

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*



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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.

Website

Contains service details news and events

<https://upperwansbeckchurches.weebly.com>

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Editor's Note:



Hello,

I hope this summer edition of Upper Wansbeck News finds you all well. I've chosen a picture of a sunflower for the front cover as they are my favourite flowers, I always think they look like happy flowers. Sadly, the sunflower doesn't reflect the weather today as I sit here typing with thunder and lightning, very disappointing for July.

This is a slightly smaller newsletter edition as lots of people are on holiday, but we do still have some exciting things coming up over the next couple of months. Walton Show being one of the big events in our calendar, after missing for a few years due to Covid and sadly the passing of our late Queen last year. This year I'm sure it will be bigger and better than ever. Please see page 21 for details on what to expect.

Roisel

Reminder of Service Updates in Mitford And Hebron and the Upper Wansbeck Group Of Churches

From Sunday 7th May 2023 there will be some changes in the usual service patterns across both our benefices. There will be a service of Holy Communion every week across our Benefices and a variety of styles of worship to suit all worshipping styles every week. There may be occasional changes to accommodate baptisms or special community events.

***Services in Mitford and Hebron will start at 10.00am rather than 9.30am from 7th May. * Services in the Upper Wansbeck Benefice will remain at 10.30am**

- First Sunday: Morning Praise with Holy Communion at Mitford – 10.00am
Family Service at Bolam – 10.30am
Holy Communion in Traditional Language at Hartburn – 10.30am
- Second Sunday: BCP Morning Prayer at Mitford – 10.00am
Celtic Morning Prayer at Hebron – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Whalton – 10.30am
- Third Sunday : Morning Praise and Worship at Mitford – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Netherwitton – 10.30am
BCP Morning Prayer at Whalton – 10.30am
- Fourth Sunday: Café Church at Mitford Village Hall – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Hebron – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Bolam – 10.30am
Sung Evensong at Hartburn – 4.00pm
- Fifth Sunday: Morning Praise at Mitford – 10.00am
Holy Communion in Traditional Language at Meldon – 10.30am
Morning Prayer at Netherwitton – 10.30am
Said Evensong at Hebron – 4.00pm

Mitford & Hebron
St Cutberts,
Hebron St Mary
Magdalene,
Mitford

Hartburn with Meldon & Netherwitton
St Andrew's,
Hartburn St John the
Baptist,
Meldon St Giles,
Netherwitton

Bolam with Whalton
St Andrew's,
Bolam St Mary
Magdalene,
Whalton

What's On – July 2023

Sun 2 nd	1000-1100	Morning Praise & Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Hartburn
	1030-1130	Family Service	St Andrew's, Bolam
Sun 9 th	1000-1100	BCP Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1000-1100	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
	1900-	Da Vinci Quartet	St Andrew's, Hartburn
Weds 12 th	1900	Mitford Historical Society – A History of Mitford Hall	Mitford Village Hall, Fontside
Sat 15 th	1100-1730	Church Tidy & Clean Up Day	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
Sun 16 th	1000-1100	Morning Praise	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Giles, Netherwitton
Sun 23 rd	1000-1100	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
	1000-1100	Café Church	Mitford Village Hall
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Bolam
	1600-1700	Evensong	St Andrew's, Hartburn
Thurs 27 th	1400-1500	Anna Chaplaincy	St Cuthbert's, Hebron
Sun 30 th	1000-1100	Morning Praise	St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
	1030-1130	Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Meldon
	1030-1130	Morning Prayer	St Giles, Netherwitton
	1600-1700	Evensong	St Cuthbert's, Hebron

If your event is not listed please email details for future events to wansbeckvicarhelp@gmail.com by 20th of preceding month

Message from the Ministry Team

By Rev. Elaine Jones

As we approach the summer holidays and the children break up for the term, I often use this as an opportunity to try and find some space for recuperation and rest. Jesus reminds us that we need to maintain a 'sabbath' in order to function and be energised for the roles to which he has called us to.

The Sabbath is a gift of God's grace, that helps us to experience life more fully by setting apart time to reflect on God as the centre of our life. God is the one who provides for us. He is the one who heals and restores us. He is the one who saves us from our sin and invites us to share in His rest by placing our faith in the finished work of our saviour, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 4:9). For many, this looks like a quiet retreat or a short break to read and rest. For others the enjoyment of walking in the glorious countryside provides the space needed to reset. Or like me, perhaps the invigorating and bracing walk along our gorgeous coastline refreshes the soul. For others, rest is engaging in activity that brings joy such as crafting or baking – and who doesn't like a nice slice of cake at the end of a relaxing day!

