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Dalton and Gayles Village Hall AGM

Tuesday 11th March, 7:00pm

Everyone welcome. Come along and hear what we have been up to last year and some of the events taking place in 2025. We do need some more members on our Committee and would welcome your support.

BARNINGHAM QUIZ NIGHT!

at Barningham Village Hall

Tuesday 11th March at 6:30pm

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FRONT PAGE ADS

HOLMEDALE NATURE NETWORK

Helping Hedgehogs

Mon 3 Mar, 7:30pm – Newsham Village Hall

Insights into hedgehog care and garden footage from Nicki Lancaster, an experienced enthusiast. Rescheduled for the 4th time due to army manoeuvres! £2 donation



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The Inn at the TOP

by Neil Hanson
Dramatised by Laurence Sach

THE CASTLE PLAYERS PRESENTS

Neil Hanson's memoir, 'The Inn at the Top', tells the story of his and his wife Sue's time running the inn at Tan Hill from 1978 to 1979. It recalls their dealings with Stan and Neville, the dodgy owners of the inn, the demands of the local farming community and passing tourists, and the challenges of the inn's remote moorland setting. Throughout their time at the inn, Neil and Sue bring their determination and good humour to their roles as they move rapidly from naive newcomers to hardy managers of 'the highest pub in the British Isles.'

Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond, Fri 7 & Sat/Sat 8 Mar, 7:30pm.
Tickets: 01748 825252, georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk

The Barn at the Tan Hill Inn - two final performances have been confirmed on Sat 23 Mar. Tickets: info@tanhillinn.com



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The Flyer

Just when you thought the global situation couldn't get worse... things *do* take a turn for the worse... Let's hope that an outbreak of sense happens about Ukraine, Europe and Gaza. Meanwhile, be positive, there'll be plenty of hard work in the garden soon (see letters below all you budding allotmenters)! – take care and keep healthy. (Ed.)

LETTERS

Barningham Growers

There are currently plots available. Please phone Phil Heys on: 01833 621487

Thank You

I would like to thank villagers and local friends for all their support since Gerry's death. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you all.

Helen David, Dalton

HOLMEDALE NATURE NETWORK IS NOW A CHARITY

The HNN has been granted the status of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission (<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/5257540>).

This is great news and means that we can now apply for grant funding to progress our work to improve the biodiversity of Holmedale.

We are now actively seeking project ideas from all residents across Holmedale and we also need more volunteers to help deliver. Please get in touch with your ideas and offer to help (holmedalenaturenetwork@gmail.com or 07984 756080).

Ian Mains, on behalf of the Trustees of Holmedale Nature Network

Something to say?

Your letter could be here!

Holmedale Nature Network – upcoming talks & activities

MARCH:

- **Tree & hedge planting in Newsham:** Volunteer sessions lasting 2 hours. Why not come out and join our friendly group? Please email: holmedalenaturenetwork@gmail.com or contact 07984 756080 to get involved!
- **Helping hedgehogs** – see front page

APRIL:

- **Wilding**, a film about the rewilding of the Knepp Castle Estate. **Friday 11th April**, 7:30pm, Barningham Village Hall.

MAY:

- **Book Club**, led by Anne Baker; first book: *Elegy for a River*, by Tom Moorhouse, an easy and fun read with an important message. **Monday 12th May, 7:30pm**, venue to be confirmed. Email Anne on bakers4hnn@gmail.com.

Updates on our activities at: www.whashtonparish.co.uk/holmedale



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THE INSIDE PAGE

SLOW WAYS WALKING ROUTES: <https://beta.slowways.org>. Also try Walking in Durham: www.walkinginengland.co.uk/durham

BARNINGHAM BINS: Mar, Wed^s; Recycling, 5 & 19; Rubbish, 12 & 26.

BARNINGHAM ALLOTMENTS: contact Phil Heys on 01833 621487 (see letter).

BARNINGHAM MOBILE LIBRARY: Thu; Mar 13, 11:20 – 11:35am.

BARNINGHAM PARISH MEETING: contacts: Robin Brooks, Clerk (01833 621203), Mike Peach, Chair (07810 056105), Phil Hunt, Treasurer (01833 621253).

