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Social News

for Autumn 2026



Autumn is here



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SERVICES

at St. Mary's



October:

Sunday 4th 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th 11.00 am Harvest Service

November:

Sunday 1st 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th 10.55 am Remembrance service

Do join us for coffee & refreshments after services

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH



NEXT COFFEE MORNINGS

KF Village Hall 10.15 – 12 Noon

7th November

Raising funds for Help For Heroes

28th November

Christmas Fayre for Church



Community Social Evening

at

Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall

Friday 20th November 2026

Join us for a relaxed evening and catch-up with neighbours and friends.

Fun, cheerful and friendly with good value drinks, nibbles and background music.

A range of drinks will be available including beer, lager, wine, G&T, alcohol-free and soft drinks.

No ticket needed, just come along and enjoy yourself. Doors open at 7pm until 10.30pm.



Kirkby Fleetham & Fencotes Local History Group



Captain Cornelius Smelt R.N. (1722-55)
“From Kirkby Fleetham to
the Press Gang in Hull via court martial
and the Caribbean”

An illustrated talk given by Peter
Duffus on **17th November 2026** at
7.00 p.m. at The Village Hall.

Free for members.

£5 for guests including refreshments.

Hello Villagers,



Would you like to contribute to the newsletter?

I'm always on the lookout for beautiful, seasonal photographs of our villages, especially pictures of nature and local scenery. Photos without people work best, although I'm sure nobody would object to the occasional happy dog making an appearance! Please send your photos to:

anitaholmepearce@gmail.com

To ensure the best print quality, please send the original image and avoid compressing or reducing the file size before sending, as this can significantly affect the quality.

Thank you for helping showcase our wonderful villages!

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 swop 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:

6th October | 3rd November

ARMCHAIR CINEMA

at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall:

The Sheep Detectives

2026 - 12A - 1 hr 49 mins

In this witty, new breed of mystery, George (Hugh Jackman) is a shepherd who reads detective novels to his beloved sheep every night, assuming they can't possibly understand. But when a mysterious incident disrupts life on the farm, the sheep realize they must become the detectives. As they follow the clues and investigate human suspects, they prove that even sheep can be brilliant crime-solvers.

Thursday 29th October, 7pm

H is for Hawk

2025 - 12A - 1 hr 55 mins

When Helen's beloved father passes away, she is overtaken by grief and loses herself in memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together. She becomes obsessed with the idea of training her own goshawk, and so she brings the fearsome bird Mabel home to Cambridge with her. Ready to embark on the arduous process of trying to train the wildest of animals, Helen fills the freezer with hawk food and turns off her phone. But as she labours to teach Mabel how to hunt and fly free on her own, Helen uncovers how neglected her own emotions and life have become. Based on a true story and a memoir of the same name, **H IS FOR HAWK** is a soaring journey of the connection between people and nature, and how it might be possible to reconcile loss through love.

Thursday November 26th, 7pm

No ticket needed, just come along.

Donations for the Village Hall



**Thursday
29th
October
@ 7.00 PM**



**Thursday
26th
November
@ 7.00 PM**

H IS FOR HAWK



Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group

Thursday 1st October we will be visiting the exquisite Auckland Palace and the Faith Museum in the morning, with a guided tour.

The history of the Palace originates back at the time of William the Conqueror and the history continues in the afternoon tour with a visit, again with a guided tour, of Vinovia.

This was the Roman name for the Fort based at Binchester; where over 1,000 Roman solidiers with their horses were based as support troops to those defending Hadrian's Wall. They used the route of the Roman road of Dere Streer which still exists to this day and runs through Bishop Auckland to the Wall.



On **Thursday 10th December** we will be holding our Christmas lunch. Arrangements are currently in hand to finalise the venue.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

KIRKBY FLEETHAM WI

VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 8th October at 7.15pm,
Our next WI meeting is October 8th, the speaker is Joanne Aston, her talk is "The Scandalous Mitford Men".

Thursday 12th November at 7.15 pm.
AGM and Show



Thank you

After a spectacular success with our plant stall at this year's Feast the gardening group begins it's autumn season on October 1st with a return visit from the internationally acclaimed garden designer, Broadcaster and Chelsea Flower Show favourite Chris Beardshaw.



