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# February



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## ALL CHANGE?

Change is something that we all have to face. Change is a word which some people find exhilarating and others feel as a threat. Sometimes change is very welcome, it may even be that we have planned and worked hard to bring it about. Many people have worked hard over the last few years to get the Washburn Heritage Centre built and the change that we are all looking forward to is that of beginning to use the new building. We need to relish the change that the hard work has brought about. We can also be grateful for the vision which has resulted in such a lovely new space into which we can welcome people.

Some change is seasonal – it is good to see the Witch Hazel out as I write and at least one local farm has started lambing. The days are opening out and early signs of spring are especially precious after two severe winters. I think we have all had enough snow for the time being. A less welcome seasonal change is the extra cost of fuel!

Perhaps the most difficult change of all is that which we have not sought and do not want. It can range from bereavement to uncertainty about a job in the current economic climate. Facing change that we haven't sought, indeed has been imposed upon us, is hard but we do not have to face it alone. Maybe waiting to find out what change we will have to face is worst of all.

“ we  
cannot  
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God is never surprised by change on our lives – whether that change is welcome or unwelcome. And He Himself never changes, He is the ultimate in reliability. The bible describes Jesus as ‘the same yesterday, today and forever’. We can pray at any time, God is always ready to listen. The prayer does not need to be fancy but turning to our Heavenly Father or Jesus (whichever comes more naturally) either in celebration or through deep concern is always a good thing to do. Prayer really does solve things and can itself bring about change.

We cannot escape change, whether good or bad, but we can ask for some help in facing it.

With love,  
Sue

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by noon on Thursday, 17th February 2011.



## KING JAMES BIBLE AT 400

On January 1st 1949 I was presented with my Philip, Lord Wharton Bible. I wonder how many people remember them. It was required to 'commit to memory' seven Psalms to be eligible for the award. I can remember thinking, as a very early teenager, that there were better Psalms and possibly easier ones to learn, than the ones chosen.

On looking through my King James Bible today I find a note in Psalm 8, which was one of the Psalms I had hoped would be chosen. I like the note which I had used as a bookmark which is:

Think deeply, speak gently, love much, laugh often, work hard, give freely, pay promptly, pray earnestly and be kind.

The whole of the Bible has so much to offer with its rich variety of language and meaning.

*Rita Swallow*

## CANDLEMAS



In bygone times Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas. In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child to 'present him to the Lord'.

So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also blessed its year's supply of candles, hence Candlemas.

## BENEFICE CHOIR

Thank you very much to members of the Benefice choir who sang so superbly at the services of Nine Lessons and Carols at Blubberhouses and Leathley churches. The singing was the icing on the cake at both events and was very much appreciated by all there. Thanks also to Martin Gott and Terry Bramall for leading the singing from the organ bench and for wonderful organ accompaniments.

This year the Benefice choir will once again be singing around Easter time but, rather than last year when we sang on Easter Day at Leathley church, we will be taking part in a service during Holy Week (date and time to be confirmed) in the same church. This will enable choir members to be at their 'home' church for Easter celebrations. There is, of course, some wonderful music written for Lent and Passiontide which we will be dipping in to!

In addition to this service there is a special concert at Fewston church on 9<sup>th</sup> April at which the choir has been invited to sing, and there will be overlap with the music to be sung at Leathley two weeks later. Also taking part in this concert will be the Grassington Singers and the choristers from St Mary's, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

As previously, choir practices will be on Monday evenings from 7pm to 8pm in Leathley church - starting on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please do come and join us if you fancy a sing - everyone is more than welcome to come along and join the merry throng!

*Chris Denton*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:



### FEWSTON

Baptism 2nd January  
Bruce Anthony Ravenhill  
Brown

Funeral 17th January  
(at Harrogate Crematorium)  
Enid Lincoln

### LEATHLEY

Funeral 24th January  
Nicholas Horton-Fawkes



See page 10 for a list of all forthcoming events



Today's hymns are based on last week's trend in petrol prices . . . .

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Want to advertise? Call Richard Knockton on 0113 284 2288.

## NEWS FROM FARNLEY

By request, Sunday morning services at Farnley have been moved from 9 to 9.30am. The first Sunday in every month is a family service and refreshments are served every Sunday after services.

