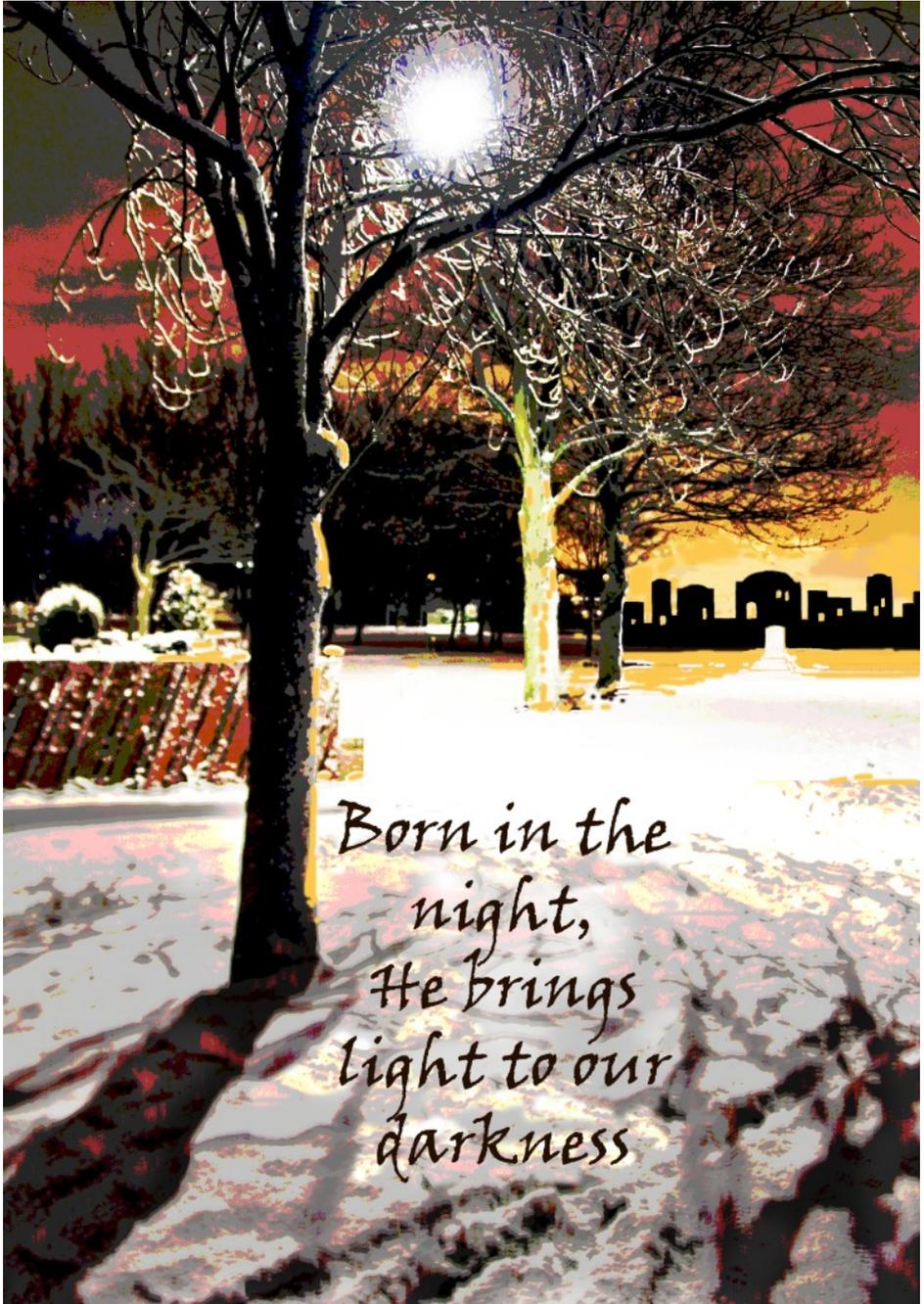


# Washburn Valley & Mid-Wharfe Churches



*Born in the  
night,  
He brings  
light to our  
darkness*

December 2015

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## 2 Church Services

	6 December Advent 2	13 December Advent 3	20 December Advent 4	24/25 December Christmas Eve/Day	27 December Christmas 1
Weston	Holy Communion 9.30am (BCP) Rev T Kidd  Mrs P Senior	Christingle Service 11am Mrs J Shield Rev G Shield  Mrs P Senior	Tuesday 22 Dec Walk with Mary and Joseph Askwith Village 7pm  Mrs H Pullan	Holy Communion 10am (BCP) Rev M Wilkinson	United Holy Communion with Carols at Farnley 10.30am Mrs J Shield Rev G Shield Mrs H Pullan
Denton	Thursday 10 Dec NG Bailey Carol Service 6.45pm Rev G Shield All welcome  M Phillips	Christingle Service 11am Mrs J Shield Rev G Shield  M Phillips	Carol Service 3pm Rev G Shield  A Straume & J Crowther		United Holy Communion with Carols at Farnley 10.30am Mrs J Shield Rev G Shield A Straume & J Crowther
Fewston	Advent Service With St Margaret's Choir 3pm Mr J Charman	Christmas Cornucopia 3pm (see page 15) Friday 18 December 9 Lessons & Carols 7pm Mr J Charman	Morning Prayer with Baptism of Oliver McClean 11am Rev G Shield	Journey to Bethlehem 2.30pm Rev G Shield Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm Rev G Shield	United Holy Communion with Carols at Farnley 10.30am Mrs J Shield Rev G Shield
Blubberhouses				Family Service 9.30am Mr J Charman	United Holy Communion with Carols at Farnley 10.30am Mrs J Shield Rev G Shield



#### 4 Church details

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The parishes and Anglican churches of the Washburn Valley and Mid-Wharfe United Benefice are All Saints Weston, St Helen Denton, St Michael and St Lawrence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley, St Oswald Leathley  
[www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org](http://www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org)   [www.leathleychurch.org](http://www.leathleychurch.org)

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0113 203 7754 / [leathleyrectory@btinternet.com](mailto:leathleyrectory@btinternet.com)

Day off: Friday

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01943 851234

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Warden

Norwood Retreat Centre, Norwood, Otley LS21 2RA

01943 464458 ~ [norwoodchapel@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:norwoodchapel@tiscali.co.uk)

Dear Friends

We come once more to the season of Advent, which is, traditionally, a time of waiting and a time of preparation: a time of waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

We often mark this particular season with Advent calendars and Advent candles to help us to countdown the days to Christmas.

