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# Social News

for Winter 2026



## Got a cracking village photo?

### We want to see it!

Have you snapped something brilliant around the villages, a snowy lane, a cheeky spring lamb, a quirky doorstep find, or just a moment that made you smile?

**Send it our way!** We're on the hunt for fun, unusual, and heart-warming photos to brighten up the newsletter.

Please send it to [anitaholmepearce@gmail.com](mailto:anitaholmepearce@gmail.com)



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Smugglers,**  
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# SERVICES

## at St. Mary's



### January:

Sunday 11 th ..... 11:00 am Holy Communion  
Sunday 18 th .... 11.00 am Morning Worship  
Sunday 25 th ... 11.00 am Holy Communion

### February:

Sunday 8 th ..... 11.00 am Morning Worship

*Do join us for coffee & refreshments after services*

## An Update on St. Mary's Church from KF Local Church Council

Extensive surveys during 2024/25 have revealed that our C12th Grade II\* listed Old Lady needs some comprehensive repairs. Urgent work to keep her watertight has recently been carried out, enabling planned services and events to continue. Financing this has hugely depleted reserves. However, that's only the beginning! Serious problems with the roof, tower, windows and Lady Chapel mean that an extensive programme

of works will be scheduled at an estimated cost of £104,642. Much of this cost, we anticipate, will be met through grant funding led by our Project manager, Stephen Hill. The Parish Council has already generously granted £5,000 towards developing the Lady Chapel into a hospitality area. So – watch this space – and, if you can, please support our future fundraising events!

## PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

# NEXT COFFEE MORNINGS:

**KF Village Hall 10.15 – 12 Noon**

**Saturday 7th February**

Coffee, cakes & scones,  
Bacon Butties & Toasted Teacakes.  
Eat in or take away.  
Cake Stall & Raffle

**Raising funds for *St. Mary's Repairs***

# ARMCHAIR CINEMA

at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall:

## Downton Abbey – the Grand Finale

2025 - 12A - 2 hr 4 mins

The cinematic return of the global phenomenon follows the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s. When Mary finds herself at the centre of a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the entire household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawley's must embrace change as the staff prepares for a new chapter with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.

**Thursday, January 29th 7.00 pm**

## Four Letters of Love

2024 - 12A - 1 hr 49 mins

Nicholas and Isabel were made for each other how will they ever know it? As ghosts, fate and sheer power of true love pull them together, so too does life threaten to tear them apart. A lyrical, heartfelt romance set in rural Ireland, based on the internationally best-selling by Niall Williams. Starring Pierce Brosnan, Helena Bonham Carter and Gabriel Byrne.

**Thursday, February 26th 7.00 pm**

No ticket needed, just come along.  
Donations for the Village Hall



**Thursday  
29th  
January  
@ 7.00 PM**

**Thursday  
26th  
February  
@ 7.00 PM**



***This message comes from Jean Morley @ The Willows***

**A huge thank you to all members of the community who, in one way or another, have supported my efforts throughout 2025 to raise money for local charities.**

**Thank you:**

for the jam jars;  
for the many donations of garden produce;  
for purchasing my preserves;  
for requesting my sewing services;  
and finally, for requesting bridge lessons.

**In total, £ 7,030 has been raised this year:**

**£ 3,000** has gone to James Cook Hospital;

**£ 1,000** to Herriot Hospice Homecare;

and latterly,

**£ 3,030** to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance.



**Thank you to  
all who have  
supported our  
church events in  
2025!**

November's Coffee Morning raised **£290** for R.N.L.I. Lifeboats.  
The Christmas Fayre and the Northallerton Rock Choir Event raised **£1,289**  
and **£400** respectively for St. Mary's Repair Fund.

**A Peaceful & Happy New Year!**

AT KIRKBY FLEETHAM VILLAGE HALL



# Saturday 7th March 7.30pm



Saltburn Smugglers are a modern shanty group from Saltburn-by-the-Sea, writing new songs and rearranging timeless classics, reflecting the rich maritime heritage of North Yorkshire and Teesside.

From the mid-1700s to the late 18th century, Saltburn was a smuggler's haven. Today, these tales of daring and adventure infuse the Smugglers' music, blending the old with an energetic new twist.

Check them out here

<https://saltburnsmugglers.co.uk/>

## **Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group**

**Outings currently being  
planned for 2026 are:**

Wednesday April 22nd

Wednesday June 17th

Wednesday September 30th

Wednesday December 9th

*Details will be provided nearer  
the time.*

Doors open at 6.45 pm.

