

# OCTOBER NOVEMBER 2018



The Church and Community Newsletter  
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Dear Friends

*In Flanders fields the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

So begins one of the most popular and oft-quoted poems from the First World War, the Great War, which a hundred years ago took so many lives, not least in the fields of Flanders.

Here in Northumberland in 2018, leaves have been falling from trees for a while now, always a reminder, if reminder were needed, that the season of remembrance is approaching once again: All Saints' Day (1<sup>st</sup> November), All Souls' Day (2<sup>nd</sup> November), Armistice Day (11<sup>th</sup> November) and Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday in November). This year, of course, 11<sup>th</sup> November, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War, falls on a Sunday. All over the country, services and ceremonies of remembrance will take place, names will be read out, silence will be observed. We will remember them.

And we will remember those who are dying in conflict still: servicemen and women, and civilians too, so many civilians. The deaths that continue to happen as a result of war mean that sorrow and suffering are shared by thousands of people each and every day. As we remember, we should remind ourselves of that foundational Christian virtue which is hope. Hope, together with faith and love, is one of the main elements of Christian character. Hope is a strong and confident expectation about the future. The Christian hope is that death is not the end, that those who have gone before us have not disappeared into nothing, but rather have died into eternal life.

God loves this troubled and divided world, and its troubled and divided people, so much that he reveals Himself and His nature in the clearest language we can understand: in the humanity of Jesus: in his birth and his life, as well as his suffering and his cruel death. As we remember all those deaths in the conflicts of our world, we may be comforted by the fact that God knows each one of those who died by name.

This is a theme which runs through the pages of holy scripture. *I have called you by name, you are mine*, says God to his people, as recorded by the prophet Isaiah. Or Jesus, as recorded by the evangelist John: *I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.* The connection could not be more close, more intimate.

This year, as every year, we remember those from our farms and villages, whose names will be read aloud, as well as those relatively few known to us by name, and the many, many millions more unknown to us, but all known to God; each and every one of them. We remember them and we pray for them. And we pray for peace, that the killing and the needless deaths and the grieving and the mourning might cease.

We pray that *swords [may be beaten] into ploughshares, and... spears into pruning-hooks; [that] nation shall not lift up sword against nation, [and that] neither shall they learn war any more.* We pray that our children and grandchildren will hear, not the sound of guns, but the song of larks. With every good wish.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan', enclosed within a thin rectangular border.

Services October 2018

		<b>Bolam</b>	<b>Hartburn</b>	<b>Meldon</b>	<b>Netherwilton</b>	<b>Whalton</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 19	G	10am Family Service Pam Walker	11am HC Rev Fiona Sample			9.30am HC Rev Fiona Sample Readers: Lady Bradbeer, Wendy Sheldon Sides: Pat Grix Flowers: Di Robertson
RCL p 695		Genesis 2.18-24; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16				
14 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 20	G	11am Matins Rev Fiona Sample	10am Morning Worship Pam Walker		9.30am HC Rev Fiona Sample	
RCL p 701		Amos 5.6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4.12-end; Mark 10.17-31				
21 <sup>st</sup> October Trinity 21	G		11am HC (BCP) Rev Jonathan Mason		10am Morning Worship Pam Walker	9.30am HC Rev Fiona Sample Readers: Lucy Bird, Gary Holmes Flowers: Ruth Baldasera Sides: Gary Holmes
RCL p 707		Isaiah 53.4-end; Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45				
28 <sup>th</sup> October Simon & Jude	R	11am HC Rev Fiona Sample			9.30am HC Rev Fiona Sample	10am Family Service Pam Walker Reader: Marlene Young and children Flowers: Lucy Bird
RCL p 1141		Isaiah 28.14-16; Ephesians 2.19-end; John 15.17-end				

NB: British Summertime ends at 01.00 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Morning Worship means a brief, lively and stimulating family / child orientated service.  
Family Service means exactly the same!  
There will *usually* be one such service every Sunday at one of our Churches.**