And the opening of the windows on our Advent calendars...and the lighting of an Advent candle each day...or the picking up of a book of Advent readings and reflections...all enable us to pause for a moment. In the busyness and the rush of daily living, we need time to remember what Christmas is really all about.

At Christmas, we celebrate God's giving of himself to the world in his Son, Jesus...born a baby in Bethlehem. We rejoice in this most wonderful of gifts, as it's Jesus who brings in the Kingdom of God – a new type of kingdom based on God's values.

And it's through Jesus, we find our way back to God, as he tells us

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."  
Christmas gifts don't come any better than that.

It's very easy to get caught up in the rush to Christmas with presents to buy, food to prepare and cook, visitors arriving and Christmas events to attend. So, every now and again, just pause. Let the wonder of the Christmas story touch your heart once again. Take a seat and be thankful for all that God is doing in your life. Wait a moment on God.

And as you wait, may God meet you in the waiting. May the waiting be a time of blessing.

Happy Advent!

God bless

Lesley Taylor



TEDDY CHURCH welcomes all babies and toddlers and their favourite Teddy Bear to an informal Story, Play and Sing session at Fewston Church and Centre every 2nd Friday of every month throughout the year and we start at 10 am. Parents, Grandparents and Carers welcome. Light refreshments.



Next date for your diary is Friday 11 December at 10am.

*Cheri Beaumont*



Fewston

Would everyone please note that the decorating and cleaning for Advent takes place on 4th December. Thank you to all those who turned up for our Remembrance Sunday service on 8th November and who contributed to the collection. The proceeds of this collection will be split 50/50 between Help for Heroes and Combat Stress.

*Cheri Beaumont*

### ADVENT COURSE

It's not too late to join us in the Preparing the Way weekly course for Advent. This is a good way to prepare ourselves to meet again the reason for the season - Jesus the Baby and Christ the Saviour. Preparing the Way will be using the Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. Having looked at A World in Turmoil, this month we'll be looking at Preparing the Road, The Life Required, and God's Servants. You can start with Advent Morning Prayer at 9.45 am or join us for refreshments at 10.15 am.

2 December at Norwood Chapel; 9 December at Timble Chapel; 16 December at Fewston Parochial Hall

*Graham Shield*

'A Celebration of Christmas in Carols, Readings and Songs'  
followed by seasonal refreshments

Norwood Chapel

Sunday 13 December at 4pm

Booking essential

Please contact the Warden on (01943)464458 to reserve your seat/s.