A new sound system has been generously donated by Molly Laxton in memory of her husband John.

Farnley Church has been well supported during even the worst winter weather by the regular congregation and many visitors joining in our recent events and special services, and we are pleased to welcome new friends and families who have moved into the area.

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## RECYCLING



Just to remind you that there is a recycling bin for paper at Fewston Parochial Hall.

A grant per kilo is received from Harrogate Borough Council for all paper collected. This is shared between Fewston Parochial Hall and Blubberhouses Church and past grants have been put towards the refurbishment of the hall.

So putting your used paper in this bin helps both the local community AND the environment!

*Yvonne Dale Winder*

### Found in Leathley Church

A Blue/Silver Pashmina type scarf possibly left by a choir member.

Contact 01943 465076

## MORNING PRAYER EACH WEDNESDAY

At 9.45am for 15mins

2nd & 16th February

Timble Chapel

9th & 23rd February

Denton Church

Drop in and start the day in prayer.



## CAROL SINGING



Leathley, Castley & Stainburn

### A BIG THANK YOU

To all those who gave so generously towards Leathley Church, to the merry band of carol singers who gave their time, sang their hearts out and braved the bitter weather.

Thank you to everyone who gave very welcome refreshments. Sorry to Stainburn, due to the weather and illness amongst the singers we just could not make it this time.

*Margaret Ainsley*

Fewston & Blubberhouses Churches

After 8 extremely cold nights of singing a magnificent total of £1,436 was raised for the Churches. Thank you everyone for your generosity. Somehow the words of 'In the Bleak Midwinter' and 'Good King Wenceslas' had even more meaning than usual as we trudged through the snow! Many thanks to everyone who took part and to those who provided some very welcome hospitality.

*Kath Dinsdale*

## LEATHLEY HELPS THE HEROES

A big thank you to everyone in Leathley who dug deep in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We raised £160.71p, which will help a wide range of service people from elderly veterans to young lads maimed in Afghanistan. Sorry if I breached your electronic gates and rattled my tin at you when you were in your nightie; had your hair in rollers; made your dogs bark; or were trying to get your kids to sleep. It was all in a good cause and will help fund the Legion's vital welfare work.

Says David Marshall, branch secretary of Bramhope Branch, which raised a total of £11,088.60p via supermarkets and house-to-house collections: "Considering it's the first time for several years that poppies have been offered in your village, your box did quite well. The demands being put on the Legion now are greater than ever. So thank you and well done."

No thanks, however, to the gentleman who told me Leathley people were 'tight' when it came to giving to charity, then walked off without offering me a penny! He was wrong. Maybe a tour of Helmand Province would loosen his wallet . . . .

*Stephanie Ferguson*



Mid Wharfedale Parish Council.

Meeting at Askwith Village Hall. Thursday 17th February 7.45pm. All welcome. Further details from Nick Black Sheep Pullan on 07720 260401.

## KITES AND CURRY

Members enjoyed a fascinating talk from Doug Simpson MBE in January and everyone went home realising the success of the breeding programme started 10 years ago to reintroduce red kites on the Harewood Estate.

In February we invite any women interested to join us at our meeting in Leathley Village Hall on Wednesday, February 9th at 7-30pm. We are pleased to invite Prett Tejura, who runs her own cookery school in Wakefield and who will be giving a demonstration of cooking curries using her own blends of spices. Sampling of her dishes will add to the fun of the evening and we will be holding a raffle. Hostesses at the February meeting will be Agnes Rowley and Daphne Baxter.

On Wednesday, March 9th at 7-30pm at Leathley Village Hall we welcome as our speaker Louise Tyne of 'Behind Closed Doors', a charity run mainly by volunteers to help victims of domestic abuse. The hostesses will be Rita Swallow and Sandra Howarth and the competition is an arrangement of spring flowers in a teacup.

Any women who would like to join us will be made very welcome and more details of the WI or our meetings can be had by telephoning our president Gail Teasdale 07733 297040 or myself 01423 734543.

