



## St Wilfrid's Church Monk Fryston

**Serving the communities of Monk Fryston  
Hillam & Burton Salmon**

St Wilfrid's is part of a Joint Benefice  
with St Mary's Church, South Milford.

Our aim is to serve God faithfully and make  
all people welcome in his Church.

### Sunday Worship

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8.00am Holy Communion - (no hymns)

4.00pm All Age Worship  
*Geared towards families with children*

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

9.30am Morning Prayer  
(with hymns)

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8.00am Holy Communion  
(no hymns)

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

9.30am Parish Communion  
(with hymns)

#### FIFTH SUNDAY

9.30am Benefice Service

When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Month the venue  
alternates between St Wilfrid's and St Mary's  
Church, South Milford.

**Sunday services are also available at St Mary's  
Church, South Milford, plus a Wednesday  
morning Communion at 9.45am.**

**See website for details.**

The Benefice is now in **Interregnum** mode  
until a new Rector is appointed sometime in  
2018.

Our Curate, Rev'd David, along with the  
Churchwardens from both parishes will be  
responsible for the smooth running of the  
Benefice, assisted by our Benefice Reader,  
Margaret Barr.

Occasionally we may have to call on other  
members of the clergy to assist but this will be  
kept to a minimum wherever possible.

Please bear with us through this period until a  
new incumbent is appointed.

WOT NO RECTOR?



**INTERREGNUM - see note bottom left**

**For all parish matters please contact  
the Curate**

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### WEEKLY BULLETIN

All material for inclusion on the 'Weekly Bulletin' please contact David Sample at...[davidsample@talktalk.net](mailto:davidsample@talktalk.net)

#### **St Wilfrid's Church**

Midweek opening

**CURRENTLY SUSPENDED  
UNTIL THE END OF MARCH**

#### **St Wilfrid's Church Hall**

The ideal venue for clubs, group meetings, parties, social functions and many other events – the Hall is equipped with tables, chairs and a fully fitted kitchen (crocery, glasses, cutlery, etc).

Rates are very reasonable and further details are available from Paddy Twidale on 01977 684180

#### **Mid-week Fellowship**

**Every Wednesday Evening From 7.30pm**

Mid week fellowship meeting at the home of  
**David and Liz Johnson**  
**32, Sand Lane, South Milford**

All are welcome for an informal gathering of fellowship and bible study.

Further details from David on 01977 689334  
[davidjohnsonnihs@gmail.com](mailto:davidjohnsonnihs@gmail.com)

## **SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT**

### **LIVE WORSHIP**

## **STORIES OF FAITH**

MESSAGES OF HOPE

**Second Sunday of the month at 5pm**  
**St Mary's Church, South Milford**

Live contemporary worship, stories of people's faith, and simple message of hope.

An informal gathering with nibbles and drinks.

<https://www.stwilfridsandmarys.church/>

**WE HAVE LIFT OFF!**  
**NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH**  
**FOR 2018**



#### **Churchwardens**

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**Who's Who**  
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**St Mary's Church  
South Milford  
February 14th  
9.45am**

**Ash  
Wednesday**

*Traditional Ash Wednesday  
Service with the marking of the  
cross with ash.*



**Agape Meal - Maundy Thursday 29th March**  
**7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**St Mary's Church, South Milford**

Share in an Agape meal to taste something of the atmosphere of the Last Supper.

We will share good food and bread and wine.

There is no charge but due to popularity, this is a ticketed event.

Tickets available from St Mary's Church, South Milford.

### Thoughts from the Wickets

One programme on T.V. that never fails to bring tears to my eyes is DIY SOS. If you've never seen it, be warned! It's presented by a real macho man – Nick Knowles and he introduces the viewers to a family who have difficulties spelt with a capital D. Usually there is a serious health problem with at least one of the children or one of the parents, and the family live in a very unsuitable home which doesn't begin to meet their special needs. Nick Knowles and his team of specialist builders, electricians, designers etc are joined by dozens of local volunteers. The family move out of the house, the workers move in and in 9 days the place is torn apart, rebuilt and furnished to the special requirements of that particular family.



The family come back to a place that they couldn't have imagined. It has been transformed, often with things like a lift, a wet room to accommodate someone in a wheel chair, a special bed and storage for medical equipment and a kitchen where the cooker and other items are at a safe level for a disabled person to use. Those members of the family who are carers are also treated to their own new bedrooms where they can relax and have some 'me' time. The success of the whole operation is based on the response of others to the needs of a family who has experienced such great difficulties in life that are hard for most of us to begin to comprehend.

