

**October/
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2024**

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Parish Pump

*Village Newsletter for Bishop Wilton
and the Garrowby Parishes*



Revd Linda at her retirement tea party, with a gift from the Garrowby Benefice. More on P10.

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Police (non emergency): 101

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www.bishopwiltonprimaryschool.co.uk

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**Deadline for submissions for Dec/Jan
issue is 15 November 2024**

Events @ The Mile

Tuesday 1st October 11-1 Learn to Crochet Part II £18

Sunday 6th October Crochet Pumpkin & Cocktails 2-4.30 £35

Tuesday 8th October Ladies Who Latte Networking Event FREE 10-12

Friday 11th October Law Of Attraction Workshop 7-9 £10

Saturday 19th October 11-3 Charity Dog Show and Market

Tuesday 29th October 11-1 Half Term Learn to Crochet £18

Sunday 3rd November 1-4 Arm Knitting a Throw with Cocktails £76

Tuesday 12th November Ladies Who Latte Networking Event FREE 10-12

Saturday 16th November Charity Christmas Market 11-3

Sunday 10th November Pottery Dog Making & Cocktails £40

Wednesday 13th November Psychic Night with Sue and Diane 7-9.30 £15

Sunday 1st December Bill & Mrs M Members Christmas Walk & Party

Sunday 8th December Wreath Making workshop TBC

Tuesday 10th December Ladies Who Latte Networking Event FREE 10-12

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Bishop Wilton Hall

Maintenance

Lots of bits and pieces going on behind the scenes. Henry the Hoover had to be replaced - his predecessor now languishes in the sports store for garage tidying. The undercounter freezer in the kitchen finally gave up and has been replaced. A new honesty and mailbox has been fitted.

We have received confirmation of funding for some large storage cupboards so that we can safely store the precious village history archive at the Hall which will always make it accessible to the village. Thank you to the Church Heritage Fund for organising this.

We now have a volunteer who is kindly going to look after our fruit trees for us to ensure their continued growth and healthy future.

We are currently applying for a grant to obtain CCTV around the Hall and playing field to maintain the security of the site.

Unfortunately an application we made to the Lottery Grant to help with various maintenance issues has been unsuccessful but we hope to reapply in the near future.

Events

Our **Comedy Night** on **Friday 11th October** starts at 7.30pm is once again hosted by Chris Booker and tickets are on sale now at £12 per person. Please call Sara on 07779337631 for yours now.

A reception was held at the Hall on Sunday 22nd September to say goodbye to Linda, our vicar, and her very able assistant Mike! They will be sadly missed although thankfully are not moving far - to Bugthorpe - so we hope to see them often in and around the village.

After a very wet couple of seasons, we were finally able to host a caravan rally on the playing field. The caravanners had a wonderful weekend and made use of the Hall facilities during the couple of days they were here.

The Hall continues to be well used throughout the week but please contact us if you would like to host an event or start a new group in the village and we would be happy to help you.

Website

We are currently at the very early stages of looking at a new website format which will aim to be more user friendly and easier to update.

Volunteers

As always, we continue to seek volunteers to help with the varied tasks needed to maintain the smooth operation of the Hall. If you can spare any time at all, and would like to get involved, please contact us. Specifically we are currently looking for someone who would be able to clean the main hall floor on a Monday evening/Tuesday morning but we would also love to hear from you in whatever capacity you may wish to become involved.

If you wish to book an event at the hall you can do so by contacting:

Telephone; 01759 368813

Email: bishopwiltonvillagehall@gmail.com

Website: bishopwiltonhall.co.uk



Bugthorpe CE Primary School

FOLLOW YOUR PATHWAY AND GROW WITH CONFIDENCE

Class 1 Gruffalo Fun @Bugthorpe



Class one have had a brilliant time looking at the story The Gruffalo this week!

Curriculum Update for 2024-25 @Bugthorpe @Sutton

It is so exciting that, as a first, in our Federation history, all four classes at each school are teaching the exact same curriculum at the same time. This means that the teachers, can plan together, share resources, check in with each other; this can only help to promote our standards and expectations. Also, our children might go on educational visits together, as well as using the school minibus where we can, to visit each other's classrooms to complete work together.

This half term, we see a flurry of History; the classes are learning about the following:

Class 1 – Why do some woodland animals sleep in the Winter?

