

Upper Wansbeck News

*Benefice Newsletter
Of
St. Andrew's, Bolam,
St. Andrew's Hartburn,
St. John's Meldon,
St. Giles's, Netherwitton
St. Mary Magdalene, Whalton*



May/June 2024

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Our page can be accessed via

<https://www.facebook.com/upperwansbeck>

You do not have to be a Facebook member to use this link. Service details, events and news can be found here, and reflections are posted daily.

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Contains service details news and events

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Editor's Note:



Hello and welcome to the next edition of Upper Wansbeck News.

I recently attended the Whalton Parish Council surgery session held by our local councillor Lyle Darwin at Whalton Village Hall where many topics were discussed. The main one that interested me was related to my correspondence I shared with many of you a few weeks ago 'why the new 777 Bus service doesn't include the villages of Ogle and Whalton'. Councillor Darwin explained that this issue had been raised many times with him and he is currently trying to find out who approved the route as there appears not to have been any consultation done with the people who would potentially use this service. He has it on his agenda and will be carrying out his own investigations into how many people are actually using this service in its' current format. As he highlighted to us during the meeting, it is taxpayers' money that is paying for the service and so far it doesn't appear to be well used.

Other topics that were discussed during the meeting included,

- the speed signs in and around Whalton particularly the 20mph sections which don't appear to be adhered to.
- The cars parking near to Whalton school at peak times and the concern around potential accidents.
- Broadband speeds.
- 4-wheel drive vehicles and motorbikes churning up the ground near Ogle where the burn is.
- The standard of the grass cutting by the council in the village of Ogle
- The maintenance of the roads and flooding just outside Ogle when the drains are blocked.

I've also included a link below which will direct you to the website for Whalton Parish Council for those who are interested.

<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/whalton/documents/minutes>

The picture on the front cover of this issue was taken by me one evening when I was looking out of the window to find the lamb watching me – so cute.

Roisel

Message from Rev.d Elaine Jones

Thank you to everyone for the many cards, messages and prayers. I'm on the mend and will hopefully be back to work in the next month.

Thanks to everyone for stepping up and keeping the show on the road!

Elaine

What's on - May & June 2024

Sunday 19 th May (Third Sunday)	10.00 - 11.00	All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00 - 11.00	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 - 11.30	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Thursday 23 rd May	14.00 - 15.00	Anna Chaplains	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Friday 24 th May	09.00-10.00	Whalton School All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Sunday 26 th May (Fourth Sunday)	10.00 - 11.00	Café Church	Mitford Village Hall
	10.00 - 11.00	BCP Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00 - 11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 - 11.30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Bolam
Saturday 1 st June	09.30 - 11.30	Prayer Meeting	Stable Room, Mitford
Sunday 2 nd June (First Sunday)	10.00 - 11.00	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00 - 11.00	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 - 11.30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	10.30 - 11.30	Family Service	St Andrew's, Bolam
	16.00 - 17.00	Evensong	St Cuthbert's, Hebron

What's on - May & June 2024

Sunday 9th June (Second Sunday)	10.00 - 11.00	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	10.00 - 11.00	All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00 - 11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 - 11.30	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Sunday 16th June (Third Sunday)	10.00 - 11.00	All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00 - 11.00	Holy Communion	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 - 11.30	Holy Communion	St Giles, Netherwitton
	10.30 - 11.30	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
Sunday 23rd June (Fourth Sunday)	10.00 - 11.00	Café Church	Mitford Village Hall
	10.00 - 11.00	BCP Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00 - 11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 - 11.30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Bolam
Thursday 27th June	14.00 - 15.00	Anna Chaplains	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Friday 28th June	09.00 - 10.00	Whalton School All Age Worship	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton

What's on - May & June 2024

Sunday 30th June (Fifth Sunday)	10.00 - 11.00	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	10.00 - 11.00	Morning Prayer	St Helen's, Longhorsley
	10.30 - 11.30	Holy Communion (Traditional)	St John's, Meldon

Service types may be subject to change according to minister availability.