In a world where examples of genuine love, concern and unselfishness don't often make T.V. news, the programme is heart-warming and encouraging. It shows what can be achieved when people work together for a common goal. It also shows how different people have different gifts which can all be used. In DIY SOS there are often ladies of the neighbourhood supplying all the work team with bacon butties, cupcakes or other similar essentials. Where would we be without them?

In the Benefice just now, we're in that uncertain time called a vacancy or inter-regnum. Put simply, we haven't got a Rector. We've got to keep the ship afloat without the captain at the helm! It's not quite a DIY SOS but it is a DIY situation. It means we've got to rally round and each one of us do our bit to make sure that the ship which is the church is kept afloat. This is more than making sure the weekly services are covered, the fabric of the building is maintained, and all the bills are paid. We're very grateful to those people who take on the responsibility for these things but, like the DIY SOS, there are other areas which also need attention. What could YOU offer to do? You may not be a regular church attender but you do want the church to be there and be available for those times when you need it. Let's be like those willing volunteers on the T.V. programme and get stuck in to the job. It can bring fulfilment, satisfaction in knowing that you've played a part in achieving something worthwhile. It might even be lifechanging for you and the whole church community – who knows? Give it a try.

God's blessing to you,  
Margaret Barr BA (Hons)

Reader in the Benefice of St Wilfrid, Monk Fryston and St Mary, South Milford.

Sub Warden of Readers, Selby Deanery. "The Wickets", Mill Lane, South Milford.



## **Candlemas Service**

**Sunday 4th February - 5.00pm**  
**St Mary's, South Milford**

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus.

This ancient festival marks the midpoint of winter, half way between the shortest day and the spring equinox.  
40 days after the birth of baby Jesus.

*Service conducted by Margaret Barr*

## What Next? An Update.

The benefice is looking for a new Rector.

The two PCCs are working together to find the right person for the job which isn't a straight forward Job.

Firstly we have to produce a Parish Profile which will be sent to interested Priests to give them a feel for the Benefice. A small editorial group with members from both churches has been tasked with writing this profile.

The profile needs to stand out from the rest as there are a good number of vacancies in the Diocese at the moment, 18 in York Archdeaconry alone!

With this in mind, we have moved away from the traditional paper document and have produced a Prezi which is dynamic and interactive presentation tool which is accessed online. The use of the Prezi itself should say something of nature of the Benefice as it talks about our heritage but looks to the future encapsulated in the use of contemporary communication techniques.

Within the Prezi, there is also a short video which captures the nature of the Benefice, its services, community engagement, relationship and hopefully demonstrates the way God and His people here in the Parishes are engaged with each other and the wider community.

We are also producing a job advert which, again, will be designed to reflect who we are.

The Parish Profile and the Advert will be submitted to the Archdeacon for Diocesan approval and possibly our Patron, the Lord Chancellor.

It is the Lord Chancellor who will determine the process of appointment but with the guidance of the Archdeacon and the petitions of the PCC.

The Diocese will then take over the process of recruitment.

The timescale is hard to determine; some Benefices wait years for a replacement Priest. This is not the expectation of our Benefice, but there is no way of knowing.

In the meantime, everything will be maintained by the Church Wardens, myself, and all of you who so kindly dedicate time to the work of God in this community.

There is something we can all do to help the process, and that is to pray, pray that the process runs smoothly and that the right person is appointed. Also, remember John and Yvonne in your prayers as they transition into the next phase of their faith journey.

Rev David





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Every Monday

8.00pm Worship Group Practice – St Mary's, South Milford

## Every Wednesday

9.45am Holy Communion – St Mary's, South Milford

10.30am Drop In – St Mary's Parish Hall for tea/coffee and biscuits

1.30pm Caterpillar – St Mary's, South Milford - for 'mums and little-ones'

7.30pm Mid-week Fellowship – 32 Sand Lane, South Milford

## Thursday 1st February

8.00pm Blokes Beer & Banter 'The Thack', South Milford

## Sunday 4th February Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion St Wilfrid's, Monk Fryston

9.30am Parish Communion St Mary's South Milford

4.00pm Family Service St Wilfrid's, Monk Fryston

5.00pm Candlemas Service St Mary's, South Milford (see page 3)

## Wednesday 7th February

12.30pm New Life Discipleship Group St Mary's, South Milford

## Sunday 11th February Last Sunday Before Lent

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Wilfrid's, Monk Fryston

9.30am Parish Communion St Mary's, South Milford

## Wednesday 14th February

9.45am Ash Wednesday Service St Mary's, South Milford (see page 2)