Services November 2018

		<b>Bolam</b>	<b>Hartburn</b>	<b>Meldon</b>	<b>Netherwilton</b>	<b>Whalton</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> November All Saints' Sunday	W	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> November.....	All Saints' Sunday.....	11am Joint Service.....	of Thanksgiving....	at Kirkwhelpington
RCL p 730		Wisdom 3.1-9 or Isaiah 25.6-9; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44				
11 <sup>th</sup> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	R					10.45am Service of Remembrance Rev Fiona Sample & Pam Walker Readers: Wendy Sheldon, Lucy Bird Sides: Gary Holmes, Pat Grix Flowers: Lady Bradbeer
RCL p 739		Jonah 3.1-5, 10; Hebrews 9.24-end; Mark 1.14-20				
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent	R		11am HC (BCP) Rev Jonathan Mason		10am Morning Worship Rev Fiona Sample	9.30am HC Rev Jonathan Mason Readers: Gary Holmes, Di Robertson Flowers: Shelley Clough Sides: Gary Holmes
RCL p 745		Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-25; Mark 13.1-8				
25 <sup>th</sup> November W Christ the King		11am HC Rev Jonathan Mason			9.30am HC Rev Fiona Sample & Rev Jonathan Mason	10am Family Service Pam Walker Readers: Marlene Young and children Flowers: Pat Grix
RCL p 751		Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37				

NB:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls' Day : 7.30pm Remembering the Departed at Cambo

## *Kirkwhelpington with Kirkharle & Kirkheaton, and Cambo*

### Services in October & November 2018

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October TRINITY XIX	1100	Cambo	Benefice Harvest Festival <i>followed by lunch in the village hall and apple-pressing event</i>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October TRINITY XX	0930	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)
	1100	Kirkwhelpington	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> October TRINITY XXI	0830	Kirkheaton	Holy Communion (CW)
	1000	Kirkwhelpington	Morning Prayer (CW)
	1115	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> October SIMON & JUDE	0830	Kirkwhelpington	Holy Communion (BCP)
	1030	Cambo	Morning Prayer (CW) with Methodists
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November ALL SOULS' DAY	1930	Cambo	Remembering the Departed
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> November ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY	1100	Kirkharle	Joint Benefices' Holy Communion (CW) <i>Preacher: The Archdeacon of Lindisfarne</i>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> BEFORE ADVENT Remembrance Sunday	0830	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)
	1045	Kirkwhelpington	Service of Remembrance <i>followed by re-dedication of memorials and lunch in the Memorial Hall</i>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2 <sup>nd</sup> BEFORE ADVENT	0830	Kirkheaton	Holy Communion (CW)
	1000	Kirkwhelpington	Morning Prayer (CW)
	1115	Cambo	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November CHRIST THE KING	0830	Kirkwhelpington	Holy Communion (BCP)
	1030	Scots Gap	Morning Worship with Methodists

Holy wisdom in your power, hold us fast in every hour.  
 Enclose us in your threefold wings, spreading to embrace all things.  
 One pierces heaven's heights above, another touches earth with love.  
 The other moves with tender care, in mystery through the cosmic air.  
 Holy wisdom in your power, Enlighten us in every hour.

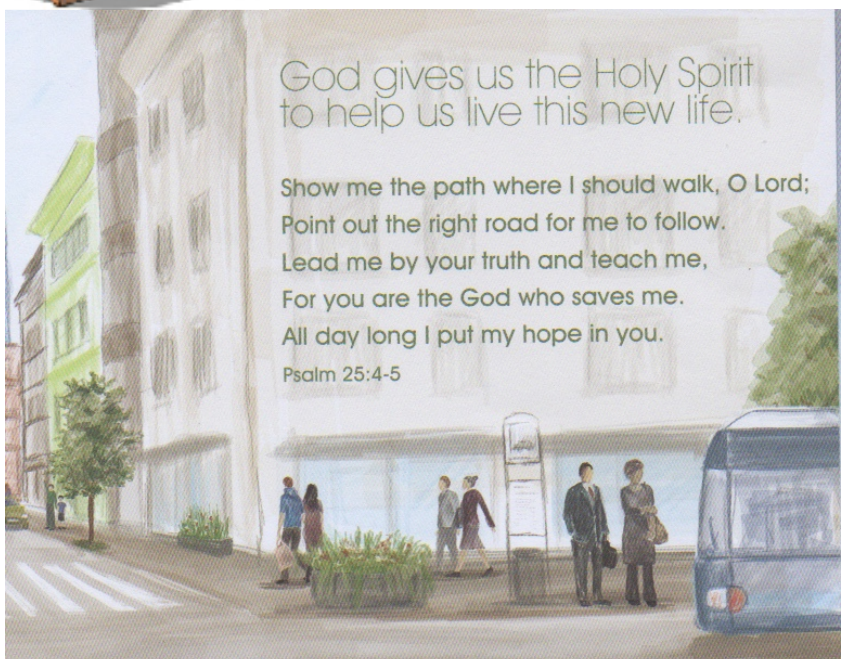
Hildegard of Bingen , Poems Hymns and songs, 27.