However, you choose to rest this summertime, whether alone or in the company of others, I invite you to search and listen for that still, small voice of Jesus as he calls you to Himself. Even if you find yourself rushing around and being busy, you are encouraged to take moments out of the day and commit them to God. There you will find the cool, refreshing rest promised through Jesus.



Photo Puzzle
From Jim Grant

Congratulations



Fame and glory to **David Moon**, who was first, and very quick, to send in the answer. Walled garden Wallington.

Also to young **Edward**, who has the useful gift of seeing things from the other side.

A skill to be valued by us all!



Here's the new one!

Answers to: storiesfromjim@gmail.com

It's in Northumberland!

Do send a photo of your own in sometime- but don't tell anyone.

Jim Grant



Bolam Spring Churchyard Tidy Up

Article written by Bobbi Goldwater

On Saturday 20 May a group of willing volunteers, adults and children, gathered together for the annual Springtime Churchyard Tidy Up and with the glorious weather on our side we set to work. With a bit of help some of the children carefully sewed seeds which would be planted out at a later date in a special wildflower garden. Others battled with black plastic to try and gain the upper hand on the ever-spreading ground elder, weeds were cut back and many, many branches were piled on the bonfire.

With the bonfire burning there was time for well-earned refreshments and a chance to just sit, chat and relax in the peace and tranquillity of the churchyard. Thank you to everyone who turned out to help, offered moral support and provided the very welcome refreshments.



Bolam Spring Churchyard Tidy Up - Picture Gallery



The date for the Autumn Tidy Up is Saturday 14th October.



Wild Flowers for Pauline

Article written by Jim Grant

After the Family Service at Bolam on July 2nd, we planted out the wildflowers which the children had sowed at the spring bonfire. The new Wildflower area had been suggested by the PCC as a memorial to our friend Pauline McDonnell, a long-time supporter of the Church and as a resident of Belsay, well-liked by the children. Planting took place in a well-defined area near our new War Memorial, not far from Pauline's grave.

If you are visiting the graves in dry weather, please feel free to put some water on the little plants! Thank-you.



Wild Flowers for Pauline - Picture gallery





News from Whalton Church of England Primary School

As we come to the end of another school year, all the staff at Whalton Church of England Aided Primary School would like to thank everyone for their terrific support this year. Here are just some of the special things that we have been doing in the run up to the summer holidays!

Baal

The Baal is a Whalton village tradition dating back centuries. The midsummer's festival is always celebrated on 4th July with a large bonfire in the middle of the village. The school was delighted to again take part in this event by dancing through the village.



Sports



On a sunny Tuesday in June, we had our annual Sports Day! The children showed fantastic sporting attitudes in a variety of events. Thank you to the PTA and parents for some well-earned refreshments too.

This half term, Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in outdoor, adventurous activity! Year 1 were joined by children from Cambo, Stamfordham, and our Federation friends at Longhorsley St. Helen's Church of England Aided First School. They took part in parachute games, shelter building, obstacle courses, orienteering and much more! It was great seeing all of the children working together, showing great sportsmanship, as always, and sharing great ideas! Well done to all involved and thank you, again, to Active Northumberland and our Year 6 Sports Leaders! Years 4, 5 and 6 were treated to an afternoon of team building games and even some archery!



News from Whalton Church of England Primary School *Cont.*

Lilidorei



Thanks to our wonderful PTA, the children were able to celebrate their hard work this year with a visit to Lilidorei at Alnwick Gardens! The children earned this treat through their hard work and filling



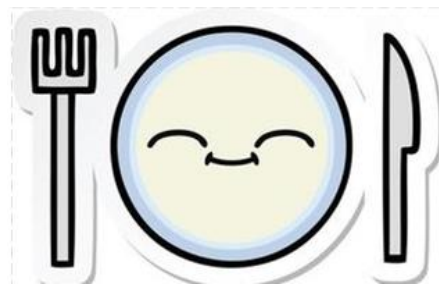
the school marble jar. The children had a wonderful time on the climbing equipment and exploring the village.

Eco-warriors

Our Eco team have been hard at work doing what they can for the environment. As well as collecting batteries and soft plastics, they have also arranged for a clothing bank at school. In addition to helping the environment, any clothes that are donated helps raise some money for school, so please feel free to add old clothes or shoes in a bag at Whalton School!

Parent Lunch

Over the year, the parents of all of the children have been invited in for lunch with the children. It was the turn of Class 2's parents this term. Sonya treated them to a delicious curry! Many parents requested their lunch here every day!



Transition

As we look ahead to the next academic year, the children have had the chance to spend time with their new teachers for next year. The children had a great time and everyone cannot wait to get started in September!

All of the staff at Whalton Church of England Aided Primary School hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!



News from Cambo School

By Paula Cummings

Can you believe it the summer holidays are upon us, where this year has gone I do not know. One minute it was September and now July!



