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Newbrough Cricket Club Update

A slightly disappointing end to the league season resulted in Newbrough finishing second in the league, with the dry and flat wickets in the last few weeks benefiting the the older and wiser batsmen of our opponents.

The Newbrough team regularly includes between 6 and 8 junior players and so we can be proud that after only 3 seasons we are able to compete for the league title against much more experienced teams.

The remaining fixtures in the season have been designed to give Division 2 teams a chance to pit themselves against Division 1 teams in a round robin tournament, which we are all looking forward to.

Game 10 Cancelled - RAIN

Game 11 Result - Riding Mill Won by 3 Wickets

Newbrough 149 all out L. Reekie 28, J. Gibbons 24
Riding Mill 153 for 7 L. Reekie 2-16, W. Laidler 2-35

Game 12 Result - Newbrough Won by 1 Run

Newbrough 108 all out J. Gibbons 29, O. Foot 20
Haltwhistle 107 for 9 L. Reekie 5-20, P. Forster 2-3

Game 13 Result - Wylam Won by 114 Runs

Wylam 153 all out B. Spence 3-9, A. Taylor 2-34
Newbrough 39 all out B. Spence 16, A. Taylor 8

Game 14 Result - Riding Mill Won by 43 Runs

Riding Mill 243 for 4 J. Forster 1-29, J. Liddell 1-30
Newbrough 200 all out O. Foot 38, J. Liddell 36

August/September Fixtures

Saturday 31st August Home vs Stocksfield

Saturday 7th September Away vs Riding Mill

Saturday 14th September Away vs Benwell Hill



Save the Date



Saturday 7th December

Christmas Fair

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Warden Parish Council
7pm, Town Hall
- 2nd/3rd
Training Days
School closed to pupils
- 4th School opens for Autumn
term
- 4th Newbrough Parish Council
7pm, Town Hall
- 7th Cricket fixture
- 10th Messy Vintage, 2.30pm
Methodist Chapel
- 12th Newbrough WI monthly
meeting, : 7pm, Town Hall
- 13th Methodist Chapel Coffee
morning, 11am – 2pm
- 14th Cricket fixture
- 27th Methodist Chapel
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Thank you and farewell Mrs Jo Trotter

The end of the summer term at Newbrough Primary School this year was a little different to usual as not only did we bid a fond farewell to the pupils who were leaving us to start the next stage of their educational journey at a different school from September, but we also had to bid a fond farewell to Mrs Trotter, our Headteacher for the last eight years.

Mrs Trotter joined the school in 2016 as Deputy Head then later the same year she was promoted to the position of Headteacher and we could not have made a better appointment. Throughout her eight years of headship she did a fantastic job. A dedicated, very caring, always calm, thoughtful, reflective headteacher and school leader as well as a very talented classroom teacher. She was never happier than when she was teaching, in or out of the classroom and when working with staff to develop and extend the curriculum and the learning experiences for pupils.

Jo developed and improved every aspect of the school for the ultimate benefit of pupils and she worked tirelessly to ensure, as far as possible, the long term future of our village school including overseeing our conversion to an Academy School within the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Trust.

The buildings and grounds also received her attention and improvements have included: the refurbishment of the flat roof, renewal of all the cladding on the outside of the buildings, new perimeter fencing and school sign, pupil toilets upgraded and this summer term a new heating boiler and a new telephone system have been installed and new internal lighting is on order and will be fitted very soon. We also now have very good outdoor playing areas and our IT provision and resources have almost all been replaced with new over the last few years.

However, while resources, buildings and facilities are important, they are not as critical or important as the people who are part of the school. The real strengths of Newbrough Primary School are to be found in our pupils, staff, parents and friends of the school. Jo built up a talented, hard-working team who have created in school a very strong and positive learning community.

Jo gave her all to the school, its pupils, their parents / carers, staff and everyone else associated with the school locally, county wide and beyond. The school she is leaving is a good school and we and the wider community should be rightly proud of its pupils and their school. Thank you Jo, we wish you all the very best in whatever you choose to do next.