12.30pm New Life Discipleship Group St Mary's, South Milford

## Sunday 18th February First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion St Wilfrid's, Monk Fryston

9.30am Family Communion St Mary's South Milford

## Wednesday 21st February

12.30pm Lent Lunch 86, Westfield Lane, South Milford (see page 5)

12.30pm New Life Discipleship Group St Mary's, South Milford

7.30pm Lent Course 32, Sand Lane, South Milford (see page 8)

## Sunday 25th February Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary's, South Milford

9.30am Parish Communion St Wilfrid's, Monk Fryston

## Wednesday 28th February

12.30pm Lent Lunch 'Westlands', High Street, South Milford (see page 5)

12.30pm New Life Discipleship Group St Mary's, South Milford

7.30pm Lent Course 32, Sand Lane, South Milford (see page 8)

## A Ship Without a Rudder

As the benefice faces an unknown time without a Rector, there can seem to be a sense that we lack a leader, but actually, there is nothing to worry about.

The parishes will be managed on a daily basis by the Church Wardens of each church. There will also be very little difference to the regular pattern of worship, the only change being to the 9:30 service on the second Sunday of each month which will, in the vacancy, be a service of morning prayer led by our very own Margaret Barr.

Everything else stays same.

Often vacancies are seen as a fallow season but not for our benefice as the missional, social and pastoral activities go from strength to strength.

This is due the hard work and dedication of many within our benefice, and we all owe them our appreciation for their ongoing work.

There is another element that is even more significant, and that is the movement of Spirit within the benefice.

Now, more than ever, we need to be praying for the guidance and intervention of the Holy Spirit.

The Celtic saints often set off on their mission voyages in a coracle which is a small rudderless boat, and they allowed the current to take them where it chose with the influence of the Spirit.

The coracle represents a trust in the Spirit:

"It is a symbol of faithful vulnerability - the stories of the early saint's Brendan and Columba risking all to carry a message of grace and to share life with others, with all the exposure that requires.

It is symbolic of response to the environment - learning to read the culture of our time, responding to the Spirit's leading within it.

And it symbolises of simplicity and radical commitment - an image of the exposure of the whole of life to the claims of the gospel".\*

As we head off into uncharted waters, we may seem rudderless but we are not without direction, and as we focus on prayer we are directed by the Spirit to new and exciting adventures with our God.

Rev David

\*The Oracle Trust





# The Drop In Cafe!

**'Drop-In'**  
**Every Wednesday in South Milford**

Just moved into the area?  
Suffering loneliness due to bereavement?  
Just need to get out and meet people?  
Then 'Drop-in' is just the thing for you.

Every Wednesday morning  
**10.30am – 12 noon in St Mary's Church Hall**  
on High Street, South Milford.

Why not come along and meet people from the local area for tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits and a chat.

You will find a warm, friendly and hospitable welcome.



Every Wednesday 1.30 - 3pm at St Mary's Church.  
Come along and enjoy songs, stories, fun and games.

Babies, toddlers, mums, grandparents and carers all welcome.

Refreshments are served and it is an ideal setting to meet other mums of young babies and share notes on the 'hows and wherefores' of being a parent. There is always a 'sing-song' at the end and all the mums and little ones are welcomed so they feel part of the caterpillar family.

Further details from Margaret Barr on  
01977 682545

[Margaret@barr.org.uk](mailto:Margaret@barr.org.uk)

## LENT LUNCHES IN FEBRUARY

Lent Lunches are open to anyone – just turn up and you will get something simple to eat, and also have the opportunity for fellowship and place some money in the collection basket – all of which will go to assist the work of the 'Zikomo Trust' which supports the most vulnerable in Malawi through the project of social care and educational opportunities.



**Wednesday 21st February 12.30pm - 2pm**  
86, Westfied Lane, South Milford

**Wednesday 28th February 12.30pm - 2pm**  
'Westlands' High Street, South Milford

**Saturday 24 February**

Leader: Tracey Maeer

**Location: Snaith**

Parish  
Walking  
Group



We welcome you to a Riverside Ramble following field & riverside paths and tracks and for the 6.25 miles planned route (shorter version of 4.25 miles is available)

We will meet at 10.15 at the picnic area just over the river bridge when travelling from Carlton to Snaith ready for a 10.30 departure.

Please bring food and drink and wear suitable clothing for the day.