On the 11th of July we held our community sports day and what fun we had from Pre-school to Year 4, everyone was raring to go! We had lots of activities including running with sacks, an egg and spoon race, racing, skipping and so much more! This year the green team won with 79 points. This is the first time they have ever won so they were super excited! The children made medals for each other celebrating our good sporting

attitudes! I am pleased to say everyone was a winner! The evening was capped off with a lovely barbeque with ice creams; and thankfully the weather held for us [it poured the next day, PHEW!]

On the 19th July we held our annual sleepover which was linked to our marble jar treat! And where did we go... The beach. I voted for Beamish... but once again was thwarted by the children! What a fun day we had and what a sleepover! However, it was tinged with sadness as we realised this would be the last sleepover for our Y4 children. We wish them all of the luck in the world, we will miss you all: Ella, Charlotte A, Charlotte R, Edward, James, Jake, Harry, Aidan and Joseph but we know they are going on to bigger and better things! AND, once a member of the Cambo family... always a member of the Cambo family! So, I know we will definitely be seeing them again!



We return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023 a new term with new projects, visitors, coaches, visits and seven new children in Reception. We can hardly wait!

But for the time being...

Have a lovely summer everyone's fingers crossed it is a good one!





PCC Meeting Dates

Bolam

Monday 2 nd October	19:30 – 21:00
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Whalton

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Netherwitton

Tuesday 17 th October	18:00
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Hartburn and Meldon

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Mitford & Hebron

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Diary Dates



Note for your diary

FILM NIGHTS will begin again on

29th September

Middleton Village Hall - 7.30pm Refreshments available

Donations at the door

Films are still to be decided, so I will update you in the next edition of Upper Wansbeck News.



Diary Dates



Forthcoming dates for your diary

Saturday 18th November – Christmas Market at Hartburn Church

Sunday 3rd December – Ravensworth Choir

Details will be published later.

Diary Dates



let's do
lunch

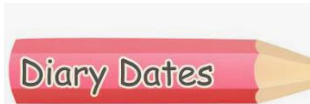
Hartburn Community Lunches
Hartburn Church

Tuesday 8th August – 12:30 pm at Hartburn Church - £6.00

Tuesday 12th September – 12:30 pm at Hartburn Church - £6.00

Contact Pooh Stafford to book – poohstafford@btinternet.com

Phone: 01670 772313



WHALTON VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S ON July / August 2023

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 – Finishing for summer break 25/07/23 restarting 05/07/23 For further details visit the Morpeth Art Group Website on: www.magart.org.uk

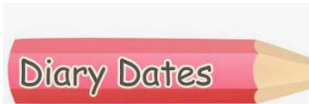
Gardening Club (1st Tuesday of the month) Mixture of visits, practical sessions and speakers – contact Anna Sill 01670 775375

WEDNESDAY

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

Carpet Bowls 7.30pm – Restarting 6th Sept 2023 Contact Karen on 07974405178 for more information or just turn up on the night.

Chiropodist - To book an appointment call Joanne Leiper on 07890322719



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 Finishing for summer break 27/07/23 restarting 07/09/23 – 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

Whalton WI 7pm (3rd Thursday of the month) - For more information and details on joining contact Emma on 07946217623 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 you Diary

30/07/23, 20/08/23, 24/09/23 **Sound Bath**. 7pm-8pm - Enjoy this deeply relaxing meditative experience surrounded by gongs, singing bowls, chimes and other instruments. To book a place and further information available at <https://soundroomhealing.co.uk>

16/09/23 **Whalton Village Show**

If you require any further information please contact Linda Willis on 07856 176358 or Email: bookings@whaltonvillage.org.uk

WHALTON VILLAGE SHOW 2023

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 11.00am - 5.00pm

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For more information e-mail show@whaltonvillage.org.uk
WWW.WHALTONVILLAGE.ORG.UK

- Adult £8.00 • Children £4.00 • Concessions £6.00 •
- Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £22.00 •

Diary Dates



SAVE THE DATE!

The Whistling Sheep Ceilidh Band are inviting people of all ages to enjoy an evening of dancing to fundraise for Charity on Friday October 13th at Ponteland High School.

The youth band have been playing all over Northumberland for over 28 years, for harvest, weddings, birthdays etc. and some of the current 6th formers are getting together to organise an event to help the survivors of the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey earlier this year.

The Ceilidh will be held at Ponteland High School's Hall, NE20 9EG with lots of free parking and includes buffet refreshments. The event is from 6.15 pm to 9.15 pm on Friday evening October 13th. Raffle prizes are being generously donated by local businesses. The Whistling Sheep are hoping the Ceilidh will attract the interest of the older pupils in the local Primary Schools who will be the next generation of local musicians!