*Pat Headley*

## THE WASHBURN HERITAGE CENTRE

**We will be welcoming visitors  
every Sunday in February**

**11.30am to 3.30pm**

**Complimentary refreshments**



At the Centre's first event in its brand new premises, a splendid turnout of 73 residents and visitors was treated to a fascinating description of the skeletal findings discovered at Fewston Churchyard, Dr Anwen Caffell, of York Osteoarchaeology.

The study revealed 97 adults and 47 children born between 1778 and 1895, a third of whom had died less than 18 years old. All sorts of infectious diseases and poor nutrition were revealed, including signs of rickets, arthritis and TB, with signs of widespread tooth decay believed to be caused by the popularity of newly discovered cheap sugar in the 1850s.

Many questions remain unanswered, such as why men appeared to live longer than women, and how such findings are linked to the social and economic life of a rural neighbourhood. Increased industrialisation, such as the Blubberhouses Mill, and the movement of labour between town and countryside will have undoubtedly affected the pattern of serious disease and infection.

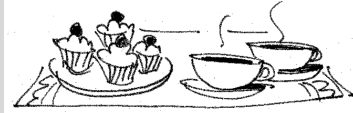
Ann Johnson gave an open invitation to all to explore and share any family and local knowledge which could strengthen our shared understanding of community history.

If you have further information which you would like to share with the osteoarchaeologists, please contact:

Dr Anwen Caffell anwen@orenlas.net or  
Malin Holst malin@yorkosteoarch.freereserve.co.uk

Plenty more on our new website: [www.washburnvalley.org](http://www.washburnvalley.org)  
An amazing source of information, do use it and contribute to it.

## COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE ROBINSON LIBRARY, TIMBLE



The next coffee morning in the Robinson Library is on Wednesday, February 9th, between 10.30am and noon. Everyone is welcome. Any larger groups, please telephone ahead of time to ensure you are expected!

This month's event starts with a short play (see column opposite) at 10.30am. It will be hosted by Penny and Colette.

I would like to thank those that have hosted and helped at the coffee mornings and very much appreciate the continued support. I am in need of more hosts to cover the 2011 rota. Anyone willing to help please contact me. Many thanks.

*Penny Burchell - Crooks 880497*

## Fourteen Ladies Fewston Ladies

Our 2011 programme:

15<sup>th</sup> Feb Pilates demo and join in!  
8pm Fewston Parochial Hall

17<sup>th</sup> March Thursday Visit to  
Menwith Hill, guided tour

19<sup>th</sup> April Country Wines of  
Glasshouses - see the winery,  
taste the wine & buffet meal

17<sup>th</sup> May Trip to Herriot  
Museum, Thirsk, lunch and more!

21<sup>st</sup> June Val Orr

A Passion for Embroidery

19<sup>th</sup> July Horticap - meet at the  
Robinson Library, Timble

16<sup>th</sup> August Shirley Wise -  
Otley's Teutonic Links -  
German Prisoners of War

20<sup>th</sup> Sept Sue Woodcock -  
Copper to Shepherd Open  
meeting - bring your friends.

18<sup>th</sup> October Clarins - Make up  
demonstration Open meeting -  
bring your friends.

15<sup>th</sup> November Daphne Wilson -  
Make your own Christmas  
wreath!

13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner

## ***They Seemed So Genuine***



a short play  
presented by  
Age Concern  
on the issue of  
bogus callers

**Wednesday 9th February  
10.30am  
in The Robinson Library,  
Timble**

The Play will be followed by  
an opportunity for discussion  
and questions, including  
information, advice and  
handy tips about how to stay  
safe at home.

*This event is being offered in  
conjunction with the regular  
Coffee Morning in Timble,  
with coffee, tea and cakes  
available for £3.*



At the evening service tonight,  
the sermon topic will be  
'What Is Hell?'

Come early and listen to our  
choir practice.

### **DRU YOGA CLASSES**

Mondays 2-3.30pm

**Leathley Village Hall**

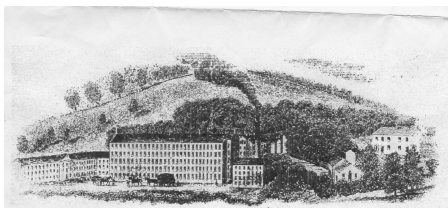
Cost: £7 a session with reductions  
for block bookings.

