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Social News

for August 2026



Summertime



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SERVICES

at St. Mary's



September:

Sunday 13th 11.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 20th 11.00 am Holy Communion using our Elizabethan Chalice to celebrate Heritage Weekend

October:

Sunday 4th 11.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 16th 11.00 am Harvest Morning Worship

Do join us for coffee & refreshments after services

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH



NEXT COFFEE MORNINGS

KF Village Hall 10.15 – 12 Noon

5th September

Raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support

3rd October

Raising funds for St. Mary's Repairs

Heritage Weekend

Two FREE events to celebrate our community's rich heritage! Please join us at one if you can.



Saturday 19th September

10.00 am – 4.00 pm:

St. Mary's Church & KF Hall

– displays giving the historic background of the church including its architecture, associations with the Knights Templar, Choir boys, Vicars, stained glass, monuments within the church & a tour of interesting gravestones!

Presentations by Richmond School, Gail Falkingham (Historical Landscape of the hall)) on humorous local stories.

Coffee on arrival & buffet lunch. Suggested donation to cover catering costs: £15.

Email Joy:

francis.kerin@btinternet.com

to book your place.



Sunday 20th September

11.00 am -3.00 pm

St. Mary's Church

– displays giving the historic background of the church, links with Knights Templars etc. Communion service at 11.00 am using our Elizabethan chalice. Everyone welcome- including 4-legged friends!

And check out our newly refurbished Lady Chapel for tea/coffee & cakes – no charge but all donations will be gratefully received!!

St. Mary's Church thanks

KF Local History Group & Mrs. K Stephenson at KF Hall for generously supporting this weekend with their time, effort and facilities.

Kirkby Fleetham & Fencotes Local History Group

For God or King:

Archaeology and the War of Three Kingdoms

Tuesday 15th September 7pm | Village Hall



*Slingsby Castle burnt down by
Parliamentarian forces in 1644*



*Eikon Basileke, the meditations of the late
King Charles I*

The Local History Group is delighted to welcome back Erik Matthews to speak. Erik is the Field Officer of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland and has led extensive archaeological searches at Hornby Castle over several seasons.

The English Civil War of the Mid-17th Century also known as the War of the Three Kingdoms is both fascinating and also profoundly disturbing to us in equal measure with its parallels with today. It led to

social dislocation and some experts believe nearly the breakup of the country. In the space of 18 years there were three military coups, the judicial killing of a head of state, the appearance of extreme religious fundamentalism as a political force and also the birth of Modern pacifism. It has left a clear but poorly understood material culture which he will seek to explore.

**Entry is free for members
and £5 for guests and includes
refreshments payment on the door.**

ARMCHAIR CINEMA

at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall:

Mother's Pride

2026 - 12A - 2 hr 4 mins

From the team behind 'Finding Your Feet' and 'Fisherman's Friends' comes Mother's Pride, a story about the Harley family who after losing their matriarch, must come together to save their pub and village through the art of beer-brewing. Mother's Pride is a British comedy-drama about a grieving family trying to save their failing pub – and unite a divided community – by brewing real ale and entering the Great British Beer Awards. Blending heartwarming humour with emotional depth, it celebrates the resilience and camaraderie found in local pub culture. With its strong ensemble cast and feel-good premise, critics call it a charming, uplifting watch for fans of community-driven stories.

Thursday
24th
September
@ 7.00 PM

Thursday September 24th, 7pm

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

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 & 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 **17 November 2026** at 7.00 p.m. at The Village Hall.



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:

1st September | 6th October

Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group

Outings for 2026 are:

The **1st October Outing** is a Guided Tour of the Bishops Palace at the Auckland Project. At present we have one spare seat, through ill health, on the Minibus.

The **10th December Outing** is the Christmas Lunch (local venue to be announced).

Fleetham and Fencote's Gardening Group



Thank you

Firstly the gardening group would like to thank everybody who supported them at their plant stall at this year's Feast. The stall was the group's biggest and best yet. The tables were heaving under the weight of some wonderful plants, grown and donated by the members in what were extremely testing climatic conditions. Every plant has now found a new home hopefully providing some late season interest for their new owners.



Our Autumn season kicks off on September 3rd.

This is our annual show. Members and guests compete against one another in six different horticultural classes. It's all a bit of fun and most of us don't take it too seriously, but there are prizes for the winners.

October 1st

sees the long awaited return of **Chris Beardshaw**, internationally well known garden designer and Chelsea Flower



Show favourite. Chris will be talking about garden design and the development of the traditional English herbaceous borders in a presentation entitled 'Painting with Plants'

A limited number of tickets may be available call David on **01609 748769** for info.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our gardening endeavours in the village



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 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.



Lions, tug-of-war and a whole lot of fun at the Feast



What a fantastic Feast we had on Saturday 8 August! The warm weather certainly helped, with one of our biggest turnouts in years and the village coming together to enjoy a brilliant afternoon.

It was great to see the return of some traditional Feast games, with egg throwing, space hoppers and the ever-competitive tug-of-war keeping the arena entertained. We also enjoyed performances from Richmond School of Dance, line dancing and a visit from the Bedale Hunt.

The show tent was once again packed with impressive entries, from flowers and baking to handicrafts, bygones and plenty of fantastic children's entries. The decorated lion family class was a particular highlight, with creations

including Lion's Pride, The Mane Event and Lion-el Messi!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along, entered the show, took part in the games and entertainment, helped set up and clear away, volunteered, donated, organised or supported the Feast in any way. It simply wouldn't happen without the time and enthusiasm of so many people in the village.

Most importantly, it was lovely to see so many villagers enjoying themselves together. Here's to another great Feast next year, our 125th Feast!





Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall



We are indebted to the **Kirkby Fleetham Gardening Club** for creating a gardening space in the outdoor area behind the Library Room – many of you will have seen just how well this is developing.

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 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 on the link below.

A **Mobile Post Office** comes to the Hall car park on Wednesday mornings between 10.00-11.00 am, although due to problems with the Bedale Post Office this has been inconsistent of late.

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.

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