News from Cambo School

Where has this year gone? Indeed, where has the time gone in general? I think the older you get the quicker the time flies. The summer term has come around very quickly this year. We can hardly believe we will be saying goodbye to our Year 4s very soon, But, before that, there are still a number of activities to enjoy, along with a summer of European Football and the Olympics! Fingers crossed the good weather holds for us.



Our focus area for learning this term is the 'Romans', some say those rotten romans... but were they really rotten? Using primary and secondary source material, visitors and visits, we plan to investigate how and why the Romans successfully invaded Britain; the strategies and techniques they used in battle, and who the people in Britain actually were that they were fighting, Including Boudica! We are also researching the everyday life of a Roman soldier, what they wore and how the army was

organised. And finally, we are finding out about What life was like generally in Roman Britain and how the Romans influenced our life today. PHEW a lot to get through in half a term and guess what our annual sleepover will be linked to?



This term we were so fortunate to have Virpi Kettu come into school to work with all of the children on their Animations skills. Virpi is a professional artist/ animator. The children were so impressed to learn that she had been part of the animation team at Aardman Animations creating Wallace and Gromit movies! AND she had even completed animations for Katie Perry's songs and videos! But wow... we were really impressed when we saw our Cambo school animation of Jack and the Beanstalk which we shared with the whole community. The experience has really spurred the children on to create more... I see Roman stories and lots, lots, more on the horizon!



In May our Y4 children took part in our annual residential to Robinwood, along with the Y4s from Longhorsley, and Whalton. We had three days of OAA activities. The foci were: challenge, resilience, communication, collaboration and problem solving.

What fun we had canoeing, climbing, orienteering and lots, lots, more! with wonderful weather from rain to radiant sunshine. Who could ask for more? With transition on the horizon it was a brilliant opportunity to also meet new friends and rekindle old friendships!





News from Cambo School Cont.

Over the term the children have taken part in cricket sessions with Matthew Senior and basketball with Tyler from All Stars and Striking and Fielding with Mrs Armstrong. They have also taken part in many festivals and tournaments including quad kids, multiskills, and cricket, with lots of enthusiasm and success and we still have skipping and hula hooping to come!



Our cookery classes are still going strong with Year 4 children taking their turn this term. Their preparation, mixing, stirring, chopping, cutting skills and menu planning are excellent. These skills will be put to good use as they prepare for Y4 parents coming into to school for a meal prepared by... yes you guessed it, all the year 4s.



This term we welcome Paul and Vanessa from North Academy into school. Paul and Vanessa are running a lunch time drama club with children across the school. The children are really enjoying the experience so hopefully we can keep this initiative going long term!



Kathy Anderson and Anne Hedley continue to work with us this term along with Peter Brown. The music and singing is very thematic with the children learning songs/music linked to the Romans. With the support of Peter, the children will put on a performance for our community in June. The children have also fine tuned their arts portfolio which will be sent to Arts Council this July for assessment. Hopefully all of the children will gain their award at the end of the year.



It's all go at Cambo! And a ...

Date for your diary. We will be holding our Cambo School Fayre on Saturday 22nd June between 10am -12noon. We do hope you are able to come and join us in raising money for our school/children



The Federation of Longhorsley and Whalton C of E Schools



Aspire- Believe - Achieve... to be the very best that we can be

Hope - Honesty - Forgiveness - Friendship - Trust - Love

We have had an exciting Spring Term 2!



The children worked so hard together and they managed to fill the whole school Marble Jar. As a treat, Professor Brainstorm was booked and he did a fabulous Science Show



A visit to the village Post Office, in Whalton



In Early Years, the children had a mini Post Office in their classroom and finished this term off with a visit to Whalton Village Hall Post Office, which is there each Thursday morning. They enjoyed walking there, buying their own stamps and then posting their Easter cards to their family homes.

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In Class 2, Miss Bowen and her children have enjoyed a Multi Skills Festival at Ponteland with Cambo and Stamfordham schools.

