots which complement the bonsais perfectly and gave us the benefit of his considerable expertise.

Altogether, it was a good month for Warton WI members. Why not come along and join us when we meet at 1pm on the 2nd Tuesday in every month in the Village Hall?

In October we will be celebrating our 102nd anniversary, so it would be a very good time to come and share the good company and fun.

This year, Bible Sunday is on October 26th



Bible Sunday is an annual church celebration, typically observed in the UK on the last Sunday in October, that recognizes the importance of the Bible in the Christian faith and its role in shaping individual lives and communities. It is a day to reflect on the significance of God's Word, to give thanks for its accessibility, and to support its ongoing translation and distribution to people who still lack the scriptures in their own languages

How often do you read the Bible? There is a free series of small books, “Daily Bread”, published every four months, which help you to contemplate the issues we all face and to gain strength through faith. See Audrey Charnley if you’d like to receive these.



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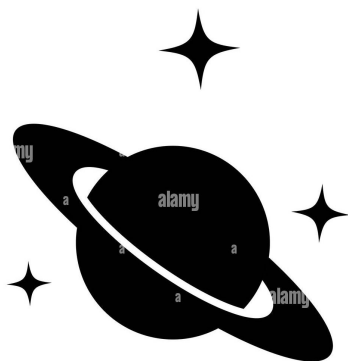
It's such a shame that the very mention of the word *HISTORY* is for so many people a big turnoff. Yet here in Warton there has been a keen membership for well over fifty years of what used to be 'Project '70,' still meeting at the village hall every third Tuesday from September to May. It is quite clear, and members will confirm it, there isn't any of the sleep-inducing material which some of us had to endure at school history lessons in days now long since gone!

Elsewhere in the Magazine you will see an account of the first talk of the current programme, and we do warmly invite you to join us on October 21st at 7.30pm to get to know about a self-educated genius, one Moses Holden, who was a truly pioneering local astronomer. We always end our get-togethers with cuppas and biscuits, and we get an opportunity to put to the speaker any questions we may have.

Please do accept this invitation to this and further talks which will be on, for instance, "Hidden history of the Fylde" or "Tales of a Customs Officer", not forgetting our "Famous Raffle" and the Annual AGM, Hotpot Supper and Quiz.

We look forward to welcoming many new friends next time!

CPC



SECRET SANTA & THE SUPER SACK OF SOCKS

For the past 3 or 4 years we at Saint Paul's and Holy Trinity have put together small Secret Santa parcels for local people who are homeless.

We do this through two separate charities:

The Foxton Centre in Preston is a daytime shelter & advice centre for rough sleepers on the streets. They can get a free breakfast, a shower & change of clothes & can meet various experts for advice. Our parcels therefore have to meet their particular needs.

We usually send items from this list (wrapped & labelled please...Foxton Centre man/lady):

- sweets, chocolate, biscuits, other treats
- toiletries
- warm hat or scarf or gloves
- anything else appropriate

Harbour House in Lytham & its sister house in Fleetwood are both run by the YMCA. They provide small, self-contained flatlets for homeless young people. They can access education & advice & do have a home to live in.

Suitable items for these young people would be from this list, again, wrapped please with label saying Harbour House young man/young lady:

- sweets, chocolate, biscuits, other treats
- toiletries
- pack of cards or small game
- photo frame
- anything else appropriate

Please do not spend more than about £4 - £4.50 on each parcel.

There will be boxes at the back of church for the parcels. St Paul's will organise transport.

PLUS...this year I thought it would be a nice treat for all the Foxton people to have clean socks for Christmas day. The aim is to fill a Santa sack with men's & women's new socks. We already have 15 pairs...could we make that about 50 - 60? Please keep them in their original packaging but unwrapped & unlabelled & pop them in the sack, also at the back of church.

These local shops seem to have most of what's needed but please feel free to shop around:

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TJ Hughes & Sports Direct in Preston

Pound Stretcher in Kirkham

Thank you for all your kind gifts in the past. Next year maybe

Secret Santa and the Box of Boxer Shorts??

God bless.
Sue Parkin.





Our first meeting of the new society year was a free event and we had a great start with a former Tiller Girl Bez Cooper .
Twenty five people attended.

What a great talk it was. Bez began to tell us the history of the Tiller Girls, which dates back to 1890, when John Tiller started a dance troupe in Manchester. She told us about her life on the stages of many theatres appearing with many famous stars of the day, such as Val Doonican, Mike and Bernie Winters, Keith Harris, Jimmy Tarbuck and many more fabulous acts. They often performed at the London Palladium in London and the 'Les Jolies Petites' in Paris .

She had many tales to tell about the strictness of her weight and height and often had many backstage frights on the steep stairs prior to coming onto the stage .

Bez left the Tillers and became a choreographer for many new dance groups . She now lives in Cleveleys and in her retirement enjoys speaking to various groups

Best wishes

David Hoyle



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Date	Readers
5 th October	Alison Eccleston Sally Lockhart
12 th October	Family Service
19 th October	Colin Charnley Margaret Jacob
26 th Octobe	Sue Parkin Stewart Hankinson
Date	Coffee
5 th October	Kathy Baptist Jackie Ridealgh
12 th October	Barbara Fenton Stewart Newall
19 th October	Alison Eccleston Simon Eccleston
26 th October	Joan Liptrot Sally Lockhart



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days and cool
nights, a time to
curl up around
the dancing
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<u>Tuesday</u> <i>Cubs</i> (8-10½yrs) 6 -7.30pm	Kate Parker	01772 635514 07788 551100
<u>Wednesday</u> <i>Rainbows</i> (5-7yrs) 5.45-6.45pm <i>Brownies</i> (7-10yrs) 6.30-8pm	Catherine Potter	01772 493475
<u>Thursday</u> <i>Beavers</i> (6-8yrs) 5.45-7pm <i>Scouts</i> (10½ -14yrs) 7.15-8.45pm	Amber Chauhan Darren Clayton	07468 616692 07876 445919
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