Class 2 – How did the Victorians influence our life today/What changes have we seen since our Grandparents were little?

Class 3 – Why was the Ancient Egyptian civilisation ahead of its time?

Class 4 – How did Britain change from the end of the Roman Empire to 1066AD? (Vikings and Saxons)

With our priority of 'knowing and remembering more', the children in Classes 2 – 4 will complete assessments within History, Geography and Science. These will be used at the end of topics to assess learning and progress, but also revisited to build up that long-term memory and knowledge bank in the children's minds. Parents will have access to the assessments to support at home with discussions around the disciplinary and substantive knowledge.

Bugthorpe C of E Primary School

OPEN MORNINGS



Come and see our loving school family:

MONDAY 7th OCTOBER

WED. 27th NOVEMBER

9:10 – 10:30am

Register your place via:

01759 368247

bugthorpe@eastriding.gov.uk



Bugthorpe's Stay and Play is on

Wednesdays; 9:15am - 10:15am. (term time)



Come and join us for Stay and Play; **all aged children welcome.** Do spread the word in the community; we can provide buggy parking 😊 Venue: Class 1 classroom, YO411QQ

FOLLOW YOUR PATHWAY AND GROW WITH CONFIDENCE

01759 368247

www.bugthorpe-sutton.org.uk

We still have places available in all of our classes; don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to board our bus 😊 [01759368247](tel:01759368247)/bugthorpe@eastriding.gov.uk



THE BISHOP WILTON COMMUNITY SHOP & CAFE UPDATE

Did you see Bishop Wilton featured in the recent Sunday Times list of best secret villages? The BBC reported on this and the Shop was featured: [bbc.in/3ZBgHYc](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-60111111) If you haven't been in before why not call in and take a look or have a drink in the café!



HALLOWEEN

Halloween is just round the corner so look out for our pumpkins and pumpkin carving workshop for kids in half-term. Date & time to be confirmed!

NEW PRODUCTS

Have you seen the Autumn scented candles and wax melts from Yorkshire Rose in the Shop? A gorgeous selection of new seasonal fragrances. We are now stocking XOXO the low sugar, low calorie prebiotic drink in ginger and lemon flavour and would love to hear your feedback!



VOLUNTEER NEWS

The recent Volunteer prize drawer was won by Sue Bond 1st Prize £40 BWCS vouchers and 2nd prize Linda Hedley £20 vouchers. Many thanks to them for their continued commitment to keeping the Shop open! If you'd like to get involved just contact the Shop – we'd love to hear from you!

BLUEBIRD BAKERY POPUPS

Many thanks to all those who supported the recent popups in August. More popups of the award-winning bread and cakes are planned for next year.

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

This will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm. We are looking for Committee members so if you'd like to find out more about this interesting role, just contact the Shop. If you're not yet a member of the Shop a lifelong share in this vital community service costs only £10 and allows you to attend and vote at the AMM. Just pop into the Shop for an application form or apply online on our website.

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Bishop Wilton WI

It was a lovely warm evening for our August visit to Dot Appleby's Field 216. <https://field216.co.uk/> Dot explained how a change of career led to her setting up her

family flower business and it was impressive to see how much she has achieved in just 3 years. Sustainability is at the centre of Field 216 so everything is grown without pesticides or artificial fertilisers.

We then had an opportunity to look round and admire the flowers including an extensive collection of beautifully scented sweet peas. One lucky member went away with a beautiful, hand-tied bouquet of flowers which Dot had expertly demonstrated how to do. We all gave our sincere thanks to Dot for a most informative and wonderful evening. Refreshments of tea and delicious home baked cakes were then served at Jan Danby's.

Sociable and fun with a touch of friendly competition is what our September Quiz night was about. We puzzled over dingbats and tried to answer some challenging questions sharing both our knowledge and many laughs! Many thanks to June for organising the quiz and congratulations to the winning team!

Dates for your diary

October 7th 7:15 in the Hall Join us for a talk by Dr Charlotte Garbutt and learn about sustainable fashion and develop your confidence through colour.



November's meeting is an OPEN MEETING when we welcome all adults to hear about the valuable work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. November 4th at 7:15 in Bishop Wilton Hall, just pay £4 on the door.

Ruth Mardall and Sandie Clark



Fleece Inn Golf Society

The September event was held at Romanby Golf Club on a mild cloudy day, ideal conditions for good scores, which it proved to be.

