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Social News

for September & October 2025



**The Feast Committee
would like to say a
huge thank you to
everyone who made
this year's 123rd Feast a
huge success.**

Many of you volunteered time in various ways, made cakes, donated prizes, even performed fantastic tricks

in the arena on your bikes and much more, we really do appreciate it. We hope you enjoyed the events of the week as much as we did. We are a fun, friendly committee and we'd love to have more committee members so do get in touch if you fancy joining us.

We are also open to feedback and new ideas so do get in touch at feastkirkbyfleetham@gmail.com.

SERVICES at St. Mary's



September:

Sunday 14th 11.00 am Holy Communion

October:

Sunday 12th 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th 11.00 am Harvest
Morning Worship

Do join us for coffee & refreshments after services



NEXT COFFEE MORNINGS:

KF Village Hall 10.15 – 12 Noon

Saturday September 6th

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Saturday October 4th

St. Mary's Repairs Fund

ARMCHAIR CINEMA

at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall:

Based on a true story
STEVE COOGAN
The Penguin Lessons



**Thursday
25th
September
@ 7.00 PM**

The Penguin Lessons

2024 - 12A - 1hr 51mins

Starring Steve Coogan, Jonathan Pryce, Vivian El Jaber & Bjorn Gustafsson

A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.

Thursday, September 25th 7.00 pm



**Thursday
30th
October
@ 7.00 PM**

Mr. Burton

2025 - 12A - 2hr 4 mins

Starring Toby Jones, Lesley Manville & Harry Lawtey

The story of the wild school boy Rich Jenkins - son of a boozy miner - and an English teacher who recognized his talent, Philip Burton. A moving, untold story of how Rich Jenkins became Richard Burton the biggest star Wales has ever produced.

Thursday, October 30th 7.00 pm

Miss Alison Neil

respectfully begs leave to inform the LADIES and GENTLEMEN of this vicinity and the PUBLIC in general, that ever anxious to contribute to their amusement, she will present the PLAY

MRS BAKER'S COMPANY

Or, A Tale of ROGUES and VAGABONDS

Being a lively and true Account of the triumphs and struggles of strolling players, and the brave endeavours of the famous SARAH BAKER to earn lasting Respectability for herself and her entire and talented Troupe.

Written by
Directed by

Miss Alison NEIL
Mr David COLLISON

**Sunday 21st
September at
2.30pm**

Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall

Doors open at 2pm – Show starts promptly at 2.30pm.
Tickets £10 each including refreshments

Available from the Hub

Wed and Sat mornings
10.15 – 12.15 or
from Kate (Tel: 074710 06878)

Award winning Alison Neil's plays about extraordinary women from history have enchanted audiences up and down the country for years and the Village Hall Committee is delighted to welcome her back to present "**Mrs Baker's Company**" on Sunday 21st September at 2.30pm.

This is the story of Sarah Baker who shone brightly as a theatre manager at the beginning of the 1800s. She started as an illiterate child performer in her family's troupe at the famous Sadler Wells pleasure gardens. The family toured the country, classed as "rogues and vagabonds" who could be run out of town or imprisoned on a whim.

Later on, Sarah formed her own company. Cheerfully optimistic and immensely hardworking, she fought against almost impossible odds to gain respectability. Her story reveals a precarious world of make-believe and slapstick, mixing with the highest and the lowest, providing a touch of magic whenever the curtain opened.

In this inspiring and entertaining one-woman play, Mrs Baker explains what you can do with just three things: good health, good luck and good friends.

£4,000 already donated



Let's make it **£6,000** by Christmas!

Very many thanks to all those of you who have bought preserves, given me sewing jobs or paid me for bridge lessons.

Following the **£3,000** donation to James Cook Hospital earlier this year and the very recent one of **£1,000** to Herriot Hospice Homecare, funds are building well once more.
Please keep them coming in.

