

Beyond

The Pews

mid July-August 2017



Songs of Praise

to celebrate

Tourism and Hospitality in our area

Sunday 30 July, 10.30am

Church of Christ the Consoler – Newby Hall Estate

Free admission to the beautiful Newby gardens after the service.

Why not bring a picnic?

All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

Heritage Weekend

Saturday 9th September

10.00am to 4.00pm

Sunday 10th September

12.00 noon to 4.00pm

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Message from Alison.....

As you may know, I will be away for 10 weeks over the summer on a sabbatical, so please address any enquiries to the churchwardens who will be able to help you.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing summer, and I send my good wishes to all who will be leaving school or moving schools at the end of term and all who are waiting for exam results.

During this period, we are most fortunate in having Bishop Clive and Canon Michael-Glanville Smith, two very highly respected priests with vast experience, taking our services. I am deeply grateful to them both.

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Are we listening?

Or, do we only hear what we want to?

It has been said that we have two ears and one mouth: we should use them in those proportions! Listening is something of a skill but we don't always bother to develop it. We talk on and on and when someone else talks, we are often only planning what we will say next when the opportunity arises.

Maybe we should listen to ourselves sometimes. We seem not to be able to bear to have quiet times when nothing is said. We need to fill every moment with chatter. When do we find times of peace?

Often in public places there is background music, heard in shops, doctors' surgeries and even, I noticed last week, in a ward in the hospital! We have to listen to other people's phone conversations on trains or in supermarkets or just walking down the street.

But what about listening? How can we be sure that we are good listeners?

Someone told me that a friend had confided to him about some serious issue in their life. Afterwards, he had thought about their conversation and realised that every time his friend had paused, he had offered some kind of advice. He realised that his friend had not actually been able to carry on with the story because, in essence, he had interrupted and not shown understanding. He thought how much better it would have been just to say 'yes' or 'I see' or 'go on' so his friend would know he had compassion and sympathy, therefore encouraging the friend to talk it through and help resolve the problem.

It can be the same with conflict in the workplace or with children. We have to tune into the feelings behind words and make an effort to recognise them, therefore reassuring a colleague or child that you understand.

What about listening to an angry person or listening to our partner?

We need to have proper communication using positive body language and good listening skills. I remember being told when I was a young student teacher, that it was noticeable which of the children who had just started school had been accustomed to listening on the radio to 'Listen with Mother', because their concentration levels were much higher than children who hadn't. That proves it then! Listening must be good for us!

So now I come to my point - listening to God.

It's no good expecting to hear words from the Almighty shouted at us from heaven with biblical ferocity. Let us try to keep our communication open, taking time to keep ourselves quietly listening for those among us who want to talk, those who want us to help them by listening, those who want us to empathise and hear their neediness. Their cry must be heard. We can hear God by listening to humanity.

Let us train ourselves to be good listeners so that amid the clamour of our busy world, we can hear the small voice calling out to us in need. Let us pray that we will hear it.

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What's On

Summer Fair

Skelton Newby Hall

CE Primary School

Saturday 8th July

**Competitions, fun and games,
children's races, BBQ,
refreshments.**

**Schedules will be available
from school or the village shop,
Skelton-on-Ure
All welcome.**

Community Lunch

Wednesdays 26th July

and 16th August

The Fox and Hounds, Langthorpe

Two courses for £7.95

Book your place through

Kirby Hill Church or with the pub

Book Exchange

Wednesday 2nd August

10.45 -11.15

All Saints Church

**Why not drop in to get a new book,
have a cuppa and a chat?**

Children's Summer Holiday Club

Monday 7th Tuesday 8th

and Wednesday 9th August

9.30am to 12.30

Kirby Hill School

**for children aged 5 to 12years,
children under 5years can attend with
an adult.**

Booking is essential prior to attending.

Booking forms available from school,

or All Saints Church

or ring Jeni on 01423 323390.

**Please let us know if your child has
any special needs.**

**This is an All Saints Church
initiative and is free to attend
Donations towards the running
costs gratefully accepted.**

All Saints' at The Fox

Sunday 20th August

11.00am

**An informal service
for all the community at
The Fox and Hounds, Langthorpe.
Why not stay on for a drink
and some lunch?**

Cycling or Walking Trail to a Barbecue

Sunday 3rd September

starting with short service at

St Helen's, Skelton-on-Ure

at 10.00am

then follow the clues

to the barbecue.