**Songs of Praise in the Walled Garden at Wallington**, on Saturday September 8th. Enthusiastic singing of favourites old and new, led by the Wannieliners choir. Some soft refreshing rain, some interested passers by, and words of life from a visiting Bishop!

Even the aliens landed their passing spacecraft, to endorse the singing of the earthlings!

The **Bolam Autumn tidy up and bonfire social** will take place on Saturday afternoon October 13th. All welcome to help from 2pm, relax and chat from 4pm. Bring tools, and some food/drink if you're able! Children welcome too of course!



### ***Calling up enthusiastic bakers!***

*The National Trust at Wallington are looking for volunteer bakers, to undertake regular costumed interpretation roles in our beautiful period kitchen. As well as making delicious traditional scones and tarts on the Wallington Aga, you will be explaining these traditional method and processes as part of our warm Wallington welcome, to visitors hailing from all over the*



*world! We have a volunteer ready to show you the ropes and answer all your questions, and to work shifts with you until you feel confident. Any amount of commitment would be most welcome, from once a month to once a week. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact Charlotte Hawley on 01670 773645 or*

at [Charlotte.hawley@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Charlotte.hawley@nationaltrust.org.uk) We look forward to meeting you!

**Hartburn Parish Council:** Details of meetings may be found on [www.northumberlandparishes.uk/hartburn](http://www.northumberlandparishes.uk/hartburn) , together with information about your councillors, agendas, minutes, planning issues etc. Read about glamping, about not confronting poachers (they're violent) etc.

Next meeting is Mon Dec 3 (provisional) in Hartburn Church as usual.

**Wallington Demesne Parish Council** The next meeting will be held on Monday 26th November 2018 commencing 7.30pm in Cambo Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions relating to agenda items. Claire Miller, Clerk Wallington Demesne Parish Council



## LUNCH CLUB

The next two Lunch Clubs will be held on Tuesday 9th October and Tuesday 13th November




12.00 for 12.30 at Hartburn Church £5 per head  
If you would like to attend please contact Poo Stafford on 01670 772 313  
All ages welcome.

## FILM NIGHTS

The OCTOBER FILM NIGHT will be held on Friday 26th, 7.30. THE GREATEST SHOWMAN.

The NOVEMBER FILM NIGHT will be held on Friday 30th, 7.30.

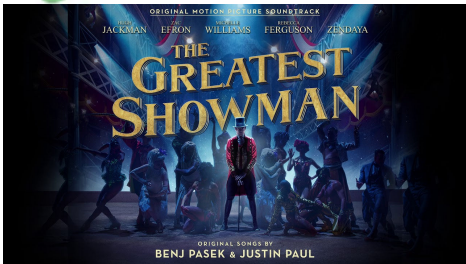
FILM  
THE POST  
Suggested donation £3.



# FILM NIGHT


## The Greatest Showman


FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER (7.30pm)  
Middleton Village Hall



ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK  
JACKSON EFRON WILLIAMS FERGUSON ZENDAYA  
ORIGINAL SONGS BY  
BENJ PASEK & JUSTIN PAUL

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
Suggested donation £3.00






# FILM NIGHT


## The Post

FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER (7.30pm)  
Middleton Village Hall



A Steven Spielberg Film  
Meryl Streep  
Tom Hanks

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
Suggested donation £3.00



## XMAS FAIR

The XMAS FAIR will be held on  
SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER  
10.00 till 4.00. HARTBURN CHURCH

Refreshments available. Lots of different stalls.  
Come and enjoy a day out, a good time to buy Christmas Presents.

Please put these dates in your diary as the next Newsletter does not come out until the beginning of December.

<b>Bolam Readers</b>				<b>Bolam Flowers/ Clean</b>
October 7th	family	Hazel Niewkoop		Symons Family/ Maureen
14	Mattins	Ruth Sadler	Bobbi Goldwater	
28	HC	Jim Grant	Charlie Sample	Jim and Helen
November 4th				Hazel and Maureen
25	HC	Dick Thompson	Tony Thick	Ruth Sadler

## The Easter Trail 2019 - "Beyond belief"

**"Pops, Bangs, Glitter and Love"**

The trail will be held in Cambo next Easter from March 24<sup>th</sup>. We shall be exploring the relationship between Faith and Science, with displays in the church and workshops in the village hall for our schools. We rely heavily on volunteers to become involved, particularly in the school workshops and this is advance notice for anyone interested in helping

who might like to know more about our plans. For further details please contact Revd Frances Dower 01670 774297.