## A BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR

is required for  
the Washburn and Mid Wharfe group of Churches.

This position is for between 10 and 15 hours per month and includes

- all Baptism, Wedding and Funeral administration
- taking minutes at Benefice meetings (twice a year)
- printing Orders of Service etc
- using Microsoft Office and OneDrive
- ordering stationery
- administrating two on-line bank accounts

For further information contact Rachel Boggs 01943 467359 or for job specification email Rev Graham Shield [leathleyrectory@btinternet.com](mailto:leathleyrectory@btinternet.com)

### WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

#### Denton

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|-------------|--|
| 11 October  | Baptism of Lida Pagnillo-Sutton                        |
| 14 November | Wedding of Adam Douglas SPRAY & Alison Elizabeth MOORE |
| 28 November | Wedding of Jonathan STOCKTON & Antonia BARR            |

#### Leathley

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| 22 November | Baptism of Sebastian Armitage-Riley |
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#### Weston

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| 25 October  | Baptism of Harry Marston    |
| 15 November | Baptism of Stanley Feathers |

#### Fewston

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| 18 October | Baptism of Ralph Parkes                                     |
| 18 October | Baptism of Thomas Riley                                     |
| 7 November | Wedding of Daniel Christopher RILEY & Sophie Elizabeth HALL |

#### Farnley

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| 19 November | Burial of Jessie Wood (funeral at Bramhope) |
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**MUSIC AT FEWSTON**

If you appreciate Choral Music at its finest  
then you cannot miss the presence of the

**Choir of St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley**

when they present a

**Service for Advent**

in the Parish Church of

**St. Michael and St. Lawrence, Fewston**

at 3.00 pm on Sunday 6th December

All are welcome to what is a very special service.

Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

Timble Methodist Chapel have received a thank you from the Farming Community Network. £100 was sent to the charity from the proceeds of the Timble Harvest Celebrations.

**THE CHURCHES OF WESTON AND DENTON**

**ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR LATEST PRODUCTION**

First there was the SHED BLESSING – now we have

**THE VILLAGE NATIVITY TRAIL**

Tuesday 22 December at 7pm

There will be a CASTING and PLANNING EVENING at the BETHLEHEM INN on

Wednesday 9 December at 8pm

COME and be a SHEPHERD, WISE MAN, ANGEL.

WHO will YOU be??? No SPEAKING only DRESSING UP!

We're STILL waiting for a local DONKEY

Please contact the Casting Director – Rev Graham Shield – for more information  
and to say who your character will be (some adult costumes available)

leathleyrectory@btinternet.com / 0113 203 7754

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST MAGAZINE**

unless someone steps forward now – or it could be a job share. Either way we need to know now if there'll be a 376th issue.

This has occurred because our current editor Rachel is stepping down from this role and so the committee is looking for a willing person, or persons, to take on the role so that our magazine can continue to deliver news of our churches and community to the just under 600 households that currently receive it.

Presently the editor receives articles by email and letter, and they are copied and pasted into a template. The finished article is sent to the printer also by email. Advertising is handled by the Treasurer.

Interested persons should be:

- at ease with computers and word processing
- ideally, but not necessarily, familiar with desk-top publishing
- able to attend a few meetings each year

Might suit young school leaver/university graduate for experience in editing, publishing etc

Currently the editor works alone but the job could be shared by more than one person so that the commitment would be less onerous. There is a small honorarium.

Please contact Rev Graham Shield, chair of magazine committee, details on page 4

Timble Chapel Carol Service

Sunday 20 December

2.30pm

led by Rev Lesley Taylor

Join us in Christmas  
celebration

Tea and mince pies  
afterwards



## 10 Washburn Valley Choir

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Dear Editor,

The United Benefice Choir has been 'rebranded' as the Washburn Valley Choir and this provides an opportunity for me to tell you a little about ourselves.

I've been privileged to lead this little band of local singers for over a year now. We are delighted to have provided support for our local churches on feast days and at United Benefice services, singing anthems suitable for the occasions, and of course carols at Christmas time.

There is a famous choir called "The Sixteen", which we come no way towards emulating - perhaps we could be known as "A Number Between Ten and Twenty"....!

