

# UpperWansbeck NEWS

June July 2019

The Church and Community Newsletter  
for the area around

Bolam Belsay Middleton Angerton Hartburn Meldon  
Whalton Ogle Netherwitton Nunnykirk Longwitton Harnham



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## Welcome

Dear reader and supporter, welcome to the Summer issue of Upper Wansbeck News as it is now called, following the adoption of the name Upper Wansbeck for our wider group of Parishes at the Spring churchwardens' meeting. As part of the steady integration of our parishes with Cambo and the Kirks, this issue includes the church services across all six parishes. While it can be difficult sometimes to make the effort to attend a service in another church when there isn't one 'at home', it is increasingly important that we do, for all sorts of reasons including the support of our ministry team.

For some, even getting to our own Parish church is challenging and so it is worth trying out *Premier Christian Radio*. This impressive digital radio station has now been broadcasting for 25 years and offers something to all, whatever style of worship they prefer.

Talking of integration, there is a case for considering the integration of our two newsletters as the six Parishes and nine churches continue to co-operate more together. Discussion on that subject is about to begin in earnest now that the Communications Group is up and running under Pam's leadership, with the able support of Angela Merrie, in her role as administrator for the ministry team.

My next, happy duty as the new editor is to express our deep gratitude to Jim Grant for all he has done to sustain and develop the newsletter into a better looking and more community facing publication. 'Retirement' seems to take many of us in the same busy way, with Jim running three different engagements last Saturday (May 11th), morning talk, afternoon churchyard clearing and evening ceilidh.

And that is a good prompt to shout out a big thank you to all the people in the six parishes who beaver away for the benefit of the community, putting on activities and entertainments. The play *Naming the View* at Middleton village hall in May was excellent, despite the difficult topic. There was a discussion afterwards led by the cast about domestic abuse, supported by a worker from NDAS (Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services 01434 608030).

You will be wondering on the front page (at least of the story). The climate have been very much in called 'rewilding' is helpful the game away, English rewilding reports.



about the English longhorn cow I hope it is English for the purpose crisis and the biodiversity crisis the news lately and something in addressing both. Without giving longhorn cattle often feature in

Upper Wansbeck News is offering a £25 prize (donation received for this) for the best 500 word (or thereabouts) essay entitled 'Rewilding and the Longhorn', to stimulate debate on what we can do about the environmental crisis. The Revd Jonathan Mason and the Editor will be the judges. Entries to be sent to the editor by 6pm on July 10th. The winning entry will be published in the next issue.

This issue has a particularly musical theme in all the concerts over the summer and also an environmental theme, which comes up again later on, for example in the report on the May 2019 Diocesan Synod.

**Ed.**





***Come and get it! A veritable feast provided by Feona for the Bolam churchyard cleanup team on Saturday 11th May, while the children practiced their Morse Code in real time, using apparatus made by Jim, in preparation for marking the War Memorial benches in the Summer.***

***The following day in Hartburn Church, six young adults were confirmed by Bishop Christine. Congratulations to Grace, Isabella, Jonathan, Matilda and Nathan (more on this on next page):***



## **Church News**

### **Baptisms**

On Saturday 27th May Nicholas Harris Habgood was christened at St Andrew's Hartburn and on Sunday 28th May Annalise Murray and Grace Lily Murray were christened at St Andrew's Bolam.

Nicholas is seven months old while Annalise and Grace are adults (daughters of Angela, our Benefice administrator).

All were welcomed by friends and family into the church community.

Be confident and strong in faith:  
Be of good courage, hold on to the hope you have been given,  
And live in God's love all your days.

***the Funeral of Gordon Clarence Hodgson of Whalton, 86, took place at Whalton Church on Friday May 3rd 2019. A large crowd joined his family to commemorate the life of a true countryman, known and admired by many throughout Northumberland and the North of England.***

### **Confirmation**

On a suitable sunny Sunday 12th May Isabella Aitchison, Nathan Coundon, Grace Murray, Jonathan Richardson and Matilda Sample were confirmed by The Rt Rev'd Christine Hardman at St Andrew's Hartburn. It is many years since there has been a confirmation at Hartburn. The candidates, all young adults, came from the parishes of Kirkwhelpington, Netherwitton, Hartburn, Morpeth and Bolam reflecting our new way of working together. The large congregation were served delicious refreshments and thanks are owed to Paul Stott, organist, and John Dickson and David Moon, the churchwardens who co-ordinated the event.

