

May and June 2024



Parish News

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Who's Who

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Dear Friends

I write this time with some sadness as it will be my last; I am retiring this June.

My last ever service is on May 19th 10.00am at Old Byland and there will be a farewell 'knees-up' in the Rectory afterwards. I do hope I will see many of you here to say goodbye.

I am moving to a smaller property, so am having to do some major decluttering.

Our recent trip to Liverpool was enjoyed by all who came; unfortunately not everybody could make the change in date so our numbers were down but many who came talked of going back for another visit. Our day concluded with Evensong in the Anglican Cathedral and being St. George's day we sang Jerusalem, a real treat with the organ and choir.

I have had a happy time in Upper Ryedale and know I will miss you all.

Here follows my Deacon's report:

Minister's annual report 2023-24

I will start with my thanks to everyone, for all the help and support during the past year, especially the churchwardens and treasurers.

Huge thanks must go to all those who have continued to keep our five churches clean and provide us with lovely flowers. I would also like to thank the volunteers who have kept the churchyards mown and the overgrowth in check.

I have again relied heavily on the wardens, (in no particular order) Dorothy and Matthew, Honor and Margaret, Tony and Ann, Ivan, Ben. I would also add Sonia Glover, Mal Gyte, Margaret Redhead and Joyce Garbutt to that list, who have all, together with the wardens, 'kept a special eye' on vulnerable neighbours and let me know when necessary.

We have been lucky to welcome a new treasurer; Steve Lumley at Old Byland,

We lost some old friends during the year - Chris Barnard, long time churchwarden at Old Byland, and Hazel Roberts, both of whom died at Christmastime.

A New Vicar: Mel Burnside has arrived at Helmsley and is now kept very busy ministering to both Anglicans and Methodists in Helmsley and Upper Ryedale.

There is always more that unites us than divides.

Safeguarding: Another very busy person to thank is our safeguarding officer, George Gyte, who has also taken on the job as Parish secretary – not to mention his work (with Mal & Joyce) in creating the Upper Ryedale walk and developing that further into the longer St. Aelred's trail.

Services Our four-week cycle continues, (with every fifth Sunday at Bilsdale).

St. John's Bilsdale has now rejoined the cycle in the third week, vacated by St. Michael's Cold Kirby which has sadly closed.

In addition to the fifth Sunday at Bilsdale we held a lambing service last spring, a thanksgiving service at the end of an art exhibition in the summer and our Remembrance service in November. We also held a 'Blue Christmas' service where we sang carols and where people could light a candle in memory of a loved one. This replaced our usual All Souls which was a Taise this year, held at Old Byland.

Our traditional Crib Service at Hawnby filled the church as usual with nearly all the children dressing up to take part.

Mexborough estates supplied a beautiful tree for the green at Old Byland in time for our Tree lighting and carol singing. The weather was bad, so the singing was cut short and we retired to the Rectory for refreshments.

Thanks must go to the Garbutt family who put it up and put it up – and put it up – and finally took it down. Unfortunately, we had no less than three named storms this year and the tree was blown down each time.

Weddings & Baptisms: Congratulations to Katy and Steve Lumley (new treasurer) who got married at All Saint's Old Byland last summer.

Finances: The war in Ukraine continues to affect us all economically and it's not clear yet how much events in the middle east might add to the problems.

This makes our charitable contributions even more important.

During Lent and Advent, we collected as a Parish for the Middlesbrough foodbank.

The special services at Bilsdale have shared collections with the Air Ambulance. Other charity giving was done with each church making donations to the charities of their choosing.

Pre Lock-down we had a fund raising group. George is now trying to reinstate this in a more strategic way.

Ivan spearheaded a 'Family fun day' last July, which in spite of the bad weather, was really well attended and hugely successful as community event . One is already in the planning for this year.

Once again, thank you and may God bless you all. Deacon Helen

The St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail

Last year many of you will remember the launch of the Upper Ryedale Parish Trail and the sweltering day in September when it was walked and cycled!

This year we have extended that trail into a new 41-mile-long trail linking all the churches in the Benefice of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale. We are calling it **the Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail** in honour of his tenure as Abbot of Rievaulx Abbey (1147 – 1167), his love of walking, history, friendship, and prolific writing. This 41-mile-long trail accessible to walkers, cyclists and horse riders, will link the five historic rural churches of Upper Ryedale (in Bilsdale, Hawnby, Old Byland, Scawton and Cold Kirby) with the handsome and historic Church of All Saints, Helmsley, and the 19th century Methodist Church, together with the historic hamlet churches of Saint Mary Magdalene, East Moors (a beautiful hidden church deep in the North York Moors), the (slipper chapel” of the Abbey), Church of Sanit Mary the Virgin, Rievaulx, the Methodist Chapel, Rievaulx, the stunning Rievaulx Abbey, and the restored Elizabethan building of the Church of Saint Chad, Sproxton. This church was moved from its original place to Sproxton and rebuilt stone by stone in 1879 by the architects George Gilbert Scott Jnr and Temple Moor. Our two local intrepid pathfinders, Joyce Garbutt and Mal Gyte have spent last autumn and winter walking and mapping the Trail in all weathers, including hail and snow falls.