With a number of regular attendees on holiday, we were down to 14 players, which for this society is quite low.

The course was in good condition, even although the greens had recently been tined, causing “bobbly” putts.

The meal afterwards was a real treat - Chicken Chasseur no less!

The event was hosted by Allan Aikman, but the behind the scenes work was carried out by Graham Souter with the finances and David Stamp with the bookings and handicaps etc.

The winners were as follows:

Podium Places:

1st - Digby Machin - 42 Points

2nd - Allan Aikman - 40 Points (19 on the back 9)

3rd - Ron Overton - 40 Points (18 on the back 9)

4th - Gerald Fenton - 36 Points (18 on the back 9)

A special mention to Jim Campbell, who also had 36 points, but had 13 on the back 9.



Allan Aikman & Digby Machin

Spot Prizes:

Nearest the Pin:

4th Hole - Paul Lindley-Curtis

8th Hole - Charles Fenton

11th Hole - Martin Butcher

15th Hole - Gerald Fenton

The next event is at Kilnwick Percy Golf Club on Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Allan Aikman

Harvest home

Where do you sleep before sunset,
till you soar between night-fall and dawn,
to the last space for late summer solace
on the only day you can reign.

I am struck as you rise in beauty,
defiant in majesty's crown
wrapping your halo around like a cloak
to shield the warm earth from the dark.

Only wolf and hunter eclipse you,
so lend your light till the gather's complete
when the labourer finally rests
and the fleet hare crosses the field.

Ruth Mardall



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Bishop Wilton C of E Primary School

We have had a super start to the new school term with everyone smiling and ready to learn. Already we have been on a welly walk in the September sunshine, with foundation and KS1 enjoying collecting conkers and paddling in the beck. KS2 have started playing their pBones again with our new year 3 excited to begin learning.



Our summer activities this year were lucky with the weather too and we had a whole school den building excursion to Goodhart wood where older and younger children worked together to create some exciting structures. On the last day of term we also enjoyed some water fun, with the children soaking each other and the teachers! We said a sad goodbye to our Y6 leavers and wish them well as they start out on new and exciting adventures.

We were delighted this year to win the Peter Kite Cup for the most points at the Bishop Wilton Show. The children all participated with a fabulous selection of entries.

The children have voted in a new school council for this year and already they have been busy planning our Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for Cancer Care.

Please do follow Bishop Wilton School on Facebook or Twitter/X @PrimaryWilton to see lots more pictures of all our activities.

Mrs Jean Loudon, Senior Teacher



Bishop Wilton Table Tennis Club

We've welcomed 11 new members this summer. In August the club's annual BBQ was held. Good weather, food, music and giant games including Connect Four, Jenga and Boules contributed to a terrific afternoon. Our guests were Peter and Paula Goodrick. Peter is Chair of the village hall trustees and this was an opportunity to say "Thank you" to the trustees who give up their valuable time so we and other hall users

can benefit. Dave Jarvis, Ian Robson, David Megson and Linda Whittaker were amongst the raffle prize winners, £175 was raised towards club funds. We've also received £106 from easyfundraising, making the total received from the cashback scheme £695 to date. Thanks to those supporting us, enabling the club to provide high quality equipment to members.

Thirteen teams from three divisions competed in the Ryedale Summer League. After playing all 12 opponents Pickering's Saw Doctors and Bishop Wilton still couldn't be separated at the top. In an exciting play off 1st division Saw Doctors showed their cutting edge and were too strong for our spiritual 2nd division club. Twice in successive seasons Bishop Wilton finish league runners up. A considerable achievement for such a young club, bearing in mind three teams in the summer league were from Division 1. We finished above two of them, winning another trophy.



BWTT Club Team 2024-25 Ken, Dave, Tony, James

My appointment as Ryedale Regional Head of Coaching and Table Tennis Club Development was a surprise. Thank you Table Tennis England, Ryedale League and everyone at BWTT Club for your encouragement and support. I'm pleased to be able use my knowledge and experience in taking on this important role to assist so many other clubs and coaches. The appointment is recognition of the success and progress BWTT Club is making. Club membership continues to grow due to the fun and enjoyment the club brings to the local community and the word is spreading. Everyone's welcome, from those new to table tennis to more experienced players.