Bishop Christine preached on how faith can sustain us through the vicissitudes of life. She stressed that faith is not about certainty and quoted this letter written by Archbishop Rowan Williams to a child who had asked 'Who invented God?'.....

'Your dad has sent on your letter and asked if I have any answers. It's a difficult one! But I think God might reply a bit like this –

'Dear Lulu – Nobody invented me – but lots of people discovered me and were quite surprised. They discovered me when they looked round at the world and thought it was really beautiful or really mysterious and wondered where it came from. They discovered me when they were very very quiet on their own and felt a sort of peace and love they hadn't expected.

Then they invented ideas about me – some of them sensible and some of them not very sensible. From time to time I sent them some hints – 'specially in the life of Jesus – to help them get closer to what I'm really like.

But there was nothing and nobody around before me to invent me. Rather like somebody who writes a story in a book, I started making up the story of the world and eventually invented human beings like you who could ask me awkward questions!

And then he'd send you lots of love and sign off.

I know he doesn't usually write letters, so I have to do the best I can on his behalf. Lots of love from me too. Archbishop Rowan.



## Hartburn Church Lunches 12.00 for 12.30

£5 per person, all ages welcome.

If you would like to join us, contact Pooh Stafford on  
01670 772313

Dates: Tuesday 11th June; Tuesday 9th July.



## AFTERNOON TEA IN THE GARDEN

Angerton Walled Garden, Hartburn,  
Morpeth, NE61 4ES

**Saturday 1st June**  
**2 - 5 pm**

**Tea, Cake & Live Music on the lawn**

Suggested donation of £5 per adult to  
include refreshments

*In aid of FamilyLife and Toucan*

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AnnAttwood>







# NEWCASTLE MALE CHORUS

An evening of music  
at

## Whalton Village Hall

SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019

at 7.30 pm

Tickets £8

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For tickets please contact 07551 062600





# **“The Two Choirs”**

**RGS Community Choir  
and  
The Wannie Liners**

Relaxed music for a summer evening  
at Hartburn Church

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

7.00 for 7.30pm



Refreshments

**Tickets: £10**

Available from:



**Kate Moon (01670 772636 or 07769171476)**



## National Gardens Scheme: Gardens Open for Charity

### STANTON FENCE OPEN GARDEN NE65 8PP



**Sunday 30th June 2019 from 1pm to 5pm**

Admission £6    children free

Stanton Fence is located 5km North West of Morpeth, near Stanton on the C144 between Pigdon and Netherwitton   OS Map ref: NZ135889

Wheelchair access for chairs that can use mown paths as well as hard paving.

Excellent home made tea.

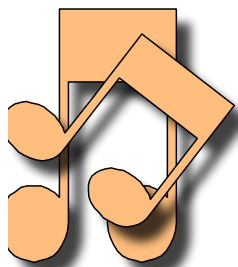
Plant stall with cuttings from Stanton Fence and local gardens.

All funds raised will be shared between St Giles Church Netherwitton Maintenance fund, Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK, Parkinson's Research, Horatio's garden, and many other Care Charities. £3 Million was donated in 2018.

Supported by Barclays Bank Morpeth.



# **AN EVENING OF POPULAR MUSIC**

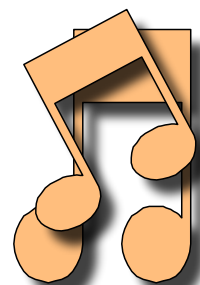


**In Netherwitton**

**PLAYED ON THE ST. GILES**

**CHURCH ORGAN**

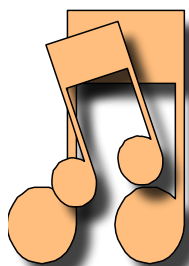
**BY EDWIN ROBINSON.**



**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**7.30PM TICKETS £5**

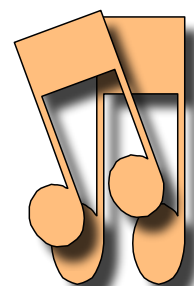
**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WINE**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**

**Val Vaughan 772686**

**Val Windle 772352**



The Parishes of Kirkwhelpington with Kirkharle & Kirkheaton, & Cambo;  
 Bolam and Whalton, Hartburn with Meldoun, and Netherwitton  
*In partnership with Scots Gap Methodist Church & URC Great Bavington*

