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Dalton Carol Service

Sun 14 Dec, 10:30am

Barningham Carol Service

Sun 21 Dec, 6:00pm

Barningham Christmas Day
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Thu 25 Dec, 10:30am

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Mince pies and mulled wine will be served. No charge, although donations much appreciated.

- Tuesday 23rd Dec, 6:00pm

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The Flyer

I said at this time in 2024... that there's so much pain in the World, whether it's geopolitical strife or simply political upheaval and that maybe 2025 will bring less bad news. Well, strife and upheaval have continued... Meanwhile, again as I said last year, let us give thanks for family and friends and hope for a peaceful Christmas and end to this year. Take care and keep healthy. (Ed.)

LETTERS

Thanks

The family of Digby Robinson would like to extend our deepest thanks to our wonderful local community for the kindness and support shown following the passing of Digby. Your messages, presence, and thoughtful gestures have meant the world to us and brought comfort during a difficult time. A special thank you to Reverend Antony Kirby and James Blenkiron for all their professionalism and guidance. Their support meant a lot to us, and we're really grateful for the care and kindness they showed throughout.

The Robinson Family

...Hope Moor Windfarm

As many will know and since the last issue of The Flyer, there have been a series of drop-in meetings held by Fred. Olsen Renewables concerning the proposal for a Windfarm on land owned by East Arkengarthdale Estate and Barningham & Holgate Estates. I attended the Barningham Meeting and tabled a list of questions, requesting a written response. I noted the verbal responses and have produced a ten-page document recording these and, if you wish to receive a copy, please send me a text to 07810 056105 (NB: I do not respond to phone calls from numbers I do not recognize or unattributed voicemails).

For your information, there is a legal process for what are termed Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), timescales for which are given in the following link:

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<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/having-your-say-guide>

Mike Peach, Barningham

Rubbish!

Please could the people of Barningham and surrounding villages be reminded that the bins on the Moor End above Barningham are for the use of Bragg House, Moorcock House and Haythwaite Farm. It has been observed that people have been using them: often when we go to take our rubbish and recycling down they are full. Thank you.



The Flyer



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BARNINGHAM BINS: dates are not yet available on DCC's website, so check: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/bincollections>

BARNINGHAM ALLOTMENTS: contact Phil Heys on 01833 621487

BARNINGHAM MOBILE LIBRARY: Thu 11 Dec, 11:20 – 11:35am.

BARNINGHAM PARISH MEETING: contacts: Robin Brooks, Clerk (01833 621203), Mike Peach, Chair (07810 056105), Phil Hunt, Treasurer (01833 621253).

BARNINGHAM VILLAGE HALL: Ann Orton, Secretary & bookings, etc. (01833 621024 or 07980 877760)

BARNINGHAM WEBSITE: The website www.barninghamvillage.co.uk has information about everything from parish meetings to local history.

Can anyone help by taking the updating of this on?

NEWSHAM, DALTON, etc. BINS: Dec, Fri^s; Recycling, 5 & 19; Rubbish, 12. Note that these dates are subject to change and residents are advised to check the website:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bin-calendar/Richmondshire>

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NEWSHAM VILLAGE HALL FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS: every week – leave donations in the box inside the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 9 and 4 for the Store House in Richmond

NEWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL: Planning Applications and Notices can be found on the Parish Council website: www.newshamparishcouncil.com, village Facebook page and notice-boards.

WHORLTON WEBSITE: www.whorltonvillage.org covering the Whorlton Village Community Association & the Village Hall – also FaceBook page: Whorlton Village.

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From North Yorkshire Police: Distraction burglary: distraction burglars pretend to be someone they are not in order to gain entry to your home.

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How to prevent it: ask for ID and check it with the company before letting somebody into your home – use the phone number advertised in the phone book or online, as the number on their identity card could be fake; for a utility company, call the customer service department. Close the door while you do this.



...and from Neighbourhood Alert: if you think you've been targeted, in a scam, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk for clear advice, reporting tools, and support.

Thanks to John Hay for our Neighbourhood Alert updates

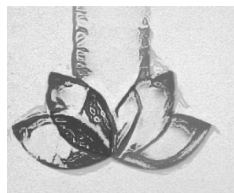


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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association AGM

Sixteen members attended our AGM in November. Janet read out her Chairman's report, thanking the hard-working committee and the members for making it such a wonderful group. She spoke of the interesting speakers from greeting cards, cookery and recycling we have had in 2025. She also read out the report of the previous Secretary, whom had resigned due to other commitments.

Helen, our Treasurer, gave her report advising that our balance was again healthy due to our two fundraising events.

