

# *The November Broadsheet 2019*



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with Simonburn & Wark, and  
Chollerton with Birtley  
Gunnerton & Thockrington**

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**Remember now your creator... Ecclesiastes 12: 1**

What is your favourite smell?- or your least favourite?

During November we watch the seasons change around us and colours fill the countryside as the leaves fall- rich scents are in the cooler morning air. Nights draw in, gardens and fields are cleared and smoke rises from the bonfires in gardens. For many of us this will invoke memories of years gone by, the sights, sounds and scents of our childhood and younger years. Scents and sounds and sights together are powerful reminders of things past. Farm kitchens, dairies, hay barns, workshops...pits... forestry...

What scent or taste makes you remember? Take time to thank God for the memory.

Many different things cause us to remember people and places, transporting us back in heart and mind to times past. Causing us to reflect once again on experiences and relationships over the years, on how they have affected us and others, for good and for bad.

This time of the year we remember and pray, looking back in thankfulness and forward in hope. Thanking God for the sacrifices of members of the armed forces through many conflicts in years past and also for those currently serving, being injured and giving their lives in the pursuit of peace for all. We remember those who gave their lives over 100 years ago in the first world war- with a poignancy as so many of the families and names are still here in our area. We also remember the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War, and the names listed in our communities. We remember, too, those who have meant much to us in our own journey of life, close companions, siblings, relatives, children, good friends. And we thank God for them.

There are services for those who have been bereaved around All Saints and All Souls tide, at which anyone who has been bereaved is invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one, and to say thank you to God for them. Everyone is welcome to come and remember, and the churches will be praying for you all as well.

**Rev. Sarah Lunn**

## Round and About Humshaugh

### Mothers' Union

What a wonderful afternoon we had in October when Margret Jacot gave her illustrated talk about the Silk Road in Central Asia! On Wednesday November the 6<sup>th</sup>, Sister Jill Goodfellow will come to us again and the title of her talk is: "In the Footsteps of Jesus." The meeting will be held at the Langfords' home and will start at 1.30. On Monday December the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm, members of the Hexham Deanery will join us at St Peter's for the MU Advent Service.

### Pub Quiz



Way back in September the Quiz winners were "Nohl-less" (great name!) and the Crown Players Drama Group benefited to the tune of £150. On October the 15<sup>th</sup> there was an exciting tie-break finish when "Newell-less" just prevailed over "One Man Down". £196 was raised for the Village Bonfire Night Fireworks. In November the Quiz will take place on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm and will be in aid of the Royal British Legion. Mick Jonas will again be question-master.

### Humshaugh First School



The children took their beautifully decorated shoe boxes after the Harvest Festival Service in church round the village, where they were gratefully received. On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November there will be a Remembrance Service in St Peter's at 9.30 am to which everybody is very welcome. And in December the Christmas Show will take place!! It is going to be on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 9.15 am and at 5.30 pm.

### HAP



HAP are organizing two events this month: The film night on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November will be "Tracks", rated PG13. "Tracks" is based on a true story of Robyn Davidson, (played by Mia Wasikowska). She leaves her city life to make a solo trek through almost 2000 miles of sprawling Australian desert, accompanied by only her dog and four unpredictable camels. The doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. As usual there will be a bar, nibbles and fabulous puddings for £2.00 in the interval. Tickets will be available in the shop for £5.00 and £2.50 for the under 18s. On November the 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Story- telling night in the village hall. Details will follow.

Liesbeth Langford

**Two wonderful people in Humshaugh have died recently:**

**Billy Heslop, who lived in the village for many, many years and was so well known by many people - and Di Glendinning, whose death came as a terrible shock to everybody.**

**We will miss them both and our thoughts are with their families and friends.**



### **WARK PARISH NEWS**

I'm attempting something new this month, in so much as writing these notes on one side of the country then sending them back to Wark before forwarding to Editor Roger; wish me luck.