I plan to continue making preserves for the remainder of 2025, but then to stop. So, please stock up for home use, buy for Christmas gifts, take to friends and relatives when you visit or, to help with your festive cooking, choose a jar or more of my rendition of Dame Mary Berry's mincemeat, which will be available by mid September.

Book club

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

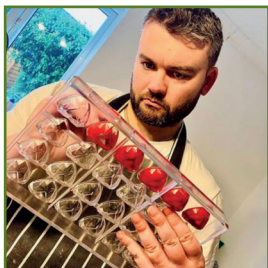
Pop along and join us to share and discuss your reads of the month, whether you enjoyed them, or not. We swop and share between us or borrow something from the library shelves.

We don't generally read a set book, just whatever we fancy to suit the mood we are in.

Next Get Togethers:

Tuesdays 2nd September and
7th October

KIRKBY FLEETHAM WI



Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall
Thursday 11th September at 7.15 pm

Speaker Ben Ellis

Ben is an Artisan Chocolatier and Pastry Chef. He has recently been recognised by the Business Elite Awards as the leading Artisan Chocolatier in North Yorkshire for 2025.

Visitors welcome.



Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall
Thursday 9th October at 7.15 pm

Speaker Jo Etherington from TWAM

Tools with a Mission is a Christian Charity who collect unwanted usable tools, refurbish them, sort them into trade tool kits for livelihood creation in Africa.

Visitors welcome.





Kirkby Fleetham Gardening Group

The gardening group 's next meeting will be on Thursday 4th September at 7.00pm at The Village Hall.

This will be the clubs show.

Members are invited to make entries into six groups. All members vote for their favourite entry.

All a bit of fun, prizes are presented to the winner in each class and the overall winner.

Guests are welcome

£4.00



BLACK HORSE INN

KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Black Horse Village Lunch

**Wednesday 17th September and
Wednesday 15th October**

12.00 for 12.30 pm.





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**
- 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
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**
Rosemary Garner 748335 (every 1st – not Aug or Dec)
- 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 also available individually.

For more information;

<https://www.facebook.com/5105familyfit>

Ballroom Dancing

Our two professional ballroom dancers, Ian and Leah Hardaker, are very happy to offer private tuition.

If you are interested in learning to dance, do give them a call on 748821.



The next Outing of the Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group is on Tuesday 21st October

when we will be having a day trip to **Durham Cathedral**, with a guided Tour followed by lunch and visit to the Cathedral Museum.

There we will view one of only three originals of the Magna Carta signed by King John in 1225.

Our hired Minibus is already oversubscribed.

A note from the editor

Heia! You're holding the very first edition of our newly refreshed village newsletter – and I'm delighted to be stepping into the role of editor and designer.

Many of us will want to thank Lynda Dillion for her wonderful work producing the Social News over the years. She's created something truly valued in our community, and I feel honoured to carry it forward with a fresh layout, a few hand-drawn illustrations, and a bit of my own style.

I've lived in Kirkby Fleetham for the past 12 years, after moving from Norway to be with my husband Chris. We've raised our two boys here – both went to Kirkby Fleetham Primary – so I've spent plenty of time juggling school events and the occasional last-minute lunchbox crisis.

Over time, I've come to love the rhythm of village life and the people who make it what it is. I've been

lucky to get involved with groups like the KF Primary Friends and the Feast committee.

For this first edition, I've drawn inspiration from the treasures in the History Room, wandered the village with my camera, and taken note of the colours and textures that surround us. You'll see those influences reflected throughout the pages – in the palette, the layout, and the little details tucked in here and there.

Professionally, I work in graphic design and visual communication. I won't be writing the content, but I'll be making sure everything looks tidy, readable, and easy to follow. I'll be working closely with groups like the Village Hall, the Hub, and the Garden Club to help share what's going on – and hopefully make this something you genuinely look forward to opening each time.

Thanks for reading – and here's to many editions to come.



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.

