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# WELCOME

Welcome to the Autumn 2025 edition of Shincliffe Community Association Newsletter.

Don't forget to mention SCAN if you contact our advertisers.

Organisers/members should please check the **Useful Information** section and let us know of any updates/changes.

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**Short articles** and/or **photos** are always welcome, although space limitations may mean that they will not always be published. We are also inviting people to suggest helpful **hints and tips** which may be of interest to members of the community and can fill in awkward gaps in the magazine.

Please use shincliffenews@gmail.com for any queries regarding adverts and/or contributions.

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# SHINCLIFFE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

SCA aims to promote community involvement. We would like to run more groups and events. If you have any suggestions or would be willing to join us, you would be most welcome. Our meetings are advertised on our facebook page. Please feel free to come along, or contact Peter Hagger on 386 7085.

## Shincliffe Show 2025: sponsored by Shincliffe Mill Nursery

This year's Show was, once again, an amazing display of the talents and skills of our community and a great success with about 200 entries across 45 categories; many thanks to all who participated, to those who helped and congratulations to our winners. We were pleased to welcome many new entrants this year and to hear of the plans of entrants to prepare early for next year!

The atmosphere at the event was lively and there were many positive comments about the standard of entries, it was a convivial gathering of our community. May we say thank you to our judges- Susan Gibbens, Kathleen Jopling, Jen Kitching, Alex MacDonald, Paul MacMenemy, Rita Price and Cath Tarn. We are also very grateful to Paul McMenemy for our amazing photographic record.

A full list of winners is included on pages 21-23, and there are photos to enjoy. The event was sponsored by Shincliffe Mill Nursery, which enabled us to offer £10 vouchers to our Best in Show Cup Winners, an exciting new addition.

We would also like to thank those who have supported us by donating raffle prizes - Shincliffe Mill Nursery, Betty Bees and members of our committee and community.

For next year's show we plan to have 'Lumiere' (past and present) as a category for the photography class. We are looking forward to receiving lots of entries from this spectacular event which is happening from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## Exercise Classes

The Tuesday Keepfit class at the Church Hall (Tuesday 12pm – 1pm) continues to thrive. It is run at a gentle pace and ends with seated stretches and relaxation. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Chris Stevens on 386 3158.

## Knit'n'Natter

We continue to meet every Friday and, in addition to personal projects, support many local charities, including baby hats and blankets, with hats for Christmas babies joining items for Operation Christmas Child as our current priorities.

We have welcomed a number of new members in recent months, if you would like to join us please feel free to call in and visit us.

We will be holding a coffee morning at The Avenue Inn on 14th November, an ideal opportunity to meet the group, your friends and to support WCDS, as they raise funds to purchase a new Breast Biopsy System to be based at the QE at Gateshead, our local specialist centre.

## **Photography Walks**

Paul McMenemy has offered to lead photography walks around the village, offering the opportunity for guidance in all aspects of photography from selecting a subject, positioning and maximising the potential of your photograph and camera. The first walk will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November and will leave from the Avenue Inn at 11am walking the perimeter road. If you would like to join us please meet us there. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any queries please feel free to contact Paul: [pmmcmenemy2002@aol.com](mailto:pmmcmenemy2002@aol.com)

## **Carols around the Tree 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 4.30pm**

There will be carols around the tree at Ancroft Garth led by Rev Bill Rigby, please come along and join our community event to celebrate the festive season. Afterwards there will be mince pies, mulled wine, coffee and soft drinks at The Avenue Inn to warm us up.

### **SCA Keepfit Class**

**Led by qualified instructors and in line with government guidelines.**

**Tuesday 12pm – 1pm at St Mary's Church Hall**

This class is at a gentle pace and ends with some seated stretches and relaxation.

Doors open at 11.50.

If you wish to join this group please contact Chris Stevens on 0191 386 3158 to check availability of places.

# **COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF** **WOMEN'S CANCER DETECTION SOCIETY**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9.30am – 11.30 am**

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For more information please contact: Del Faye 386 0369

## SCAN

SCAN magazine is produced by SCA in association with the Parish and Church Councils and is delivered to over **700** households. The Parish and Church Councils, and our retiring local councillor David Stoker, provide vital financial support, along with our advertisers; without them we would not be able to produce SCAN. We are grateful for, and appreciate, their support, and that of the volunteers who produce and distribute SCAN.