## Services in June 2019

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <span style="float: right;"><i>White</i></span>			
<i>Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17, 20-end; John 17.20-end</i>			
9.30am	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason
9.30am	Whalton	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Frances Dower
9.30am	Bolam	Morning Worship	Mrs Pam Walker
11.15am	Hartburn	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Frances Dower
11.15am	Kirkwhelpington	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June: PENTECOST <span style="float: right;"><i>Red</i></span>			
<i>Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-end; Romans 8.14-17; John 14.8-17 [25-27]</i>			
10.30am	Kirkwhelpington	Joint Benefices' Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason & Mrs Pam Walker
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June : TRINITY SUNDAY <span style="float: right;"><i>White</i></span>			
<i>Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15</i>			
8.30am	Kirkheaton	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Frances Dower
9.30am	Whalton	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample
9.30am	Netherwitton	Morning Worship	Mrs Pam Walker
10.00am	Kirkwhelpington	Morning Prayer (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason
11.15am	Hartburn	Holy Communion (BCP)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample
11.15am	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason



Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June : FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <span style="float: right;"><i>Green</i></span> <i>Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-end; Luke 8.26-39</i>			
8.30am	Kirkwhelpington	Holy Communion (BCP)	The Rev'd Frances Dower
9.30am	Netherwitton	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample
9.30am	Whalton	Family Service	Mrs Pam Walker
10.30am	Cambo	Morning Worship with the Methodists	The Rev'd Frances Dower
11.15am	Bolam	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June : SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <span style="float: right;"><i>Green</i></span> <i>1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-end; Psalm 16; Galatians 5.1, 13-25; Luke 9.51-end</i>			
10.30am	Whalton	Joint Benefices' Holy Communion (CW)	Ministry Team
6.00pm	Meldon	Evensong (BCP)	Lay led

## Services in July 2019

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July : THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <span style="float: right;"><i>Green</i></span> <i>Isaiah 66.10-14; Psalm 66.1-8; Galatians 6.1-16; Luke 10.1-11, 16-20</i>			
9.30am	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Frances Dower
9.30am	Whalton	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason
9.30am	Bolam	Morning Worship	Mrs Pam Walker
11.15am	Hartburn	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason & Mrs Pam Walker
11.15am	Kirkwhelpington	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July : FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <span style="float: right;"><i>Green</i></span> <i>Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Psalm 25.1-10; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37</i>			
9.30am	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason
9.30am	Netherwitton	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample
9.30am	Hartburn	Morning Worship	Mr John Dickson
11.15am	Bolam	Matins (BCP)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample
11.15am	Kirkwhelpington	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July : FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <span style="float: right;"><i>Green</i></span> <i>Genesis 18.1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-end</i>			
8.30am	Kirkheaton	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason
10.30am	Whalton	Benefice Family Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample & Mrs Pam Walker
10.00am	Kirkwhelpington	Morning Prayer (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason
11.15am	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Frances Dower

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July : SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <span style="float: right;"><i>Green</i></span> <i>Genesis 18.20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2.6-19; Luke 11.1-13</i>			
8.30am	Kirkwhelpington	Holy Communion (BCP)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason
10.30am	Netherwitton	Benefice Family Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample & Mrs Pam Walker
10.30am	Scots Gap	Morning Worship with Methodists	--
6.00pm	Meldon	Evensong (BCP)	Lay led

*Green*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August : SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
*Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23; Psalm 149.1-9; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21*

9.30am	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason
10.30am	Bolam	Benefice Family Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Fiona Sample & Mrs Pam Walker
11.15am	Kirkwhelpington	Holy Communion (CW)	The Rev'd Jonathan Mason

**Rotas**

<b>Bolam</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
June 2nd	<b>9.30am</b> Family service/morning worship	Stephen Symons & Family			Maureen Hyam
9	<b>11.15am</b> Mattins	Roisel Milbourne	Ross Milbourne	Josie Beaumont	Josie
16					Maureen
23	<b>11.15am</b> HC	Helen Grant	Bobbi Goldwater	Ruth Sadler	Ruth
30					Ruth
July 7th	<b>9.30am</b> Family service/morning worship	Jim Grant		Tony and Ann	Ann
14	<b>11.15am</b> Mattins	Charlie Sample	Simon Roberson		Ann
21				Hazel and Maureen	Maureen
28	<b>11.15am</b> HC	Kit Pumphrey	Ruth Sadler		Maureen