This Spring it is being waymarked and signposted ready for summer and our big **Launch Event on 14 September 2024** – the day of the **Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride Day**. This event will take the form of a **“Gathering Walk”**, beginning in the morning in Hawnby and collecting more walkers in Old Byland, Scawton, Cold Kirby and Rievaulx to culminate in a celebration in the nave at Rievaulx Abbey followed by a reception in the café. **SAVE THE DATE!**

The whole Pilgrim Trail will be a good 3- or 4-day walking weekend for anyone , at any time of year, who wants to base themselves in the picturesque market town of Helmsley, or the excellent pubs, B&Bs, and Michelin starred fine dining restaurants with rooms in the locality. It's also an opportunity for just a day or section walk for anyone who loves walking or riding through our splendid North York Moors countryside. It is part of our challenge to revitalise interest in our historic rural and hamlet churches and chapels and their Christian mission in our rural communities. We hope it will generate an interest in people of all faiths and none, who love riding and striding, and the opportunity that pilgrimage offers for spiritual experience and well-being, meeting fellow walkers/pilgrims/riders and connecting with some of the most panoramic natural countryside of the North York Moors.

The planning group has received support from the Diocese of York, from the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, the North York Moors National Park , and the North Yorkshire Moors Association which has given us a generous grant to produce a guidebook for the Trail. We have also had grants from North Yorkshire Council to help with signposting and waymarking the Trail. We intend producing a website and a Pilgrim Passport.

We are in the process of mapping a bridleway route for horses and cyclists, like the route for walkers and runners.

If you would like further information please email George.gyte@btinternet.com.

Gathering Walk Saturday 14 September 2024

8.30am Start at All Saints' Hawnby

In conjunction with Heritage Open Days 2024 theme: Routes - Networks - Connections and Yorkshire Churches Day Ride + Stride enjoy our 12 mile walk to launch the new Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail connecting Helmsley and Upper Ryedale Churches with Rievaulx Abbey



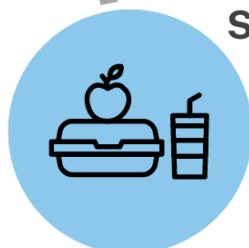
All Saints' Old Byland

Feel free to join in anywhere along the route, the second gathering point is Old Byland where there will be coffee, cake and water



St Mary's Scawton and St Michael's Cold Kirby

From Old Byland the route moves on to Scawton and then to Cold Kirby. There will be space available to enjoy your packed lunch indoors before moving on down the Cleveland Way



Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail



Rievaulx Methodist Church and St Mary's Rievaulx

The wooded path leads around Ashbury Hill to Bow Bridge and Rievaulx where those who want to walk a shorter distance can still join in



4pm at Rievaulx Abbey Service with Bilsdale Silver Band and Celebration

Well done to all who joined us on the way. There'll be opportunity to celebrate with a service in the Nave of Rievaulx at 4pm with Bilsdale Silver band followed by a Launch Reception in the Abbey Cafe.

For more information contact **George Gyte**
on 01439 798992 or george.gyte@btinternet.com



PARISH NEWS CONTRIBUTION FROM CK VILLAGE HALL

First, many thanks to all those who have signed up to help with the grass cutting at the hall this year. Your help and support is very much appreciated!

And thanks too to all who came along to the Easter Pop Up Café – and congratulations to all the younger members of the community in both Cold Kirby and Old Byland for taking part in the biscuit competition. Congratulations on all the imaginative designs and decorations!

It's our AGM ON MONDAY 29TH APRIL.

The small group which looks after the hall is shrinking. So we really need a little more help to join the small team which is responsible for the hall and which meets only a few times during the year. It's not essential to be a formal committee member. The key thing is that there should be enough of us to be able to keep the hall in a reasonable state so it is available for community use.

The AGM is a good opportunity for anyone to come along and share thoughts and ideas for the year ahead. With the closure of the church it seems more important than ever to embrace the few facilities that the village still has. New ideas are always welcome, both for the hall and events, and for any future community development, not least for the young people growing up here.

So please come along at 7pm on Monday evening 29 April. It would be great to see you there.

**THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY AND JUNE AT THE HALL
IS AS FOLLOWS**

Thursday 2nd May - Mayoral elections. The hall will be in use as a polling station.

Friday 3rd May. Film Club. doors open 6:30 for 7pm.

£2 on the door or free entry to members. Join the WhatsApp group to find out what is showing. Refreshments available. Contact Becky on 07985 676385

Friday 17th May. Film Club, from 6.30. Contact details as above

Saturday 25th May. Pop-up café, from 10am.

Thursday 30 May - Parish Lunch, from 12 Noon. Contact Jane Holmes on 07801 028481

Friday 31st May – Film Club - doors open 6:30 for 7pm

Friday 14th June - Film Club - doors open 6:30 for 7pm

Thursday 27th June - Parish Lunch, from 12 Noon. Contact Jane Holmes on 07801 028481.