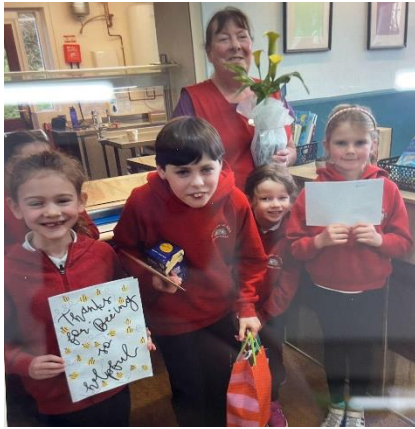


The children in Class 3 have enjoyed listening to the story of The Last Bear, read by Mr Chambers and reading Ancient Greek playscripts. They have also studied the work of Antony Gormley in art and learned the techniques of score and slip work to complete their own clay sculpture. One child also wanted to say what a good term they had had with their Teachers, Teaching Assistants and their friends.

The term came to a lovely close with our Easter Service, in St Mary Magdalene's Church. We had some very brave soloists and the children impressed us with their acting, singing and great narrating of the Easter service.



Following a paper egg hunt the children were rewarded with a chocolate Easter egg each, kindly donated by Whalton School Association. Huge thanks to Whalton School Association for these.



On the last day of term we also said a massive 'thank you' to Auntie Marlene who has hung up her lunchtime apron after 34 years of serving the children in the dinner hall. The children presented her with a special card and gifts in gratitude of her service. Auntie Marlene will still be looking after our school as Caretaker, so she will continue to be around.

We are very much looking forward to our Summer Term together and we will be thinking before we know it about what the children may enter in the Whalton Village Show, on Saturday 21st September. This year's schedule is currently being compiled and I know the committee would love to see lots of children and adult entries alike.



Bolam Church Grounds Tidy Up and Bonfire - Sat 18th May



**BOLAM CHURCH
GROUNDS TIDY UP,
BONFIRE, SOCIAL,
CHILDREN'S EVENT.**



The next date is Saturday May 18th All welcome from **2pm** to help cut back, chop down, pull up and generally tidy our beautiful church yard. Bring your gloves and tools.

There will be a fun activity for children about 3pm for 45 minutes. The theme this time is "The air we breathe". This natural world experience has been developed for children aged 8 to 11, but younger people are welcome too!

Bring your favourite refreshments to share at the fire from about **4pm**. Children welcome to help with their adults, as always. We usually finish by **6pm**. Any questions to Jim Grant 01670 772302 or email storiesfromjim@gmail.com



Stanton Fence Garden - Owner Sir David Kelly

[Click this link to the National Garden Scheme](#)

"The National Garden Scheme donate £3.5 million each year to care charities of which the three main beneficiaries are Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Parkinson's UK, all of which are of particular concern to the Kelly family."



Open Day

Sunday 30th June 2024 - 13:00 – 17:00

Home-made teas

Adult - £8.00, Child – Free

Wheelchair access for chairs that can use mown paths as well as hard paving.

A contemporary 4.7-acre country garden designed by Chelsea Gold Medal winner, Arabella Lennox-Boyd, in keeping with its rural setting. A strong underlying design unites the different areas from formal parterre and courtyard garden to orchard, wildflower meadows and woodland. Romantically planted rose covered arbours and long clematis draped pergola walk. Nuttery, greenhouse and greenhouse garden.

A donation from this garden will also go to St.Giles Church, Netherwitton.

Location:

Stanton Fence
Stanton
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE65 8PP

5m NW of Morpeth Nr Stanton on the c144 between Pigdon and Netherwitton.

WHALTON VILLAGE SHOW 2024

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 11.00am - 4.30pm

The date is now set for this year's Whalton Village Show and planning is well underway. As a committee we appreciate that not everybody is able to give time in helping to organise and deliver the show. We are, however, keen to involve as many of you as would like to be, as it is your local event.

We are enormously grateful for the continuing generosity of our existing supporters. Without them the show would not be possible. However, there is always room for more!