We are a friendly bunch and welcome new singers in all parts, particularly men! We rehearse weekly at St. Oswald's, Leathley. The choir has been very active in the last year and we have performed works by several composers, amongst others, Tallis, Victoria, Durufle and Copland. We engage in some secular choral singing (more light-hearted!) during the summer months.

As you will have seen from the timetable we will have sung at the Patronal service at St Andrew's, Blubberhouses on November 29th, and will be in full voice at the two December carol services at Fewston and Leathley.

Next year we hope to be able to contribute to local celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday.

May I use these columns to express my gratitude to all our enthusiastic singers for their constant support throughout the year, and to our fine team of organists, Peter Wiggins, James Arneill and Bryan Robinson.

Looking forward to seeing you at Leathley, Farnley, Blubberhouses, Denton or Fewston, whatever the occasion!

Yours sincerely,

Alistair Wood

Conductor

PS In anticipation of people's fondness for abbreviation we have, for obvious reasons, not chosen the name "Washburn Choir".



Could you be an everyday hero for hospice charity?

Saint Michael's is looking for everyday heroes from across the Harrogate district to befriend people living with a terminal illness in their own homes. The charity's innovative volunteer visitor service supports people with a terminal illness to live at home with confidence, independence and dignity, by providing companionship and helping ease isolation. Specially-trained volunteers spend around two hours a week doing simple, everyday things which can make a huge difference to people's quality of life - things like lending a listening ear, sharing a cup of tea and a chat, going for a walk or out to the cinema. Having a volunteer visitor also makes a difference to carers and family by offering some much-needed 'me' time. These everyday heroes don't need superpowers or special skills - just a genuine commitment to caring for and about someone. The charity matches volunteers and patients carefully, so you may even be able to share your hobby or interests with each other. All volunteers receive full training before they start and have plenty of expert support from the team at Saint Michael's, to ensure the experience is beneficial to everyone.



"I feel very privileged to be a volunteer visitor," said Sandra Monkman Charlton, who started volunteering with the service earlier this year. "I get so much out of it but I definitely feel I'm doing a worthwhile job".

If you'd like to know about becoming a volunteer visitor, or to find out about other volunteering roles at Saint Michael's, please telephone (01423) 876085, email [volunteers@saintmichaels Hospice.org](mailto:volunteers@saintmichaels Hospice.org) or visit [www.saintmichaels Hospice.org](http://www.saintmichaels Hospice.org).



Saturday 19 December at 7pm

St Michael and St Lawrence, Fewston

Little Christmas Voices

Children's choir from Wharfedale

Led by Miss Kirsten van Terheyden

Refreshments

£15, no charge for under 16s.

Pay at the door or tickets from Pat Anderson

Tel 01943 880284

Proceeds for charities – MIND and Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 10 January 2016, 11 am

St Michael and St Lawrence Fewston

Christingle Service



We would like to invite you to the  
**Denton Christmas Carol Service at St Helen's Church**

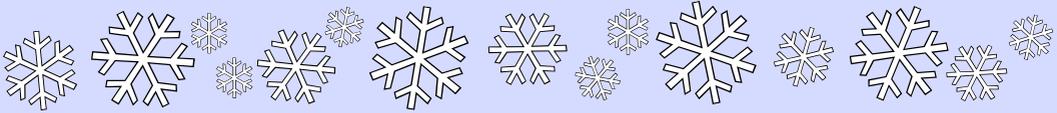
**Thursday 10th December 2015**

**6:45pm**

**Followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Denton Hall**

**The collection will be for the kitchen and toilets**

**If you wish to join us, please contact Hannah Bairstow on  
01943 813481 or email [hannah.bairstow@denton-hall.co.uk](mailto:hannah.bairstow@denton-hall.co.uk)**



**Parents, Families, Friends, and Children be part of the  
'Journey to Bethlehem'**

**Thursday 24 December, 2.30 pm**

**St Michael and St Lawrence, Fewston**

**Nativity costumes are provided**

**Come to the Washburn Heritage Centre at 2pm to choose your costume, or  
come in your own, just as you want.**

**There will be refreshments after the Journey to Bethlehem.**



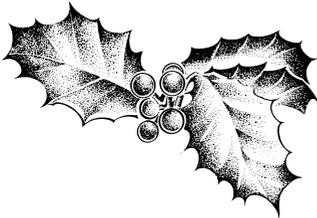


## HOLLY

We sing about the Holly and the Ivy and prickly green leaves and red berries are everywhere in Christmas decorations.