<b>Whalton</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Sides</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>June</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> HC 9.30am	Gill Hansen/Wendy Sheldon	Lucy Bird	Di Robertson	Di Robertson
16 <sup>th</sup> HC 9.30am	Gary Holmes/Gill Hansen	Di Robertson	Pat Grix	Gill Hansen
23 <sup>rd</sup> Family/Morning Worship 9.30am	Marlene Young	Gill Hansen	Gill Hansen	Marlene Young
30 <sup>th</sup> Benefice HC <b>10.30am</b>	Lucy Bird/Di Robertson	Wendy Sheldon	Di Robertson/Gary Holmes	Wendy Sheldon/Lucy Bird
<b>July</b>				
7 <sup>th</sup> HC 9.30am	Pat Grix/Wendy Sheldon	Liz Grix	Pat Grix	Marlene Young
21 <sup>st</sup> Benefice HC <b>10.30am</b>	Gary Holmes/Lady Bradbeer	Lady Bradbeer	Gary Holmes/Di Robertson	Lady Bradbeer/Pat Grix

**Netherwitton Readers**

16<sup>th</sup> June Sir David Kelly  
 23<sup>rd</sup> June Peter Coote  
 14<sup>th</sup> July Rachel Coundon  
 28<sup>th</sup> July Val Windle



## Upper Wansbeck Churches

*The Communications group has been busy since our last edition. We now have a Facebook page for all our churches, 'Upper Wansbeck Churches'. It is early stages so has yet to be fully developed but if you are on Facebook please like and follow us. We need photographs, posts, comments and information about events in our churches and community, even if you are not a Facebook user please send them to me via email or to Angela Merrie our new administrator and we will post them.*

*We are also currently developing a website for all of our churches and there will be news of that in the next edition.*

*I have had meetings with advisors from county Hall and we are exploring the possibility of getting broadband and therefore wi-Fi into at least some of our churches, enabling people to access superfast broadband should they need, whether it's to shop online or fill in forms and so on.*

*We have also been offered the opportunity to run a free training course for older people in using computers for online grocery shopping, keeping in touch with family, social media etc. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who may be please let me know, It will be fun not scary and lifts to the venue will be available, so no excuse for not trying something new.*

**Pam Walker**

## Newcastle Diocesan Synod News

The May meeting of Synod included some serious items.

First, Bishop Christine gave an address on the theme of resourcing the future. Synod came back to this later on during the meeting, with table discussions about how to balance up the need for sufficiently local ministry with the continuing shortage of available funds. Although the Diocese could in theory appoint 101 full time stipendiary ministers, it looks likely that we can only afford 80, due to the shortfall in Parish Share donations. So how would we deploy such a reduced number fairly and effectively?

The second main item was an excellent presentation by the Director of Education, Paul Rickeard, about the encouraging performance and contribution of our 45 church schools, and work currently supporting the education of over 13,000 children across three Local Authorities. This was followed by questions about the work of the Joint Education Team.

Then the 2018 Annual Accounts and Financial Statements were received, with the news of an underlying end of year income and expenditure deficit of £123,000.

Next a technical bit, with the promulgation of amending Canon 38 about ecumenical relations.

John Appleby gave a report on the proceedings of the February General Synod meeting, which had included the Environment and Dr Tony Thick delivered a presentation about this.

These items can all be accessed on the Diocesan website at [newcastle.anglican.org/synod](http://newcastle.anglican.org/synod) and you are especially invited to listed to the 2018 video of a speech given by Antonio Guterres, the General Secretary of the United Nations.

Belsay School



# Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer Term from all at Belsay School.

Last week we have been thinking about listening carefully and acting upon what we have heard. This is something we are focusing on in every class. It has been tricky for quite a number of children and we will continue to focus on this as the term progresses. Good listening ensures that maximum learning can take place in our classrooms. This week we are working hard on good manners and this has an impact upon all those we come into contact with.

## **Easter Journey Visit**

Another memorable visit learning the Easter story and completing thought provoking activities with members of our wider community. This year the journey took place at Cambo. Thank-you to all adult helpers, who take time to prepare the event and deliver it to all our local school children. Everyone had a fantastic time and the activities were declared, 'Best Ever!' by pupils and staff alike.