## Membership

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We have also included a membership form. Completed ones can be dropped off at/sent to 27, Telford Close, High Shincliffe

You are also most welcome to make a donation, if you prefer.

We can be contacted on the following email address: [shincliffe.news@gmail.com](mailto:shincliffe.news@gmail.com) or by calling Del Faye on 386 0369

### SHINCLIFFE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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The National Collection Week is 10th to 17th November.

Local drop off points are:

- Emmanuel Church, Belmont Industrial Estate, DH1 1TN
- St Andrew's Methodist Church Brandon, Carr Avenue, DH7 8QG

Please contact me if you would like any boxes collected or need any assistance.

Leaflets can be collected from Poplar Tree Nursery and Coffee shop, Shincliffe Mill Garden Centre, and Betty Bee's Coffee Shop.

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## SHINCLIFFE W.I.

The National Federation of Women's Institutes celebrated its 110<sup>th</sup> birthday in September 2025. From the first meeting on Anglesey in 1915, it has grown into the nationwide organisation to which we belong today. The familiar WI acorn logo was chosen to symbolise strength, perseverance and resilience, particularly apt when set in the context of World War One, while maple leaves honour the WI's beginnings in Canada. The WI can be found in towns and villages with members of all ages and backgrounds and also in a prison. Bronzefield Bees WI was the first prison-based WI to be formed in 2010, as a result of the WI mandate, Care not Custody, in 2008. Shincliffe WI is now 107, not far behind our founding group.

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Speaker: Ann Richardson "The History of Raby Women". Competition: Old wedding photograph
- Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>: Quiz Night with Wine and Cheese: WI Hut. All welcome!
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> / Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Tree Festival. WI tree theme "Baking Tree". St. Mary's Church, Shincliffe
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: early celebration of Christmas! Bring and Share Supper. Collection for the Food Bank. Entertainment: Beeswing
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner: The Seven Stars, Shincliffe
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Durham County WI Carol Service: St. Mary's Church, Barnard Castle
- January 2026: No Meeting
- Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup> N.B. Lunchtime Meeting this month: Speaker: Ed Waugh "Wor Bella". Competition: Vintage Greetings Card. Stall: Books
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Speaker: Faye Dale of Natwest Building Society "Locks, Stocks and Conmen!". Competition: Easter cupcake

Our meetings take place in Shincliffe WI Hut on the first Wednesday of the month. We do not meet in January and our February Meeting is held at lunchtime. All other meetings begin at 7.30p.m. Visitors will be made most welcome.

Sue Sandham (shincliffe@durhamwi.co.uk)

## Elvet Methodist Church

The website for Elvet Methodist church is now [www.durhamcitymethodists.org](http://www.durhamcitymethodists.org) as it is combined with North Road MC. Bowburn is part of Durham City East Methodists (DCEM) with Carrville and Pittington St John's.

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## School Report

We have returned to school following a refreshing summer break and look forward to another successful and productive year in the life of the school as the children settle into their new classes. We were pleased to support the Shincliffe Show this year and many of our pupils enjoyed taking part in the event. We will celebrate Harvest with Community Worship at St. Mary's church this half term and, once again, will be supporting the Durham Foodbank's work amongst those in need. We welcome all members of the community to our Remembrance Community Service on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9:05am in the school hall.

Mr. Philip Rumbles – Head Teacher

## Friends of Shincliffe School

If you would like to find out a little more please email [Foss.shincliffe@gmail.com](mailto:Foss.shincliffe@gmail.com). We can also be contacted via our facebook page.

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# SHINCLIFFE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## Victorian and Edwardian Society comes to Shincliffe

A chance meeting at a presentation on Wood View in the village has led us to another interesting figure who lived in the terrace for about five years from 1915-1920. At the end of the talk, given to our friends from Ferryhill Station LHS, we were approached by Pat Atkinson who informed us that her ancestor, Sylvia Kingsley Hunt, had lived in what is now Number 2 during this period. She let us know that she had shared some details of Sylvia on Ancestry.com and that an exploration of her life and times would add to our store of knowledge of someone who moved in artistic circles and had connections to Lord Barnard at Raby Castle.