You will be greatly missed.

Barbara Mansfield
Chair of the Local Academy Council / Governors



The Stanegate Local/Family History Section

The editors would like to invite contributions dealing with matters of Local or Family History. Often such topics may cover both, as for example the enquiry in March 2022 about the existence of a possible pub at Allerwash which arose from family history research. We hope to make this a regular feature, which means we do need people to submit contributions.

A full page of The Stanegate runs to 650 words and the recent note about the hillfort at Warden was 450 words which, with the illustration, filled a full page. Some topics might need to be longer and could be extended over several issues, as was the case in 2023 with David Penn's and Rob Tindall's account of the fascinating history of some of Chalton family remembered in St Peter's churchyard.

Contributions need to reach the editors by the middle of the month for consideration at the Regular editorial meeting in the third week. We hope the item on page 5 will be the first of many contributions.



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She lived and died in the Parish

Rob Tindall

Miss Mary Jackson was headmistress of Newbrough Girls' Elementary School in the 1920s and 1930s and lived with her unmarried sister, Margaret Jane. There is a photograph, thought to be from the 1920s of Mary and a third person who also lived in the School House. That person was a long-term boarder, Jane Reed. Jane was a lady of private means who had been born at Prudhamstone in 1860.

Miss Reed was the youngest child of Robert and Mary Reed. Robert was born in Acomb in 1818 and married Mary Bell of Haydon (although occasionally she claims to have been born in Warden) in Haydon on 14 May 1842. In 1841 Robert was listed as a miller at Plankey Mill and in 1851 he was the miller at Allerwash as well as farming 50 acres.

Jane had six siblings – Ann, Eleanor, Michael, Robert, John and Mary. For some reason (did Allerwash Mill close?) by 1861 the family had moved to Prudhamstone where Robert was a farmer of 8 acres. In 1871 Jane had seen further changes, her father was now a road contractor, Michael was an agricultural labourer, John a freestone quarryman and Mary junior, a dressmaker. There was then a move to Newbrough Village. Robert was reduced to labourer status and the household comprised only Jane and her parents. At his death on 13 October 1887, he was described as a roadman – but he was able to leave the very considerable sum of £345 15s 4d equivalent to £29,000 today.

Jane and her mother continued to live in the village – no address is given – with Mary described as 'living on her own means' and Jane having no recorded occupation in 1891. Mary moved away to live with her daughter Mary and her husband George Amos, a tailor, in Aydon Road, Corbridge, died in 1906 and is buried in Newbrough. Meanwhile Jane had become hall keeper in Newbrough Town Hall where she is recorded as living in 1901 and 1911. Why she moved from the Town Hall to live with the Jacksons in Butt Bank is not known. Perhaps some fading Town Hall document can tell us. Her death was registered in Hexham as having taken place on 21 August 1932 and she was buried on the 24th. Her address is given as School House, Fourstones and probate for the administration of her estate was granted to Mary Jackson. Her estate was value at £155 3s 6d (£7,105 today)



Mary Jackson and Jane Reed



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We held our summer Strawberry and Pimms evening on the 8th of August at Newbrough Town Hall. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't good enough to be outside in the courtyard and it started to rain heavily as the evening progressed but it didn't dampen the spirits.



The President Judith Kirby welcomed members and after a few date reminders and taking of names for various activities we enjoyed a good spread with our Pimms. The competition made a fine display of cakes and truffles and everyone who entered received a point.



The raffle first prize, a lovely hamper was won by Doreen Dodd and Val Johnston won a smaller hamper and the flowers were won by Teresa Bessant. The proceeds of the raffle are going towards two local charities.

The speaker at the next meeting on September 12th will be Sophie Todburn from Goats and Soap. Lynne Garton and Vanessa Ashton are hostesses and Susan Sutton is doing the raffle. The Competition is any article coloured red.



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Norah Phipps

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<https://www.natureltherapies.co.uk/fitness>.

September is always a good time to restart or even start in a class as others will be starting too so give a class a try. Most sessions let you pay per class or for a block, so contact each teacher to find out more of what they offer.

