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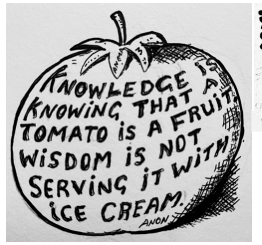

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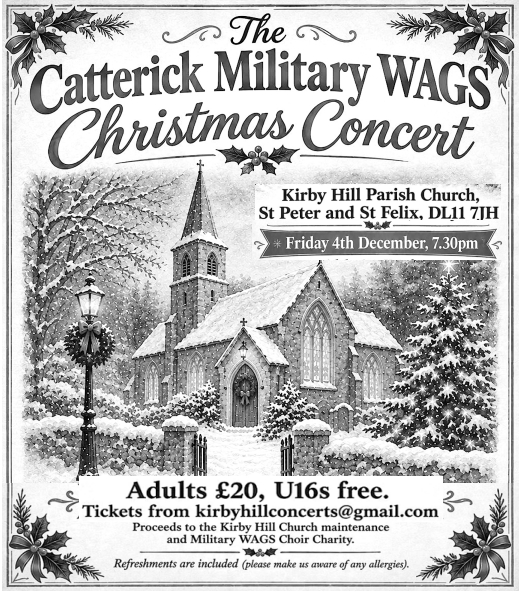

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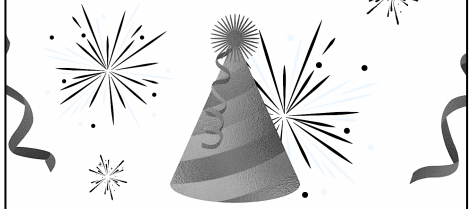

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The season of goodwill is upon us… but we are unsure if peace will reign. ***Meanwhile***, consider spreading goodwill to those less fortunate - in lieu of presents, one idea is to make charitable donations to children's charities, homelessness charities or foreign aid charities, for example. Just a thought... [Ed.]

LETTERS

Gardener's World

Love or hate hot weather the wild life did well, as did the garden. The pyracantha has more berries than other years, roses were at their best. The following birds managed to nest and rear their chicks very well:

- blackbirds x 2
- house sparrows x 4
- swallows x 1
- swifts x 1
- robins x 1
- ringed doves x 1
- wood pigeons x 1
- starlings and flycatchers had a look but weren't happy with the surroundings!

The tree 🌳 planting season is upon us; oak, lime, rowan, thorn, birch: wild orchards; crabapples, wild pear, and wild plum trees are in fashion. 1.2 metre tree shelters are advised to keep the deer and rabbits from nibbling them! The cell grown trees and shrubs are usually planted before April for best results. All the best to everyone.

Phil Thompson, Barningham.

[Thanks Phil, we always enjoy your annual updates! Ed.]

YCA November AGM & Bingo!

Our November meeting was our AGM. There were reports from the Chairwoman, Secretary and Treasurer. As all the officers and committee were very happy to stand again for 2027 there was no need for a vote.

After the AGM we had an enjoyable game of bingo with Colin, with his assistant Fiona.

Our next meeting is our Christmas meal on Tuesday 1 December at 12:15 at Coghlans.

There are no meetings in January and we meet again at 2pm in February when we will have Amber from Cheese Press in Richmond.

In March, at 2pm, we have Detective Inspector Mark Braithwaite with his interesting talk on The Thief, The Wife and The Canoe.

Janet Paterson

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Carol Services in December

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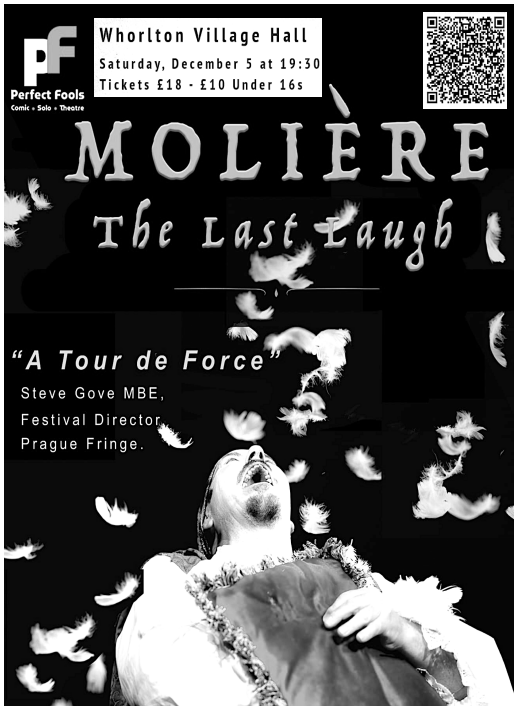
Sunday 20th, 10:30am

Barningham
Carol Service: Sunday 20th, 6:00pm
Christmas Day Family Service: 25th, 10:30am



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BARNINGHAM BINS: Dec: Weds; Recycling, 9 & 23; Rubbish, 2, 16 & 30: Food Waste with Recycling & Rubbish.