In Scandinavian countries the holly is even known as the Christ-thorn and it seems that the name of the holly actually came from the word holy .

The holly reminds us of the death of Jesus the sharp prickles on the leaves are like the crown on thorns that Jesus was forced to wear on the cross. The red berries remind us of the drops of blood that came where the thorns hurt his head.



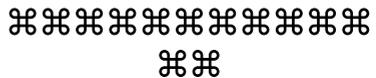
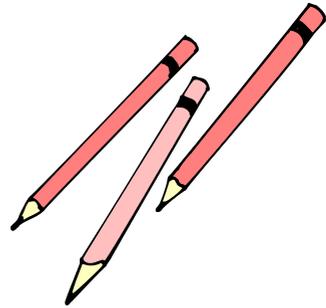
Holly is an evergreen, which means that it does not lose its leaves in the autumn, but keeps them all year round. And because its leaves are always green it is a symbol of eternal life.

## SHARP PRESENTS

A quick way to make little presents for all your class and friends.

You will need nice pencils, glue (spray glue is best) and Christmas wrapping paper with a small pattern on it. Choose round pencils rather than the hexagonal type.

Cut a strip of wrapping paper wide enough to wrap around the pencil and as long as the pencil. Put glue on the back of the paper and wrap it around the pencil. When the glue has dried; trim away any excess paper with small scissors.



**What did the werewolf write on his Christmas cards?**

Best vicious of the season.

**What do elves sing to Santa?**

Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow!

































In December, the Washburn Heritage Centre and tea room will be open for the first three Sundays from 11am–4pm. Please keep an eye on our website for details of 27 December and the New Year period.

OUR EVENTS IN DECEMBER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

*Plan and relish your winter food for the best of health!*

Thursday 10 December, 7.30-9.30pm

Advice and guidance from professional nutritionist Deborah Wilson, based in Harrogate. With light (well chosen!) refreshments. £6 per person, £5 Washburn Society members

*Make a festive Christmas wreath with professional florist Steph Scruton*

Saturday 12 December, 10-12 or 2-4pm

Wire ring, moss, orange segments, pine cone & ribbon provided, along with tea, coffee, mulled wine & mince pies. £10 per person, £8 Washburn Society members

*Christmas Cornucopia at Fewston Church*

Sunday 13 December, 3pm

Come and enjoy a light hearted, joyful Christmas concert, performed by the Lawnswood Singers and members of Amici choir, including humorous Christmas anecdotes, and carols for all to join in. Mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies on sale. £5 per person, under 16s free.

*Solstice Walk*

Tuesday 22 December, 3-5.30pm

Meet at the Centre for car share to start point. Walk through some woodland and open moor to (hopefully) watch the sunset. Return to Centre for mulled wine and mince pies. Some uneven ground and a head or hand held torch would be useful. Distance about 3 miles. Sorry, no dogs. £12.50 per person, £10 Washburn Society members.

Advance booking and payment is required to secure a place for all events.

Contact Rachel on 01943 880794 or [centre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:centre@washburnvalley.org)

Events can also be viewed on our website [www.washburnvalley.org](http://www.washburnvalley.org)

EVENTS in ASKWITH, WESTON and DENTON

The Village Harvest Supper, held in Askwith Village Hall, was a sell-out and a great success. Thank you to all those who helped, contributed and spent money. We raised £550 for church funds as well as having an enjoyable evening.

St Helen's Churchyard: The Church Warden and PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in Denton who have helped in many ways to looking after the churchyard during the past year. We have had many compliments about how well cared for it is. Many grateful thanks.

Events provisionally planned for next year include:

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| Feb 20  | Beetle Drive Supper             |
| Mar 28  | Easter Walk and Easter Egg Hunt |
| May ?   | Coffee Morning                  |
| June 11 | Askwith Show                    |
| Aug 29  | Fewston Teas                    |
| Oct 10  | Harvest Supper                  |
| Nov 19  | Domino Supper                   |

VAVASOUR SOCIETY

Wednesday 9 December at 7.30 pm  
in Askwith Village Hall  
when David Alred will give an illustrated talk on  
'Littondale and beyond'  
All are welcome (guests £4)  
Mince pies will be served afterwards.



FREE DAFFODIL BULBS

Mid Wharfedale Parish Council has successfully applied for 300 free daffodil bulbs from Harrogate Borough Council. They are to be planted in the parish where they will benefit the community (road side verges, village greens, hedge bottoms etc). All are bagged in lots of 25 and can be collected from the clerk by prior appointment.