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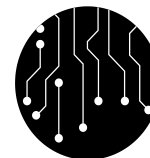
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Town Hall News

Sheron Robson, Town Hall Co-Chair

In September lots of our regular events resume in the Hall : Readers, Bowls, badminton and Art Club (although not all of these are open to new members at the moment). We hope to be hosting further cornhole events too.

Yoga continues every Monday at 6.30pm, this is a gentle class but Jane always gives adaptations for the more able (and less bendy !)
Please contact Jane at Jyoga83@gmail.com for details and how to join.

The last in this run of Communi-teas (our monthly community afternoon tea) is on Wednesday 4th of September - all welcome to enjoy the sandwiches and cakes provided. In November we will restart our Warm Wednesday offering and of course we will continue to fundraise so that we can offer these events free of charge to our community. If you work for a company who might support us in that fundraising, either by donating funds or resources (ingredients etc) please contact us on secretarynewbroughtownhall@gmail.com

Otherwise the hall is busy with adults events. We are hosting another birthday party, a wedding ceilidh and a civil partnership celebration so think of us if you are planning an event.

September is busy in the bunkhouse too with many visitors walking the Wall and enjoying the beautiful scenery we have locally. Have a look at the facilities on the website

<https://www.newbroughbunkhouse.co.uk/>

We can also book out the whole of the bunkhouse for a group booking. If you'd be interested in prices for a block booking please email :

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Thanks to those that helped us with some running repairs at the Hall in August we do appreciate it. We completed some jobs in just a couple of hours. If you have skills or just energy to contribute please email:

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with availability as there are always things to do!

We are excited to announce that we have been accepted to be a site for the rural touring scheme [Highlights Rural Touring Scheme \(highlightsnorth.co.uk\)](http://highlightsnorth.co.uk) We will be hosting a drama event from them in November and a pre-Christmas workshop in December. The first event is a prestigious play from The Live Theatre in Newcastle [Love It If We Beat Them - Highlights Rural Touring Scheme \(highlightsnorth.co.uk\)](http://highlightsnorth.co.uk) about football, family and politics on **SUNDAY 10th November at 7pm**. Tickets are available through the Highlights page - be sure to select the Newbrough performance!

The workshop we are offering will be **Sunday 8th of December** and will allow you to create a metal embossed christmas ornament and even personalise it, if you wish. Spaces will be limited for this workshop and it is likely to sell out.

Bookings through the highlights website:

[Creative Highlights - Metal Embossed Christmas Ornament - Highlights Rural Touring Scheme \(highlightsnorth.co.uk\)](http://highlightsnorth.co.uk) and be sure to pick our date.

Events for younger people

We had a great response to starting sports camps in the Hall and school playing field for 2 weeks over the summer break run by Chris from Magpie sports. It is likely that we will continue to offer this valuable addition to our schedule over coming half terms and school holidays. Please contact chris@magpiesportsltd.com for more details.

We are hoping to host some boxing and fitness sessions for younger people from September - watch this space...

Grey (gravel-coloured) Notes.....with a Green message!

By Malcolm Newson, on behalf of Climate Action Newbrough-Fourstones

The story begins 10-12,000 years back when the Pennine ice sheet shrank into valley glaciers, one of which came down the South Tyne valley before it melted away. The power and weight of the ice had pummelled all but the strongest rocks to sediments capable of being transported by the meltwater which threaded in and out of the ice. This abrasive action not only formed features like Allerwash gorge but dumped the gravels where the valley widened or gradient slackened; such a spot was the reach between Newbrough and Warden. At first, these 'outwash' rivers were so deep that our villages are mainly built on gravel terraces.

Much later, with the comparatively shrunken stream in its current course, the gravels took on a different significance as Newcastle's war damaged infrastructure required concrete for rebuilding. This demand only boosted the commercial use of Tyne river gravels that dates back to the 19th century; it ended in the 1960s and 70s due to the environmental damage it caused and a review of mineral planning law. Over 500,000 tonnes was removed from the Fourstones and Warden reaches. In total, over 30% of the channel between Alston and the tidal limit was quarried.

