

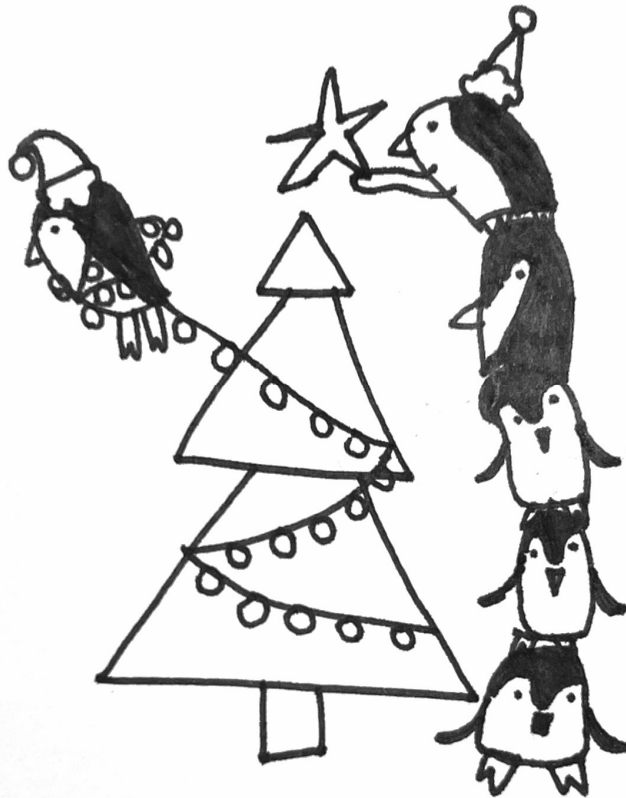
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# MEMO

MID-EDEN MAGAZINE  
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## Community Events, Trades & Services In

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Culgaith  
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The future of The MEMO  
saved by new volunteers  
- see page 3.

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Dear Friends,

Over the next few days, you are likely to hear Wizzard singing “I wish it could be Christmas everyday”. Now, I am certainly not being Scrooge-like in trying to work out how much it would cost us if we had to buy presents for everybody every day, and then go to the trouble of wrapping them and getting them delivered. Or, working out what it would do to our nation’s collective waistlines if every day we sat down to a full Christmas Dinner. Or even what the King would do if he had to record a Christmas Message for 365 days of each year.

Christmas every day? No thank you! But... my main reason for not wanting it, is simply because Christmas would lose all of its specialness. It would become routine, literally just an “every day” occurrence. And, Christmas is so very special.

Yet, in a different kind of way, Christians do believe that it can be, and indeed *is* Christmas every day. One of the carols we sing has the line “O holy child of Bethlehem...be born in us **today**”. For us, Jesus’ living presence with each person, day by day, is indeed an everyday experience, and not just a one-off, once a year. And that is truly something to celebrate!

**Rev. Dave Milner**

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**DECEMBER 2024**

**\*\*For Christmas Church Services & Events—dates and venues—see page 6\*\***

3rd	He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby Methodist Church	10.00am-1.00pm
3rd	MDGC Christmas Meal, Melmerby	12.00pm
4th	Whist Drive, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall (p13)	7.00pm
5th	Oasis, Langwathby Methodist Chapel	10.30am
7th	Christmas Fund Raiser Stalls & Games, Gamblesby Methodist Ch	10am-1pm
8th	Family Carols, St Luke's, Ousby	11,00am
8th	Quiz Night @ The Shepherds Inn, Langwathby (p)	7.00-9.00pm
10th	Soup & Cake lunches, Skirwith Village Hall (p7)	12.00-13.30pm
11th	Coffee & Chat, Hunsonby Community Centre	10.30am
11th	Book Club, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall (p13)	7.30pm
12th	Pennine Patchers Open House, Lang'by Methodist Chapel (p9)	10am-noon
12th	Culgaith School children sing carols at The VIC café (p11)	2.00pm-4.00pm
13th	Christmas Bingo, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall	6.30pm
14th	Eden Valley Touring Network, Langwathby VH (p9))	T.B.A.
15th	Film Night: The Grand Budapest Hotel, Skirwith VH (p7)	4.30pm Film 5pm
15th	Christmas Carol service, Langwathby Methodist Chapel	10.30am
17th	He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby Methodist Church	10.00am-1.00pm
18th	Langwathby Community Fellowship Outing, Langwathby Chapel	2.00pm
18th	Whist Drive, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall (p13)	7.00pm
19th	Last VIC café of 2024, Victoria Institute, Culgaith	2.00pm-4.00pm
20th	Live Music, Eden Valley Network, Langwathby Village Hall (9)	7.00pm
21st	Christmas Celebration, St John's Church, Skirwith (p7)	5.00pm
22nd	Nativity Service, Gamblesby Methodist Church	4.00pm
27th	Melmerby Scar Christmas Challenge, Melmerby Village Hall (p8)	8.45am