We then had our November meeting. There was a vote that we return in the New Year to our Winter meeting time of 2:00pm for the months of February, March and November. It was also agreed that we increase our fee by £5 in line with the central committee proposal.

We then had a wonderful bingo session with Colin, our caller, assisted by Fiona. It was the first time we had had bingo and it was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 2 December at Coghlands. In 2026 our first meeting will be on Tuesday 3 February when the Air Ambulance are giving a talk on their work.

Janet Paterson

Whorlton Bridge Repairs Presentation

Durham County Council and the contractor for the bridge repairs, VolkerLaser, will hold a public meeting to provide attendees with an overview of the bridge project, followed by Questions and Answers, to be held at Whorlton Village Hall on Wednesday 10th December from 2:00 till 4:00pm.

George Stasny, Whorlton

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DALTON AND GAYLES VILLAGE HALL

Upcoming Events

Locket's Fish & Chips – Weds 3 & 17 Dec, 6:50-7:20pm
Weekly seated/gentle exercise class – every Monday 1:30pm.
 £5 per class. Contact Charlotte Turnbull: 07950 927151
Senior Lunch Club meets on Thu 11 Dec at midday. £8 per person. The club is open to any residents aged 65 and over from the local area (Dalton, Gayles, Newsham, Ravensworth, Barningham). Why not join us? We look forward to seeing you there. If you require any further information, phone Maria on 07739 661917 or Helen on 07895 864845
Carols on the Green – Mon 15 Dec, 6:30pm – Dalton Village Green if weather suitable, in the Hall if not. Song sheets provided. Mulled wine & mince pies.
New Year's Eve Party – Wed 31 Dec, 7:30 for 8:00pm – 70s theme: music, games, optional 70s dress. £5 to include supper. Please book with Susan 07762 412320 or Alison 07751 120424.
Annual Quiz – Sat 17 Jan, 7:30 for 7:45pm start. £6 to include supper. Under 11s free, 11-16s £3. Maz 6 adults per team. Booking essential – phone Pam 07955 655517.

DADS panto performances – Fri 20 Feb evening, Sat 21 Feb matinée and evening. More details available soon.

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FOR BOOKINGS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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St Mary's Church, Whorlton

Sun 14 Dec, 9:00am – Morning Prayer with coffee in the Village Hall afterwards

Sat 20 Dec, 4:00pm – Candlelit Carol Service followed by seasonal refreshments

Wed 24 Dec, 7:00pm – Procession of carols on the Green followed by Christmas Gospel and reception of Communion in Church.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas with every happiness in the coming year.



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3 rd Prize each month.....	£10

Many thanks to those residents whom have already renewed their subscriptions and, for those yet to do so, please renew this month. For those yet to join, I'd ask you to help your Parish by subscribing.

Payments can be made to Richard, John or me directly or by Bank Transfer - details from John.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Ian Mains, Chair Whashton Parish Meeting
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WHORLTON & WESTWICK NEWS

Coffee Morning: Sat 13 Dec, 10-noon – see ad

Lighting of the Christmas Tree:

Whorlton Village Green, Fri 5 Dec,
 gather at 5:45pm for 6:00pm start.

Carol singing accompanied by
 Barnard Castle Brass Band and
 delicious mulled wine & mince pies.

Village Telegraph: What's on? What's up? Join the Whorlton and Westwick village Whatsapp group and keep in the loop! Neighbours from south of the river in Wycliffe and Thorpe are welcome to join as well. Send a text to Mary at 07584 908 761 to add your name.

Castle Players' production of "Ladies Day" –
 Fri 6 Feb, Whorlton Village Hall. Tickets available
 from Ticketsource from 1 Dec.

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St Michael & All Angels, Barningham

Sunday 21st December, 5:30pm

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Thursday 25 December, 10:30am
Christmas Day Family Service

All led by John Bainbridge.

RAVENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Parish council meetings, 7pm:

9 Feb, 13 Apr

The Village Hall's next project is to provide a disability access door at the front porch entrance, this work is due to start soon. We thank everyone for their support.

AGM: 15 Jan, 3:00pm, RVH Charity in the hall.

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Regular events:

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- Mon 6:30-9pm: Samba Band
- Tue 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga
- Wed 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga For Men
- Thu 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga
- Locket's Fish & Chips now **THURSDAYS 4:40-5:30pm** fortnightly from 27 Nov.

NEWSHAM NEWS

Newsham village hall committee would like to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas market such a successful and happy event, donating prizes, helping on the day and just coming along to enjoy the stalls and the turkey sandwiches! Happy Christmas to you all

Upcoming events:

Carpet Bowls – everyone welcome. Thu 4 Dec, 7:30pm. £2 per person. Bar will be open.

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