Sylvia Kingsley Hunt was the daughter of Alfred and Margaret Hunt, and she was born in Durham in 1865. Her father was a renowned artist as well as the author of the poem, *Nineveh*. He first came to prominence in 1847 when his sketches of the Dee Bridge disaster, near Chester, (he was in the following train), were picked up and published by the *Illustrated London News*. Her mother, Margaret (nee Raine), born in Durham, was the daughter of James Raine, an antiquarian and topographer. He served as a librarian to the Dean and Chapter at Durham and was a serving clergyman at Meldon in Northumberland. The Raines had lived in Crook Hall in Durham which now belongs to the National Trust. Margaret went on to be an author and translated the definitive version of Grimm's *Fairy Tales* into English. This artistic, intellectual, and independent streak transferred itself to her daughters, Sylvia, Violet, and Venetia.

Sylvia married a Durham man, John Walton Fogg-Elliott, who became a land agent and who lived in Bedburn Hall in Hamsterley Forest, County Durham. He is pictured below with his wife, Sylvia, sister-in-law, Venetia, and sister, Alice.

The marriage, however, was to end in an acrimonious divorce following Mr Fogg-Elliott's affair with another woman. After the divorce, Sylvia moved into Wood View.

Her sisters were just as well-connected, if not more so. Violet was a published author and founder of the Women's Writers' Suffrage League. She had affairs with HG Wells, Somerset Maugham, and Ford Madox Ford. Venetia Hunt married William Arthur Smith Benson, a British designer active in the Arts and Crafts movement and whose main exponent was William Morris.

Sylvia must have remained on good terms with her brother-in-law, Charles Thurston Fogg-Elliott. He was an accomplished rower and Cambridge Blue, his caricature appearing in *Vanity Fair* in 1894. He served Lords Barnard and Curzon (the latter a



Sylvia and John Walton Fogg-Elliott, Venetia Hunt & Alice Fogg-Elliott

Viceroy of India) as well as being a Captain in the Durham Light Infantry in WW1. Sylvia left her will to Charles and she is buried in St. Mary's graveyard, having died in 1920.

The following is our programme for this period of the SCAN:

## 2025

17<sup>th</sup> November: Geoff Harrison – Letters from WW2 in Brancepeth Archive

15<sup>th</sup> December: Richard Barber – The Shildon Railway

## 2026

19<sup>th</sup> January: Stephen Livingstone – The life and times of Bentley Beetham

16<sup>th</sup> February: David Williams - George Stephenson: Tribulations, Trials, and Triumphs

16<sup>th</sup> March: Pete Welsh – Working-class sports in the north-east

Our website ([www.slhs.uk](http://www.slhs.uk)) is constantly updated with new stories and information about Shincliffe's past. If you have a story to share about your memories of Shincliffe, and would like to share these with a wider audience, please contact us on [contat@slhs.uk](mailto:contat@slhs.uk).

Garry Stout

Chair, Shincliffe Local History Society

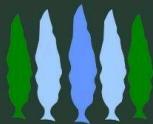
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- 1c: Drawing Animals KS1: 1<sup>st</sup>: Henry Glass 2<sup>nd</sup>: Harriet Hobson
- 1d: Drawing Animals KS2: 1<sup>st</sup>: Annabel Glass 2<sup>nd</sup>: Penny Coombs 3<sup>rd</sup>: Annabel Glass
- 1e: Decorated Stone KS1: 1<sup>st</sup>: Harriet Hodgson
- 1f: Decorated Stone KS2: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jack Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sophia Robson 3<sup>rd</sup>: Autumn Horner
- 1g: Vegetable Monster: 1<sup>st</sup>: Harriet Hodgson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jack Baker
- 1h: Celebration Cake: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jack Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sophia Robson 3<sup>rd</sup>: Autumn Horner
- 1i: Open Category 1<sup>st</sup>: Harriet Hodgson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jack Baker 3<sup>rd</sup>: Arnie Lee
- 1j: Biscuits: 1<sup>st</sup>: Alma Lee 2<sup>nd</sup>: Arnie Lee 3<sup>rd</sup>: Arnie Lee



## Adult Categories

### 2- PHOTOGRAPHY

2a: Local Landscapes: 1<sup>st</sup>: Mandy Dawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mandy Dawson =3<sup>rd</sup>: Ben Coombs & Suzie Williams

2b: Open: 1<sup>st</sup>: Suzie Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>: Suzie Williams 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mandy Dawson

### 3- CRAFT

3a: Handmade Clothing: Knit or Crochet: 1<sup>st</sup>: Del Faye 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hollie Gowdie 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sheila Foster