BARNINGHAM VILLAGE HALL: Ann Orton, Secretary & bookings, etc. (01833 621024 or 07980 877760)

BARNINGHAM WEBSITE: The website www.barninghamvillage.co.uk has information about everything from parish meetings to local history. **Can anyone help by taking this on?**

NEWSHAM, DALTON, etc. BINS: Mar, Fri^s; Recycling, 14 & 28; Rubbish, Feb 7 & 21

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NEWSHAM LIBRARY in Newsham Village Hall – Open every Monday and Wednesday 10am – 4pm. A selection of books to suit everyone, so please do pop along. Happy reading!

NEWSHAM VILLAGE HALL: Hall hire enquiries contact Rose on 01833 621300.

NEWSHAM VILLAGE HALL FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS: every week – leave donations in the box inside the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 9 and 4 for the Store House in Richmond

NEWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL: Planning Applications and Notices can be found on the Parish Council website: www.newshamparishcouncil.com, village Facebook page and notice-boards.

WHORLTON WEBSITE: www.whorltonvillage.org covering the Whorlton Village Community Association & the Village Hall – also FaceBook page: Whorlton Village.

BORDERWATCH: volunteers use their own vehicles a few hours a night to record suspicious vehicles or people around the Richmond rural area. To be involved contact Richmond Police:

POLICE CONTACTS: Non-emergency: dial 101. Co Durham: Barnard Castle Police Station 0345 6060365. North Yorkshire: Dial 101, press option 2 - Richmond PCSO: Elliot Brown, Collar Number: 3570. Email: elliott.brown@northyorkshire.police.uk

Neighbourhood Alert:

The County Durham and Darlington Local Resilience Forum is a partnership of all organisations needed to prepare for, and respond to, any major emergency in our area, such as flooding, severe weather or loss of power. The group have put together guidance on what to do in different scenarios, called the Community Risk Register. Residents are being invited to take a few minutes to read the guidance, which contains useful tips and information on how to best prepare for an emergency and who to contact if you need help: https://www.ddfire.gov.uk/.../CDDLRF_Community_Risk...

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TWO MARCH HIGHLIGHTS DATES AT BARNINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Fri 14 Mar, 10:30am – Workshop: A Shortcut to Nature Journaling

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4pm Choral Evensong in church with choir from Barney.

Tuesday 25 March: 6pm Evensong; a special service to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation, the feast of St Mary
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WHASHTON NEWS

Although some time ahead, please make a note in your diaries for the Whashton Parish Annual General Meeting, which will take place in Dalton & Gayles Village Hall on Wednesday 4th June, starting at 19:00h. A detailed agenda will be issued in due course, but we do hope that many of you will attend, when the weather will be warm & sunny - we hope!

www.whashtonparish.co.uk

Ian Mains, Chair Whashton Parish Meeting – ianmains@btinternet.com or 07484 725377

DALTON AND GAYLES VILLAGE HALL

Upcoming Events

YCA – Tue 4 Mar – Farmhouse Cookery, Julie Clarke, 2pm

Dalton & Gayles Village Hall AGM – Tue 11 Mar, 7pm

Lockey's Fish & Chips – Wed 12 & 26 Feb, 6:50-7:20pm

Lunch Club – Thu 13 Mar, noon

Pizza & Games Night – Sat 12 Apr, 5pm onwards

Spring Big Clean – Sat 12 Apr, 10-12am

Sharing Supper – Sat 12 Apr, 7pm

Strawberry Fayre – Sun 29 Jun, 3-5pm

Produce Show – Sat 16 Aug

Casino Night – Sat 15 Nov

Further information: www.daltongaylesvillagehall.co.uk

News on what's been happening

The Annual Quiz Night on 18 Jan was a great evening and raised money for the hall. The Wine Circle Burns Night on Tue 28 Jan was very well attended with traditional haggis/veggie haggis, neeps and tatties, all piped to great aplomb.

Fancy a game of **Table Tennis**? Dalton & Gayles Village Hall now has one you can hire - contact Sue Farr on 07761 800643 to arrange a time to play. Prices: £5.00 for a family, £2.00 per adult, £1.50 per child under 16. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. We are hoping that a regular session would allow people to come along and play and hopefully a club could be formed. If anyone is interested in running a club, please let Sue know.