*Nick Pullan, Clerk to MWPC, 07720260401, npullanmwpc@fsmail.net*  
midwharfedaleparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

We held our Annual General Meeting on 12 November which was attended by a large number of members who all enjoyed cheese and wine and nibbles arranged by the Committee. We have had a very successful year with lots of interesting speakers and outings.

We are having our annual dinner on 12 December, an outing to the ballet at the Grand on December 30 also a trip to Castle Howard and Helmsley on 7 December.

We have no further meetings until 2016 when we have a varied and interesting programme for next year:

14 January - Bobbie Miller – Quarry Arts (Musical Rocks)

11 February - Paul Barrett RSPB “Not just Birds”

10 March - Associated Country Women of the World – Rosie Sziumpet.

14 April - Is there really no business like Show Business – Andrew Macgill.

12 May - Resolution Night

9 June - Sir Thomas Ingilby “Castle Life in the 21st Century”

12/14 July - The Great Yorkshire Show

11 August - Outside visit

8 September - Revd Trevor Vaughan – Parsons Pie ~Stories

13 October - Tanya Umpleby – Demonstrating Cookery Fantastic

10 November - Annual General Meeting.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday in the month. All are very welcome to our friendly WI, if you are interested in joining us please contact our President or Secretary, you will be most welcome.

The next meeting will be held at Askwith Village Hall on 14 January 2016.

Sue Appleyard – Secretary 01943 839292

Margaret Creek - President 01943 467865



## WASHBURN VALLEY CHOIR

Do you like singing in the bath?

Well how about coming to sing with a very enthusiastic choir in Church

If you are interested, please contact

Julie Shield on 0113 203 7754

DESPERATE FOR TENORS!

Have you bought your Christmas cards yet?



Christmas cards are on sale in aid  
of St Andrew's Church,  
Blubberhouses

A wintry, watercolour scene of the  
Church

£5.00 for 6 cards

Available from the Washburn  
Heritage Centre

or call Alison on 01943 880192



ST ANDREW'S NIGHT  
DANCE & ENTERTAINMENT

5 February 2016

7.15pm with supper at 8pm

Hopper Lane Hotel  
Blubberhouses LS21 2NZ

Smart casual with a hint of tartan

Dancing, raffle and quiz

£15 per head

Tickets available from:

Daphne 01943 880268

Gillian 01943 880607

Allison, 01943 880010

Deborah 07703592926

Organised by  
the Friends of Blubberhouses Church  
In aid of Blubberhouses Church



## FARNLEY CHURCH



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS  
CAR TREASURE HUNT!



£6 per person, including  
treasure map, hot soup lunch

and

**SANTA'S GROTTTO**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am



From Farnley Church to Fewston  
Parochial Hall



For tickets please contact Sarah Ashby

01943 462726 [sarahashby10@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahashby10@btinternet.com)



## 20 Farnley Estate WI

On Wednesday 11 November again at Almscliffe Hall, Mary Donovan one of our members gave a very interesting talk on her 'Trip from Lands End to John O' Groats'. Mary and her husband decided to cycle the 1064 miles in 3-weeks as a millennium project a few years ago. They avoided all 'A' roads and stayed in B&Bs and with friends along the way. They had rain sun and even snow on their travels. Mary has been a cycling club member for over 50 years. Hostesses for the evening were Beryl Pattinson and Caroline Barker.

On 25 November several members went to the Grand Theatre in Leeds to see Gary Barlow's premier of 'The Girls' – his adaption of 'Calendar Girls'.

Our December meeting being our Christmas meeting we are going to the Square and Compass at North Rigton for dinner.

January 13 is our first meeting of 2016, the speaker will be Pat Brown 'My Arctic Challenge'. For this meeting we will be back at Leathley Village Hall. Hostesses for the evening will be Margaret Trotter and Daphne Baxter. Farnley Estate WI is a group of very friendly ladies, who would love you to join them at a meeting. I'm sure you would enjoy meeting chatting and possibly learning a new skill or hobby through the WI. Come and try a meeting. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

For more information please contact our President Gillian Lishman 01423 734275

Finally a big thank you to Pat Headley for guiding me in taking over the role of writing the WI reports for the local parish magazines.

*Caroline Barker*

### COMMUNITY LUNCH

At Washburn Heritage Centre

Wednesday 27 January at 12.30

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 12.30

Booking essential ~ Pat 01943 880284 or Cheri 01943 465977

New friends most welcome

## FEWSTON SPORTS CLUB

is looking for new members interested in playing any of the following:

Badminton

Billiards

Snooker

On Monday nights

All levels of play welcome.