3b: Handmade Toy: Knit or Crochet 1<sup>st</sup>: Hollie Gowdie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sheila Foster

3c: Handmade Item – Sewing: 1<sup>st</sup>: Kim Ranns

3d: Cross Stitch/ Embroidery Item: 1<sup>st</sup>: Kathleen Chadwick 2<sup>nd</sup>: Laura Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sheila Foster

3e: Handmade Celebration Card: 1<sup>st</sup>: Del Faye 2<sup>nd</sup>: Del Faye 3<sup>rd</sup>: Del Faye

3f: Paint/ Draw: 1<sup>st</sup> Terry Fairless 2<sup>nd</sup>: Barbara Morrow 3<sup>rd</sup>: A Rutherford

3g: Handmade Pottery: 1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Sewell

3h: Homemade Wooden Item 1<sup>st</sup>: Andrew Chadwick

3i: An Upcycled/re-Imagined Item: 1<sup>st</sup>: Margaret Charters 2<sup>nd</sup>: Margaret Charters

3j: Open Category: 1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Sewell 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sheila Foster

### 4- FLOWERS

4a: Single Flower: 1<sup>st</sup>: Dave Grady 2<sup>nd</sup>: Yvonne Collingham 3<sup>rd</sup>: Stefan Pryzborski

4b: Jar/Vase of Garden Flowers: 1<sup>st</sup>: Yvonne Collingham 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrea Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>: Claire Pragnell

### 5- FLORAL

5a: Table Centre Arrangement: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jackie Bromley

5b: Arrangement of Foliage & Herbs: 1<sup>st</sup>: Yvonne Collingham

5c: Teacup Arrangement: 1<sup>st</sup>: Kathleen Jopling 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane Pragnell 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jackie Bromley

### 6- JARS & BOTTLES

6a: Chutney: 1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Sewell

6b: Jams: 1<sup>st</sup>: Andrea Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrea Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jen Kitching

6c: Marmalade: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jen Kitching 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrea Hall

### 7- GARDEN PRODUCE

7a: Apples or Pears: 1<sup>st</sup>: Andrea Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>: Arnie Lee 3<sup>rd</sup>: J Blindell

7b: Other Fruit & Berries: 1<sup>st</sup>: J Blindell

7c: Tomatoes: 1<sup>st</sup>: Viv Craggs 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ann Callaghan 3<sup>rd</sup>: J Blindell

7d: Root Veg/Tubers: 1<sup>st</sup>: Andrea Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrea Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>: Andrea Hall

7e: Longest Runner Bean: 1<sup>st</sup>: Andrea Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>: Del Faye  
7f: Basket of 5 Vegetables: 1<sup>st</sup>: Andrea Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrea Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>: Yvonne Collingham  
7g: Wonky Fruit/ Veg: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jack Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ann Callaghan  
7h: Open Category: 1<sup>st</sup>: Stefan Pryzborski 2<sup>nd</sup>: J Blindell 3<sup>rd</sup>: A Rutherford

## **8-BAKING**

8a: A Celebration Showstopper: 1<sup>st</sup>: Julie Bowden  
8b: Victoria Sponge: 1<sup>st</sup>: Barbara Morrow 2<sup>nd</sup>: Julie Bowden  
8c: A Loaf Cake: 1<sup>st</sup>: Julie Bowden 2<sup>nd</sup>: Yvonne Collingham  
8d: 3 Fruit Scones: 1<sup>st</sup>: Viv Craggs 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jen Kitching 3<sup>rd</sup>: Julie Bowden  
8e: Cheese Scones: 1<sup>st</sup>: John Stadius 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jen Kitching 3<sup>rd</sup>: Julie Bowden  
8f: A Savoury Bake/Pie: No entries  
8g: Bread: 1<sup>st</sup>: Yvonne Collingham 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane Pryzborski  
8h: Open Category: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jane Pryzborski 2<sup>nd</sup>: Julie Bowden 3<sup>rd</sup>: Harriet Iddon