What are the destructive environmental impacts of instream working and why were they long-neglected by those wanting to improve the Tyne? The main focus on causation was elsewhere: rod catches of salmon had reached **zero** in 1959! This was put down to chemical (sewage) pollution of the estuary. Ecologists now know that chemical purification of a physically ruined river is not alone the answer. In the particular case of salmon, they require deep, clean gravels to lay their eggs; most of it was being used for concrete!

Doesn't gravel 'come back' and 'fill the holes'? I calculated it would take 300 years for this to happen from natural gravel transport in floods. Quarrying permission was based on digging down to the 'natural grade line' but dragline drivers cannot judge this from the cab; there is commercial gain from going deeper!

In the end it was not just salmon spawning concerns that put a stop to it - the lowering of the bed of the Tyne channel has caused enduring problems of instability for bridges with in-river foundations like the A69 and Ovingham. Science has improved our ability to predict the impacts of our actions and river bed sediments are now protected in many ways. This includes ending the knee-jerk application of dredging after floods (now only allowed for 'shoals' that won't move on downstream in the next flood). Other applications of river science include active *restoration* of the channel physical environment, championed by the Rivers Trusts.

When I first moved to Fourstones in 1999, there were still those around who had 'worked the gravel' which was brought ashore from the south bank via a Bailey bridge at Crossgates, ready for railway transport to market. The nostalgia of those workers was heart-warming but even they admitted the harm to the river they saw whilst working.

I am indebted to my colleague David Archer for his inspiring research on the quarrying of gravel from the Tyne channel (see his chapter, 'The Rape of the Tyne: Gravel Extraction' in his 2003 edited volume, 'Tyne and Tide', published by Daryan Press).

Plea !

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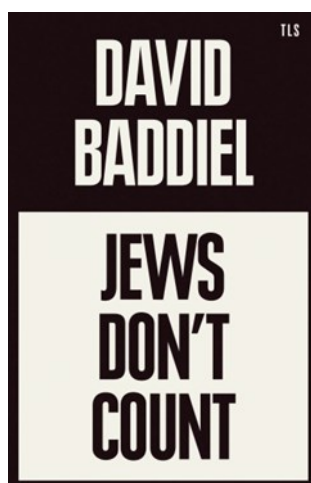
'Jews Don't Count - How Identity Politics Failed One Particular Identity' by David Baddiel

David Baddiel is probably known by most people for appearing with Frank Skinner on TV, and an enthusiastic football fan. He publicly states that he is a Jew, but an atheist. This book is his way of trying to prove that Jewish people are not considered an ethnic minority and our misconception that they are white, moneyed, privileged, powerful and secretly in control of the world. Although a book of less than 200 pages, it is not an easy read or to follow his arguments, partly because he uses terminology that most of us had not come across before. Post scripts are used, which detract from the book and it would have been better if he had included shortened versions of them within the main writing.

There are many examples of where he thinks that 'Jews Don't Count' commencing with literature. He cites a first novel written by a screen writer, named Charlie Kaufman and the Observer's less than positive review. The critic feels that the book centres round the narrator, Rosenberger Rosenberg which he sees as operating from a 'white-male-cis-het' perspective and therefore privileged. There is no mention of both author and narrator being Jewish, although the book has many references to Jew and Jewish.

A documentary on the BBC called 'Drama out of Crisis' based on the series 'Play for Today' concentrates on radical politics and social issues, but fails to mention the two plays written by Jack Rosenthal, The Bar Mitzvah Boy and The Evacuees, which both won BAFTAs.

David Baddiel looks at the Labour Party under Jeremy Corbyn and their failure to recognise Jews as an ethnic minority. He discusses the use of the Y-Word, still heard at Spurs, compared to that of



the N and P words, at football matches, which are now banned. The misconception that a large proportion of Jews are wealthy, quoting that out of the 13.1 world million millionaires only 1.7% are Jewish.