The Visiting group are looking for volunteers to act as occasional drivers to ferry people to and from the lunch club at Hartburn on the second Tuesday in the month, and to other social events put on by our churches and in the community. If anyone thinks they can help please contact Fiona or Pam.

### St. Giles Netherwitton

October.	Readers.	Flowers
7th.	N/A.	Angela Kelly
14th.	Rachel Coundon.	Janet Bailey
21st.	Peter Coote.	Janet Bailey
28th.	Nicola Freeman Wallace.	Val Windle
November.	Readers.	Flowers
11th.	N/A.	Claire Dentice
18th.	David Kelly.	Claire Dentice
25th.	Val Windle.	Advent no flowers

**Baptism:** Henry Gabriel Meadows, born 7th October 2017, son of Rebecca and Samuel, first grandson of Ruth and John Sadler, was baptised on Sunday 16th of September at Painswick Village Church, Gloucestershire.

*There are no reports of other church Weddings, funerals or baptisms in any of our five Churches in the preceding two months.*

We receive your Church & Community newsletter every month, which I have to say is very informative and well presented.

I wondered therefore, if you would be interested in this article:

At the recent Netherwitton treasure hunt (which was fabulous) we met an Australian couple who were in the village looking for their ancestors, and a very sad story came to light (see enclosed newspaper article from August 1830.

Jane Hall (dob 1800) worked as a dressmaker at Netherwitton Hall, Ralph Ridley (dob 1806) worked as a labourer at High Healy, they were married in Netherwitton church in 1826 (witness Thomas Hedley) and 3 of their children were baptised there. In 1833 they were shipped to Australia to serve their very harsh sentence. All in all, life wasn't too bad as they eventually were able to buy many many acres of good farming land.

If anyone has any information or knows of the Hall, Ridley or Pringle families any stories would be greatly appreciated to pass onto our new Australian friends.

Many thanks Pauline Douglas



## OGLES ON TOUR - A WHALTON WELCOME

Gary Holmes

On July 27<sup>th</sup> The Beresford Arms rang to the mellifluous twang of Georgia and Tennessee accents as we welcomed the latest group of American Ogles to their ancestors' roots. George Robson, our organist, is the closest we have to an official church historian and his encyclopaedic knowledge of the church, its history and especially its notable burials make him the perfect host. He and I met this group of 8 over lunch then walked them through the village to the Church where George gave them the abbreviated history, talked them through the Ogle Chapel memorials and showed them around the burials outside. He even took time to play a couple of hymns while they took it all in and stretched their smart-

phone memory to the limit with endless photos.



Beginning with Humphrey de Hoggell after the conquest, the Ogles were for centuries major landowners in this area. As well as Ogle Castle and Whalton Church they were also associated with Bothal Castle, with Burradon and with Kirkley Hall from the early 1600's. From the late 1600's numbers of Ogles joined in the early settlement of the American colonies. Unlike the Mayflower contingent the Ogles seem to have been driven more by

entrepreneurial zeal than by any sense of persecution.

They thrived both economically and genetically. Within a few generations, Ogles were well represented at every level of American society with many luminaries including Benjamin & Samuel Ogle, (both Governors of Maryland) and now number around 100,000 traceable descendants. *Non-sequitur trivia factoid: who won Miss Minnesota in 2004? Why, it was Miss Tiffany Ogle, of course!*

The US Ogle family association are assiduous genealogists and those who come to examine the Ogle chapel memorials at Whalton are always well briefed and impressively knowledgeable. This group included 4 siblings - all from Atlanta - and another group from Vanntown Tennessee.

Earlier that day they had enjoyed a brief tour of Ogle Castle and met our neighbour John who actually lived there as a child.

We take our wonderfully ancient and numinous buildings for granted. It was wonderful to see our friends from over the water reacting to our church, absorbing its ancient aura and feeling that link to Ogles long departed. Imagine how it would feel for US to travel thousands of miles to an ancient place of worship and see the tombstone of someone we know for certain to be our ancestor of 600 years ago!