If you're not yet a member of BWTT Club then we invite you to join. We provide all the equipment you'll need. Members of any age and ability are welcome. We'd especially like more young people and females to join. 20% of our members are female. The average number of female members in table tennis clubs throughout England is 12%. Females make up 51% of the population, so "Ladies, we'd love more of you to come and join us. Let's try to even it up!"

2pm Thursdays is over 50s Bat & Chat, it's fun, not serious. Part way through B&C breaks for light refreshments. 6pm till 8 club night, everyone welcome, any age, any ability, beginners through to league standard. BWTT Club has something for everyone. £5 per session, £3 for under 18s. If not a resident but visiting our wonderful village, we invite you to join us at a session or two.

Tony Fuller, Chair BWTT Club E: tony@bwtt.uk, Web: bishopwilton.ttclubs.co.uk

What a joy it was to see St Edith's full of people of all ages from across the five churches for my last service as Rector of the Garrowby Benefice. Mike and I would like to say heartfelt thanks for the lovely afternoon tea and also the gifts that you gave. It has been a real joy for Mike and I to have served you and to have lived in this beautiful area. It is with mixed feelings that I hang up my cassock but we are delighted that we are able to stay in the Benefice and to continue our friendships with you all. Thank you to all who have been there for Mike and I during good times and difficult times. WE would be delighted to see any of you if you would like to call for a coffee in Bugthorpe. Our phone number is 01759 773771.

Love and prayers Linda x

From the Registers

Baptism, 11th August 2024 at St Edith's. Edward Sebastian John Beere
"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

Interment of ashes, 30th August at All Saints Kirby Underdale. Jean Mary Butler
"May she rest in peace and rise in glory"

The Garrowby Benefice - Vacancy arrangements

From the beginning of October the five parishes within the Garrowby Benefice will be in a state of 'vacancy'. Until we are able to appoint a new rector we will be relying on a small number of local priests and lay readers who will take services.

Please keep an eye on the Garrowby churches website for any alterations to the regular calendar of services: <http://www.garrowbychurches.com/index.html> or feel free to ring your local churchwardens for updates.

Unfortunately, the process of appointing a new rector is complex and can take a long time. The next appointment will at best be half time only (as was Linda's post, in theory at least). During the vacancy if anyone needs to arrange a baptism, wedding or funeral please contact your churchwardens in the first instance.

Bishop Wilton Jan Danby: 07955 535237; email jan.danby1@btinternet.com

Susan Frost: 368445 or 07908 826010; email frost.susan@gmail.com

Bugthorpe Verity Jarry: 07845 265953 or 368775; email vpjarry@gmail.com

Full Sutton Adam Findlay: 07793 651403; email adamdavidfindlay@gmail.com

Kirby Underdale Ruth Beckett: 07956 806313; email rubeck47@gmail.com

Lisa Cardy: 07724 068239; email lisacardy.fcn@gmail.com

Skirpenbeck Penny Beard: 07771 623639; email penelope.beard@sky.com

Thank you!

Thank you from the PCCs of the Garrowby Benefice to everyone who contributed to Linda and Mike's leaving gifts, and to those who helped in any way with their tea party. While we're all sad to see Linda retire as Rector, we're delighted that she and Mike will be living locally as part of the Garrowby community.

Reproduced on the next page are some of the photographs taken by Ian Jones of the service and tea party.



Schedule of Services	St. Edith's Bishop Wilton	St. Andrew's Bugthorpe
6th October 19th after Trinity		
13th October 20th after Trinity	10.30 Harvest Festival Family Service	9.15 Harvest Eucharist followed by refreshments
20th October 21st after Trinity		
27th October Last Sunday after Trinity	10.30 Eucharist	9.15 Eucharist
3rd November		
10th November Remembrance	10.55 Remembrance Service	9.15 Eucharist followed by Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
17th November		
24th November Christ the King	10.30 Service for All Family Service	9.15 Eucharist
Saturday 30th November	10.00 Christmas Bazaar	
1st December Advent Sunday	3.00pm From Darkness to Light with the Garrowby Singers	
Church Wardens:	Susan Frost 368445 Jan Danby 07955 535237	Verity Jarry 368775