## **Cups & Trophies**

***Children's Rising Star Cup:* Penny Coombs**

***Shincliffe Parish Council Trophy-Junior Bake Off:* Sophia Robson**

***Ken Hampton Photography Trophy:* Mandy Dawson**

***Hazel Fleetham Floral Trophy:* Yvonne Collingham**

***Shincliffe Parish Council Trophy for Baking:* Julie Bowden**

***Shincliffe Parish Council Trophy for Preserves:* Andrea Hall**

***Jean & Jim Harper Craft Trophy:* Terry Fairless**

***Ronnie Stark Best in Show- Fruit & Vegetables:* Viv Craggs**

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# Shincliffe St Mary's Newsletter

Steady rain was forecast, but I decided to go for my planned walk from Blanchland to Castleside; part of the Northern Saints “Way of Light” route. I kept myself dry for the first hour, but by the time I reached the mid-point stop at Edmondbyers I was soaked. I was more than thankful for the shelter and chance to warm up and have my packed lunch that the open Church afforded. The pub was not open until later so this was the only place where I could stop and try and dry off a bit. I felt extremely grateful to the Churchwardens for opening up and making the place feel welcome. This was a theme that continued throughout my walks, the Church of England owes a lot to its Churchwardens. That afternoon I stopped at the remote Church of Muggleswick. I was so pleased to find there facilities for making tea and coffee, and a loo. Again, I was thankful to the Churchwardens whose names and numbers were there, thus putting a name to this welcome.

It seems to me that our Churchwardens, and those who support them, do a great service to the public. As we reflect on where the Church of England’s strength lies, we can acknowledge the great value of this service.

With all good wishes, and prayers

Peter

Join us on a **Sunday for 9:30 Parish Communion**. Children are always welcome. Refreshments are enjoyed afterwards in the Church Hall. The first Sunday of each month is Parish Communion with a children’s activity. St. Mary’s has strong links with Shincliffe C of E Primary School through a Worship Choir and regular services.

## Services at Church this Christmas:

Christmas Carol Service: Sunday December 21st at 6pm

Christmas Eve: Christingle Service 4pm

Christmas Day: Midnight Mass 11pm

Holy Eucharist 9:30am

If you would like the monthly prayers for Community and Outreach by email, contact Julie Goodhart ([juliannegoodhart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliannegoodhart@hotmail.co.uk)).

Contact the Parish Giving Officer, Bill Clatworthy ([clatworthy.b@btinternet.com](mailto:clatworthy.b@btinternet.com)) for more details on how you may be able to help and support our Ministry in Shincliffe.

To find out more about St. Mary’s Shincliffe and support the work done in the local community visit: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13481/>

For further information, please contact the parish priest, the Revd. Peter Kashouris.

[pzkashouris@gmail.com](mailto:pzkashouris@gmail.com) 0191 374 1681

## From the Registers-

### Baptisms

June 1<sup>st</sup> Frederick and Thomas Hutchinson

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Tom and Lena Kincey

### Weddings

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> William Atkinson married Phoebe Parker

### Funerals

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Doris Eden Glen (Sherburn Hospital formerly of Shincliffe)

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Norman Fletcher

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Stadius

**Foodbank:** St. Mary's is now making a weekly collection for the Foodbank.

The foodbank still needs longlife milk and fruit juice, tins of potatoes, vegetables, rice pudding, fruit and spaghetti. We always need household cleaning materials and toiletries.

Many thanks for all your support, it is so much appreciated.

## WILD CHURCH

September brought our Apple Day where we did apple pressing for the first time, enjoyed activities, apple recipes and had a short service.

October followed with our Animal Welfare service and some of our pets present.

Coming up:

### WILD CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

at St. Mary's Church

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 5.00pm -7.00pm and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00 – 12.00 Noon

Adults £3 – Children free

To join in the festival make a group or family tree and bring it along from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm ready for the festival opening at 5.00pm.

Contact Julie@ [juliannegoodhart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliannegoodhart@hotmail.co.uk) to register your tree for a label.

Retrieve Trees: Either Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November 12.00-1.00pm or Sun 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.30-11.30pm.

### CAROLS AROUND THE TREE with NATIVITY

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 5.30pm

Shincliffe Green (In church if the weather is poor)

Afterwards: Mince pies in the Church Hall

# CRAFT FAIR

**St. Mary's Church Hall Shincliffe  
Saturday 1st November 2025 10am - 1pm**



*Plenty of stalls for all tastes. Come along and meet the stall holders, relax with a tea / coffee and sample excellent cakes.*

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## **ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL**

We are pleased to announce that the refurbishment scheme has ended. The refurbishment includes: comfortable seating, a modernized kitchen, WIFI connection and a smart TV with 58-inch screen.