Licensed Bar available.

Tickets **£10** each available from

**Helen** (07874 82088) or

**Kate** (07471 006878)

## VILLAGE HALL

**Thursday 8th January 7.15 pm**  
a Sixties Evening.

**Thursday, 12th February 7.15 pm**  
A talk on Sir Thomas Robinson,  
Architect, Connoisseur and Scallywag.

## Book Club

Every first Tuesday of the month,  
at 7pm, in the Library.

Pop along and join us to share and  
discuss your reads of the month,  
whether you enjoyed them, or not.  
We swap and share between us or  
borrow something from the library  
shelves. We don't generally read a set  
book, just whatever we fancy to suit  
the mood we are in.

Next Get Togethers:  
**3rd February | 3rd March**  
**7th April**



**BLACK HORSE INN**  
KIRKBY FLEETHAM

## Black Horse Village Lunch

**Wednesday 21st January and**  
**Wednesday 18th February**

12.00 for 12.30 pm.







# Fleetham and Fencote's Gardening Group

## The Gardening Group's first meeting of 2026 Thursday 5th February 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

We are pleased to welcome **David Winpenny**, who will be talking to us about 'Hackfall, a landscape back from the brink' He will be sharing an insight into this horticulturally significant, man-made landscape, Hackfall Woods, located just outside Masham at Grewelthorpe.

*A reminder to all members, annual fees are due on this evening.*

Visitors are of course welcome the fee is £4.00

## Our March meeting is Thursday 5th March.

*This is a ticket only event.*

We will be welcoming, Broadcaster, author and internationally respected garden designer **Joe Swift** to present his talk 'Man about the garden'. Joe is a national treasure. Known for his appearances on Gardeners World, and his annual presentation of BBC 2 Chelsea Flower Show coverage. Hosting such an eminent speaker is obviously quite a coup for a village gardening club. He follows in the footsteps of, Pippa Greenwood, Nick Bailey, Chris Beardshaw and Christine Walkden, who have all visited us over the past two years. Our first plant stall of 2026 is due to



take place on  
Saturday March  
7th at the Church  
coffee morning  
at the village hall.  
Start time will be  
10.00am.

Follow our  
Facebook page  
for more updates.

[https://www.facebook.com/  
groups/2534268986746509/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2534268986746509/)



# Village Hall Activities

Weekly Events (unless indicated otherwise)

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*New members of all skill levels are always welcome to the weekly sessions below. Charges are minimal*

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## Monday

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- 6.30 - 7 pm **Metabolic Effect**  
Kath Burgin 07894 718696
- 7 - 8 pm **Pilates**  
k\_burgin@hotmail.com
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## Tuesday

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- 9.30am - 12.30 pm **Bridge**  
Jean Morley 748066 | jean.morley55@gmail.com
- 2 - 5 pm **Bridge**  
Margaret Coop 748960 | margaret.osler3@gmail.com
- 7 - 9 pm **Book Lovers Group** (every 1st)  
Liz Harrison 748351
- 7.15 pm **Kirkby Fleetham Feast** (every 4th)  
Rachel Campbell 07920 061924
- Ballroom Dancing**  
Ian or Leah Hardaker 748821 | Contact for sessions
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## Wednesday

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- 10.15 - 12.15 **The Village Hub**
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Mobile Post Office**
- 6.30 - 7 pm **Metabolic Effect**  
Kath Burgin 07894 718696
- 7 pm **Village Hall Committee** Meeting  
Christine Mitten | mittonfen14@gmail.com  
(Every First - Mar, June AGM, Sep, Dec)
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## Thursday

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- 10 - 11 am **General Exercise** for Older Adults  
Kath Burgin 07894 718696
- 2 - 4 pm **Carpet Bowls**  
Kelly Appleby, 748737 | Kellya379@gmail.com
- 7 pm **Gardening Group** (every 1st)  
David Russell 748769
- 7.30 pm **Kirkby Fleetham WI** (every 2nd)  
Helen Lunn 748582
- 7.30 pm **Parish Council Meeting** (every 3rd)  
Chris Walker 07753 933293
- 7 pm **Armchair Cinema** (last Thursday)  
Lesley Bottomley 07855 961563
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## Friday