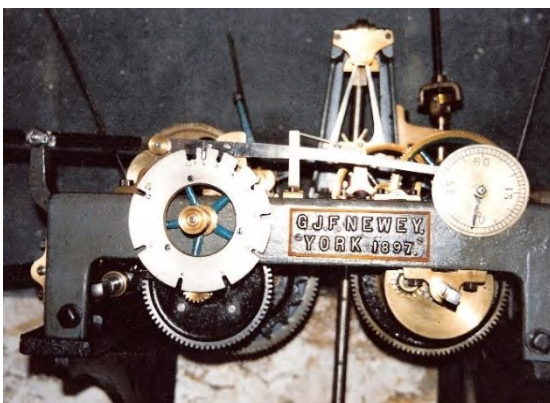
St. Mary's Skirpenbeck	St. Mary's Full Sutton	All Saints Kirby Underdale
10.00 Harvest Festival Service for all with Choir		11.15 Harvest Festival
	9.30 Eucharist	11.15 Eucharist
10.00 Service for all		11.15 Eucharist
	4.00pm Eucharist	11.15 Eucharist
10.00 Family Service		11.15 Eucharist
Penny Beard 07771 623639	Richard Smithson 07951 232626 and Adam Finlay 07793 651403	Ruth Beckett 01759 368424 and Lisa Cardy 07724 068239

All Saints Church, Kirby Underdale



Kirby Underdale Church soon after the clock was placed on the tower in 1897.

This summer John Arthur, the York Diocesan Clock and Bell Adviser, visited All Saints' Church, Kirby Underdale. The church clock is in need of repairs. His visit prompted a closer look at the history of both clock and bell.



The church clock dates from the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. There was a 'special dedication service held in connection with the new clock' reported in the Howdenshire Chronicle of 17th July, 1897. After prayers by her husband, the Revd. W. R. Shepherd, Mrs Shepherd set the clock in motion at seven o'clock in the evening.

The clock was made by the firm of G.J.F. Newey of York, making it a real 'clock of distinction'.

Over the years it was the subject of much discussion by members of the PCC as it needed painting and re-gilding or occasionally stopped working.

One of the people who attended to the clock was Jack Shipley of Springfield, Kirby Underdale, a skilled amateur clock repairer. In September, 1965, the PCC minutes record that thanks to the efforts of Mr West and Mr Shipley the clock was going again. It was going to be re-decorated with the 'best available gold paint'.

In July, 1966, the minutes of the PCC recorded that 'the Church Clock ... had had a relapse, but was expected to be recovered by Saturday'.

On 27th March, 1913, items of church expenditure include fifteen shillings paid to Arthur Whitehead 'for cleaning and regulating the church clock'. In addition to working as handyman and chauffeur at The Rectory, Arthur Whitehead was also sexton at Kirby Underdale.

In 1870 two seventeenth-century bells were recast to make one bell weighing ten hundredweight. At a PCC Meeting held on 6th December, 1923, Arthur Whitehead 'gave a report on the condition of the Church Bell and its fixing'. The 'bolts and attachments' were described as being 'worn and rusty' and 'the frame was loosened'. Re-fixing, agreed on unanimously, was to be carried out as a matter of urgency. In 1924 the sum of £1 12s. is recorded amongst expenditure for 'Church Bell re-hanging'.

It was not easy to find someone with the ability to ring the bell as part of church liturgy. On 19th November, 1924, the minutes of the PCC record that the Rector had received a letter from 'the Right Hon. E. Wood' - later 1st Earl of Halifax - 'relative to ringing the church bell at the consecration in the morning service'. Given 'the difficulty of finding anyone able to undertake the ringing' since the departure of Mr Silverlock of Painsthorpe Hall, 'it was considered best to cease ringing the bell at that time'. In later years another resident of Painsthorpe Hall, Allan Calder, would ring the bell both before and during services at All Saints' Church. Since his death, it has been rare to hear the church bell rung.

During the pandemic lockdown of 2020, however, the clock at All Saints' Church did continue to strike the hours. At least for this writer, this was incredibly reassuring at a time of such uncertainty. We look forward to a time in the not too distant future when the clock will again be restored to full working order.



Kirby Underdale Bell which bears the date 1870.

Ruth Beckett

St Mary's Skirpenbeck

Our annual Summer Fair was a great success and the weather held out for us. We raised, with the help of Julian Price and his house contents sale, nearly £1600. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, especially the Stamford Bridge Vikings as well as the live band who were brilliant.