The hall is available for hire for parties, anniversaries, celebrations, and regular groups



To hire the hall, contact Margaret Clatworthy on [maclatworthy@hotmail.com](mailto:maclatworthy@hotmail.com)

## Belfry News

As I write the evenings are drawing in and the long winter evenings are almost upon us again. So it's good to recollect all the ringing activities which took place during the light, and warm, summer days. One of the delights of the ringing scene is our regular meetings and gatherings where we eat and drink together. The first of these, since the last Belfry News, was the Shincliffe ringers' dinner. There were a dozen of us – local ringers and some of our students – who gathered for our annual dinner at the Seven Stars (delightful to have it open again) for a very good meal. In prospect we have, in October, the annual dinner of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers. Ringers from all over the Diocese from the Tweed to the Tees will gather for their annual dinner and ceilidh at the Masonic Hall in Old Elvet.

And further ahead, in December, some of the Shincliffe ringers are invited to the Annual dinner and ceilidh of DUSCR – the University Society – also at the Masonic Hall. Ringers from all over the country who once rang with the University Society foregather every year for this event.

Ringers tend to be a very sociable lot and all over the country at 9 o'clock, when most ringing practices end, flocks of ringers go from the ringing chamber in their local church to the comfort of their local pub. Most are real ale enthusiasts. The Durham ringers are no exception, and go to the Victoria on Hallgarth Street, or the Station House under the viaduct on North Road. We are very proud of the Station House, which is run by a ringing couple, and has just won the Northeast final of CAMRA's pub of the year competition. This places them in the top sixteen CAMRA pubs in the country. We wish them lots of luck in the final!

If the thought of all that sociability, after an hour or so of making bell music together, appeals to you, do come along to St Mary's church any Tuesday evening at 7.30p.m. You will be very welcome to join us in both activities.

Jean Woodward 0191 384 9957

## Proposed Housing Development

**iMpeC Real Estate** is bringing forward proposals to create **new homes in Bowburn** and **help deliver a relief road** to reduce traffic on the A177 through Bowburn.

More information can be found at: <https://www.bowburnnewhomes.com/>

Shincliffe Parish Council are aware of this proposal and are in communication with the development company.



# The Avenue

## Festive Menu

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Roast Turkey

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Desserts..

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## Shincliffe Parish Council News

This is my autumn update for SCAN to let you know what your Parish Council has been working on.

Durham County Council have now completed their initial public consultation on the 20mph zone in High Shincliffe. The results were clear: residents do not want speed humps. The Parish Council previously supported traffic calming measures as part of the scheme, but we have now changed our policy to reflect residents' views. We now support a 20mph limit with signage only and no traffic calming. In Shincliffe Village there was strong support for the scheme. DCC already has our contribution and a design in hand, so we now wait to see how they will proceed under this revised policy.

A working group is being set up to get the Neighbourhood Plan over the line. The draft plan and background papers on green space and heritage are complete, and the next step will be a parish-wide consultation before it goes forward to DCC. If you would like to be involved in this work, please let our Clerk know. Please also keep an eye on our website – [www.shincliffeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.shincliffeparishcouncil.org.uk) – for updates.

We are also restarting the parish Emergency and Resilience Forum, with a working group to bring together residents, volunteers, emergency services and the County Council. Funding is in place, and the aim is to meet before winter so we are better prepared for flooding and other emergencies. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Clerk to register your interest.

On highways, we are continuing our support and campaign to reduce the speed on the A177 Shincliffe Road from 40mph to 30mph, which we believe is vital for safety.

The gravel (pebble) paths in Shincliffe Village remain a concern. We have asked the County Council for all background information on the work they undertook, and we will update residents as soon as more detail is available.

Work also continues on updating our parish website. A new and improved site is being developed with a simpler, more user-friendly interface, and the aim is to include a hub for local businesses and community groups. This will be launched in due course.

Footpaths remain a regular concern. Signs have gone up at Poplar Tree field footpath saying it cannot be used when the nursery is closed. We are checking the legal status and writing to the nursery for clarification. Residents often raise problems about blocked paths, overgrown hedges, potholes and pavement parking. The quickest way to report these is through DCC's DoItOnline service. It logs issues directly with the right team and speeds up action. If problems come back again after being fixed, please also let us know.