## **First Aid Training**

Two of our classes have received their first Aid training which is specifically prepared for children and the situations they may find in their lives and daily activities.

## **Country Dancing**

Reception Parents and carers were welcomed into school for the culmination of last term's PE theme- dancing. Nursery rhymes and songs had been practised and traditional dances were also performed, with the adults joining in for the Hulichan Roundabout, Brighton Camp and Elsdon Circle Dance. It was a good job that everyone wore sensible shoes! What a lot of fun! We know that dancing really keeps you fit as we were hot and worn out by the end of the session!

## **Rainforest Takeover!**

Y3/4 have excelled themselves over the Easter break, bringing together all of their Rainforest knowledge in some amazing models- well done. There was such a huge

variety of ideas and knowledge shown which is a great indication of the amount of learning that has taken place. The children have also made links between their Rainforest work and how our lives in Belsay can impact on this



### Bikeability

Reception and Y1 have been exceptionally busy learning about safety, basic maintenance, how to cycle effectively and even a magic trick- this is to remind us to have our saddle correctly placed for uphill and downhill cycling! Some of the children were surprised to find out how much there was to think about- not zooming around on the bikes, but a great deal of extra information as well as work on the bikes.

### Tennis Competition

Wow! Well done Y4! We achieved our highest placing ever in the contest! Not only did the children play and behave well; there was also the opportunity to meet friends in other partnership schools that we know so well now.

### Gardening Club is One!

Thanks to our inspirational parent helper Sue Etherington, to Mrs McGovan and to all our green fingered pupils who have transformed the garden after its move. Well done! Take a look at the transformation; from bare grass to a productive growing area!



### A joke for the week:

- When do monkeys fall from the sky?
  - During Ape-ril showers!
- (Thank you Harry)



# **The Da Vinci Quartet**

**Leading members of  
the Royal Northern Sinfonia are to  
perform at HARTBURN CHURCH on  
THURSDAY, 11TH JULY at 7.30 pm.**

**The concert will feature music by Haydn,  
Shostakovich and Mendelssohn.**

**Tickets (to include a drink and canapés)**

**£20**



**For tickets, please contact:**

**Corinna Waddell (01670 772466)**



## THE 'RUBIOUS HARMONIOUS' IS SPOTTED IN NORTHUMBERLAND



One of the world's rarest birds – and one of its most colourful – has taken a liking to Kirkharle, near Kirkwhelpington, and taken up residence there. It's hoped it will summer here in the north east and keen young twitchers may spot it round the Courtyard during the school holidays.

From The Royal Northern Sinfonia to theatre companies, wind ensembles, daft ballerinas and exotic birds – 'MISCELLANEOUS' madness has arrived at Kirkharle for the summer.

Concerts from May to September in St Wilfrid's Church, Kirkharle include opera, folk, pipes, fiddles, guitars and wind instruments – not all together of course - while in the Courtyard at Kirkharle, street theatre will entertain families with prima ballerinas Fifi Pavlova and Dame Margot Fondue showing how ballet should be performed; gardener Hugh 'Bushy' Babcock brings his talking leek and exotic birds have escaped and landed in the Courtyard.