Any queries please contact Paddy or Stuart on  
01977 684180

or email [tracey.maeer@btinternet.com](mailto:tracey.maeer@btinternet.com)



St Laurence Priory Church, Snaith



## New Life Fellowship Group

As many of you know we have a weekly discipleship group which meets on a Wednesday evening at my house where we share our questions, and hopefully answers, study the bible, worship, and grow in our faith together. People can dip in and out of the group to suit their lifestyle.

The mid-week group provides a great opportunity to draw closer to each other and to God. However, it is recognised that it isn't the most convenient time for a lot of people, particularly those with babies.



Consequently, a group of new mums are going to start a group to recreate this discipleship model but for those who have babies and small children.

It is to meet at St Mary's church from 12:30 until about 1:15, so that they can stay on for Caterpillar should they wish.

Although it is held in St Mary's, it is for all the community and open to those who worship in other churches or don't go to church at all.

We also have a willing volunteer (suitably DBS'd) who will keep an eye on the little ones, to free up parents enabling them to focus more on each other, the word of God, and prayer.

As the focus is on those with babies and tots, it is entitled **St Laurence Priory Church, Snaith** the New Life fellowship group and recognises the difficulties, and pressures parents of new and recently born children are under.

New Life Fellowship Group will meet initially for four weeks during advent following the Clash of Kingdoms study with a time to review how things are working at the end of the course.

If you are a new mum or dad and need more details get in touch with me, my details are in the magazine and on the website.

Rev David



## St Wilfrid's Church Winter Floodlighting



<b>FLOODLIGHTING</b>	<b>SPONSORS 2017/18</b>
Monk Fryston Stoves	Cyril Pickup
Mr & Mrs R A J Thomson	Jean Collinson
Monk Fryston Post Office & Stores	John & Yvonne Hetherington
J.P. Plant Hire	Neville & Iris Criddle
The Sadler Family	Stuart & Paddy Twidale
Stuart & Ann Wroe	Sue Studdard & Neal Smith
Neil & Clare Holdsworth	The Caddick Family
Philip & Susan Scott	David & Barbara Atkinson
Hillam Parish Council	Monk Fryston Parish Council
Burton Salmon Parish Council	Darnton B 3 Architects

### **OUR 2017/18 CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING APPEAL**

Thanks to the generosity of this Winter's donors we have not only paid for St Wilfrid's to be floodlit until the end of March but we also have a surplus which we propose to put towards the cost of replacing our existing halogen lighting units with more economic LED ones. Hopefully this can be achieved before next Winter's floodlighting.

May we again sincerely thank this season's generous donors as shown above.

The Parochial Church Council hopes that you feel that this floodlighting has been worthwhile and that it has helped to enhance the centre of our lovely village at this festive time of year.

**Stuart Wroe, Churchwarden**

### **LINKS TO PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES**

Parish Council minutes are available to read at the corresponding websites below

[Monk Fryston Parish Council](#)

[Hillam Parish Council](#)

[Burton Salmon Parish Council](#)

### **OTHER LOCAL SITES OF INTEREST**

[Burton Salmon School](#)

[Monk Fryston School](#)

[Community Centre](#)



**New Year, New challenge?**

### **Become a Community First Responder!**

The Community First Responder (CFR) scheme is a life-saving partnership between Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS) and local Community First Responders volunteers who are trained to use life-saving skills.

In many medical emergencies the first few minutes are critical and if effective treatment can be provided at this time, lives can be saved and disability reduced. This is especially true for heart attacks and medical conditions that have caused someone to lose consciousness.

Our CFRs are trained in basic life support (BLS) skills including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), defibrillation and oxygen therapy and are equipped with an automated external defibrillator (AED) oxygen and a first aid kit.

When a 999 call is received in our Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), an ambulance response is dispatched. At the same time a CFR, on-call in the area, can be alerted and asked to assist at the incident to ensure assistance reaches the patient as quickly as possible.

As our volunteers are based within the community, they may only be a minute or two away from a medical emergency and very often their role is to simply provide vital reassurance to patients and their families until ambulance clinicians arrive. However, in extreme cases, such as a heart attack, they can perform CPR or use their defibrillator to restart someone's heart which can save someone's life.

YAS is committed to providing the high quality services for a patient and care to all those living in, or passing through, Yorkshire and this initiative undoubtedly helps to achieve this.

For more information on Community First Responding or to apply to join the team, please contact the Community Resilience Team office:

Tel: 0333 1300516

Email: [responders@yas.nhs.uk](mailto:responders@yas.nhs.uk)



This letter was received from our former Rector in December of last year and copied here...