Friday 28th June -Film Club - doors open 6:30 for 7pm

And looking further ahead, we plan a village barbecue as in previous years on the August Bank Holiday Monday

HIRING THE HALL - The hall is always available for hire at very competitive rates. We also now have broadband and WIFI which is a great thing for hall users and hirers. To make a booking or more information please call Fiona Tamkin on 07766 106609.

To help with community resilience we have acquired a generator. In the event of a sustained power cut (remember Storm Arwen) we will be able to open the hall and provide hot drinks, internet access, charging for phones etc. Hopefully won't be needed.....

CARLTON SERVICE STATION

Richard Shores and Tracy Thompson of Carlton Service Station are delighted to be able to offer the residents of Upper Ryedale a 10% discount on labour. Carlton Service Station offers a wide range of services including:

- MOT preparation
- the latest diagnostics
- tyres and exhausts
- batteries
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Classic cars repaired and restored as well as modern cars without invalidating their warranty.

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Courtesy car available, subject to insurance

Richard and Tracy can be contacted on 01845 537676 or 01845 522381

THE OWL

Hawnby

English Country Inn

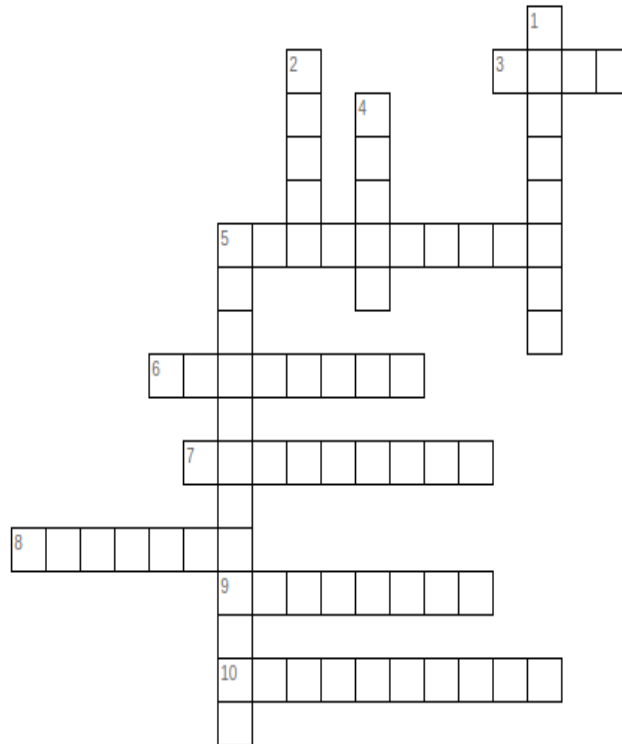
First class pub grub

Bookings can now be made online
<https://www.theowlhawnby.co.uk/>



This lovely pub in North York Moors was formerly a Drover's Inn, dating back to the 19th century. It has been extensively refurbished and is now the home to the award winning team from Bantam, Helmsley. We serve seasonal, traditional menus in the dining room, garden and bar, augmented by the fine wines and ales- and there are comfy rooms for the guests at the end of the night.

Crossword



Across

- 3 hottest summer month
- 5 children sometimes make these out of sand on the beach
- 6 when an area is unusually hot for a long period of time like 1 or 2 weeks
- 7 shells found on the coast (Mussel, venus comb)
- 8 umbrella like object used to keep the sun out
- 9 popular summer dessert made using milk
- 10 accessory used to keep the sun out of your eyes

Down

- 1 used to stop UV rays from harming your skin
- 2 a vast quantity of usually salt water found off the coast
- 4 on the coast and the ideal place to go in summer
- 5 a rare natural event that happened on April 9th 2024 (It's hot!)

Answers will be in the next Parish News

Services for May and June

My thanks to our contributors, Helen Rawlings, Jeremy Walker, Mal and George Gyte.

Sunday 5 th May	10.00 am	St. Mary's Scawton Communion by extension
Sunday 12 th May	10.00 am	St. John's Bilsdale Communion by extension
Sunday 19 th May	10.00 am	All Saint's Old Byland Parish Communion Pentecost: Helen's last service
Sunday 26 th May	10.00 am	All Saint's Hawnby Morning Prayer
Thursday 30 th May	7.00 pm	All Saint's Hawnby Corpus Christi Thanksgiving service
Sunday 2 nd June	10.00 am	St. Mary's Scawton Morning Prayer
Sunday 9 th June	10.00 am	All Saint's Old Byland Parish Communion
Sunday 16 th June	10.00 am	St. John's Bilsdale Parish Communion
Sunday 23 rd June	10.00 am	All Saint's Hawnby Parish Communion
Sunday 30 th June	10.00 am	All Saint's Hawnby Communion

If you want to contribute to our next parish news, the deadline for articles will be **15th June 2024**. Please send your articles to amelie@restall.net and I hope you all have a good May and June.