Many Jews hide their identity and he points out that even though the Nazis made cartoons depicting them with big noses, swarthy skin, dark hair and fattened with their own greed, made them wear armbands so that they could be recognised.

With BAME - black, Asian, minority ethnic, Jews are not included in the last category, giving the example of when Sajid Javid was hailed as the first BAME Chancellor of the Exchequer, completely forgetting Nigel Lawson in Mrs Thatcher's government. There are other examples, perhaps too many, to prove in his mind, that this is a 'recurring phenomenon' and that in many walks of life Jews Don't Count.

This book led to an interesting evening with much discussion, criticism and dislike. It was felt that as a non practising Jew he had no right to express these views and this led to a discussion whether you are a Jew by birth or by faith. The group seemed to think that he had a chip on his shoulder and therefore this was written in order that he could release all his pent up feelings. Some people found it disturbing and uncomfortable, as well as the evidence provided was thin. It was suggested that he did not like what he read on 'Twitter' and perhaps he should stop going on the site and then quoting from it. In general they questioned who the book was written for but definitely not them. Finally when I mentioned that a book had just been published entitled 'Muslims Don't Matter', there was a loud groan.

Found

At the Methodist Chapel flower festival in July we found a small earring on the carpet.
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Food for Thought

Sylvia Richardson

As the holiday season draws to a close, a few holiday recipes remain with us which can give an authentic touch to a party with a theme or just to conjure up visions of a hot, sunny country on a dull English day.

MOUSSAKA

The aubergine, or egg plant, is a staple vegetable of the Middle East and Greece. It is the basic ingredient in Moussaka, meaning aubergine casserole. The dish makes use of lamb mince, but beef mince can be used.

2 aubergines	1 onion, chopped	2 tbsp oil	1 lb mince
2 tsps tomato puree	¼ pt beef stock	2 cloves garlic	Bouquet Garni
1 tin tomatoes	Salt and pepper	2-3 eggs	¼ pt cream
4 oz grated cheese			

1. Fry onion gently. Add mince and fry until brown and sealed.
2. Stir in tomato puree, tomatoes, crushed garlic, bouquet garni and stock. Season and bring to boil. Cover and simmer for 30 mins.
3. Peel and thinly slice aubergine. Sprinkle with salt. Leave for 3 mins. This draws out bitter juices. Drain, rinse in cold water. Pat dry. Fry until golden.
4. Arrange a layer of aubergines in an ovenproof dish. Cover with some of the meat mix. Continue in layers, finishing with aubergines.
5. Lightly beat eggs and fold into cream, which is whipped slightly. Stir in grated cheese and season. Pour mix over the top and bake until golden brown. Gas 4. Elec 180C



Garnish with sliced tomatoes.

As an alternative to egg sauce, a cheese sauce can be made.

CHICKEN TENERIFE



1oz butter or margarine	1 slice bacon, chopped
1 oz blanched flaked almonds	1 banana + flour to coat
2 - 4 chicken breasts + flour to coat	Salt and pepper
Paprika	1 oz chopped onion
2oz flour	½ tbsp brandy
1 chicken stock cube	3 tbsp single cream

1. Melt half of the butter and fry the bacon and nuts. Remove from the pan.
2. Slice the banana diagonally and dip in the flour. Fry lightly
3. Coat the chicken in the seasoned flour and paprika. Add the rest of the butter and fry the chicken until browned.
4. Add the chopped onion. Cover and cook for 15 - 20 mins. When chicken is cooked, remove and keep warm.
5. Blend flour into pan, add brandy and stock. Stir and bring to the boil.
6. Remove the from heat and stir in the cream
7. Add nuts, bacon and banana. Pour over the chicken and dust with paprika.

If there are any recipes that you would like to share, or if you would like a suggestion for a recipe, please contact Iain Bennett via e-mail at iain-bennett@orchardkitchen.co.uk.

Nature Notes

After vigorous spring and summer growth, vegetation in roadside verges became thoroughly overgrown by early August, spilling over into the roadway in a number of places. Of the legion of hogweed, all but a few white flowerheads remained,



while seed pods were forming on fading rosebay willowherb as it neared the end of its flowering season. But stands of purplish-pink great willowherb brought splashes of bright colour to the drab verges opposite St. Aidan's Terrace and along the bottom end of the Mossy Bank.