**JANUARY 2025**

2nd	Meeting Point, Langwathby methodist Chapel	10.15am
4th	Talk 'Menopause Myths', Culgaith Village Hall (p10)	4.00-5.00pm
6th	Culgaith Parish Council, Skirwith Village Hall (p16)	7.30pm
7th	He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby Methodist Church	10.00am-1.00pm
9th	The VIC café, Victoria Institute, Culgaith	2.00pm-4.00pm
11th	Culgaith Village Hall Needs You, Culgaith Village Hall (p10)	10.15am
11th	Live Music, Langwathby Village Hall (p9)	
14th	He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby Methodist Church	10.00am-1.00pm
14th	Soup & cake lunch, Skirwith Village Hall (p7)	noon-1.30pm
15th	Langwathby Comm Fellowship Games Afternoon, Lang'by Chapel	2.00pm
15th	Whist Drive, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall (p13)	7.00pm
16th	Oasis, Langwathby Methodist Chapel	10.30am
18th	New Year Ceilidh, Culgaith Village Hall (p10)	7.00pm
21st	He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby Methodist Church	10.00am-1.00pm
23rd	WW1 Photos, Culgaith Village Hall (p10)	6.30pm
25th	MacMillan Coffee Morning, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
25th	Traditional Burns Night Supper, Langwathby V H (p9)	Doors 6.30pm Start 7.00pm
28th	He Brews Coffee Club, Gamblesby Methodist Church	10.00am-1.00pm
29th	Whist Drive, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall (p13)	7.00pm

**FEBRUARY 2025**

2nd	Film Night: Blazing Saddles, Skirwith Village Hall (p7)	Doors 4.30 Film 5pm
13th	Soup & cake lunch, Skirwith Village Hall (p7)	noon-1.30pm
24th	The MEMO AGM, Culgaith Victoria Institute	7.00pm

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**MEMO  
SHORTS**

Thank you to those who gave donations on the village green and in St Peter's Church on Remembrance Sunday. £269.58 was raised and sent to Combat Stress.

## THE FUTURE OF THE MEMO

We are delighted—and very relieved—to announce that the future of the MEMO looks bright!

A week is a long time in politics, they say. Well, three weeks are a long time on our Fellside!

The local community has rallied round, spreading the word and encouraging volunteers to come forward.

As a result, we are very pleased to announce that we now have a new Co-Editor, a Community Advert Coordinator, a Chairperson/Secretary, a Social Media Editor and a new typist.

*We are very grateful to you all for the lovely comments of encouragement.*

*And we are looking forward to seeing the MEMO on your doormats for another 50 years!!*

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!!**



**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting

## THE MEMO AGM 2025

In Culgaith Victoria Institute (meeting room)

On Monday 24th February 2025

At 7.00pm

Open to all

Have your say, provide suggestions, give feedback  
on your community magazine

**THE MEMO = YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE**

## MEMO COPY DATES FOR 2025

**NEW**

10th January

11th April

11th July

10th October

7th February

9th May

15th August

14th November

14th March

13th June

12th September

## Cover Artist

We'd like to thank **Daisy** from Year 6, for kindly producing this month's cover drawing for us. See page 5 for more drawings from other pupils at Culgaith School.