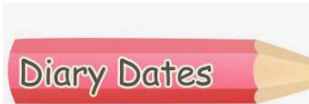
Would you, your family or your business be interested in supporting a small or large part of the show, helping to cover the many costs? Whether you can offer £5 or £500 we'd love to hear from you.

If you are interested in finding out more or discussing this further please feel free to contact Richard or Julie Potter on 01670 775528 or email show@whaltonvillage.org.uk

Many thanks

Whalton Village Show Committee

WWW.WHALTONVILLAGESHOW.COM



WHALTON VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

June & July 2024

MONDAY

Jewel in the Lotus Yoga (Evening) Open to everyone. For all classes, booking required, please bring your own Yoga mat. Contact Debbie on 07812 124888.

Whist 7.00pm – Everyone welcome, just turn up on the night to have some fun or contact Karen on 07974405178 for more information.

TUESDAY

Morpeth Art Group 10am-2pm For further details visit the Morpeth Art Group Website on: www.magart.org.uk

Gardening Club (1st Tuesday of the month) Mixture of external visits, practical sessions and speakers – contact Anna Sill 01670 775375

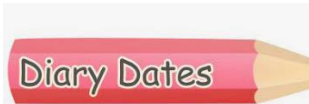
Ringcraft training and socialisation for dogs. 6.30pm - 8.30pm. For more information contact Joanne Graham on 07771616144

WEDNESDAY

Seniors keep fit 9.30am Contact Olaronke Ashiru-Gbadebo at tokunbogbadebo@gmail.com or just turn up on the day

Chiropodist (Every 2nd month) - To book an appointment call Joanne Leiper on 07890322719

Carpet Bowls restarts September 2024



WHALTON VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

June & July 2024

THURSDAY

Post Office 9:15am – 10:45am – In the Bar Room. Post parcels and letters, withdraw cash, pay bills and all the usual things that you do in a Post Office.

Whalton Toddlers 9.30am till 11.30am. Term time only. Visit facebook @whaltontoddlers for more information or just turn up on the day.

Kirkley Carvers 1pm – 3pm. Join this mixed gender group of self taught hand tool woodwork enthusiasts always happy to welcome anyone interested in fashioning something out of a piece of timber. Please contact Bob 01912671930

Women of Whalton WI 7pm (3rd Thursday of the month) - For more information and details on joining email WhaltonWI@hotmail.com or just turn up on the night.

FRIDAY

Jewel in the Lotus Yoga 9:00am – 10:30am Booking required & please bring your own Yoga mat. Contact Debbie on: Tel: 07812 124888

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd June 7-8pm, 21st July 7- 8pm Sound Bath. For further information and to book a place visit www.soundroomhealing.co.uk

23rd June 10.30am – 4pm. Tin Shed Art Exhibition with teas and cakes. Free entry.

If you require any further information, please phone 07856 176358 or Email: bookings@whaltonvillage.org.uk

Middleton Village Hall

In June we are offering two very different shows – why not come to both to experience professional music and theatre on your doorstep? Usual excellent value pay bar + ice-cream + raffle + heads and tails. Cards accepted.



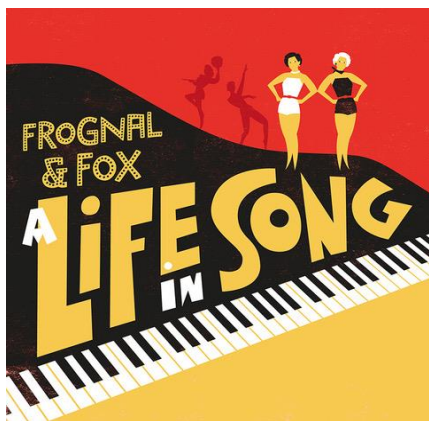
Noble Jacks Thursday 6 June - 7:30pm

With the fiddle leading the charge, Noble Jacks are out to take no prisoners with their high-energy footstompin' rhythms, which have taken crowds by storm! Nominated live act of the year in the 2023 UK Americana Awards and hailed as the finest purveyors of folk-influenced Americana, look out as Noble Jacks bring the liveliest show around, a raucous fiddle-driven thrill ride, to the stage!