For badminton, Ella 01943 880169 or Iris 01423 711512

For billiards/snooker, Ken 01943 850883 / 07903 190405

*Huge apologies to Iris for failing to include this in last month's magazine*

Carol Singing in Fewston and surrounding areas

From Wednesday 9th December

Dependent on weather conditions and availability of singers

The projected dates will be 9th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th 17th and 19th

It is unlikely that we will be singing on all those nights but we need a couple of dates in hand in case of inclement weather.

We hope that there will be some new recruits and if there is someone who reads this who has not been before the telephone numbers of where we meet and on which nights are:

Kath Dinsdale on 01943 880275 and Cheri Beaumont on 01943 465977.

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IN 2016, TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT...

A group that enjoys meeting, having speakers, going on trips.

A group that meets in a warm, recently refurbished hall.

A group that is friendly and welcoming.

The group?

Turn over the page to see!



The group to take a fresh look at in 2016?...

...Fewston FOXY Ladies

With a great programme to cater for all interests – a visit to Courtyard Planters for those all-important gardening tips, a cooking demo to get those taste buds jumping & sizzling, a talk about Project Africa that helps Africans become entrepreneurs and sweet-talk from the owner of the Oldest Sweet Shop in England (samples to taste too!)

– just to mention a few items on our programme.

The membership cost? Only £12 for the whole year. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm at Fewston Parochial Hall and our first meeting in 2016 is Tuesday 19 January. See you then or give me a ring for more info - Gillian 880362

Make 2016 the year that you take a look at Fewston *Foxy* Ladies!



### St OSWALD'S LEATHLEY

#### EVENTS for 2016

Thanks to all who came and thanks to all who helped with 2015 social and fund raising events, including May bank holiday teas on the green, Otley Buttercross stall, Summer BBQ, Gift Day teas on the green and Harvest Festival Lunch, all successful events.

Thanks to Gift Day supporters and all their generous donations.

We now need to plan 2016 events. A few of us are meeting at Washburn Cottage, Leathley on 11 January 2016 at 7.30pm to plan 2016 events and come up with fresh ideas. All welcome to attend.

We need your ideas and offers of help with events. If you can't come to the meeting on 11 January, please phone me on 0113 2842327 with your ideas and offers of help.

*John Smith*



LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL Our meetings take place in Leathley Village Hall at 8.00pm on 14 January 2016, 10 March 2016 ( including the annual parish meeting) , 12 May 2016 (including the annual general meeting)

*M. Elam, Clerk to the Parish*

Leathley Parish Rooms Christmas Fair

Saturday 5th December 10am-4pm

Art, craft, produce and gift stalls

for all your Christmas shopping needs!

Food will also be served.

Contact Jackie Goodwin

0113 2842585 / [jg.farm@btinternet.com](mailto:jg.farm@btinternet.com)



**LAST FRIDAY SUPPER CLUB** Due to the refurbishment of Leathley Village Hall, there will not be any more suppers in 2015. We plan to start again in January 2016 and will keep our patrons informed.

*Paul Howarth*

### CAROL SINGING FOR LEATHLEY CHURCH



Come and join our merry band of carol singers as we sing our way around Leathley and Stainburn. We shall meet on the Village Green at Leathley at 6.30pm each night. Wrap up warm and bring a torch, lantern or candle! We start on:-

Sunday 13 December

Tuesday 15 December

Wednesday 16 December

For more information, phone Margaret Ainsley on 01943 462261

T & T - dancing into December!



Bingo was an enjoyable well attended success, with prizes won by various people. So here we are in December, ready to watch and hopefully join in, should we want to, Tai Chi. Lynne Newsome, who is a Tai Chi teacher, lives in Norwood and she will be taking us through the paces! Before she begins, there will be time to recharge your energies with tea or coffee and biscuits – time to catch up with everyone, a great chance to T&T.

We meet at Norwood Social Hall 2pm to 4pm and the December meeting is on Tuesday 1st December. So T&T is just £2 when you come and no membership fees; T&T is for the over 60s. Quick reminder of future dates - we meet on the first Tuesday of every month right through to May, so that makes it 1st December, 5th January, 2nd February, 1st March, 5th April, and 3rd May. Then there will be a short break while we all enjoy summer, and then start again in September. For more info and if you haven't heard what T&T is all about, give Gillian a ring on 880362 or Gladys on 880604 - we've always got time for T&T!!