Call Tom 01765 608791

for more details



Our next meetings:

Thursday 20th July 2.00pm

St James Parish Church

Boroughbridge

Our Speaker:

Revd Andrew Cromarty

Chaplain to Mothers' Union in the

Ripon Episcopal Area

Summer of Hope

Thursday 17th August 2.00pm

3 The Croft, Kirby Hill

**Please help us raise money for
Mothers' Union projects at home
and overseas**

**Cake stall, raffle, children's crafts,
tea and cream scones**

All welcome

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Skelton Newby Hall
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Making the most of every opportunity

With another jam-packed academic year almost over it is time to reflect on the achievements and adventures to date and begin to consider the year ahead.

Making the most of every sporting opportunity

Every pupil in the school has taken part in a wide range of sporting events including but not limited to tag rugby, tri-golf, athletics and cycling as well as regular swimming lessons. The physical activity doesn't end there though as children from Year 2 onward take part in a residential trip every year. This year the Year 2's have a campout, Year 3 and 4 spent three days at Bewerley Park and Year 5 and 6 spent a week at East Bamby. It is always inspiring to see how these few days away develop our pupils' independence, confidence and self-esteem.

Making the most of every last minute of primary school

This year our Year 6 pupils will be moving on to Ripon Grammar, Outwood, Thirsk, Boroughbridge and Nidderdale. With SATS successfully completed they have a lot to look forward to with a trip to London (to include the London Eye and The Lion King), Crucial Crew at Harrogate College and transition days at their new schools. We hope to make this final half term of primary school one that they will never forget.

Making the most of every scientific opportunity

It has been a year for scientific exploration with visits from the "Geology Man" and a STEM Ambassador, a trip to Centre for Life in Newcastle plus an array of STEM activities including the children designing their own simple machines.

Making the most of every charitable opportunity

We have hosted successful charity fundraisers for Macmillan and Comic Relief as well as a whole array of fundraisers for the PTFA that have enabled them to purchase wonderful new PE equipment and 5 smart new sheds to store it all in. We feel very fortunate to have such supportive parents, family members and community around us.

Making the most of every opportunity to grow

We have the exciting news that permission has been granted for us to extend the classroom for our youngest children. This will give them their own dedicated locker area with hand-washing and toilet facilities. The build should be completed by Christmas.

Service of Commemoration

For the Skelton men who lost their lives in WW1 and to remember those who returned to the village. Service at St Helen's Church, Skelton on Sunday 6th August 2017 at 2pm led by Canon Richard Cooper. Followed by tea, cake and family memories in the Reading Room.

Bible Study at 5 Market Hill

By the time you read this piece in Beyond the Pews, we shall have had the first session studying Mark's Gospel on June 21. It's not, however, too late to join one of the groups which meet once a fortnight, either at 2 pm or 7.30 pm. Some people seem to think that Mark's Gospel is easier than the other three because it's shorter which definitely isn't the case! But that's one of the joys of studying the Bible: trying to get to grips with the text and continually asking questions.

Do join us, just for a "one-off", if you wish.

Dip your feet in the water and see if you like it!

Skelton cum Newby Parish Council

Do you fancy volunteering as a Parish Councillor? We now have a vacancy and would love to hear from you. It is quite a varied and interesting role. You will be required to attend approximately 5 meetings per year. We are a friendly bunch and would love you to join us.

For further details please contact Kath Rayner, Parish Clerk on 01423 324 747.

Or why not come along to our next meeting, which is on Thursday 20th July at 7pm in the Reading Room, and see what we do.

[The editors of Beyond the Pews are grateful for the donation made by the council towards the costs of producing the magazine this month.]

Peter Greenwood - an appreciation

Peter Greenwood retired as Chair and member of Skelton on Ure Parish Council on 27 April. He has been a key member and leader of the Council for virtually half of his life - 32 years - and the village owes him an enormous debt of gratitude.

He has always made time in his busy and successful professional career to serve the Skelton on Ure community, in the face of an ever-increasing and disproportionate bureaucratic burden on small Parish Councils. Through his connections with the Newby Hall Estate, the village has benefited considerably from the generosity and consideration of the Compton family.

Peter is retiring from the Council now as his family is about to move home out of the Parish, into uncharted lands across the wild A1. We shall truly miss his sage advice, gentle good humour and unstinting support. We can only reiterate our sincere thanks for all he has done and wish him the very best for the future.