We are hoping to arrange a cheese and wine evening in church with the Heritage group and Dr. Ruth Beckett talking about the history of both the church and surrounding area.

Some of the items that the Heritage Society have found in Skirpenbeck are amazing and will be on show. The date is yet to be confirmed.

Our Harvest Festival is on 6th October at 10am. Donations will be taken for the Peoples Pantry and can be given before or during the service. Refreshments will be served and the choir will be singing. This is a service for all ages so everyone is most welcome.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have kept our churchyard looking so lovely this year. We now have a shed and shelter for our lawn mowers! Thank you also to all who have signed up to be a Friend of St. Mary's. It is appreciated beyond measure. We hope to say "thank you" soon.



Penny Beard

Memories of The Fisher Family

My grandfather, William Levitt Fisher, moved to Bishop Wilton from Cottingham in 1908 to be the village blacksmith. The family lived above the original blacksmith's shop. That building has long gone, and just a small part of the wall can be seen by the gates of the old Cross Keys pub. The site is still known as 'Fisher's Corner.'

The first petrol that Fisher's sold in the village cost one shilling and seven pence (1/7d) for 30 gallons - or 8p for 135 litres.

My parents met when they were teenagers. Mum, Yvonne, was from York but had relatives in Pocklington, while Dad, Herris, was a pupil at the Grammar School. They got married in their early twenties. Grandad bought a house for them: Sherwood House, number 4 Main Street. He must have bought it with a sitting tenant, because we had to share it with an old lady called Mrs Hick. She lived in one side and Mum, Dad, my younger sister Elaine and I lived in the other.

When Mum first came to Bishop Wilton she couldn't settle, and she often used to go back to York to see her parents. I remember travelling there in the winter in the back of my dad's van: two small children with a paraffin heater to keep them warm! Health and safety hadn't been invented then. Mum's parents lived off Leeman Road, quite near the river, where they were often flooded.

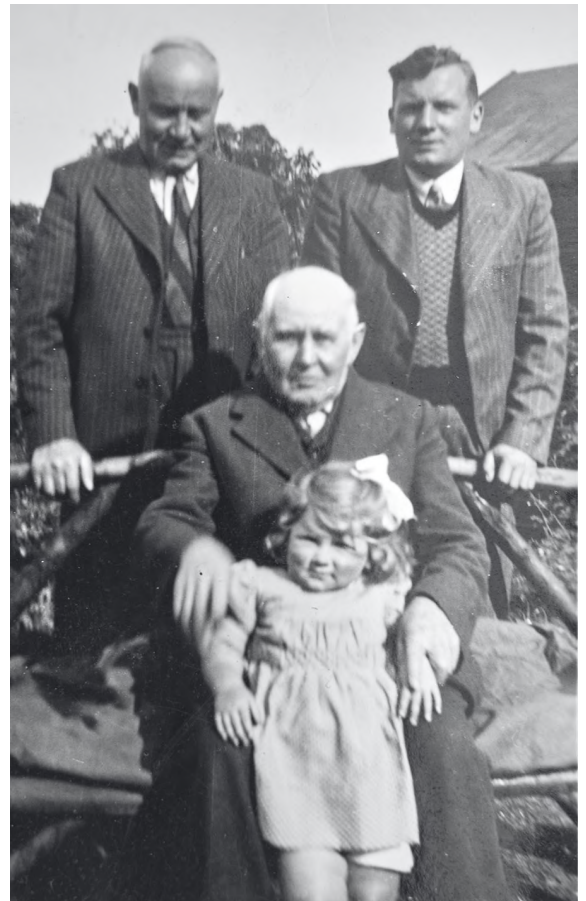
At the back of Sherwood House were the original workshops, my dad's garage and the paddock and pasture as far back as Vicarage Lane, to where the Bishop Wilton Show used to be held. After my grandparents died, we moved into their house at 1 Main Street.

When I was a child there was a Co-op in Bishop Wilton, the Old Chapel was still *the* Chapel, and there were many working farms in the villages. The Horners had the farm on the opposite side of Main Street (where the Rexes live now). We used to tend their cows when they were turned out to graze on the green. I wasn't afraid of them at all. We'd love to watch Ron Horner sitting in the doorway milking cows by hand. He'd sometimes squirt us, covering us with milk!