Children's Christmas Party

Tuesday 29th December

At 4pm

Norwood Social Hall

Faith Supper and Raffle

Disco and entertainment by A1 Discos

A 'Special Visitor' at 6pm ish!

Call Caroline Garnham 01943 880190 or Hazel Hinde 01943 880270  
for further information



Christmas Dance "Dancing to Jim"

Norwood Social Hall

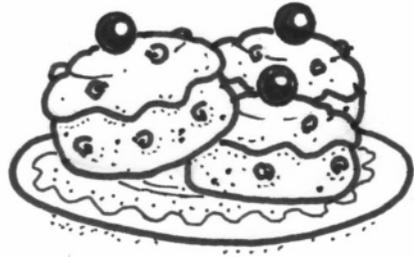
Friday 4 December

8.00pm until midnight

Tickets and Enquiries: (01943) 880604 or (01943) 880411

The Robinson Library coffee mornings take place on the second Wednesday of the month from 10.30am to 12 noon. The date of the next coffee morning is Wednesday 9 December and then on the following dates in 2016:

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| 13 January   | 10 February |
| 9 March      | 13 April    |
| 11 May       | 8 June      |
| 13 July      | 10 August   |
| 14 September | 12 October  |
| 9 November   | 14 December |



*Tracey Dickinson*

WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL met in early November at the Robinson Library in Timble. Council made two nominations for the Harrogate Volunteering Oscars. We acknowledged the 50 years of voluntary work by Gladys Spence at Norwood Social Hall and the group of volunteers that work at the Washburn Heritage Centre. St. Andrew's Church, Blubberhouses will stay open thanks to the 'friends' volunteering to fund raise and give their support to the church. Parish Councillors give their time free of charge. I am sure there are many other people who offer their time at no cost. All of these volunteers improve our community in many ways and we should welcome and thank them for their contributions.

The next Parish meeting is on 11 January at 7pm at Norwood Social Hall. Christmas and the New Year celebrations will be over, hence the early Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone living in the Parishes of Fewston, Timble, Blubberhouses and Norwood.

*Karen Coram, Parish Clerk*

## 26 December's diary and note from editor

|               |                                                        |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Every Tuesday | Weekly Bible Study (contact Peter Wiggins, see page 4) |
| Tuesday 1     | T&T at Norwood Social Hall                             |
| Wednesday 2   | Advent Course at Fewston Parochial Hall                |
| Friday 4      | Dance at Norwood Social Hall                           |
| Saturday 5    | Leathley's Christmas Fair                              |
| Sunday 6      | Farnley car treasure hunt and Santa's grotto           |
| Sunday 6      | Washburn Heritage Centre & tea room open               |
| Tuesday 8     | Fewston Ladies                                         |
| Wednesday 9   | Advent Course at Fewston Parochial Hall                |
| Wednesday 9   | Timble coffee morning                                  |
| Wednesday 9   | Vavasour Society                                       |
| Thursday 10   | Food talk at the Washburn Heritage Centre              |
| Friday 11     | Teddy Church at Fewston                                |
| Saturday 12   | Wreath making at Washburn Heritage Centre              |
| Sunday 13     | Washburn Heritage Centre & tea room open               |
| Sunday 13     | Christmas Cornucopia at Fewston Church                 |
| Wednesday 16  | Advent Course at Fewston Parochial Hall                |
| Saturday 19   | Little Christmas Voices, children's choir, Fewston     |
| Sunday 20     | Washburn Heritage Centre & tea room open               |
| Tuesday 22    | Solstice walk with Washburn Heritage Centre            |
| Tuesday 22    | Village Nativity Trail, Askwith                        |
| Sunday 27     | WHC & tea room open - to be confirmed, check website   |
| Tuesday 29    | Children's Christmas party, Norwood Social Hall        |

### NOTE FROM EDITOR,

My final note to you....I do hope someone feels able to become the Editor of this magazine, it provides great experience and scope for someone wanting to develop (or demonstrate!) their desk top publishing skills and creative flair. The treasurer, distributors, printers, parish pump subscription are all established so plenty of support, resource and material available. I'd like to particularly thank the Magazine Committee and also Rachel Boggs who have all been so encouraging over the past couple of years.

I hope you have a joyous Christmas and I send you my very best wishes for the year ahead.

Rachel