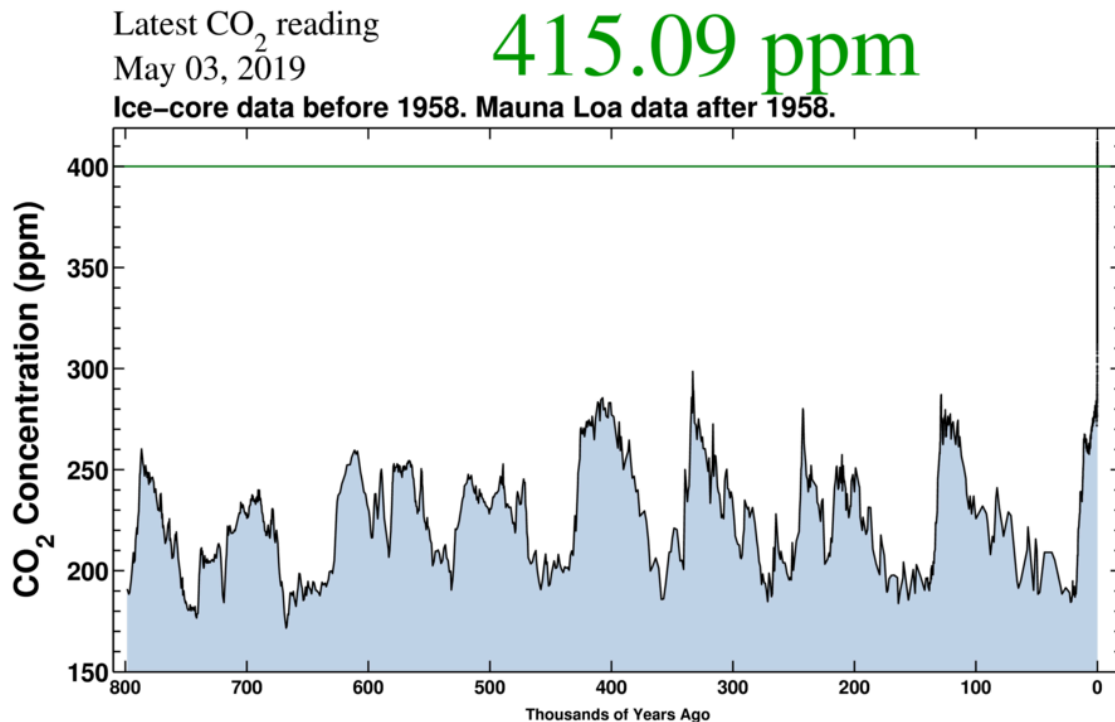
This stunning summer programme brings musicians, actors, singers, clowns, puppets and crazy characters into being, offering diversions and culture in equal measure, thanks to funding from the Community Foundation, the Ray Wind Fund, and Heritage Lottery Fund.

**Concert tickets and walk guides available from Brown's Larder, 01830 540 362 and more information can be found on the website:**  
[www.kirkharlecourtyard.co.uk](http://www.kirkharlecourtyard.co.uk)

# Climate Emergency!

This graph shows atmospheric carbon dioxide levels from 1958 measured directly at a weather station on Hawaii, with indirect measurements, taken from ice cores, going back 800,000 years.

At year 0, that is now, the level is shooting up past 415 parts of carbon dioxide per million gas molecules in the air. The rate of this rise is so rapid and so unchecked that the agreements at the 2015 United Nations Paris accord will not even keep global warming down to 2 degrees, even if all the signatories had taken some action already, which of course they have not.



The loss of arctic ice reflectivity has started a heating feedback loop and will also cause methane release from unfrozen ground, another feedback loop called the 'methane dragon'.

The Paris Agreement gave us 12 years to take proper action, but underestimated the heat already stored in the oceans as well as several other variables. This ocean heating is accompanied by acidification, which is killing marine life already.

Sea levels will rise at a rate calculated to be 100 feet for every 100ppm increase in carbon dioxide. The initial rise is slower: watch any patch of warming ice, it takes some time to start, then it melts faster.

Insects are disappearing at about 2.5% of their biomass per year. These are part of the foundation our ecosystems and are of course our pollinators, on whom our food production depends.

Drought is already adversely affecting agriculture, but will steadily worsen. Storms, floods and wildfires are already increasing in frequency.

The UK Parliament did declare a climate emergency, but we need urgent action to stop burning fossil fuels by everyone, more frugal lifestyles, reduction of inequality, regeneration of the environments we have exploited and the rejection of a growth based economy that squanders the earth.



# Your Village Needs YOU!



\*Whalton Village Hall Committee is looking for new recruits

\*Would you like to play an active part your community?

\*Please attend the AGM at Whalton Village Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm and volunteer!