14th Dec. 2017

12, Longbridge Drive  
Easingwold  
North Yorks.

Dear friends at St Wilfrid's,

Now that most of the boxes are unpacked and I have managed to locate some paper and a pen, I can write and thank you for the generous gift that you blessed Yvonne and me with on my retirement as Rector.

We have already planted the four Pophinia trees in the garden, and the generous cheque we received will go towards landscaping the garden in Spring once we have had the conservatory built.

Needless to say that we miss you all already, and if you are ever up this way then please do call in, as we would be delighted to see you.

In the meantime we wish you all a truly blessed Christmas as we again rejoice in the annual celebration of our Saviour's birth, and we pray that you may know his closeness and presence in this most holy of seasons.

With warmest Christian love to you all.

John & Yvonne

### **SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE DAY**

**13th February**



The late Keith Jukes, former Dean of Ripon taking part in the traditional pancake day race in Ripon.

*Battered  
but not bruised!*





Early in December we were able to hold a round of the Rotary Young Chef competition at Sherburn High School. A maximum of six competitors took part, two of them boys, one of whom Max Burdekin was the winner. Those privileged to taste the food were all in agreement that it was really appetising and tasty and reflected great credit on the skill of and imagination of all the competitors. Max now progresses to the next round of the competition at York college in the very near future and if he has been practicing his presentation could do well.

On 12<sup>th</sup> January the 25<sup>th</sup> South Milford Community Bonfire Dinner was held at Monk Fryston Hall. A really enjoyable evening was highlighted by the distribution of the proceeds to over a dozen different groups whose members had all contributed to the record breaking success. This years event saw £33,000 shared amongst the groups (see page 9), and listening to the plans for which this money is earmarked made one realise that there are an awful lot of people in the area who are prepared to devote their time to assist these volunteer organisations.

It was also interesting to listen to the history of the bonfire so far and to its growth from a family affair into the enormous undertaking it is today. Inevitably there were some amusing tales of things that did not quite go as planned and a good deal of laughter when the shopping lists for the early events were read out.

Planning is now under way for various Rotary activities to be undertaken later in the year and as usual there will be a varied programme to keep us busy.

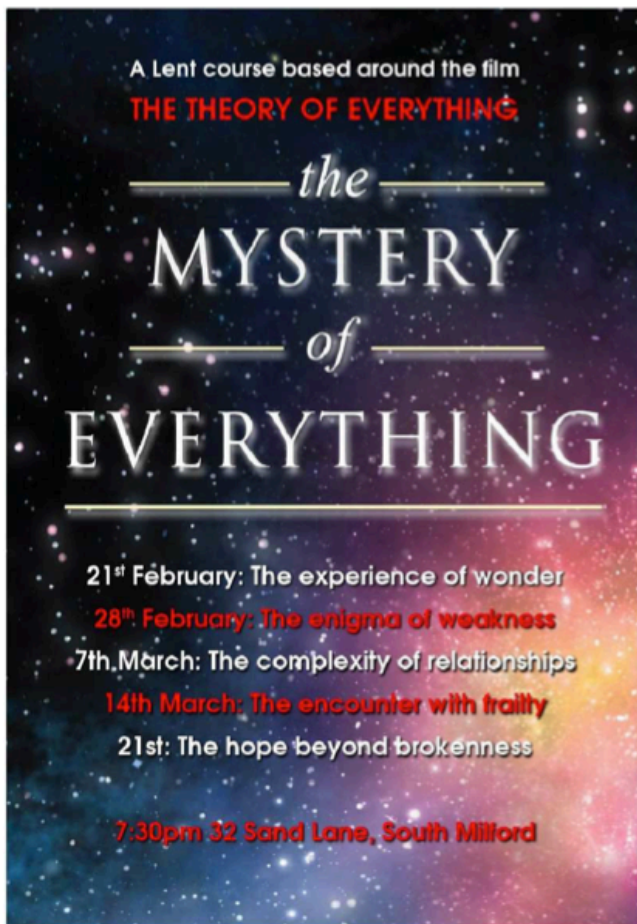
### **Nigel Sugden**



**The six 'Young Chef' competitors**

### **Rotary - working with young people**

RYAL, OYT, Europe 4 Europe and work experience opportunities are just some of the many ways we support our local young people, providing them with excellent learning opportunities. We also support many of the local primary and secondary schools in the local area.