Christian Aid Week : Magnificent Response

Thank you to everyone in our community who generously supported the Christian Aid Week appeal; the door to door collection, sponsored walk and bucket collection in Morrisons raised over £1,100 for some of the world's neediest people.

If you go down to the locks today...

You're in for a nice surprise! The footpath down the riverbank to Milby Lock has never looked better. This is all thanks to the 'Milby Island Improvement Project', led by Charlie Merson, a resident of Milby. The project has the backing of local parish councils, the Canal and River Trust and Newby Hall, owners of the land.

Its long-term maintenance is what the project is all about and one of its principal objectives is to reverse the spread of Himalayan balsam. As a result of the work by Charlie and the volunteers last week, new vistas have opened up down to the riverside and across to the other bank. But this sort of work needs to be done on a fairly regular basis, so one problem facing the project is how to keep up the momentum.

Any one of you can help, however, by just pulling up a few balsam plants by the root as you walk along the riverbank. It comes up very easily if you pull steadily and slowly by clutching the stem near ground level. Just discard it to one side and it will rot away nicely.

Do not confuse the Himalayan balsam with the even taller Giant Hogweed. By late summer the latter can reach twelve feet in height. On Milby Island, the Canal and River Trust are taking steps to eradicate this dangerous plant but it is important, as stressed in the last edition of 'Beyond The Pews', that anyone coming across it does not touch it since the resulting skin rash can be extremely severe.

Kirby Hill School

150 Year Celebration

Anyone new to the village may be surprised to learn that it is 150 years since our school was established - in fact it is even longer ago than that, for a school was operating at an unknown location somewhere in the village as early as the 1830s. However, it was in 1867, that Canon Sale used his glebe land as a site to build, with his own money, a splendid new purpose-built school with adjoining headmaster's house.

To celebrate the 150th anniversary, on 18th May the whole school from Reception class upwards had a most marvellous visit to Beamish Museum. The day was brilliantly warm and sunny, between two wet and dreary days - how lucky we were!

Some of the children's written work with photographs of the visit make a splendid display in the entrance to school.

On Friday before half-term, everyone was encouraged to wear Victorian costume for a group photograph to mark this very special occasion.

We hope to bring you more news on the visit to Beamish in next month's magazine. [Ed.]



Diary Dates

Jul	11	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
	15	10.00	Coffee morning at Boroughbridge Methodist Church
	19	2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
25	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage	
	26	12.00	Community Lunch at The Fox and Hounds
Aug	1	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	2	10.45	Community Book Exchange at All Saints Church
		2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	5	12.00	Yorkshire Day lunch at Boroughbridge Methodist Church
	8	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
	16	12.00	Community Lunch at The Fox and Hounds
		2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	22	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
30	2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill	
	7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill	



From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

Jun	10	Robert Henley and Louise Gosney at St John's Bishop Monkton
	17	Patrick Sanderson and Hannah McDowell at Christ the Consoler
	24	James Swiers and Emma Gooch at Cundall

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SERVICES

Date Sunday	23 Jul Trinity 6	30 Jul Trinity 7	6 Aug Transfi- guration	13 Aug Trinity 9	20 Aug Trinity 10	27 Aug Trinity 11
CUNDALL	9.30 MP			11.00 CW 2		9.30 MP
KIRBY HILL	11.00 CW 1	8.00 CW1 said 10.30 Songs of Praise at	11.00 CW 1 6.00 SS	9.30 CW 1 6.00 EP	11.00 All Saints at the Fox	8.00 CW1 said 10.45 Service at St James
SKELTON	9.30 FS	Christ the Consoler	9.30 CW1		9.30 CW1	Boroughbridge

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT KIRBY HILL

Tuesday 9.00am MP (said)
Wednesday (except – see below) 10.00am CW2 (said)
Third Wednesday of the month 10.45am at St James, Boroughbridge

CW 1 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 1, Modern language
CW 2 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 2, Traditional language

AAW All Age Worship, **FS** Family Service, **MP** Morning Prayer; **ES** Evensong,
EP Evening Prayer; **SS** Sacred Space informal all age worship,
IC Informal Communion, **Activ8** for children of all ages, parents welcome.

On the 1st & 4th Sundays at Kirby Hill, Sparklers Crèche is available in church during the service.

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