# WHALTON VILLAGE SHOW 2019

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 11.00am - 5.00pm

## 'Let's Circus'

'Peewee' Big Top • Acrobats • Trapeze • Jugglers  
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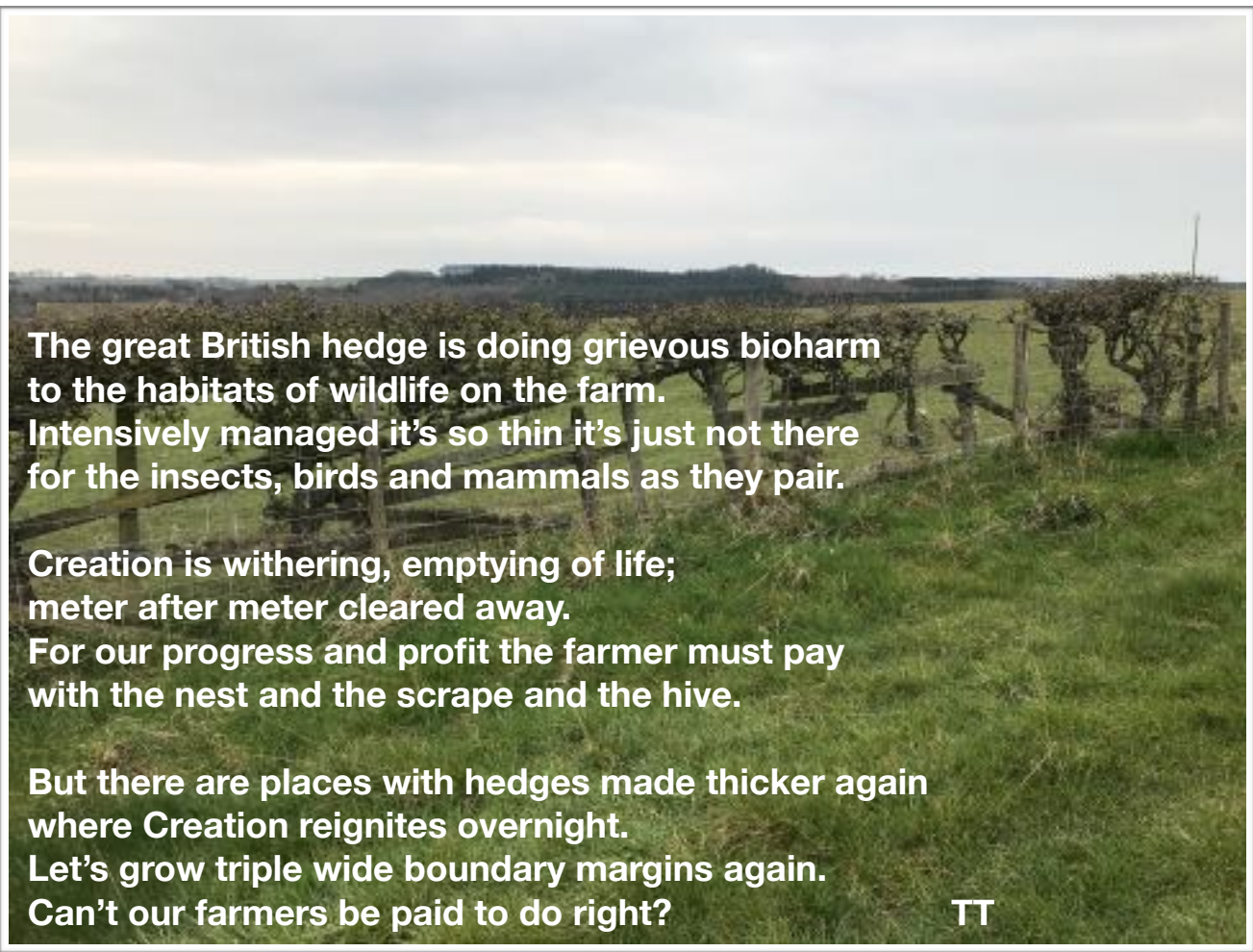
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- Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show •
- Homemade Teas • Trade Stands • Beresford Bar •



For more information e-mail [show@whaltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:show@whaltonvillage.org.uk)  
or phone 07792 138383

- Adult £6.00 • Children £3.00 • Concessions £4.00 •
- Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £15.00 •





The great British hedge is doing grievous bioharm  
to the habitats of wildlife on the farm.  
Intensively managed it's so thin it's just not there  
for the insects, birds and mammals as they pair.

Creation is withering, emptying of life;  
meter after meter cleared away.  
For our progress and profit the farmer must pay  
with the nest and the scrape and the hive.

But there are places with hedges made thicker again  
where Creation reignites overnight.  
Let's grow triple wide boundary margins again.  
Can't our farmers be paid to do right?

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## Save the Date

# TEAM CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

## 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019



*Teams of 4*  
*Guests Welcome at Lunch*  
*followed by*  
*Prizegiving and Auction*  
*(more details to follow)*



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