A Lent course based around the film

**THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING**

# *the* **MYSTERY** *of* **EVERYTHING**

**21<sup>st</sup> February:** The experience of wonder

**28<sup>th</sup> February:** The enigma of weakness

**7<sup>th</sup> March:** The complexity of relationships

**14<sup>th</sup> March:** The encounter with frailty

**21<sup>st</sup>:** The hope beyond brokenness

**7:30pm 32 Sand Lane, South Milford**

This year's Lent Course is

### **"The Mystery of Everything"**

Based on a book by Hilary Brand which takes the multi-award winning film about Stephen Hawking, The Theory of Everything, as its starting point.

We will explore ways in which the mysteries of the universe and of everyday life - and the acceptance that we have more questions than answers - can reinvigorate our faith and spiritual journey. Each session will include an extract from the film, group discussion and prayer.

There will be different people facilitating to bring different approaches to the course.

The course is not about science and religion but mystery, faith and relationships.

We will meet every Wednesday evening in Lent at 7:30 pm at 32 Sand Lane, South Milford

Just come along, if you're interested, to a many or as few as you can make, we're looking forward to some very interesting sessions and discussions with you!

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book you can do so on Amazon.  
"The Mystery of Everything"

A Lent course based around the film The Theory of Everything (LentBook) available at other retailers.



## COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

May I first start by wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2018 and take this opportunity to introduce myself. I took over the role of Chair of Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association from Ray Newton back in September 2017. I follow in very big shoes as Ray made such a huge contribution to both the Community Centre - being instrumental in its redevelopment - and in wider village life, cajoling many people in the village into helping to organise so many fantastic events.



We will pass a small landmark in February as the last of the debt, taken on to extend the centre, is finally paid off but this doesn't mean that we can take our foot off the gas when it comes to events and fundraising as we have plenty of plans to improve the centre.

We are already starting planning for the 5th Monk Fryston & Hillam Beer Festival (which will be on the 14th and 15th September). This will involve selecting the 20+ beers and ciders we will be selling, together with deciding on entertainment and food for the 2 day event so if you have any feedback or suggestions please let me know. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who help out at events. Last year we raised in excess of £10k through their efforts at events such as the Wise Owl Quiz, Party in the Park, Beer Festival, Bonfire (both our village bonfire and helping out at South Milford bonfire) and other events.

We always welcome new faces and ideas and if you would like to attend any of our meetings they are on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm at the Community Centre or if you have any feedback, thoughts, suggestions or would like to help out but are not sure how to get involved please feel free to contact me.

**Robin Parkin**

**[rparkin71@gmail.com](mailto:rparkin71@gmail.com)**

**Chair – Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association**



Community groups in the South Milford and Monk Fryston area are celebrating after receiving thousands of pounds raised by one of North Yorkshire's largest fireworks displays.

The 2017 Osgoldcross and Elmet Rotary Club Bonfire and Firework Display raised £33,000, which was distributed among the groups that helped at the event in November.

### **OSGOLDCROSS & ELMET ROTARY CLUB 25th SOUTH MILFORD COMMUNITY BONFIRE 2017**

#### **Distribution**

Swan Croft	£1,000.00
Rotary	£1,700.00
Monk Fryston Community Group	£4,000.00
Monk Fryston School	£3,800.00
South Milford School	£3,500.00
South Milford Cricket Club	£3,000.00
South Milford Football Club	£2,500.00
South Milford Church	£2,600.00
South Milford PFA	£3,000.00
South Milford Brownies / Rainbows	£1,300.00
Scouts	£3,500.00
Sherburn Groups	£3,100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£33,000.00</u></b>



[www.united.community](http://www.united.community)

**A CHURCH FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE  
CHURCH - AND THOSE WHO DO TOO**

**UNITED COMMUNITY** is an opportunity to meet with people from the Christian Community in the benefice of South Milford and Monk Fryston.

We meet weekly on an informal basis with the opportunity to get to know other people, discuss and explore your faith journey, whether you believe or not.

**NEW LIFE**

This is a group of new parents who are at home during the day. We meet Wednesdays at 12:30 at St Mary's Church, Westfield Lane, South Milford.

We chat about how faith can help in our daily lives as we deal with the pressures of caring for newly born and pre-schoolers.

If you are a new parent or carer of a tiny tot and want some support, emotional and spiritual you are more than welcome to join us.

**Email correspondence of today's times...**

Hi Dad,

I am coming home to get married soon, so get out your cheque book. I'm in love with a boy who is far away from me. As you know, I am in Australia and he lives in Scotland.