Tickets can be bought for cash only at the High School Reception from September during normal school days, or for those further afield, by emailing the Whistling Sheep at whistlingsheepceilidhband@gmail.com where online payment can be organised and tickets sent out.

Prices: Adults £15.00. Ages 12 – 18, £10.00 and ages 11 and under, £5.00.

You can find out more about the Whistling Sheep Ceilidh Band at www.whistlingsheep.com

Thank you for reading this and hope to see you there! Jim Grant.



Wallington Demesne Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 25th September 2023 commencing at 7:30 pm in Middleton Village Hall.

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



Useful Contacts

The below contacts in this edition have been provided by Jim Grant



Oil users might like to join the Bolam Oil Group, used by many in our parishes, to get discounts on the usual price from the oil suppliers. Often about 5p per litre less than the advertised prices, thanks to the bulk deliveries discount. Email: Bolamoilgroup@outlook.com for more details.



Support your local young musicians! The Primary schools which feed into Ponteland High School, eg: Belsay, provide the young musicians who grow into the Ceilidh Band “Whistling Sheep”, who have recently played for 3 weddings and a Harvest event! Do support them if you can by booking them for a Ceilidh sometime. See www.whistlinghseep.com and on facebook @whisling sheep for more details and contacts. Thank you!



Yoga Classes In Cambo & Middleton



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Monday Evenings 7:00pm Middleton Village Hall

Thursday Evenings 7:00pm Cambo Village Hall

All classes £8.00 P.A.Y.G

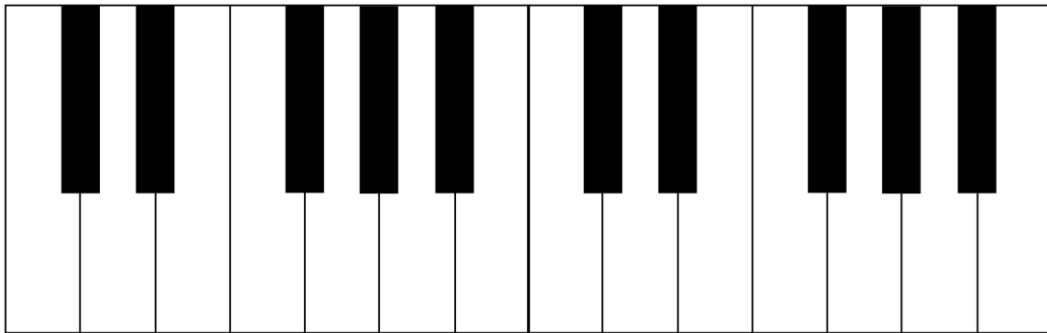
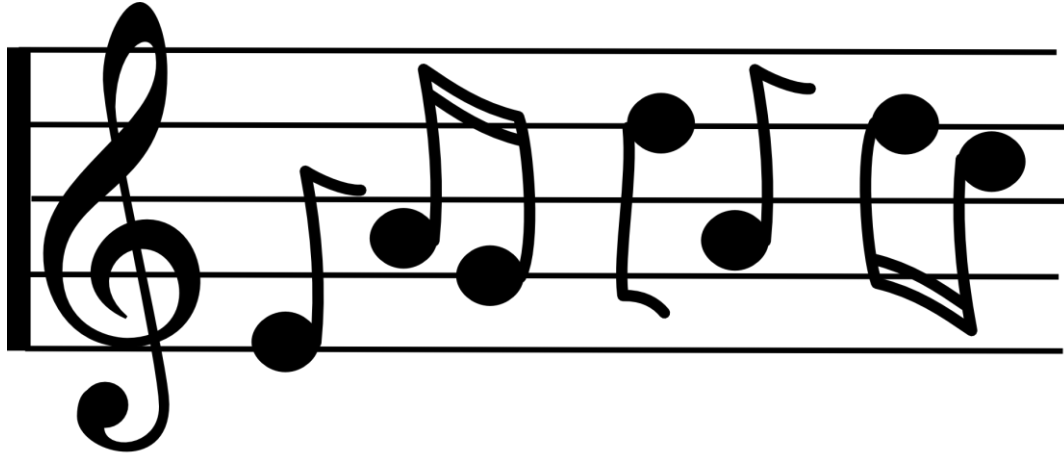


For more information or to book a place contact John Moat

Mobile:- 07864076923 Email:- yogavisava@gmail.com



Come and Play



Come and play can you tinkle the ivories on piano, keyboard or organ, or know someone who can? We hope more people would like to play for services regularly or occasionally in church. If you might be interested, please contact Pam Walker 01670 772301, Lucy Bird (07808 490004) or Wendy Sheldon (01670 775385).



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