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BARNINGHAM VILLAGE HALL – dates for your diary

- **Quiz Night!** – Tuesday 11th March, 6:30pm – **NB now Tuesday** – see front page
- **Workshop** – Friday 14th March, 10:30am – A Shortcut to Nature Journalism – see separate ad
- **Theatre: The Moth** – Saturday 22nd March, 7:30pm – the world premier of a gripping new thriller – tickets: contact Robin 01833 621203 – see separate ad
- **Village Hall Open Day & Pop-up Tearoom** – Sunday 23rd March, 11:00-15:30 – come and meet the VH committee members and let us know how you would like to use the hall
- **Pilates** – every Thursday, 9:30-10:30am, tel. Jane 07919 623680
- **Chiro-podist** – Wednesday 12th March, 10 till 12 – ring Laura-Beth Mayhew on 07539 200223

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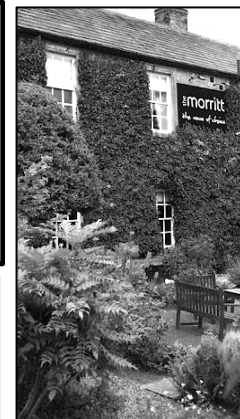
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WHORLTON & WESTWICK NEWS
Coffee Morning: Sat 8 Mar, 10-noon – see ad
Slideshow with Afternoon Tea: Sun 23 Mar, 3pm,
 Village Hall – UK filmmaker turned biology teacher,
 Sam Forsyth, from the charity Kipsaina Education
 and Environment Partnership (keepkenya.org) will
 present an illustrated talk about his charity in
 Kenya, which encourages tree growing and planting
 as well as brick making and building in a Kenyan
 village. Tickets £12, Box Office : 07584 908761
Gardeners' Question Time: Sun 3 May, 7pm, Village
 Hall – A panel of local experts will answer your
 gardening questions. Refreshments and bar.
 Tickets £5, Box Office 07768 050197
Whorlton Open Gardens: Sun 18 May, 1:30-5pm –
 Enjoy a wander around gardens in the village and
 afternoon tea in the Village Hall. Tickets £5 from
 the Village Hall on the day along with maps.
 Ticket details for events below to follow:
The Castle Players with the opening night of
 Shakespeare in Love on Whorlton Village Green.
 Bring a picnic and join us on **Tue 1 Jul, 7pm.**
Folksy Theatre Company presents Twelfth Night.
 Bring a picnic and enjoy the theatre on Whorlton
 Village Green on **Sun 13 Jul, 7pm.**
Village Telegraph: What's on? What's up? Join the
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NEWSHAM NEWS
Dates for your diary:
 Fri 28 Feb, 10:30am – **Coffee Morning** – cuppa, cake & chat
 Sat 15 Mar, 7:30pm till late – **Band Night with Late Night Radio** – free admission, donations to Newsham Village Hall. Licensed bar. All under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
 Fri 21 Mar – **Quiz Night** – £2 per person, teams up to 6. Enquiries: Monica 01833 621125
 Every first Thu – **Carpet Bowls** – everyone welcome, the bar is open.
Lottery – winning number: 52. There were no winners so March will be a roll-over. To join in contact Steve on 01833 621115.
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Gift Shop
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What's on at Thorpe Farm

15TH	MARCH	6pm	Spanish Evening
29TH	MARCH	6pm	Bingo
30TH	MARCH	12pm	Mother's Day Lunch
30TH	MARCH	9am	Car Boot Sale
4TH	APRIL	9am	Easter Trail Opens!

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For further information contact Chris on:
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Dalton & Gayles Village Hall

Fired and Sliced Pizzas

Saturday 22nd March
5:00 – 7.30pm

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March 4th, 2pm - Farmhouse Cookery, Julie Clarke
April 1st, 7pm - Spring Baskets, Fiona Dean
May 13th (note date), 7pm - Fashion Show by Larches of Richmond
June 3rd, 7pm - The Painted Card, Sandie Wordsmith, Illustrator
July 1st, 7pm - History, Martin Peagran
August 5th, tba - YCA Annual Picnic
September 2nd, 7pm - Sweet Making, Naila Laundry
October 7th, 7pm - The Dakyn Trust, Jane Ratcliffe
November 4th, 2pm - AGM, followed by Bingo with Colin, our fantastic caller
December 2nd, 12 noon - Christmas Party

Everyone is welcome to our meetings, get to know new people in the area and learn new subjects and skills... Please ring Janet on 079 22 445 199