We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on WhatsApp, He proposed to me on Skype and now we've had two months of relationship through Viber.

My beloved Dad, I need your blessing, good wishes and a really big wedding please.

Lots of love and thanks,

Your daughter,

**Susan.**

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My dear Susan,

Like Wow! Really? Cool! Whatever....

I suggest you two get married on Twitter, have fun on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon, and pay for it all through PayPal.

And when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on eBay!

**LOL Dad.**

**COLLECTION BOXES**



**The  
Children's  
Society**

Support for The Children's Society for 2017 has raised a total of £620.17 in the form of the collection boxes that are very kindly filled up by generous parishioners.

On behalf of The Children's Society, I would like to express my thanks to

everyone who has contributed to this amount that will be used to help The Children's Society continue the good work it does working with young people in the UK.

I shall be re-distributing the collection boxes in due course and I thank you in advance for your generous support. If you are interested in becoming a donor, please get in touch with me and I shall deliver a collection box to you. All it takes is to add your loose change and you will be surprised how much this adds up.

Thank you,

Caroline Mitchell.

[carolinewmitch@aol.com](mailto:carolinewmitch@aol.com)

Tel. 07931 442257

One Sunday morning, the Vicar noticed little Johnnie was staring up at the large memorial plaque that hung just inside the large wooden doors of the church. It was covered with names, and regimental flags were mounted on either side of it.

As he'd had been staring at the plaque for some time, the vicar walked up, put his hand on his shoulder, and said quietly, "Good morning Johnnie."

"Good morning father," Johnnie said, not taking his eyes off the plaque. "What is this?" he asked.

"Well, Johnnie, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Solemnly, they stood together and stared at the large plaque. Little Johnnie's voice was barely audible when he asked,

"Which one, father? The morning or evening service?"

## FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES

Former St Wilfrid's Lay Preacher, the late Bob Sutton was a keen amateur photographer. For a number of years Bob photographed the Annual Church Garden Party and presented a slide show in the Church Hall after the Harvest Supper.

All his slides from 1979 to 1986 and 1988, a total of over 500 have now been digitized.

Following on from last month here and on the next page you will find a small selection from 1983.  
Next issue 1984.



Queen Emma Twidale  
& retiring Queen, Lisa Watkinson



Rachel Timpson (left)



Barbara & Tom Gill  
Garden Party Hosts  
Common Lane  
Monk Fryston



Ian Metcalfe



cake stall ladies →







Rector with guest openers



The Queen's attendants



Rector  
Rev. Noel Tewkesbury



Scouts stall



Fran Long & Rita Bentley





## **A Potted History of the Garden BirdWatch**

The BTO Garden BirdWatch was launched in the autumn of 1994 with recording beginning in earnest in January 1995. Earlier attempts to monitor birds in gardens, such as the BTO Garden Bird Enquiry, had always encountered the problem of long term funding. This was overcome by a very brave decision - namely to ask participants to make an annual contribution to the scheme's running costs. It was with some trepidation that supporters were asked to contribute, but such was their generosity that there were 5,028 contributing participants by the end of the first year. GBW now has upwards of 11,000 members, including around 1000 of us here in the northeast

Initially, Garden BirdWatch was coordinated on a part-time basis by just two staff members. Now we have two full time coordinators supported by a shared HQ team, plus volunteers who come into the office to help.

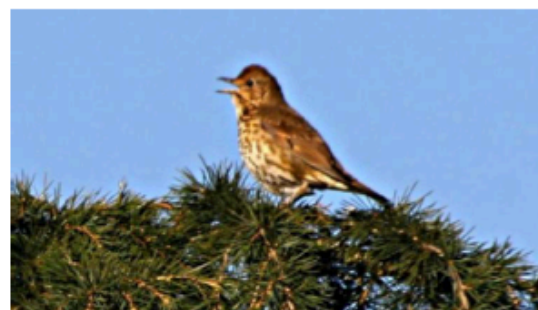
Many Garden BirdWatchers were also keen to report some of the other wildlife using their gardens. This prompted a successful pilot recording of other taxa in 2003, and the survey now includes, mammals, butterflies, bumblebees, reptiles, amphibians, stag beetle, cockchafer and dragonflies.

From its early days, the GBW has engaged with people interested in birds, but nothing captured people's imagination more than the study of the (annoying) practise of birds stealing the cream from the top of milk bottles. Blue and Great Tits were the main culprits, but other species also took advantage of this doorstep delivery. The homogenisation of milk - so that the cream did not rise to the top - and fewer people using the services of the milkman, meant that this behaviour gradually died out.