Dru Yoga is a gentle form of  
yoga, with soft flowing  
movements, which are proven to  
boost health and vitality. Dru  
works on the body, mind and spirit  
- improving strength and  
flexibility, and is suitable for all  
ages and abilities.

For more information contact: Bel  
Connolly. Tel: 07745 822116  
Email: [belspell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:belspell@yahoo.co.uk)

### **THE VAVASOUR SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Society will be on Wednesday 9th February when George Ingle will give the Vavasour Lecture at 7.30pm in Askwith Village Hall. The title of his talk will be 'Yorkshire Dales Textile Mills' which will include details of the mills once working in the Washburn Valley.



We look forward to welcoming  
old and new members, and  
guests £2. Refreshments will  
be served afterwards when  
there will be an opportunity to  
talk to our speaker.

*Diana Parsons & Pauline Barnes*

### **MID WASHBURN VALLEY MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS**

A meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Norwood Social Hall to discuss the way forward for the four Millennium Oaks, viewfinder, Millennium walk directional boards and the stone obelisk that were all planted or erected in the year 2000 as our community effort to commemorate the new millennium.

A suggestion had already been made that Washburn Parish Council would take over the responsibility and the proposal was carried unanimously. It was then proposed the remaining funds in the account would be passed across to the Parish Council towards the necessary repairs and maintenance and that proposal was carried unanimously.

On the evening Mr Richard Grange read out a summary of the condition of each of the items after making an assessment with the help of Mr Brian Porter. Several of the items are in need of some attention.

I would like to thank the Washburn Parish Council, on behalf of the committee, for taking over the 'Millennium' items and as this was the last meeting of the Mid Washburn Valley Millennium Celebrations would also like to thank everyone from the four parishes - Blubberhouses, Fewston, Norwood & Timble - who was involved in making the year 2000 one to be remembered!

*Janet Ryder*

Denise & Richard Eagland are hoping to have a CD of the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000 celebrations day & evening events for sale shortly. All proceeds from the sale of the CDs will go equally to St Michaels Hospice and Martin House. Details will appear in the magazine at a later date.

Following the meeting a cheque for the balance of the millennium fund has been handed to the Parish Council and the account closed.

#### **BEETLE DRIVE & SUPPER**

Saturday February 19th 7pm

**Askwith Village Hall**

Another great village evening

Bring your own Bottle

Tickets: Adults £6.50, Children  
under 14 £3.50 from Mary  
461281 or Rhona 462121

#### **Robinson Library Timble Quiz Night**

Bar with Margaritas & Coronas  
Tex-Mex food bar

Saturday, February 26th

7pm Tickets £8

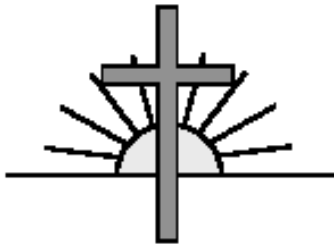
from Colette Luscomb  
01943 880559

# For Young People



## A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

On 18<sup>th</sup> February 1678, one of the most famous Christian books was published for the first time. It was 'The Pilgrim's Progress' by John Bunyan. The book tells the story of a character called Christian who travels towards the heavenly city, encountering many difficulties and getting led astray, but finally succeeding.



John Bunyan suffered many difficulties in his own life. He was put in prison twice because he refused to stop preaching God's word. His strength of purpose and the story of a pilgrim's journey through the troubles of life have been a source of strength to many people in the years since the book was published.

## BIBLE WORDS

Can you find all the answers to this Bible Quiz? All the words begin with the letter P. Answers at the bottom of this page.

1. Andrew's brother, one of the disciples.
2. Another name for a king of Egypt.
3. A tribe who fought Saul and David (2 Samuel).
4. The first place in Europe where Paul established a church (Acts 16).
5. The island where St John had his revelations.
6. She travelled with St Paul and was married to Aquila (Acts 18).
7. The Italian port where Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28).
8. The Roman Governor who set Barabbas free (Matthew 27).

### NEWSFLASH:

Two prisoners escaped from custody today. One is 7 feet tall, the other is 4 feet 3 inches. The Police are looking high and low for them.