*Some thoughts from Linda Jervis on Christmas*

**Christmas is coming – the season of excess!**

Christmas is coming so I've donned my party hat;  
I will gobble up the turkey, the mince pies, and in fact –  
My fridge it runneth over with rum butter and goose fat  
Ready for the roasties and the pud.

The sparkling cava's chilling  
With the canapes beside  
The port is on the sideboard  
With the brandy and mulled wine

The presents have been purchased,  
All wrapped and bound with tape;  
The sherry's in the trifle  
And the icing's on the cake;

The cards are on their merry way to folks I rarely see  
Decked with jolly robins, snowmen, holly and ivy

..... but there's someone I've forgotten!  
Must have missed Him off my list,  
And He's the reason for this special time;  
So let's raise a glass to Him who was born to save us all  
And give thanks when we remember what this celebration's for.



**Merry Christmas**



**Thank you** to the children of **Culgaith School** for their brilliant artwork. From the many drawings provided it was difficult to choose. Well done everyone. The cover picture is by Daisy from Year 6, and some more favourites are shown below, top to bottom, left to right from Fern and Lizzie, Year 6, Harriet in Year 3, Elsie in Year 1 and Pixie and Emma, Year 4.

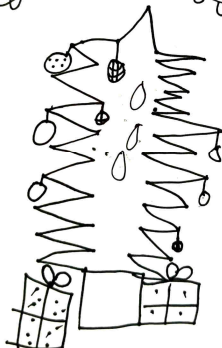
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**Christmas is coming** - - - and many chances for singing carols together, and joining in celebrating the birth of the Holy Child in Bethlehem. Don't feel restrained - come to as many celebrations as you wish! Here are the times and places:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
**Ousby**, 11am. Carol Service

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**Kirkland**, 2pm: Carol Service  
**Langwathby Chapel**, 11am: Carol Service

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
**Culgaith**, 7pm: Carols by the Memorial, with Penrith Town Band

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
**Melmerby**. Carols by Lantern Light. Meet at the Village Bakery at 6pm for a lantern-lit procession to the church, and then Carol Singing – and refreshments!

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
**Skirwith**, 5pm: A Celebration of Christmas

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
**Addingham**, 9.30: Family Nativity service  
**Culgaith**, 3.30: time to come and make your Christingle, ready for the service at 4pm  
**Gamblesby**, 4pm: Little Acorns' Carol Service  
**Langwathby St Peter's**, 4pm:  
The Longest Night – a quiet time of reflection and peace, away from the hustle and bustle.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
Come to **St Peter's in Langwathby** at 2.30pm to help make the Christingles ready for tomorrow!

**On Christmas Eve**,  
**Langwathby St Peter's**, 5.30pm: Christingle Service  
11.00pm : Midnight Mass of Christmas

**On Christmas morning**:  
**Addingham**, 10am: Christmas Worship  
**Edenhall**, 11am: Christmas Communion  
**Langwathby Methodist Chapel**, 10am: A Christmas Celebration



**ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SKIRWITH**  
**A Christmas Celebration**  
 in St John's Church, Skirwith  
 on Saturday 21 December at 5pm.



This is a community-led, non-denominational, inclusive enjoyment of the Christmas season for the faithful, the secular and all people in between. Enjoy the lovely Biblical story, a philosophical transition to the secular and a romp through family, presents, food and good cheer lasting approximately one hour. There will be Christmas carols and songs.

Mulled wine, mince pies and juice for children afterwards.  
 (Donations would be welcome.)

**Skirwith Village Hall**



**Tuesday 10 December, 1200-1.30.** Xmas soup and cake lunch with musical accompaniment and stalls. Come and join us!



**Sunday 15 December, 5pm. FILM NIGHT**

Doors open 4.30 pm. Tickets £5 from Helen 01768 879024 or [team@skirwithvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:team@skirwithvillagehall.co.uk).

**THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL** starring Ralph Fiennes. Unique, rather zany comedy drama - recounts the adventures of a colourful concierge in a 1930s eastern European ski resort hotel and involves the theft and recovery of a priceless renaissance painting...

*Optional after-film supper: book directly with Janet at [moveablefeasts@btconnect.com](mailto:moveablefeasts@btconnect.com) by 10 December.*



**Tuesday 14 January 1200-1.30.** Home-made soup and cake lunch. A warm welcome awaits you in Skirwith village hall.

**Sunday 2 February 5pm. FILM NIGHT.** Doors open 4.30pm Tickets £5 from Helen 01768 879024 or [team@skirwithvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:team@skirwithvillagehall.co.uk)

**Blazing Saddles** - an iconic satirical comedy western directed by Mel Brookes and starring Gene Wilder  
*Optional after-film supper: book directly with Janet at [moveablefeasts@btconnect.com](mailto:moveablefeasts@btconnect.com) by 28 January.*



**Tuesday 13 February 1200-1.30 pm:** Soup and cake lunch  
 Fab-u-lous!!



## The 16th Annual Melmerby Scar Christmas Challenge Friday 27th December 2024

We would love to see you all at the Melmerby Scar Challenge this year - runners and walkers all welcome.

Work off your Christmas waistline by joining us on a challenging route across the top of beautiful Melmerby Scar. Our route is circular - it begins and ends at the Village Hall, Melmerby, and covers 7 miles / 11 km. We climb to a height of 709m, which in good conditions takes roughly 3 hours to walk or roughly an hour to run.

**Registration from 8:45am at The Village Hall, Melmerby**

**Safety briefing: 9:45am**

**Start time: 10.00am prompt**

**Fee: £9.00 per adult, £4.00 per child (includes a warm meal after the event) - cash only please**

Raffle - proceeds to go to Hospice at Home (£1 a square/ticket)  
Licensed Bar: hot and cold drinks available.

To reserve your meal or for more information please  
email: [joanna.brownlee@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.brownlee@gmail.com)



*Runners & walkers are welcome.  
Dogs are welcome but must be kept  
under control at all times (please pick up  
after them)*



Proceeds go to Melmerby Village Hall funds



FAMILY CAROLS AT ST LUKE'S, OUSBY  
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 11AM  
With Reverend Fiona

Come and enjoy singing your favourite carols at St Luke's, Ousby.  
We will tell the Christmas Story. There could be some dressing up  
involved as we make up the crib scene!

Children, please bring your grown-ups!

Mulled wine and mince pies, soft drinks and nibbles - definitely cake -  
afterwards.

Do you like paint and glitter?

We'd love children to help us decorate the church.

Please come along on Sunday 1st December at 5pm to  
help us make flying angels and decorate our trees.

Ousby PCC Tel. 07983 969912



## **LANGWATHBY VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

*Come and join our next community events at Langwathby Village Hall:*

**Saturday 11th January 2025 -**

**LIVE MUSIC FROM NEIL HARDY AND VALIANT KNIGHTS,**  
courtesy of EVTN. Tickets £8pp. Bar available - cash only, please

**Saturday 25th January 2025 - BURNS NIGHT SUPPER**

with piper and traditional 3-course meal by Moveable Feasts, plus bar  
and live music.

Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm sitting

Tickets: £25.00 per person

*Free bottle of wine per pre-booked table of four!*

**For booking please contact**  
**villagehall.langwathby@gmail.com**



## ***PENNINE PATCHERS***

*(local Patchwork & Quilting Group)*

## ***OPEN HOUSE!***

*Thursday 12 December 10-12*

*at Langwathby Methodist Chapel*

*See some of our work - new members welcome*

**CHRISTMAS TREES, COFFEE, CAKE & COOKIES**

**Donations for Blood Bikes**

## Culgaith Village Hall (aka The Victoria Institute)

After improving the hall's heating and efficiency it's also now been decorated inside. So it's time to really start using it even more! A new events team has been formed to drive forward a schedule of events, and work with people in the village to turn ideas into reality.