It was also wonderful to see that this group of people were unselfconscious and joyful in their Christian faith. From the beautifully expressed grace before lunch to their tales of their own churches and their eager discussion of different worship practices they were comfortable, clear and committed about their life in Christ. So many of us Anglicans can come over as unclear, slightly uncomfortable and a little ambiguous when it comes to what we actually believe!

God bless the Ogles; may many more of them come to see us and may we learn from each other.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### *Open Meeting for the Parishes*

Cambo Village Hall 5.30-9pm

As we approach the first anniversary of the collaborative relationship established in these parishes, there will be an opportunity for all to come together to discuss the project.

As with the 2017 meeting, convened prior to the beginning of this venture, the meeting will be facilitated by The Rev'd Peter Sinclair. Details will be circulated in due course.

If you have any queries, please speak to one of the Ministry Team: Fiona, Frances, Pam or Jonathan



### **Family Service at Bolam, first Sunday of the month.**

Here are some of the children who helped to make the September "do-it-ourselves" worship such a cheerful event! Thank you to everyone who attended.

Ann and Jim

**Local writer Barbara Fox, who lived for a while in Whalton when her father, Alder Gofton was Rector, tells us about her new book, *Midwife of Borneo***

I have known Wendy Rogerson, the subject of my new book, all my life, as she and her husband, Colin, an Anglican priest, are friends of my parents Alder and Gwenda Gofton. Wendy – whose father was also a priest and who grew up in a vast vicarage in Amble on the North Sea coast – had

read some of my other books, and asked me if I could help her to publish the diaries she wrote when she nursed for three years on the island of Borneo in the early 1960s.



I have to confess, I said no, at first. All I knew then was that Wendy had worked on an Anglican mission in the former British colony of North Borneo, and I thought it probably wasn't a fashionable subject in today's more enlightened times!

Luckily, Wendy wasn't easily deterred and sent me some newspaper articles that had been written about her in the *Journal and Evening Chronicle* at the time, as an introduction to her story. Once I began to read them, I quickly changed my opinion.

I learnt how, inspired by a talk in the City Hall, she left her comfortable life in Newcastle – where she had a good job as a health visitor – to sail to the other side of the world, and single-handedly run a clinic in a place where most people had never seen a white person, let alone a doctor or nurse. How her home was a simple hut

in the jungle, made of bamboo, bark and palm leaves, a space she frequently shared with rats and snakes.

I was astounded when I read that, in emergencies, she had sometimes had to operate on her patients, becoming anaesthetist and surgeon as well as nurse. Or how, when the urgency was less great, she accompanied them in a dugout canoe and sailed for five days to the nearest hospital, in the town of Sandakan. And I read how she regularly set off on foot and on water to provide clinics in even further-flung places, sleeping in the open and hoping that the animals she could hear would stay well away.



In this enervating, tropical climate, Northumberland was never far from her thoughts. How she longed for a cool north-east wind! She thought fondly of her days as a Girl Guide in Warkworth, citing the hikes and camping trips undertaken then as excellent preparation for the rigours of the jungle.



Letters – lots of them – also kept her connected with home. This correspondence served another purpose, for when old friends and members of her church, St George's, Jesmond, learnt of her difficulties, they began fund-raising. Thanks to their support she was able to buy better medicines, a fridge for the clinic, and an outboard motor, thus shortening the journey time to Sandakan.

Wendy was so focused on her work that I was surprised when I perceived an inkling of a romance creeping into the diary pages, lending another dimension to the story. She herself was often surprised when I reminded her of things she had done! I think she is only realising now quite how astonishing her achievements were.

Midwife of Borneo is published by SPCK on 15 November. Wendy and I will be signing books in the Morpeth branch of Waterstones on Saturday 17 November between 1 and 3pm. It would be lovely to see people there – it's always a sociable occasion!



Whalton Village Hall  
**Bonfire Night**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
2018 at 6.30 pm



**Fireworks, Soup and  
Sausages!**

**Entry by donation**

Sorry but please do not bring your own sparklers

## SCOTS GAP SURGERY PRESCRIPTIONS



We are aware that some of our patients have received leaflets through their doors from online pharmacies offering to provide a free of charge delivery service of your prescription medications.

These services appear to be provided by **the NHS** but in fact are provided by **private companies**.

We would like you to be aware of the impact of using these services **on your local surgery**.

Rural surgeries, particularly those with small patient list sizes, are **at risk** due to all the new changes within the NHS. We rely heavily on our dispensing services to be able to sustain our surgery and to continue to be able to provide you with the standard of service that has consistently made us the best practice in the North East for patient satisfaction year upon year. Our dispensing service is a critical part of our service and without it you could lose your local surgery.