BARNINGHAM ALLOTMENTS: contact Phil Heys on 01833 621487

BARNINGHAM MOBILE LIBRARY: Thu 3 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: interim contact timothy.wilson1412@gmail.com or 07834 946255.

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

NEWSHAM, DALTON, etc. BINS: Dec: Fris; Paper, etc. 4; Glass, etc. 18; Rubbish, 11 & Tue 29.

POST OFFICE in **Newsham Village Hall** is open Wednesdays, 9.30am-1pm.

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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. Dates of forthcoming meetings: 25 Nov, 27 Jan, 31 Mar, 26 May.

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

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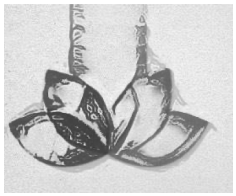

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Wed 9 Dec, 7:30pm
Barningham Village Hall

The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Parish Meeting's finances and to agree the sum to be requested through the Parish Precept for the next financial year – money which the County Council raises through the Council Tax on behalf of the Parish. It is also an opportunity to discuss other matters of local interest.

Everybody is welcome and all Parish residents on the Electoral Roll are members of the Meeting and are entitled to vote. It is **YOUR** Parish Meeting - please come along and have your say. If anyone has anything they want discussing please let me have a note of it by **7pm Mon 7 Dec**.

Robin Brooks, Clerk
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rpbrooks72@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events

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Luncheon Club – Thus 10 Dec & 7 Jan, 12pm. For local residents over 65. £8pp. Contact Maria on 07739 661917 or Helen on 07895 864845.
Carols on the Green - Mon 14 Dec. Meet on Dalton Village Green 6:30-7:30pm. Song sheets provided. Bring a torch and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies.
New Year's Eve Black-and-White Party - see front page.
Album Night Social & Bar - Sat 23 Jan, 7:30-10:30pm. Social evening - drinks with a popular album playing on our sound system and votes for a second album to listen to. If you'd like to eat at the hall, bring your own supper or a dish to share.
Wine Circle – Tue 26 Jan, 7:30-9:30pm. Burn's Night. Non-members welcome. Contact Elizabeth: eeveritt79@gmail.com.
DADS Pantomime - 11, 12 &13 Feb; matinée 13 Feb, More info soon on posters & social media.

September 100 Club

Winners: 1st Peter Cheale; 2nd Lynn Toon; 3rd Jane Thompson.

More information at www.daltongaylesvillagehall.co.uk or Daltonandgayles Villagehall

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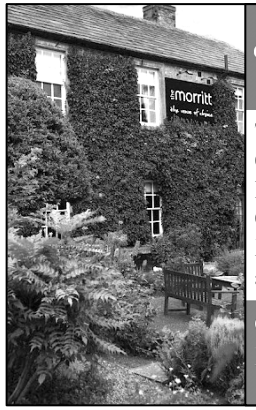

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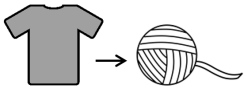

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Upcoming events:

- 27 Nov - Christmas Wreath Making 7:00 - 9:00pm
- 23 Jan - Burns Supper, 7:00 for 7:30. See ad on page 3.
- Soup/Desserts to recommence 21 Jan, 12:00 - 2:00pm. Thereafter: 18 Feb, 18 Mar, 15 Apr, 20 May
- 21 Jan, 2:00pm - RVH Charity AGM

Regular events:

- Mon 2-4pm: Art & Craft group
- Tue 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga
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Village Telegraph: Join the village WhatsApp group and keep up to date with local events. Neighbours from Wycliffe and Thorpe are also welcome to join by sending a text to Mary on 07584 908761.

Next Committee Meeting: Thu 14 Jan, 7pm.

Seasonal events: see separate ads.
www.whorltonvillage.org
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WHORLTON TREE LIGHTING
Friday 11th Dec, 6pm



Everyone is welcome to join us and celebrate the annual switch-on on Whorlton Village Green (in the Hall if wet outside). There will be carols accompanied by members of the Barnard Castle Brass Band, with lots of festive cheer, mulled wine and nibbles.