Gone too, are the days when feeding garden birds was centred on kitchen scraps, suet-filled coconut shells and monkey nuts threaded on a string. Today, garden bird feeding is a multi-million-pound industry. Some 40-50% of UK householders are now thought to feed birds in their gardens, with an estimated 50-60 thousand tonnes of bird food provided per annum

During the 1970s an average garden feeding station attracted 16 bird species, rising to 21 in the 90s and to 25+ more recently. While some species - including House Sparrow, Song Thrush and Starling - have declined, there has been a huge influx of other species. For example:

Goldfinch from	1% of gardens to 61% now.
Long-tailed Tit	3% to 29%
Woodpigeon	5% to 67%
Great Spotted Woodpecker	7% to 30%
Nuthatch	9% to 22%



Many birds - including Great Spotted Woodpecker, Woodpigeon, Great Tit, Coal Tit, Nuthatch, Jay and Chaffinch - use garden feeding stations more when natural foods are in short supply. While the trend for more species to use feeders is good news for householders, it does raise important questions about what is happening to the availability of food for birds in the wider countryside.

If any birdwatcher gets sniffy about garden birds, gently tell them that the estimated population of Song Thrushes in our gardens is 300,000 pairs, more than in all farmland.

Garden BirdWatchers are a vital source of information that can help conserve our garden birds. By keeping a regular watch on their gardens they are revealing new and important facts about the wildlife they contain. If you would like to join in and count the feathered (and other) occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website [www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)

If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: **Mike Gray 07596 366342** or [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com)



# Monk Fryston C of E Primary School



## **SCHOOL NEWS**

As you will be aware, we have consulted with our wider community regarding plans to convert to academy status. This decision has been taken by governors as a result of a great deal of hard work over the last two years, and has been given full and appropriate consideration – it certainly hasn't been taken lightly! We have visited other academies, spoken to schools and other organisations, and considered a great deal of literature. We absolutely believe that this change will be in the best interests of our children.

So, what does conversion to an academy mean? In essence, the school comes away from Local Authority control and becomes autonomous, with responsibility and accountability held by a Trust formed from locally appointed people. In our case, this would be a STAR Trust that represents 10 schools in the Sherburn and Tadcaster area. The school funding would no longer come through North Yorkshire (with a top-slice to fund their services) but would come directly to the Trust from the Department of Education.

Ours is an outstanding school, so why would we consider changing? We believe that the benefits for our pupils are numerous. We have worked in partnership with other schools for the last four years and can see the strength in collaboration. It has supported our own school improvement and helped us to continue to perform highly. Opportunities for our children to work on projects alongside peers in other schools bring a new context to their learning. Working with others provides opportunities for staff to learn from each other and become better teachers, which directly influences how they work with our children. Our own skills and knowledge can be used to influence teaching strategies and the curriculum in all the partner schools, helping to develop a seamless provision from 3 – 19. This clearly benefits the progression of our children once they leave our school. There may also be additional financial benefits as we can achieve better value by working collaboratively.

Of course, there are also risks. Moving away from the Local Authority removes the safeguards of having a large organisation behind us. We have identified extremely strong governance arrangements, but this is reliant upon the goodwill of volunteers. We have established an ethos of 'earned autonomy' with all successful schools continuing to be self-governing and operating with a level of freedom, but we must have faith that this methodology will continue in the future; there are no guarantees that this will always be the case.

As a church school there are limited options for our partnerships. Legally, we can only join a partnership that exists under church articles. This locality has few trusts that are established in this way. We are fortunate that other local schools have agreed to adopt appropriate church governance, not so that the church can gain more power and influence, but rather that the trust can be inclusive and incorporate most local schools (unfortunately, Roman Catholic schools are legally unable to join). This ensures that Monk Fryston School can continue to work with our existing partnerships and there is continuity for our pupils.

Clearly, a time of change is challenging for any school. There will be obstacles that we will have to face, and some of the ways that we work will have to change. Hopefully, though, there will be very little noticeable difference to our pupils or community. We will continue to do all the amazing things that we have always done and will strive to achieve the very best for our children. We look forward to your continued support through this process, as we progress to conversion by the early summer.

**Rick Weights**  
**Headteacher**

## PHOTO GALLERY



A welcome to all!



St Wilfrid's circa 1890



St Wilfrid's Church Hall



War memorial

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