1 Peter 2 Pharaoh 3 Phillistines 4 Phillippi  
5 Patmos 6 Priscilla 7 Puteoli  
8 Pontus Pilate

## Children's Activity Morning



Fewston Parochial Hall

Thursday 24th February

10am-12noon

Come and have some fun with a Welsh Theme in honour of St David's Day.

## NORWOOD SOCIAL HALL

During 2010 we have been lucky to receive funding towards a complete kitchen refit. Some funding came from the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Funding, some from the council through commuted sums and the balance came from our own Hall funds.

We would like to thank the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund for their grant, the Parish Council for their guidance in obtaining funds from commuted sums and last but not least all the people who use and support our hall.

Wishing everyone a Happy and successful 2011.

Janet Ryder  
Treasurer

News from Farnley continued from page 3

## GET INVOLVED – VOLUNTEERING IS FUN

Years ago a church would have had a full time *verger* to maintain the church and keep it open for all, do the mowing, polish the silver and keep the place ticking along. Today this role falls on willing volunteers of all ages, and families are encouraged to join in with the fun, chat and giggles that abound when several are polishing or gardening. They may do this once only, once a year or regularly. What would you like to do for 2011?

Volunteering can lead to spiritual support, friendship, unexpected help when you need it, or just a good laugh or exchange of ideas. Farnley Church has a supportive group of people who may not go to Sunday worship but who do a lot in and around the church and come to social events during the year. More ideas next month. Want to know more contact: jetwight@aol.com or sarah.ashby@tesco.net

## Leathley Village Hall

Public Meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00pm.

This meeting is being held to show plans for the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

Mark Scatchard of MAS DESIGN Consultants Ltd will be on hand to explain the details.

All organizations that use the hall are welcome to attend as are local residents, when positive feedback will be welcome.

Paul Howarth Chairman

# CALL MY BLUFF

## Wine Quiz



A fun evening

Wine tasting with a difference  
Taste seven wines and call the panel's bluff

Friday March 11th 7.30pm

Tickets £11 including a light supper

at Leathley Village Hall

For tickets phone  
Martyn Ainsley 01943 462261  
Paul Howarth 01943 465076

A fund raising event for  
Leathley Church

**Theatre at  
Fewston  
Parochial Hall**



An evening not to be missed!

### 'Back to the Land Girls'

is being performed on Thursday  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm

by the professional theatre  
company Badapple Theatre Ltd.

It's a comedy and will be a great evening at Fewston Parochial Hall  
This brand new show celebrates the wonderful women who helped keep Britain fed during World War II. Set against a backdrop of glorious 40's music this exciting new comedy owes much to the reminiscences of a number of Land Army Girls.

Tickets: £9 adults £5 children

Howard Barker 880479

Yvonne Dale-Winder 880245

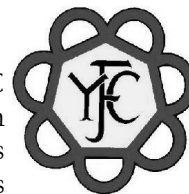
Kath Dinsdale 880275

Gillian Knox 880362

Tickets that were bought for the show that had to be cancelled in December, can be exchanged for this or subsequent shows.

## CAKES, CAROLS & COMPETITIONS

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Farnley Estate YFC members met at Leathley Parish Rooms for an evening of messy Christmas cake icing! Members could create any design, but obviously as Christmas was looming, all the cakes had the same basic theme, but some had a definite variation of the theme! Here is just a small selection of cakes made by our members – not bad guys! Our thanks must go to Julie Houseman and Rachel Coates for providing the icing and colourings.



The following week members once again gathered for the annual tour around the villages for our charity carol singing. This year the weather was kind to us and we had a relatively rain and snow free night. Including our quick rendition of carols for the WI Christmas dinner, we managed to raise £150 for the Motor Neurone Association and Huntingdon's Disease Association.

After a well earned Christmas break, members met up at Leathley Parish Rooms on Wednesday January 5th, for the club social night, where lots of party games were played followed by a supper of sandwiches, pizza and homemade cake.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, members met at Norwood Village Hall for novelty judging competition. Members were asked to judge and provide reasons for placing 4 different chocolate bars and judge 4 toy tractors. It was good fun (especially watching several 20+ year olds playing with toy tractors) and it goes without saying that there was very little chocolate left after all the tasting! The final results were:

Juniors: 1<sup>st</sup> - Sam Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> - James Denman, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ben Coates

Inters/Senior: 1<sup>st</sup> - Lucy Folloos, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rhys Barker, 3<sup>rd</sup> - James Caton

The following Wednesday, members that are competing in the County 'Entertainments Competition' met at Leathley Parish Rooms where major brainstorming took place to come up with a theme for our production. As the competition is impending, it is going to be all hands on deck to come up with some quality acting, singing and general all round entertainment WOW factors! Good luck guys!!