"Noble Jacks build their unique British sensibility on a foundation of bluegrass and roots creating a sound all their own" - Baylen Leonard, Absolute Radio Country

"Their music is just the kind of sonic elixir we need in these troubled times" - Acoustic Magazine

Adults £12 | U18s £6 | Bookings: 07855 444719 or georgecourtice@btinternet.com or buy on-line: <https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/noble-jacks/>



A Life in Song Wednesday 26 June 7.30pm

A revue written by Fiona Ellis
Directed by Cinzia Hardy

Dive into a showbiz world full of glamour, optimism, rivalry and acceptance. Meet Margaret Frognal (Jane Holman) and Adele Fox (Zoe Lambert), two fading performers, as they showcase their singing and playing talents accompanied by their bemused and cynical pianist. Beneath the theatrical camaraderie lurks a tension, but what is it and will it be resolved?

Middleton Village Hall

Featuring favourite songs from stage and screen by songwriters such as Cole Porter, the Gershwins, Stephen Sondheim and Noel Coward, and lesser-known numbers, this raucous, cabaret-style show is not to be missed.

Adults £12 | U18s £6 | Bookings: 07855 444719 or georgecourtice@btinternet.com or buy on-line <https://www.carolewproductions.com/frognal-and-fox>

Suitability: 12+



Capheaton Hall Gardens

Open on **Saturday 6th** and **Sunday 7th July**

Entry from 10am to 4pm

More information & pre-book tickets ngs.org.uk



Stalls of Plants and Home-baking

Walled Kitchen Garden; traditional and unusual fruit and vegetable production; annual and perennial borders; Victorian glasshouse and conservatory; 18th century folly; sweeping lawns and parkland; new features and areas of planting.

Admission £10 Children free
Dogs on leads welcome

www.capheatonhall.co.uk

Diary Dates



let's do
lunch

Hartburn Community Lunches
St. Andrews Church Hartburn

Tuesday 11th June – 12:00 for 12:30 at Hartburn Church - £6.00

Tuesday 9th July – 12:00 for 12:30 at Hartburn Church - £6.00

Contact Pooh Stafford to book – poohstafford@btinternet.com

Phone: 01670 772313



Sunday 21st July
1-5pm

Kitchen Garden House, Meldon Park, NE61 3SW

Come and explore a beautiful walled garden with established borders, fruit trees, greenhouse, and wild area.

Homemade teas and plant sale

£5 entry: All proceeds will go towards Hartburn Church

No dogs please, except assistance dogs

Wheelchair accessible

Please park in field opposite entrance to driveway. Disabled parking is available on driveway if needed.



Diary Dates

Save
the
Date!



Saturday 7th September 2024

The amazing Da Vinci Quartet are returning to St Andrews Harburn. Tickets are £25 to include complimentary drink on arrival and canapes in the interval. This raised the roof last year. To avoid disappointment early booking is advised - to book tickets please email: annamcgowan@btinternet.com

Diary Dates

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SAVE THE DATE!

Hartburn Christmas Market

Saturday 16th November 2024





Wallington Demesne Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th May 2024 commencing at 7:30 pm in Middleton Village Hall.

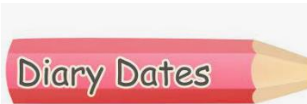
Members of the public are welcome to attend and participate under Public Questions.



Whalton Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 commencing at 7:30 pm in Whalton Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and participate under Public Questions.



PCC Meeting Dates

Bolam

PCC Meeting – 7pm – 9pm	8 th July 2024
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Whalton

APCM – 7 pm	28 th May 2024
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Netherwitton

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Hartburn and Meldon

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Mitford & Hebron

APCM Meeting 7pm	16 th May 2024
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Deadline for the next Newsletter Submissions is 10th July 2024,
with publication planned for 15th July 2024.

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