Himalayan balsam added more purplish-pink further up the 'Mossy' and also where a signal box once stood at the papermill level crossing.



Hawthorn hedges bristled with long spikes of new growth. In the hedge opposite South View and Butt Bank the first few white trumpets of hedge bind-

*And summers lease has all too short a date.*¹

weed were not noted until July the 18th; much later than last year. A hard cut back left a trim and temporarily trumpet-less hedge, but flowers soon re-appeared. Many more should deck the hedge well into September.

Haymaking that began beyond West Boat on the 20th of June, ended when dozens of round bales were led away from the fields a week later. Haylage in the fields either side of the road up to Whinny Hill from St. Aidan's was speedily cut and cleared by the 28th; some two weeks later than last year.

Then, the harvesting of cereal crops began in early August, but this year fields were still the warm biscuit colour of ripening corn in mid-month. There was still summer heat in the sun, but it was lower in the sky than in past weeks. And dew-touched mornings, days of drifting thistledown and the drawing in of August nights were further signs of the coming autumn.



¹Wm. Shakespeare. Sonnet 18.

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13th	Neville White	59
20th	Stewart Leadbitter	44
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July Weatherwatch

After the coolest June on Weatherwatch record, humorously dubbed 'January', the first two weeks of July were the coldest nationally for twenty years, although the Park Shield monthly minimum of 6.6C on the 6th and the lowest daily maximum of 13.8C were on a par with many of those on past record. Rainfall up to the 15th was half the Park Shield monthly average; the rainy 9th and 10th accounting for 17.4 mm, roughly equally split, and the sunless weekend of the 13th and 14th another 12.6mm. To the east, Tyne and Wear fared less well, however, receiving 100% of its average July rainfall by mid-month.

A not before time improvement in July weather that was maintained throughout the second half of the month, began with a jump from a maximum of 14.3C on the 14th to 22.1C on the 15th. The 16th was a little warmer but clouded over in the later afternoon. After thunder rumbled at half-past four very heavy rain fell from around six-fifteen, with a substantial 8.6mm falling by seven o'clock. Three warm, dry days followed, ending with a July maximum of 25.1C on the 19th. The 20th was nearly as hot and briefly sunny. However, cloud that gathered in the afternoon darkened before sunset and torrential rain began to fall sometime after nine o'clock. By ten o'clock Park Shield had recorded 12.6mm, and since the weather station console indicated a maximum rainfall rate of a tropical 118.8mm, or almost five inches, per hour at nine-twenty, much of this will have tipped down within a short space of time. The morning of the 22nd was

rainy, but otherwise in the remaining days of the month rain was confined to light showers on the 23rd and 27th. The Park Shield total of 73.2mm placed it middling in the July rainfall rankings. The maximum on the 21st was a cooler 16.4C, but then six of the last ten days of the month all recorded daily maximums of 21C+, including a very warm 24.4C on the 31st. July ended as the joint third coolest of the twenty Weatherwatch Julys because of a cool first half, but it made some amends by producing a fair amount of respectable summer warmth in the second half of the month.

July Weatherwatch Factfile

Temperature. Park Shield mean monthly maximum: c.19.2C. Mean monthly minimum : c.10.6C. Monthly mean : c.14.9C. Butt Bank monthly mean : 14.9C. E&NE England monthly mean : 15.4C and -0.3 below the 1991-2020 average. UK maximum : 32.0C at Heathrow and Kew Gardens (Greater London) on the 30th. UK minimum: 1.7C at Tyndrum (Perthshire) and Tulloch Bridge (Inverness-shire) on the 31st.

Rainfall & Sunshine. Park Shield average rainfall : c.80mm. Butt Bank rainfall : 76.2mm. E&NE England rainfall and sunshine : 119% & 89 % of the 1991-2020 average respectively.