By accounts, the various Harvest services and events went well, so as looking out over a very wet Lessonhall, with all the crops safely gathered in by the farmers around us, we give thanks and praise for the works of God and do have to think of the next stage in the calendar and of course this is Christmas

The popular Christmas Bazaar will, this year, be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December in Wark Town Hall, starting at 2.00pm. There you will find lots of interesting Christmas items. A request this year - if you would like to buy a wreath (door or grave style) would you please let either Ann on 230259 or me on 230367 know well in advance. There will be a few available at the Bazaar. It takes many hours to make these and to use a phrase 'when they are gone they are gone'.

St. Michael's will host the joint Carol Service with the MURC on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm with the school coming to St. Michael's on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm for theirs, to which all are welcome. There will be a joint morning service at the MURC on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 11.00am.

On 13th October we welcomed Melanie as a reader to the benefice which followed her, along with James from Chollerton, being licensed the previous day.

We wish you both well and good luck as you set out on your mission. Changes have also happened over the river which I am sure will be detailed within this **BROADSHEET**.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November the Benefice will hold the Remembrance Day service in St. Mungo's, Simonburn at 10.45am.

This will be *followed by laying of wreaths at Wark and Humshaugh. Times for these short services at the village memorials will be found in the BROADSHEET.*

An opportunity for us to remember all those who gave so much for us. The school will be holding a service at the memorial on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend.

Back in early September many joined together in St. Michael's to celebrate the marriage of Callum Storrow and Charlotte Ann Walton, a very happy occasion

So next time it will be all about Christmas (some of the shops over here already have the decorations out!) - who will be the first to have their tree up?

We will be back soon with the bumper double December and January issue, so, until then it is love from

**John**

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### **Preparation for Advent Course: Forgiving and Forgetting**

I plan to try to explore a 4 session course; written by Nick Fawcett on 4 Thursday evenings at Chollerton Vicarage, **beginning on 21<sup>st</sup> November** as a preparation to the busyness and rush that envelops us at Christmas. The sessions help us to think about four themes as we approach Christmas- giving, getting, forgiving, and forgetting. If you would like to come and try the course along with me, please let me know so I have enough chairs and cake!

**Contact Sarah on 01434 681721 or sarahlunn63@gmail.com**

**In Memoriam**  
**Dorothy Smith**

Dorothy Smith passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> August age 93 years following a fall. Born Dorothy Coulson on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1925 at Ivy Cottage, she lived most of her life in the parish. After her marriage to Ossie Smith she lived at Northumberland House and the Percy Arms. A few years ago she went to live at Haltwhistle to be near to her elder daughter Marjorie. Her younger daughter Gloria and family still live in the village. Dorothy took an active part in village life over the years, being chairman of the Parish Council, Village Hall and WI. She was also cook at the school.

Her funeral was held at St Giles, Birtley, and the collection of £556.18 raised at her funeral was divided between St Giles, Cancer and Headway.

**Bob Hunter**

The collection raised at Bob Hunter's funeral was £400 and was given to Cancer Research.



**FRIENDS OF CHOLLERTON CHURCHES**

YULETIDE AT CHIPCHASE CASTLE CHAPEL

CHIPCHASE CASTLE NORTHUMBERLAND

Friday 13th December at 7.00pm

Tickets £15 to include Mulled Wine, sausages and mince pies.

Book now to avoid disappointment!

Contact Bob Fletcher at :

**bob@atretail.co.uk mobile 07783529228**

**Ken Carlisle at: kencarlisle@btinternet.com**

**01434 689996**

**Tea at Two Thirty**

**Gunnerton Church**



**Tuesday 19th November 2.30 till 4**



**All are welcome to come and have a cup of tea and a chat**

**Welcome to our new Lay Readers**  
**Melanie Wilkinson and James Feeley**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October saw a full congregation in St Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, for the licensing by Bishop Christine of seven new Lay Readers in the Diocese. Two candidates from Bellingham Deanery were licensed at the service - Melanie Wilkinson from Humshaugh benefice, and James Feeley from Chollerton benefice. Members of their congregations were delighted to be able to attend the wonderful service and we wish Melanie and James all the very best in their journey of ministry.