Up and coming County Competitions also include 'Public Speaking' and '10 pin bowling' at the end of January. I will let you know how we performed in the next edition.

Farnley Young Farmers are always looking for new enthusiastic members from between the ages of 10 to 26 years. YFC is a fantastic opportunity for young people to meet, enjoy a great social life and learn new things. You don't have to be in farming to join the Young Farmers Club, but on occasions you will have to be prepared to get your feet muddy!

For more information please contact our Secretary Josh Ryder on 07977 207773 or our Chairman Rhys Barker on 0771 6763439.

*Allison Denman  
Press Secretary*

Two dates for you diaries:

Saturday February 5th YFC District Race Night, Norwood Village Hall from 7.30pm.

Saturday March 5th YFC Jumble Sale, Hampsthwaite Village Hall. Doors open at 1pm. If you would like to donate anything for the jumble sale, please contact myself on 07866 196592 or Julie Houseman on 07813 102766 for collection details.

A meeting of the Washburn Parish Council was held at Norwood Social Hall, on Monday 10th January attended by nine Parish Councillors, C.Cllr. John Fort and one member of the public.

## WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL

The subjects of grass-cutting, gritting and white-lining throughout the Parish were discussed at length. C.Cllr. Fort said that salt was being re-stocked and the 'slow' signs should be back in situ by the beginning of May. The white-lining had been delayed owing to the weather and should take place in the Spring. The Clerk would obtain a plan of the area of grass-cutting which was Highways' responsibility, in order for the Council to see where the deficiencies fell. With the extreme drop in temperature, many roads had become dangerous, as water turned to ice. A meeting between Yorkshire Water, the Chairman and other Councillors will be arranged on site to try and rectify the problems.

A long list of planning matters was routinely presented at the Meeting, although all the Councillors are notified by the Clerk between meetings of all planning issues. Discussions were held on the use of commuted sums and the prospect of adopting red telephone kiosks at Norwood and Fewston.

As agreed at its last Meeting, the Council has now taken over ownership (from the Mid Washburn Valley Millennium Celebrations) of the four millennium oaks, the viewfinder, the millennium walks directional boards and the obelisk. The remaining money in the fund has been transferred to the Parish Council, who will do its utmost to retain them in good condition for the benefit of the parishioners and visitors alike, to our beautiful area.

As the Washburn Valley website has now been launched, the Agenda and the Minutes of Meetings will in future be included on the site – [www.washburnvalley.org](http://www.washburnvalley.org)

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at The Robinson Library, Timble on March 7th at 7.30pm.

*Merel Wood Clerk to the Council*

The Parish Council met on January 13th and following the resignation of Mr Lishman the Council is pleased to report that Mr David Holmes has been co-opted to represent Castley.

The parish precept has been held at £5,500 for the last two years but the Council felt that it needed to increase this to £5,750 for the financial year 2011/2012.

We have now completed the first year of employing the Parish Caretaker under the North Yorkshire County Council LEADER project which qualifies for a percentage refund of the monies expended on work carried out in the parish area. This scheme has been a success with the parish able to carry out work that would otherwise not get done due to the financial restriction placed on Harrogate BC and North Yorkshire CC. Government cuts to the funding to these councils will increase the importance of this service.

County Councillor Fort informed our meeting that there would be a £4,000,000 cut in the Highway budget for 2011 which will hit a rural area such as Lower Washburn hard with fewer repairs able to be carried out to the roads in our area.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th March at 8.00pm at Leathley Village Hall.

*M Elam Clerk to the Council*

## LOWER WASHBURN PARISH COUNCIL

### WALK, TALK & LUNCH

Tuesday,  
5th March



Peter Riley will lead  
a walk & give a talk on

### BIRDS IN THE WASHBURN VALLEY

Please meet at the Washburn Heritage Centre at 10.30am wearing sensible footwear and clothing for this event.