Those patients that do not live within a mile of a chemist are entitled to receive their medications from ourselves. You do have the right to use any pharmacy, including online pharmacies, but we are sure most of you will appreciate having your medications immediately when you are unwell with a new problem, and the efficiency and helpfulness of our dispensers in arranging repeat medications and dosette boxes. If you do decide to use an online service it will make it more difficult for you to obtain prescriptions for acute conditions as you will no longer be a dispensing patient.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR SURGERY AND THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE FOR YOU**

## WHALTON PARISH DINNER - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

The Beresford Arms, Whalton: 7 for 7.30pm

*“Its Church giving, Captain - but not as we know it!”      Give as you eat!*

Reviving our tradition of fundraising dinners, Whalton PCC invites you to join us for a relaxing evening of fine dining (with a raffle) at the newly refurbished Beresford - under new management as of summer 2018.

- Starter, Main Course and an ice cream dessert: £20 per head
- Of the £20 ticket price, £5 goes to Church funds
- Choice of dishes including vegetarian options
- Other desserts available a la carte
- Tables can be booked for any number or come as individuals, couples etc
- There will be a glittering raffle
- And a cash bar
- Good house wines available
- No speeches
- See any Whalton PCC member to book a place or contact Wendy Sheldon, Red House Cottage Tel: 01670 775385 or [gsheldon@waitrose.com](mailto:gsheldon@waitrose.com)

**The Ministry Team were offering refreshment and welcome at Whalton Show**





# Ceilidh



in aid of

Northumberland National Park  
Mountain Rescue Team

with music from  
Whistling Sheep

Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2018

7:30- 11pm      Bar available

**Rothbury**

**Jubilee Hall**

Tickets £12 (under 16 £10)

Available from Tully's in Rothbury

Or

Contact 07929251712/ email  
supportteam@nnpmrt.org

**Whalton Village Show**, raising funds for St Mary Magdalene Church, Whalton Primary School and Whalton Village Hall, took place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The antics of Indian Runner Ducks from Loch Lomond brought smiles and cheers as they scooted up and down a duck helter skelter and were gently herded over bridges and into hoops by Mark Wylie and his adorable collie. Young Irish Dancers from the McGuinness School of Irish Dancing, in their green and gold, amazed and enchanted the crowds with their easy athleticism and footwork. The good summer, Pru Leith and Paul Hollywood, were probably responsible, at least in part, for more entries than ever to the Industrial classes and Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Show than have been seen recently. The top prize of the Thomas Grieve cup for the most points scored across produce, was awarded by the grandson of the man himself, also Thomas Grieve, travelling here from Falkirk with his wife, to Jane Armstrong from Whalton.



This year's exhibition in the Church as part of the Show was set against Harvest Festival

decorations and commemorated the centenary of World War I. Items were lent by John Sadler and by the Blyth Battery and a raft of poppies had been knitted by parishioners. Haunting the church were 7 silhouettes representing the 7 men, of the 51 from Whalton who served, who lost their lives during that Great War. Gifted by a grant from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund from the There but Not



There campaign, they will remain in place in the Church until Remembrance Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. We were delighted to welcome Thomas Grieve and his wife to Harvest Festival next day. His grandfather lived in Whalton and served during the War with his name commemorated on the brass plaque in the Village Hall. With sheep racing, the annual dog show, the King Edward VI Steel Band, a trade tent bursting with opportunities to shop early for Christmas, the book fair, over 70 Classic Cars from all over the



country, a host of places to eat local or homemade refreshments, vintage Ferguson tractors displaying their ploughing prowess, and the sun coming out in the afternoon and shining brightly on the children's races and face painting - it was, as Wallace and Gromit would say "a grand day out". We are most grateful to our Show sponsors Hanover Dairies, Dunn Builders, Robson and Prescott, Wansbeck Plant, JD Dunn, NB Clark, John N Dunn Group Ltd. Now on to thinking about how we can make it even bigger and better next year. Lucy Bird





These grave markers - pressed up against either side of an imposing wall, with a pair of clasped hands reaching over the wall's top - date to a time in Dutch history when Catholic and Protestant graves were strictly segregated. A Catholic and a Protestant married couple, separated in death, arranged for this unique workaround in order to rejoin one another.

Thanks to Annie Lloyd for this contribution.

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