**Licensing of Revd Sarah Lunn and Revd Christine Bull**  
**“growing church bringing hope”**

This was the theme of the Service at St George's Church, Wall on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October for the Licensing and Installation by Bishop Christine of The Revd. Sarah Lunn as Priest in Charge of The Benefice of St Oswald in Lee with Bingfield and the Licensing of the Revd. Christine Bull as Associate Priest of The Benefice of St Oswald in Lee with Bingfield and the Benefice of Chollerton, also the Commissioning of the Benefices to work together in Mission and Ministry.

*It was a lovely occasion, full of anticipation and hope, and not without a little trepidation, as our two Benefices join together on a new pathway.*

**Gunnerton Church**

**Lunch Club**

**LUNCHES are held on the last Wednesday of the month**

**PLEASE COME ALONG and join us at 12 noon**

**27th November**

**SOUP, SWEET, coffee or tea : £3.00**

**All welcome**



**Sing for your Supper Community Evening**

Please save the evening of 16th November if you would like to come and  
‘Sing for your Supper’ in Birtley Village Hall at 7pm.

## **BIRTLEY AND DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP**

Birtley Village Hall

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7.20 for 7.45pm

### **Scent in the Garden**

*Karen Phillips, Linnels Farm  
(tulip bulbs for sale!)*



As always, we welcome guests at £4 each  
Tea and coffee on arrival and there is a Raffle

**Enquiries to: Margaret Watson, 01434 230204**

## **Wark Christmas Bazaar**

Wark Town Hall

on Sunday 1st December

2.00pm.

With Christmas stalls, tombola and  
raffle.

Entrance includes tea or coffee and biscuit.



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ILLUSTRATION OF THE SHIP ESSEX AT A WHALE.

## **Richard Birmingham Storytelling Evening**

### **The Custom Of The Sea**

**7.30 - Saturday 23rd Nov at Humshaugh Village Hall**

The story of the whale ship *Essex*, sunk in the Pacific 200 years ago, is one of courage and tragedy. Richard splices strands from ancient texts and myths with his own experiences as a sailor and fisherman, to tell this tale of sacrifice - 'the custom of the sea'.

**This event is not suitable for children under 12 years old.**

**Tickets £5 - from Humshaugh Village shop  
01434 681924 and speak to Sharon Higginson to reserve**



**Pie and Pea supper**  
**Social Evening**  
**Simonburn Village Hall**



**Saturday 23rd November**

**From 6.pm**

**Pool, Darts, Carpet Bowls, Dominoes**

**Bring your own drink**

**£4 including supper**

**Tel. 01434 681077**

**Christmas Wreath Making workshop**  
**with Jill Bauld**



**Simonburn Village Hall**

**Friday 6th December**

**7pm.start limited places £10 each**

**Including basic materials.**



**By Ticket only Tel. 01434 681077**

**Christmas Bingo**  
**Simonburn Village Hall**



**In aid of the Village Hall**  
**Thursday 12th December**

**Eyes down 7.30**

**Please come along**

**BIRTLEY COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**10.30-noon**

**Come along to Birtley Village Hall between 10.30 and noon  
and enjoy**

**coffee, tea and home baking and have a good catch-up.**

**The coffee morning is a regular event held on the first Thursday of  
each month.**



**Everyone is welcome!**



### **Broadband update**

Well, we're off! B4RN have plotted the courses for the broadband cables. Over the next few months volunteers will be checking the routes are feasible, and getting permission from landowners to allow the cables over their land. Anybody who has not yet signed up can still contact B4RN@b4rn.com. If anyone is interested in helping with walking the courses contact b4nr.com (the local group). We would like to thank in advance on behalf of the community all the landowners who will be allowing us to install the cables on their land. Without them this community project would not be possible however the indications are that most landowners are behind the scheme.