The Council has also agreed to press ahead with work on climate and carbon reduction, and more will follow on this in the coming months. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Clerk.

As in previous years, Christmas trees will be provided for both Shincliffe Village and High Shincliffe, with thanks to East Grange Farm for their generous donation, and the Council will support refreshments at the carols by the trees events.

Thank you to councillors, our Clerk and all residents who continue to raise ideas and concerns. Your input makes a real difference. Please keep attending meetings, using the website and speaking to us so we can keep representing your views.

Cllr Stephen Ashfield [stephen.ashfield@shincliffeparish.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.ashfield@shincliffeparish.gov.uk)

Chair, Shincliffe Parish Council

## Safer Shincliffe Progress Summary

Over recent months, *Safer Shincliffe* has made significant progress in raising awareness and pressing for action to improve road safety on the A177 through our community. The group's key aim remains the reduction of the current 40mph speed limit to 30mph to better protect residents and all road users.

Initial discussions began in February 2025 with Cllr Freeman to establish links with Durham County Council's (DCC) Traffic Management team. A pivotal meeting was held on 14 April with senior officers Dave Lewin and Kieron Moralee, where *Safer Shincliffe* presented evidence highlighting the dangers posed by the current speed limit. Particular focus was given to the interpretation of "village status" and whether properties such as those around Shincliffe Station, Beaumont Court and The Old School Houses (which access the A177 via slip lanes and drives) should be considered as adjoining the main road. Concerns were also raised about incomplete and poor-quality road safety improvements, with calls for investment to be redirected toward implementing a 30mph limit.



Further meetings with Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Joy Allen, Deputy PCC Graham Hall, and Durham Police representatives explored broader road safety initiatives, including Operation Edward ("Every Day Without a Road Death"). Discussions covered better recording of all road collisions, the identification of high-risk locations, and the potential use of speed camera vans to monitor the 25% of persistent non-compliant vehicles that travel through our community.

On 4 July, a key meeting took place with DCC leadership, including Council Leader Andrew Husband, and Cllr Tim McGuinness (Portfolio Holder for Rural, Farming and Transport), and MP Mary Kelly Foy. *Safer Shincliffe* presented detailed accident data, a timeline of incidents,

and a proposal for a 1,000-metre 30mph zone through Shincliffe, supported by 40mph buffer zones at either end. DCC agreed to support updated speed surveys and seek legal advice on definitions of frontage and adjoining properties.

There has also been ongoing concern over the proposed introduction of a 20mph limit in High Shincliffe, which remains under consultation.

Locally speed watch enforcement has been undertaken by Cllr Ellie Hopgood and PCSO Connor Smith, with requests made for additional enforcement by mobile speed camera vans. In the past two weeks, Durham Constabulary has carried out a targeted speed watch near the flashing speed visor to monitor vehicles exiting the derestricted 60mph section, where excessive speeds remain a serious issue.

The campaign continues to focus on lowering speeds and improving enforcement to create safer roads for the whole community. We continue our campaign but we do need our residents' support and comments of their experiences on the A177 Shincliffe Road.

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Bill Clatworthy & Graham Hollingworth, Councillors Shincliffe Parish Council

## Shincliffe Parish Council Horticultural News

With very little rainfall in Spring there were problems getting our summer bedding planted as the ground was very hard and very dry. Marc had to irrigate and plant and it was a lengthy process.

Climate change is increasing the frequency of extreme events such as droughts and flooding. This, together with the increasing unpredictability of our weather, demands a re-think on how we plant up our beds in the future. We do not intend to plant bedding in the autumn, so the beds will remain empty until the bulbs come through in the spring.

Our experiment with the wildflower planting in the triangle near The Mews was successful in its first year (below left), however this year's display (below right) was very short lived due to the hot summer with poppies predominating. Three of us recently spent a morning tidying it and we



intend to replant with some perennials which will give a longer display of interest as well as being beneficial to wildlife. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Bill Clatworthy.



We would like to thank the people who have helped out with various tasks over the year. These have included looking after the planters, road sign beds and the herb garden in High Shincliffe which has flourished this year (photo on the left), clearing the vegetation round the recently planted Turkey oaks in the old mine site and litterpicking. We'd love more people to become involved in helping to beautify areas in our parish. Please

contact SPC if there is an area you'd like to help out with or if you have suggestions for what we might do as a community.