For contact details for any of the events below, to book it for a private or village function, or if you have any ideas about anything hall-related, please drop us an email to [culgaithhallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:culgaithhallbookings@gmail.com) or telephone Helen 07810 414833.

### Upcoming events

**Saturday 4th January, 4pm - 5pm. Menopause Myths.** A free talk and share session for both men and women, to hear and chat about menopause and how it affects us all. Areas for discussion: myths, symptoms and what we can do to reduce them, healthy habits, and more. Let's share, chat and start to reduce the taboo of menopause.

**Saturday 11th January, 10.15am. Culgaith Village Hall Needs You.** Come along for a coffee and chat with other people who believe that the Hall is important for the village. Help the events team by brainstorming how to make events work for the community.

**Saturday 18th January, 7pm - 10pm. New Year Ceilidh.** A fun, sociable evening of dancing. £12 for adults, £8 for under 16s. All ages welcome—under-16s must be accompanied by an adult. Places are limited so reserve your place now, with no need to pay until the day.



**Thursday 23rd January, 6.30pm. Presentation of World War 1 photos of India.** From Northwest England ... to Northwest Frontier. Photographs taken in India by a Culgaith man with the Border Regiment in India during WW1.



### CULGAITH VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Congratulations to October Draw winners.

1st £50 Carol Conway (83)

2nd £20 Michelle Emerton (8)

3rd £10 Geraldine Gaizeley (72)

Another £120 has gone into the coffers for the upkeep of Culgaith Village Hall  
The next Draw is on 5th December in The Vic café at 3pm.



**THE VIC  
CULGAITH'S FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CAFE  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Every Thursday 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
at the Victoria Institute, Culgaith.

*Delicious homemade cakes plus Farrants tea & coffee.*



We are delighted to tell you that on **December 12th the children from Culgaith School will be joining us to sing Carols and Seasonal Songs.** Do come along and join us!

**December 19th will be the last VIC of 2024.** So we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a good New Year. We look forward to seeing you again on **January 9th 2025!**

**CULGAITH**

Culgaith's first mention was in the 1140s. It is from the Old Welsh for "Wooded Corner". It was one of the four townships of the Parish of Kirkland whose rector saw to services in its chapel mid-week and on Sundays. But by the 1450s the rector ignored Culgaith and the locals complained to the Pope who, in 1456, got the Bishop to act and get the services going again.

The church was decrepit 300 years later and was rebuilt with money from three large bequests and by local subscription. It was consecrated by the Bishop in 1758. Work on it must have been slow or hit by delays as it says "1756" over the door.

Culgaith's lands included Kirkandrews Wood which was described as "a fine banksy wood on the east of Culgaith Park". There was St Andrews Hermitage in it, owned by Wetheral Priory in the 1140s. The hermit left it because of the noisy hunting parties in Culgaith Park and went to Hutton-in-the-Forest, where Forest Law would prevent any expansion. This wood overlooks the path to Newbiggin from Acorn Bank.

Millrigg may conceal a pele tower. The house was rebuilt in 1597 and revamped in 1669. The Wesleyan Chapel was built in 1830.

The station (1880) is the only one on the Settle-Carlisle line of non-standard design. In 1922 it had 5 trains a day each direction. Near it in the 1880s were the Vale of Eden Creamery and the Culgaith Tilery for making the tiles required for field-drains. In the late 19th century Jim Huddart was Bandmaster of the Culgaith Brass Band which was much in demand locally.

Thanks to Jeremy Godwin for his research and article as he begins his 51st year of contributing to the MEMO.

*For further information about Culgaith, take a look at this website which is based on the book "The Story of Culgaith and its People" written in 1959 by Ada F Huddart:*

***<https://sites.google.com/view/culgaith-people/home>***

## Kirkland and Blencarn Village Hall December & January



**Whist Drives - Wednesdays: 4th & 18th December**  
**Wednesdays 15th & 29th January**

**7pm start** All levels welcome. Cuppa and prizes £3

**Book Club—Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm**

All welcome. Cuppa & cake £2



**Family Christmas Bingo! Friday 13th December at 6.30pm**



Fun Bingo for ALL the family. Lots of prizes!  
Adults £5 Children free. Festive nibbles.— Bring your own drinks.