### **Churches in North Tyne and Redesdale invite you to:**

***Taizé style reflective services in  
the Parish Room at***

***St John's Church, Otterburn***

*(go in through the Church)*

Saturday 9th November &

Saturday 7th December

(ie Saturday before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)

at: 6pm (for about 45 minutes)

***There will be simple, repeated songs, readings, prayers and a period  
of silence.***

***All welcome***



### **Wark Christmas Tree Festival**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**St. Michael's Church**



Entries welcome from individuals and groups with prizes for  
the best

(most imaginatively) decorated trees. £5.00 entry fee.

Grand opening on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm with mince pies and mulled wine. Church open all weekend for viewing with refreshment available on Saturday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Winners declared and prizes awarded at the town Christmas carol service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December.

All entries to be delivered to St Michael's Church on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December between 5.00 and 8.00pm for display.

Trees must be no more than 3' (90cm) tall, self supporting in a pot, no  
naked lights and only battery powered illumination allowed.



## **Simonburn Notes**

Firstly, Congratulations to Richard Fox and Rebecca Smith, who were married in St. Mungo's on 27th September, we wish them every happiness in their new life together.

Many thanks to all who donated produce and helped to decorate the church for The Harvest Festival service. The People's Kitchen were very grateful for the produce, which Helen and Nigel Sherlock kindly delivered to Newcastle.

On Saturday 12th October, Melanie and James from Chollerton were licensed as Readers at a lovely service at Newcastle Cathedral and the following day Melanie led her first service at the Benefice Service held in St. Mungo's. A lovely weekend.

The village Hall Committee are holding a few events in the run-up to Christmas:- First, on Saturday 23rd November from 6pm there will be a Social Evening: darts, dominoes, bowls with a pie and pea supper. BYO drinks. Tickets £4. Please ring 681077 for tickets.

Christmas Wreath making workshop on Friday 6th December. Cost £10. It was a great success last year and as places are limited, please pre-book your place on 681077.

Christmas Bingo in aid of The Village Hall refurbishments. Thursday 12th December at 7pm for 7.30pm. Any donations towards prizes would be gratefully received.

This year the Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November, will be held in St. Mungo's at 10.45am with the wreath laying at the Memorial following the service. We will remember them.

Time is flying by and next month we will be counting down to Christmas. So keep a look out in next month's Broadsheet for Dates and times of all events round about the area, the Carol services and Christmas Services....It will soon be here!

### **Hiring of Simonburn Village Hall**

**Any enquiries contact :**

**Sue Hickman Tel. 01434 689682**

**Roger Hadley Tel. 01434 681077**

**Bookings for Gunnerton Church may be made by  
contacting  
Susan Reay on 01434 681852**

<b>SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>Benefice of Chollerton</b>	<b>Benefice of Humshaugh</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	
	4.30pm Humshaugh Benefice All Souls Service
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	
9am Gunnerton HC 10.30am Birtley HC  <b>6pm Chollerton</b>  <b>All souls Benefice Service</b>	9.30am Humshaugh HC 11.00am Simonburn HC 11.00am Joint service at the MURC 8.00pm Humshaugh Late@8
Readings: Ephesians 1.11-23, Luke 6.20-31	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday</b>	
9am Thockrington HC 10am Birtley Laying of Wreath at the War Memorial 10.30am Chollerton HC	10.45am Simonburn Remembrance Day Service 12.15pm Humshaugh Cenotaph 12.45pm Wark Cenotaph
Readings: Psalm 46, Luke 20.27-38	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
9am Gunnerton HC 10.30am Birtley HC	9.30am Humshaugh HC 11.00am Simonburn HC 6.00pm Wark EP
Readings: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13, Luke 21.5-19, Psalm 132	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
9am Thockrington BCP 10.30am Chollerton HC	9.30am Wark HC 11.00am Simonburn Matins 6.30pm Humshaugh EP
Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6, Luke 23.33-43	
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	
9am Gunnerton HC 10.30am Birtley HC	9.30am Humshaugh HC 11.00am Simonburn HC 6.00pm Wark EP 8.00pm Humshaugh Late@8
Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5, Matthew 24.36-44	