My mum's brother-in-law, Uncle Frank, used to come and stay. On one memorable occasion - after a few drinks - he climbed up a ladder and scaffolding that had been left against the church spire. He got right to the top - he wouldn't have done it sober, that's for sure!

John and I met in Pocklington and were married here in St Edith's church. The gates were tied up in the usual Wilton way. The children, Mark and Vicky, were Christened here too. We lived at 4 Main Street after we married, and the twins started school here. We moved to Pocklington seven years later, but I worked at Fisher's office coming in from Pocklington and bringing the children to school. The office was in the old school room and the manager was Harry Smith, who was a very good member of the village community.

John and I now live here in Bishop Wilton at Blacksmith's Cottage and we're happy supporters of the community shop and of course, the Blacksmith's Shop Gallery.



Back row l-r William Levitt Fisher (Pam's grandfather) Herris Fisher (Pam's dad). Centre Frederick Fisher (great-grandfather). Front Pam aged about three

Pam Ibson

Rainfall

Rainfall report for July and August 2024.

July rainfall 55.7mm Average rainfall July (2003-2024) Bishop Wilton 67.5mm

August rainfall 33.7 mm Average rainfall August (2003-2024) Bishop Wilton 73.8mm

Summer 2024 (June, July and August) 137.4mm Average summer 206.4mm

Rainfall for 2024 Jan-August 537.2mm. Average rainfall Jan-August (2003-2024) 478.3mm

At last a run of three months during which I recorded less than the monthly average rainfall! July was only slightly less than average, but August was much drier with less than half of the average amount of precipitation.

The July and August (along with June) figures give us a total for the rainfall during the summer of 2024. This was 137.4mm (5.5") which is nearly 70mm less than the 20 year average. This is a marked contrast to parts of western and southern Britain which have had a wetter summer than average. It is also a marked contrast to our summer in 2023 when we received 289mm - double this year's amount. According to my measurements the summer of 2024 will go down as the third driest of the last 22 years (after 2022 and 2018).

Ian Jones

Bishop Wilton Garden Club

Winter speakers programme 2024/25

10 October

Eddie Harland: The Making of a Garden, 25 years of development at Littlethorpe Manor, Ripon. Eddie is the head gardener.



14 November

Mike I'Anson A return visit for Mike following an enjoyable talk last year. This time his subject is a humorous look at 'Garden Disasters'

12 December AGM and Xmas social

9 January 2025

Doug Stewart Easy Gardening for tired joints! Thought we could all do with some hints and tips to help us garden into old age!!!

13 February

Tom Hook, A Forest of Flowers The story of the creation of new woodland and wildflower meadows from old farmland near Huby

13 March

Louise Wickham Victorian Gardens - from the formality of Brodsworth to the landscape of Cragside

10 April to be arranged

May - Spring Fair Plant stall

Meetings are held in the Club Room at Bishop Wilton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Access to the Club Room is through the side door facing the field. We are always delighted to welcome new members. Do come along and join our friendly group and enjoy our talks on various aspects of gardening, followed up by refreshments.

For further details please contact Sally Ironmonger. salironmonger@gmail.com

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Parish Council of Bishop Wilton

**Minutes to the Meeting of
Bishop Wilton Parish Council, held on
Monday 22nd July 2024 at 7.00pm, at
Bishop Wilton Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr P Warry (Chairman); Cllrs P
Rigby; J Denton; S Berry; I Rickatson; G
Lonsdale; A North and Sandra Morrison
(Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 5

**509. The Chairman welcomed members and
guests** and advised that the meeting was being
recorded by the parish council in line with the
protocol on the recording of meetings

510. To receive apologies of absence - Cllrs
Sumpner and Haywood

**511. Code of Conduct: To receive
Declaration of Interests from members on
any items on the agenda**

Pecuniary - none

non-pecuniary - none

granting of dispensations - none

**512. Open Forum: Meeting opened to the
public 7.02** To resolve that the meeting be
temporarily suspended to allow for a period of
public participation. A request was made for the
grass to be cut at the top of Worsendale Road as
this is obscuring visibility - this issue has already
been reported to ERYC. There is also an issue
with the grass verge adjacent to where the trees
have recently been removed as the ground falls
away and that could be dangerous for any
motorist that pulls off this single carriageway.
There are two inspection chambers of
Pocklington Road just off the cross roads, one
has been raised but the other hasn't and
vehicles banging and bouncing over this can be
heard and felt in neighbouring properties. Cllr
Rigby to take photos and send along with exact
location to the clerk for actioning.