Winds UK maximum gust 57 mph at the Needles (IOW) and Brizlee Wood (Northumberland) on the 4th and 5th. Park Shield and Butt Bank maximum gusts : 30mph and 33mph respectively on the 4th.

Just Passing Through

At around 1.25pm on the 8th of August, not long after a flying visit from a nippy Hawk jet trainer, a considerably slower and larger Airbus A400M Atlas flew low over Fourstones and into the North Tyne valley past Chollerford, heading in the same north-easterly direction. This was a military transport 'plane'; one in service with the RAF and based at Brize Norton, Oxfordshire.

Previous JPTs : October 2021 and September 2023.



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From the Registers

July

There were no Christenings, Weddings or
Funerals in the Parish during July

Our thoughts are with all family and friends
of those recently departed

RIP

Austin Henley

Matty Hodgson

Iain Knights

Mark Liddell

Fourstones with Warden Methodist Church

Preachers for September

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| 1st | Local arrangement |
| 8th | Sandra Martin |
| 15th | at Haydon Bridge |
| 22nd | Harvest Festival / Holy Communion
with Reverend Michael Holland |
| 29th | at Acomb, Holy Communion /
Harvest Festival |

All services at 10.30am

All are welcome

Quarter Days 29th September : Michaelmas

Michaelmas (also known as the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael) is a Christian festival observed in many Western Christian liturgical calendars on 29th September and has been one of the four quarter days of the English and Irish financial, judicial and academic year. In the Christian angelology of some traditions, the Archangel Michael is considered as the greatest of all the angels.

St John of Beverley Haydon Bridge

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Letter from Father Ollie Dempsey.....

Back to school. Back to work. Back to normal. How is that for coming back down to earth with a bump?

September is often a time when the year starts to ramp up again after the summer. Whilst we may be 3/4 of the way through the year, for some September is a time for new starts, those starting school for the first time, new schools or heading off to further study. It can be daunting, but it is a time full of promise, new experiences and hope. However, I'm sure we can all remember that feeling on the night before going back to School; does that ever go away?

September is also a time, particularly in the Church's year where we remember the gifts of God in the harvest. With recently moving to Tynedale and into a landscape that has been shaped for centuries by agriculture, I have been reminded of the important work of the farming community in our villages and surrounding area. Over the past month whilst travelling to different churches for the 8am service I have come across agricultural vehicles leaving fields. Whilst I might worry about timings getting stuck behind a tractor, these moments have filled me with admiration and gratitude for the hard work and long hours the farming community have to undertake at all times of the year and in all conditions; this farming vocation is often taken for granted or indeed entirely forgotten. So, this year, at harvest, I will be giving thanks for everything that God gives us to put on our tables and in our glasses, but most of all I will be giving thanks for those who grow, produce and rear it.

Pattern of Worship across the Parishes by the Wall (*East*)

St John Lee, Warden with Newbrough and Haydon Bridge

	0800	0930	1100
1st Sunday *	St John Lee	Warden (BCP)	Haydon Bridge
2nd Sunday **	Newbrough	St John Lee	Haydon Bridge
3rd Sunday	Haydon Bridge (BCP)	Newbrough	Haydon Bridge
4th Sunday	Warden (BCP)	St John Lee	Haydon Bridge
5th Sunday ***	-	Fourstones	Haydon Bridge

* 1000 The Eucharist or Morning prayer at Stagshaw Chapel (from Easter Day to Christmas Day)

** Storybook Church at St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge

*** 30th June 2024, 29th September 2024 and 29th December 2024

30th March 2025, 29th June 2025, 31st August 2025 and 30th November 2025

Weekday Services

Morning Prayer	0800	Monday—Thursday at <i>Haydon Bridge</i>
Evening Prayer	1630	Monday—Wednesday (Monday & Tuesday at Haydon Bridge. Wednesday at Fourstones)
The Eucharist	1000	Wednesday at <i>St John Lee</i>
The Eucharist		On festival days as advertised

Harvest Festival

Communion Service 0930 Sunday 15th September at St Peter's, Newbrough

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