Winners of the Grand Draw will also be announced.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning—Saturday 25th January**  
**10.30am-12.30pm**

Come along for coffee and cake and help raise funds for MacMillan Support.



**Artmakers Craft Club**



Usually held monthly on a Monday morning.  
Email [artmakersd@icloud.com](mailto:artmakersd@icloud.com)



## LANGWATHBY COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



Meetings are at  
Langwathby Chapel  
at 2pm

on the third Wednesday of each month.

**18 December:** Christmas Outing with lunch at Cottage Wood

**15 January:** Games Afternoon



# AT LANGWATHBY METHODIST CHURCH

## Oasis



Thursdays, 5<sup>th</sup> December & 16<sup>th</sup> January  
from 10.30am

*Coffee, a short reflection and light lunch*

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## Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

*Coffee and mince pies*

*from 10.30am*

Christmas trees decorated  
by Pennine Patchers



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## Meeting Point

*Come for Coffee & Conversation*

*from 10.15am*

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January



## AT GAMBLESBY METHODIST CHURCH

### HE BREWS COFFEE CLUB

**EVERY TUESDAY 10am - 1pm**

Except 26 and 31 December

Enjoy coffee and a biscuit, games, crafts or just a chat only £2

During the winter - soup and a roll at lunchtime only £2.50



### CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER

**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 10am – 1pm**

**Some stalls with light refreshments**

*Fun and games for the children and goodies for all!*



*Funds for Little Acorns Children's Christian Creative Club*

### COMMUNITY NATIVITY SERVICE

**SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER at 4 pm**

*A magical start to Christmas*

**Everyone Welcome**

**followed by light refreshments**



*For further information, please contact Claire  
on 07756932116 or email: [gamblesbymethodist@gmail.com](mailto:gamblesbymethodist@gmail.com)*

## Little Free Library Under The Lime Tree

### *"Take a book, share a book"*

Around the world, in 115 countries, millions of books are exchanged through a network known as Little Free Libraries.



The newest addition to the 150,000 registered libraries is here in the Eden Valley. In the heart of the fellside village of Glassonby, adjacent to the children's playground, a Little Free Library has been built to provide a sharing place for books of all genres.

Inspired by Glassonby resident and author Veronika Robinson, and built by her near neighbour, Fred Harrison, in the past few weeks the library has already seen many exchanges. Acting as the steward, Veronika hopes this small and friendly feature in the village will encourage other residents to freely give and receive books. Unlike traditional libraries, there's no 'return due date' (or late fees!); nor is there a requirement to even return the book. Instead, readers are encouraged to share books of their own so that the spirit of giving continues. Glassonby's Little Free Library is also open to readers from beyond the parish.

Words from the opening ceremony blessing:

"Welcome Little Free Library under the Lime Tree. May you serve this village as a portal into other worlds. May they be places of wisdom, insight, intrigue, revelation, creativity, hope, justice and laughter. Around your door, may we gather in companionship, conversation and community. "





# Culgaith Parish Council

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm Victoria Institute, Culgaith.**