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- 9.30am & 11.45 am **Vinyasa Yoga**  
Helen Robinson | [www.yoga-bella.com/](http://www.yoga-bella.com/)  
[book-onlinehelen@yoga-bella.com](mailto:book-onlinehelen@yoga-bella.com)
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## Saturday

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- 10.15 - 12 noon **Church Coffee Morning**  
Rosemary Garner 748335 (every 1st - not Aug or Dec)
- 10.15 - 12.15 **The Village Hub**
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## Sunday

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- 9.30 am - 12.30 pm **Sunday Sanctuary Yoga & Sound Bath\*** (dates vary)  
[mike@balancesoundandyoga.com](mailto:mike@balancesoundandyoga.com) | 07982 104144
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[www.5105familyfit.com](http://www.5105familyfit.com)

**Metabolic Effect** was founded on the idea that weight loss and fat loss are not the same and is a system that works to help people understand their unique metabolic processes so they can work with their metabolism, not against it.

**Circuit Fitness** sessions are suitable for all ages/levels of ability as each circuit is individually designed.

**Pilates** is a class for people of all ages and fitness levels who want to improve their core strength.

**Keep Fit & Coffee** with Kath is a weekly session for Seniors, offering individually tailored exercise followed by the opportunity to socialise.

**Swedish and sports massage and therapy and medical acupuncture** also available for individual booking.



For more information;  
<https://www.facebook.com/5105familyfit>

The **Kirkby Fleetham Feast Committee**, we would like to thank everyone from the villages and further afield who has supported us in 2025.



From the **Trail Run** to our **Pizza Night** and from **Feast Week** itself to our well loved **Fireworks Night** and **Carols Round The Tree** we hope you have enjoyed the events we have organised.

All your support and donations help us to be able to run the largest events such as Feast week and the Fireworks. We are always keen to hear from new helpers so if you fancy getting involved and making new friends please get in touch by emailing [feastkirkbyfleetham@gmail.com](mailto:feastkirkbyfleetham@gmail.com) and we'd love to join us. This year Feast show day will be held on **August 8th**.

# Kirkby Fleetham & Fencotes Local History Group



**First group  
meeting  
Tuesday 20th  
January 7pm**

At our next meeting the Local History Group will be welcoming **Jill Lawson** & **Peter Olsen** to the Village Hall. They will be giving a talk about the rise and fall of the families that owned **Hornby Castle** covering the three dynasties from the 12th Century until 1930's.

All are welcome to come along, the event is free for members and £4 for guests and includes refreshments. The March meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th March in the Village Hall at 7pm.**

## The Village Hub

**Wednesdays and Saturdays  
from 10.15 to 12.15.**

Tea, Coffee,  
Homemade Cakes & Scones,  
Bacon Butties. Eat in or take away.  
Everything **£1.50!**



# Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall

**Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall, situated next to the village green, is a superb facility much used by a variety of groups.**

There is a schedule of regular events, which includes the popular “Hub” on Wednesday and Saturday mornings offering cakes, bacon butties and hot drinks, and Church coffee mornings which are held on the first Saturday of every month.

There is a full programme of exercise classes, plus Armchair Cinema nights, Bridge Club sessions, carpet bowls sound bath relaxation, and ballroom dancing. The Women’s Institute, Book Lovers, History and Gardening groups meet regularly, and new members are very welcome. The Hall also provides a venue for meetings by the Parish Council as well as the Feast, Village Hall, Gardening and Hub committees.

The Village Hall hosts one-off events, such as plays, talks, music evenings, race nights, bingo and pizza nights, and is used as a polling station during elections.

Facilities include a large hall with projector and sound equipment, a library which is also used for meetings, a well-equipped kitchen and the History & Resources Room. The latter routinely displays photographs and items on a variety of themes.

The Village Hall rooms are available to hire at a very reasonable cost, despite the increasing cost of maintaining the building and its facilities. There is also a selection of greetings cards on sale and there are two electric vehicle charging points in the car park.

A Mobile Post Office comes to the Hall car park on Wednesday mornings and a defibrillator is located on the front the building.

The Village Hall Committee is group of volunteers which meets regularly to manage the facility.

The Village Hall has continued to be heavily used over the summer and the committee has been busy ensuring the building and utilities remain well maintained. Much of the interior has been redecorated, the kitchen has been deep-cleaned and new tables have been bought for the Library. In addition, routine electrical and plumbing checks by local professionals have taken place. The History Group has created several fascinating displays over recent months, attracting many favourable comments, and film nights remain very popular with local residents.