Price £12.50, which includes lunch.

For more information or to book contact Anne Wigglesworth, Heritage Development Officer  
[centre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:centre@washburnvalley.org)

or Pat on 01943 880284

(By joining the Washburn Society you will get personal notification of all forthcoming WHC events)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## February

#### Regular Events

**Tues** House Group 01943  
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**Wed** Morning Prayers at  
Denton or Timble

5th YFC Race Night, Norwood

9th Coffee Morning, Timble  
Vavasour Society, Askwith  
Farnley Estate WI

15th Fewston Ladies

17th Magazine Copy date  
Mid-Wharfe Parish Council

19th Beetle Drive, Askwith

21st Open Meeting, Leathley

24th Children's Activity Morning

26th Quiz Night, Timble

*Details of all the above events will  
be found elsewhere in the  
magazine.*

March 3rd Theatre, Fewston

March 7th Choir Practice

March 11th Call My Bluff,  
Leathley

March 15th Bird Walk, Fewston

# SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2011

	February 6th 5th before Lent	February 13th 4th before Lent	February 20th 3rd before Lent	February 27th 2nd before Lent	March 6th Next before Lent
<b>WESTON</b>		<b>Holy Communion</b> 8.30am (T) Rev S Wharton	<b>Family Service</b> 9.30am (M) Rev C Campling-Denton		
<b>DENTON</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> 11am (T) Peter Wiggins	<b>Family Service</b> 11am (M) Rev C Campling-Denton		<b>11am (T) Holy Communion</b> Geoffrey Cater & Rev M Cleverley	<b>Morning Prayer</b> 11am (T) John Charman
<b>FEWSTON</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> 11am (M) Rev M Cleverley	<b>Holy Communion</b> 11am (M) Rev S Wharton	at Timble	<b>Morning Prayer</b> 11am Harry Walker	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Baptism</b> 11am (M) Rev S Wharton
<b>BLUBBER-HOUSES</b>		Closed	for	Winter	
<b>FARNLEY</b>	<b>9.30am Family Service &amp; Baptism (M)</b> Rev C C-D	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b> Rev C Campling-Denton	<b>Morning Prayer</b> 9.30am John Charman	at Leathley <b>Family Service</b> 10am Rev S Wharton	<b>Family Service</b> 9am Rev S Wharton
<b>LEATHLEY</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> 10am (M) Rev S Wharton	<b>Morning Prayer</b> 10am (T) John Charman	<b>Holy Communion</b> 10am (T) Rev M Cleverley	<b>Evening Prayer</b> 6.30pm Rev S Wharton	<b>Holy Communion</b> 10am (M) Rev C Campling-Denton
<b>NORWOOD</b>		<b>Afternoon Service</b> 2.30pm Rev T Perkins		<b>Holy Communion</b> 2.30pm Rev F Spandler	
<b>TIMBLE</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> 10.30am Rev T Perkins		<b>Joint Service with Fewston</b> 10.30am Diane Coleman		<b>Morning Service</b> 10.30am Rev N Baker
	<b>6th</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>March 6th</b>

This list of services is available online at [www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk](http://www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk) Click on the 'Service Times' link under Quick Information.

## Family Services

Sunday February 6th Farnley  
February 13th Denton  
(for St Valentine's Day)  
February 20th Weston  
February 27th Leathley



## Flowers and Cleaning

	6th	13th	20th	27th	March 6th
<b>WESTON</b>	Mrs H Pullan	Mrs P Senior	Mr P Senior	Mrs J Harrison	Mrs J Harrison
<b>DENTON</b>	H Crawford	H Crawford	M Booth	L Beattie	L Beattie
<b>FEWSTON</b>	Mrs P Anderson	Mrs P Anderson	Mrs S Robinson	Mrs S Robinson	
<b>FARNLEY</b>	S Ashby, J Wight, K Templeton	K & S Templeton	C & C Eadon	-	J & G Wight
<b>LEATHLEY</b>	Mrs L Bramall	Mrs A Crossley	Mrs A Crossley	Miss H Ryott	Miss H Ryott