**Present** – 6 Councilors and 3 members of the public,

**The following key issues were discussed: -**

- **‘Fibrus’ FFTP Overground Installation Requiring 17 New Poles in Culgaith Along with a Duplication of Fibre Infrastructure. – To Raise Issue with MP.**
- **Culgaith Parish Council** – Grant Award Procedure Clarification.
- **Finance**
- **A Budget for 2025/26 was agreed.**
- **Precept – 2025/26.** A prudent inflationary rise was agreed, allowing for extra budgeted expenditure, lifting the figure for 2025/26 to £15000. The work the Council engages in, on behalf of the community, being highlighted in the Annual Report.
- **Willan Living – The Gift of Two Parcels of Land at Otters Holt.** – Negotiations are still ongoing.
- **Drainage Issue – The Pea to Station Road.** – Still being monitored.
- **Pedestrian Pavement Danger - Black Swan Junction Corner, Culgaith.** Parishioners advised to report any dangerous traffic incidents to Police via Tel No. 101, supplying incident details including date, time and vehicle reg no.
- **Skirwith Damaged Finger Post Sign** – To be Replaced.
- **Skirwith – Vehicle Damage to Verge including a drain** Reported to Highways
- **HGV and Coach Traffic from Station Road to ‘Black Swan’ Junction.** In hand.
- **Skirwith – Church St. Roadside Concrete Post and Rail Fence Repair.** In hand
- **Blencarn Junction to Skirwith, Blocked Drains** – Reported to Highways
- **Skirwith to Langwathby** – Damaged Man Hole Cover Reported.
- **Drainage Issue – Mill Cottage, Blencarn** – Reported to Highways
- **Revised Emergency Plan** - Agreed.
- **A Portrait of the King** – Donated to the School.
- **Planning Issues** –
  - 2024 -c1357 - FPA Gilderwath Kirkland Road Skirwith. Proposed front and rear extensions. **Supported with comment**
  - 2024/1811/TCA. Brook View, Skirwith, Sycamore - lop few lower branches on south side of tree, remove 3 of the lowest branches. **Supported with comment**
  - 2024/1674/FPA Meadow House Culgaith. Erection of first floor extension over existing garage. **Supported**
  - 2024/1823/FPA Plots 42 - 53 Lake Meadow, Culgaith. Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) to change the design and layout of Plot 52, attached to approval 08/0823. **Supported**

**Date of next meeting** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Skirwith Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

**Full minutes are available on [www.culgaith.org.uk](http://www.culgaith.org.uk)**

**John Fleming – Parish Clerk. [culgaithpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:culgaithpc@yahoo.co.uk)**

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## 2024 Christmas Opening Times

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### Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December                      7am - 4pm

### Christmas Day

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Thursday 26th Dec                      10:30am - 12:30pm

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### New Years Eve

Tuesday 31st December                      7am - 4pm

### New Years Day

Wednesday 1st January 2025                      10am - 4pm

*The Team wish you a Happy Christmas and a Great 2025*



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One thing that many winter holidays have in common is a focus on togetherness, gratitude, and community. So, in the spirit of this time of year, we thought we'd celebrate the diversity of the festive season.

**H**anukkah, also called the 'festival of lights', is a holiday commonly celebrated in the Hebrew calendar.

Traditionally, it takes place in late November or early December, and commemorates the Maccabean revolt – when Jews fought for their religious freedom against the Greek-Syrian army in ancient Jerusalem.

Like many religious celebrations, the holiday is based around the story of a miracle. Around 160 B.C, Israel was under the rule of Antiochus III the Great, who outlawed the practice of Judaism, and forced the Jewish population to worship the Greek gods. On his orders, the Jewish Holy Temple was desecrated and rededicated to Zeus.

After a number of years of revolt, the vastly outnumbered Jewish forces eventually won against their oppressors. Once the Jews had started to rebuild their most sacred temple, they lit the menorah – a seven-armed golden candelabra.

The story goes that there was very little oil remaining in the menorah – just enough for one day. However, according to legend, the menorah burned for eight full nights before going out. For this reason, Hanukkah is celebrated over a period of eight days beginning on the 25th day of Kislev in the Hebrew calendar. Last year, Hanukkah began on the 7th December and ended on 15th December.

**Y**ule. Celebrated on the winter solstice – the shortest day of the year, 21st December 2024 – Yule is one of the oldest known festivals observed at this time of year.

Yule was originally celebrated by the Pagan and Norse people of Northern Europe, and is still celebrated by Pagan and Wiccan communities today.

The original celebration was tied to worshipping the sun, and honoured the rebirth of life and the year. As the ancient Norse believed the sun to be a wheel upon which the seasons turned, they would ward off the darkness of the winter months by drinking, lighting bonfires, and sharing tales.