Meeting closed to the public 7.09pm

513. Ward Councillors Report and outstanding
issues- none present

514. Minutes: To adopt minutes of the
meeting held on the **24th June 2024**
proposed Cllr Rigby seconded Cllr Berry.
Resolved

**515. Community Issues for consideration and
resolution**

Issues with damaged verges and blocked
drains, Thorny Lane and Main Street - no
further action for now.

Cycle rack outside the village shop -
deferred until the next meeting as awaiting
ideas on design and positioning.

A request was made to hear agenda item 16
next. Agreed. 7.15 pm Meeting again opened to
the floor

**516. To consider/review the management
plan for the village green including cutting
program and treatment of butterbur and
pollution issues.**

Cllr Warry advised that he was still awaiting
quotes on the spraying of the butterbur. Cllr
Lonsdale advised that the butterbur could be
successfully controlled by strimming 4-5 times a
year, and will then naturally die off. Proposed
Cllr North seconded Cllr Lonsdale that this action
be pursued. Resolved

Several members of the public spoke regarding
the grass cutting on the green, and the
consensus was that the green should be kept cut,
and neat and tidy throughout the year. Bulbs and
trees should only be planted in approved areas
and not on the open space of the green as this
hinders grass cutting. It was agreed that the
clerk would draw up a simple policy for
residents' awareness, to be posted on the web
site and in the Parish Pump, for agreed
management of the village green. Resolved

**517. To consider the proposed repairs and
remodelling of the old village roundabout** and
to agree action if no completion date can be
determined- still unable to contact engineer.
Proposed Cllr North seconded Cllr Rickatson to
no longer pursue. All agreed.

**518. To consider and resolve any issues
relating to the outdoor gym and play
equipment**

1. To receive inspection report on outdoor gym
and agree any action that may be required
2. To receive monthly playground inspection
report and agree on any action that may be
required, and to consider installing bird
deterrents over the toddler swings, noted
comments from Cllr Sumpner, but to defer full
discussion until the next meeting. Meanwhile to
purchase bird deterrents for the swings.
3. To consider correspondence and update
received from Sovereign Play re 5 yr.

inspection plan - agreed no further action
4. To receive and consider any actions that may be required of the Annual Play Inspection Co. To share report with Image playgrounds and seek advice on timber work.

519. Finance:

a) To approve accounts and bank reconciliation to date proposed Cllr Denton seconded Cllr Rigby. Resolved

b) To approve payments as per schedule 1 - Proposed Cllr Rickatson seconded Cllr Lonsdale. Resolved

c) To approve payments as per schedule 2 - Proposed Cllr North seconded Cllr Berry. Resolved

510. Correspondence for consideration and action

a) NALC Star Council Awards - circulated

b) Invitation from ERYC for expression of Interest re 20mph speed trials - circulated - a resident advised that Pocklington Road has an issue with speeding traffic.

c) ERNLLCA AGM and conference - invitation circulated

d) ERYC Parish Open Door Survey - circulated

e) Training Opportunities from Breakthrough Communications - circulated

f) Correspondence re Flashing Speed Sign Grant Fund - circulated

511. To consider/ agree dates for a potential Parish Meeting and agree guest

speakers and draft agenda - to leave for now, but to consider again in time for May meetings

512. To agree councillor's areas of responsibility and representation -

School - Cllr North

Village Hall- Cllr Rickatson

Planning - Full Council

Highways - Full Council

Notice Boards - Cllr and Cllr North

Outdoor Gym - Cllr Haywood

Playground - Cllr Sumpner

Village green maintenance - Cllr Rickatson

513. To review inventory of Land and Assets -

Proposed Cllr Warry seconded Cllr Rigby resolved.

514. To review and approve new Finance Regulations deferred until the next meeting due to time restraints.

515. To discuss the holding of a community BBQ on the village green - no further information

516. To receive agenda items for September meeting Monday 23rd September 2024 -

Playground inspection report, Finance Regulations, Policy for Village green

517. It is with regret that the Council have accepted the resignation of Cllr Rigby, with immediate effect.

Meeting closed 9.10pm



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