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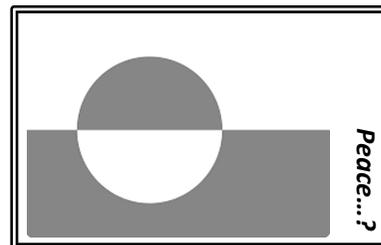
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# The Flyer

**Just when you think...** that international geopolitics couldn't get any worse, it does. 2026 has not really had a good start for so many: spare a thought for those living in fear in their own or rightfully adopted countries. **Meanwhile...** The Flyer's villages seem a million miles away from all the turmoil – it's seems that simply reading the news presents us with *our* biggest worry! Things can only get better, can't they...? Take care, keep healthy and keep safe! (Ed.)

## LETTERS

### Dalton & Gayles Yorkshire Countrywomen

We had a good 2025 with a very varied programme of speakers ranging from the Cone Exchange from Harrogate, Farmhouse Cookery, Planting Spring Baskets, and after our AGM we had Bingo with our excellent caller Colin, and his assistant Fiona.

We had two very successful fundraising events. In May we had Larches of Richmond Fashion Show and in October Alan Hinkes, Mountaineer, who gave an exciting talk about his adventures. We ended the year with a delicious lunch at Coghlan's of Barningham in December.

For 2026 we are starting on TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY AT 2PM WITH THE YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE. In March - Georgia's Bees.

Anyone who would like to join us for a meeting you will be made very welcome.

Janet Paterson, Dalton

### Hope Moor Windfarm (again)

As I stated in The Flyer no. 207, I attended the Barningham drop-in meeting on this topic on the 18<sup>th</sup> November. I had prepared a questionnaire for Fred. Olsen's team, which I expanded to include their responses as far as I could remember them the next day, a copy of which I offered The Flyer readers. I have now received their written response to this questionnaire. Again, if you wish to receive a copy, as before 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 or texts).

Mike Peach, Barningham

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BY ALEX JACKSON

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**BARNINGHAM ALLOTMENTS:** contact Phil Heys on 01833 621487

**BARNINGHAM MOBILE LIBRARY:** Thu 12 Feb, 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)

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### Can anyone help by taking the updating of this on?

**NEWSHAM, DALTON, etc. BINS:** Fri<sup>s</sup>; Rubbish, 6 & 20; Recycling, 13 & 27.

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**NEWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL:** Planning Applications and Notices can be found on the Parish Council website: [www.newshamparishcouncil.com](http://www.newshamparishcouncil.com), village Facebook page and notice-boards.

**WHORLTON WEBSITE:** [www.whorltonvillage.org](http://www.whorltonvillage.org) covering the Whorlton Village Community Association & the Village Hall – also FaceBook page: Whorlton Village.

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Thanks to John Hay for our Neighbourhood Alert updates

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**Lockey's Fish & Chips** – Wed 11 & 25 Feb, 6:50-7:20pm

**Lunch Club** – Thu 5 Feb at noon. For local area residents over 65, £8 per person (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER DATE FOR FEB ONLY AND INCREASED PRICE FOR 2026). Phone Maria on 07739 661917 or Helen on 07895 864845.

**Wine Circle** – Tue 24 Feb, 7:30pm – See opposite.

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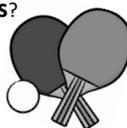
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**Village Telegraph:** our village Whatsapp group keeping everyone up to date with local events. Neighbours from Thorpe and Wycliffe are also welcome to join us by sending a text to Mary at 07584 908761.

Dates for your diary:

- Whorlton Open Gardens, Sunday 14 Jun
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Please feel free to enquire as discretionary rates may apply. Find us at: <http://whorltonvillage.org/>

## WHORLTON VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE MORNING

Valentines Day

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am to noon

Join us in our cosy hall for fresh coffee and home baking on the second Saturday of each month.  
 £4.00pp – Everyone is welcome.



## St Mary's Church, Whorlton

Sun 8 Feb, 9:00am – Morning Prayer. Coffee in the Village Hall afterwards

Sun 22 Feb, 4:00pm – Holy Communion

All most welcome as ever. We enjoy visitors!



**Whorlton Cemetery** Interested in reserving a plot for yourself or a family member? Contact the Parish Council Clerk 01388 609045 or [whorltonandwestwickpc@gmail.com](mailto:whorltonandwestwickpc@gmail.com)



## RAVENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Parish council meetings, 7pm:

9 Feb, 13 Apr

Following a successful grant application with YOR4 the disability access door is now in place. Thank you for all the positive feedback.

### Hire rates for our newly refurbished Hall:

Commercial Hourly Rate	Standard Hourly Rate
£15	£10

Ravensworth residents qualify for 20% Discount  
 Please enquire for discretionary / bespoke rate arrangements via email to  
[ravensworth.village@gmail.com](mailto:ravensworth.village@gmail.com)

<https://ravensworthvillage.com>

### Regular events:

- **Soup & Desserts start again:** monthly, 12:30pm; 15 Jan, 19 Feb, 19 Mar, 23 Apr, 21 May
- Mon 2-4pm: Art & Craft group
- Tue 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga
- Wed 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga For Men
- Thu 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga
- Lockey's Fish & Chips now **MONDAYS 6:30pm fortnightly.**

## NEWSHAM NEWS

**Band Night with Late Night Radio** – Sat 28 Feb, 7:00pm.

Free admission. Donations to Village Hall funds welcome. Licensed bar. All welcome – under-16s must be accompanied by an adult. "Crackling hotdogs and burgers" will be available through the evening.

**Carpet Bowls** – everyone welcome Thu 5 Feb, 7:00pm, £3. Bar will be open.

**Richmondshire Library Van** – calling at the Village Hall every 4 weeks, Tue<sup>s</sup> 10:00-11:00am. Next: Tue 17 Feb.

**Quiz Night** – Fri 20 Feb, 7:30pm. £2/person. Teams up to 6 but feel free to come on your own, we can find you a team to join! Licensed bar.

**Coffee morning** – Fri 27 Feb, 10:30am

**Lottery** – the lottery winning number for January was 12. The lucky winner gets £20. Next draw 4 Feb. To join contact Steve on 01833 621125.

For information on any of the above phone Rose 01833 621300 or Monica 01833 621125.

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## Thank you! What's on at Thorpe Farm

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Burns Evening on Saturday 24th January.

14 <sup>TH</sup>	FEB 6:30pm	::	<b>Valentine's Evening</b>
15 <sup>TH</sup>	MARCH 6:30pm	::	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
28 <sup>TH</sup>	MARCH 6pm	::	<b>Bingo &amp; Takeaway</b>
29 <sup>TH</sup>	MARCH 9am	::	<b>Car Boot Sale</b>

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