St Mary's Church, Whorlton

Sun 13 Dec, 9:00am – Morning Prayer. Coffee afterwards in the Village Hall.

Sun 20 Dec, 4:00pm – Carol Service. Mulled wine & nibbles.

Thu 24 Dec, 7:00pm - Carols outside (weather permitting). Christmas Communion.

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WHORLTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 12th Dec, 10am to noon



Join us for fresh coffee and home baked cakes in the Village Hall.
Everyone is welcome!

NEWSHAM NEWS

Newsham Garden Open Day next June - The Village Hall Committee would love to hear from you if you would like to open your garden next June. If you would like to take part please contact Rose 01833 621300 or Alison 07850 000437 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Lottery – Proceeds to Village Hall funds. Winning number for October is 30, two lucky winners get £20 each. Numbers £1/month - to join contact Charlotte on 07963 360130.

Richmondshire Library Van – calling at the Village Hall Tue 22 Dec, 10:00-11:00am.

Dates for your diary:

Fri Nov 27 - *Coffee Morning,* 10:30am-12:00. Come for coffee, cake & good company
Sun 6 Dec - 10:00am, come along and *make a lantern* for the torch-light parade to the lighting of the Christmas tree.
Sun 6 Dec - 6:00pm meet at the Village Hall to join the *torch-light parade* down to the Green for the lighting of the tree, mulled wine, mince pies & carols.
Sat 12 Dec - 7:30pm, *Social Evening* with music from the the Finkle Pickers Band & bar. Fired & Sliced Pizzas will be on sale 5:00-7:00pm.
Sun 22 Dec - *Tractor Rally*. Come and see the decorated tractors arriving at the Village Hall before they leave at 7:30. Bar open.

Save the date:

Sat 13 Feb - The Castle Players will be performing *Whisky Galore* at the Village Hall.

The Village Hall Committee would to thank all those whom have supported our events this year & wish everyone a very happy Christmas & best wishes for the New Year.

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

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Santa's Grotto

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

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Burns Night
— 23rd January 2027 —

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What's on at Thorpe Farm

12th & 13th December	Morning and Afternoon Sessions	Santa's Grotto
12th December	6pm	Christmas Bingo
23rd January 2027	7pm	Burns Night
Friday 12th February 2027	6pm	Date for your Diary: Valentine's Day

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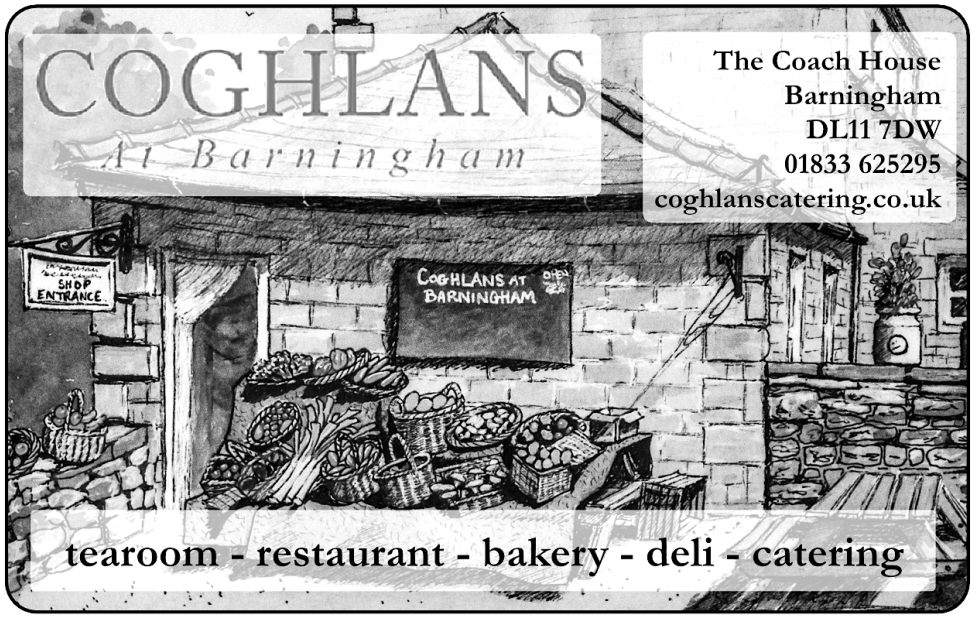

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