Chris will be giving a talk entitled "*Painting with Plants*" about the development of the English herbaceous border, and how colours and form can be interwoven to give prolonged seasonal interest in our own gardens. As usual the event has sold out.

Thank you to everyone for their support.

Thank you to the whole village for their continued support during 2026

Remember 2027 will see the return of our Open Gardens in June.

On **November 5th**, the club welcomes Nick Smith, director of the Harrogate Flower Show to give a presentation. This promises to be an insightful evening.

Guests are welcome at a cost of £4.00 which includes refreshments

Our **December meeting on the 3rd is our Christmas social.**

Members and visitors are welcome to join us for an informal evening of Christmas fare and mulled wine. Julia has agreed to do another wreath making workshop on the evening. Places for this are limited so let me know if you are interested.



If you are interested in opening your garden give David a ring on 01609 748769.



Village Hall Activities

Weekly Events (unless indicated otherwise)

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

Monday

- 6.30 - 7 pm **Metabolic Effect**
Kath Burgin 07894 718696
- 7 - 8 pm **Pilates**
k_burgin@hotmail.com
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Tuesday

- 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

- 10.15 - 12.15 **The Village Hub**
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Mobile Post Office**
- 12.00 - 12.30 **Monthly Lunch at Black Horse** (every 3rd)
- 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

- 10 – 11 am **General Exercise** for Older Adults
- 11.30 – 12.30 am **General Exercise** for Older Men
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

- 9.30am & 11.45 am **Vinyasa Yoga**
Helen Robinson | www.yoga-bella.com/
book-onlinehelen@yoga-bella.com
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Saturday

- 10.15 – 12 noon **Church Coffee Morning**
- 10.15 – 12.15 **The Village Hub**
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Sunday

- 9.30 am – 12.30 pm **Sunday Sanctuary Yoga & Sound Bath*** (dates vary)
mike@balancesoundandyoga.com | 07982 104144
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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>

**NEW
Fitness
CLASS**



Older Men Fitness Class Thursdays at 11:30

A class for older adult men over 60 encompassing all aspects of fitness.

Strength training, resistance work, aerobic, stability and balance and core work to help maintain and improve a healthy lifestyle in older age.



1st November

Firework at the Green



The Kirkby Fleetham Feast Committee invite you to the annual Firework display on the Village Green. Hot food, licenced bar and fun for the children available from **5.00 pm**. Fireworks start at **6.30 pm** prompt!



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



The Village Hall has continued to be heavily used over the summer and the committee has been busy arranging the maintenance of its infrastructure and facilities. This includes fire extinguisher servicing, a deep-clean of the kitchen and of the Library carpet, boiler service, repairs to the shed and the installation of a robot vacuum cleaner in the main hall. The beautiful flowers and plants around the Hall have been the result of the Gardening Club's skill and effort.

A full programme of activities continues with exercise classes, Yoga, Armchair Cinema, Bridge Club, carpet bowls, sound bath relaxation and ballroom dancing. The Women's Institute, Book Lovers, History, Gardening and Parent & Baby groups meet regularly, and new members are always welcome. The Village Hall committee is also exploring holding informal evening social events for local residents.

The Village Hall hosts a schedule of regular events, which includes the popular "Hub" on Wednesday and

Saturday mornings between 10.15-12.15, offering cakes, bacon butties and hot drinks, and Church coffee mornings which are held on the first Saturday of every month.

The Parish Council as well as the Feast, Village Hall, Gardening and Hub committees meet in the Hall and we host one-off events, such as plays, talks, music evenings and pizza nights. The Hall is also 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. Details of village hall activities and of room hire costs can be found in the link below.

A defibrillator is located on the front the building. There is also a selection of greetings cards on sale and there are two electric vehicle charging points in the car park. The Village Hall Committee is group of volunteers which meets regularly to manage the facility.

We ask that all users of the Hall familiarise themselves with the safety procedures posted in every room and to report any concerns to a committee member.

September 2026