Many Yule traditions have been adopted by other cultures and religions: particularly Christianity. Besides the yule log, other customs such as the hanging of mistletoe – which was holy to the druids of the British Isles – and enjoying a feast are borrowed from the ancient festival.

**W**hile many cultures hold festivities to welcome in the new year, in Japan (and Scotland), New Year (*Shōgatsu*) is the most important holiday in the calendar.

Years are viewed as more distinct in Japanese and Scottish culture than in England and Wales, so a lot of celebrations focus more heavily on beginning anew. On New Year's Eve, families commonly undertake a deep cleaning of their house called *oosouji*, so that the coming year can begin on a blank slate.

Co-workers will often attend 'year-forgetting' parties called *bōnenkai*, where they'll drink and forget any woes and hardships of the year, and look forward to the next. To that end, workers are typically expected to complete all outstanding work before the year ends. (And in Scotland, all debts should be cleared.)

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<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Epiphany</b>	
Addingham	9:30am	Holy Communion	Fiona Jenkins
Culgaith	11.00am	Holy Communion/Covenant	Peter Bowes
Langwathby, Methodist Chapel	11.00am	Holy Communion/Covenant	Dave Milner
Langwathby, Methodist Chapel	5.00pm	Taizé	Joan Wager
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
Gamblesby	10.00am	Little Acorns	
Gamblesby	2.00pm	Holy Communion/Covenant	Dave Milner
Langwathby, St. Peter's	11.00am	Holy Communion	David Sargent
Ousby	9.30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Julie Barrett
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
Culgaith	9.30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Bryan Gray
Edenhall	11.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Bryan Gray
Langwathby, Methodist Chapel	11.00am	Morning Worship	Tim Cooke
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
Gamblesby	2.00pm	Afternoon Worship	Dean Lawson
Langwathby, St. Peter's	11.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	John Doidge-Harrison
Skirwith	9.30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Bryan Gray



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**CHURCH SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES AND CHAPELS FOR DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>		<b>Advent Sunday</b>	
Addingham	9:30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Bryan Gray
Culgaith	11.00am	Morning Worship	Dave Milner
Langwathby, Methodist Chapel	11.00am	Morning Worship	Bryan Gray
Langwathby, Methodist Chapel	5.00pm	Taizé	Julie Barrett
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
Gamblesby	2.00pm	Afternoon Worship	Jan Blackshaw
Langwathby, St. Peter's	11.00am	Holy Communion	D Sargent or J Powley
Melmerby	9.30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Bryan Gray
Ousby	11.00am	Carol Service	Fiona Jenkins
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
Culgaith	9.30am	Holy Communion	Fiona Jenkins
Kirkland	2.00pm	Carol Service	Local Team
Langwathby, Methodist Chapel	11.00am	Carol Service	Joan and Ray Wager
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
	6.00pm	Melmerby Carols and Lanterns	Fiona Jenkins
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>			
	5.00pm	Skirwith Celebration of Christmas	Local Team
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>			
Addingham	9.30am	Christmas Nativity	Kate Stannard
Culgaith	3.30pm	Christingle	Veronica Priest
Gamblesby	4.00pm	Community Carol Service with Little Acorns	Claire Slee and Dean Lawson
Kirkland	9.30am	Holy Communion by Extension and Carols	Julie Barrett
Langwathby, St. Peter's	4.00pm	Longest Night	John Doidge-Harrison
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
Langwathby, St. Peter's	5.30pm	Christingle	Fiona Jenkins
Langwathby, St. Peter's	11.00pm	Midnight Mass by Extension	John Doidge-Harrison
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
Edenhall	10.30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Julie Barrett
Addingham	10.00am	Christmas Worship	Bryan Gray
Langwathby, Methodist Chapel	10.00am	Christmas Worship	Dave Milner
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
Langwathby, Methodist Chapel	11.00am	Mission Community Joint Service	Dave Milner