Autumn colours have arrived and Shincliffe is looking beautiful!!

Bill Clatworthy [bill.clatworthy@shincliffeparish.gov.uk](mailto:bill.clatworthy@shincliffeparish.gov.uk)

Chair Horticulture Committee

## Front Garden Competition

Members of the Parish Horticultural Committee enjoyed walking around the parish. They produced a short list of gardens for the summer front garden competition. Stephen Ashfield, the chair of Shincliffe Parish Council, then selected the following winners:

- 7 Heathways - colourful style with lots of variety and tidy edges.
- 1 Lindisfarne - stone frontage softened with layered plants, warm and inviting.
- 12 Meldon Way - full of texture and colour, plenty of planting variety.
- 14 Ancroft Garth - good use of different plants and colour.
- 25 Telford Close - slightly wild but draws the eye.
- 2 Mitford Close - neat entrance with containers and seasonal colour.
- 4/5 Jubilee Place - matching front gardens, polished and welcoming.
- 1 St Mary's Close - tidy frontage, well-kept lawn and shrubs.
- Cowdray House, Hall Lane j/w Low Road - mature trees and hedging, strong biodiversity.
- 16 Pond St - I like the pots.

## DOWN THE LANE: LOTS OF MIRACLES

Miracles are beyond natural. Beyond human capacity. I look at the underside of a toad and ask myself how did it get that beautiful belly? For me, it's by God's design. But how do you explain animals talking to each other? True enough, I hear horses whinny to one another and even give a horse (or human) a little nicker, but they are a species that displays affection. So, there would be emotional sensitivity-which we know and love in horses.

I have been thinking about animal communication because Stephen was out on the golf course, near the edge – when the golf group witnessed a tiny mole making noises at a small frog and the frog answering back. It sounds like Wind in the Willows. To all intents and purposes they were having a conversation – though as moles are virtually blind, it may have thought it was communicating with another mole!

This summer, the swooping and veering of our swallows, as they get in and out of the barn, has been a spectacle. We sat for many an evening watching the swallows sail in, right between our shoulders, veering towards the open door. It was a delight when they had a brood – from the three that arrived in April, so then there were five. But then there were seven and now they are onto their third brood by August 12th . It's a sign of a magnificently warm summer and plentiful food. The swifts have already gone home but our swallows are still working hard. It's rare enough for the second brood – but three! That is amazing.

And the pears! It's the first year ever that the pears are totally lacking in scab, fungus or moulds. Another delight. Apple harvest is very early, many eaters are ready now, so by the time you read this on Wild Church Apple Day we will have been apple bobbing, apple pressing, identifying varieties and having a short service.

There have been winners and losers in the Summer of 2025 - the best summer many of us have known in Durham. Losers: the low river has intensified the sewage which has been bad for the fish. Winners: there have been multiple broods of birds and a dearth of slugs (hurrah). The harvest fields have been dry and crops brought in – though yields are down. Everything is cropping in July and August. Talk about a Beano! Brilliant. But the parsnips needed water in spring and unless you had done a lot of watering, they are smallish. Dahlias have been thriving, Japanese anemones have been smaller, hedgehogs fewer – perhaps due to lack of water. Or is it that the badgers have had them? The warm spring has been great for moths and some butterflies – the best summer on moth record since 2013.

Our hedges have survived, but they have taken every ounce of water from adjoining beds. Apples and other fruits have been the bumper yield and just dropping off the trees. The wasps! They have been hungry for sugar and protein since the last week in July. So we hope you had good luck with your al fresco eating!

Julie Goodhart



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Stephen Goodhart 386 9047

**Parochial Church Council:**  
Secretary: Andrew French  
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**St Mary's Pastoral Team:**  
Team Leader: Peter Kashouris: 383 0830

**Sunday Services:**  
9:30am Parish Eucharist.  
Additional services and changes to the above are posted on the notice boards at the church door and outside the Church Hall.

**Confirmation Classes:**  
Details from the Parish Priest

**Baptisms & Weddings:**  
By arrangement with the Parish Priest; contact via Parish Office

**Ecumenical House Groups:**  
Details from Julie Goodhart  
1 The Corner House, High Street North,  
Shincliffe Village 3869047

**Music Coordinator**  
David Ratnanayagam 07810207015

**Bell Ringers:**  
Keith Hayton: 386 6585  
Jean Woodward (Secretary): 384 9957  
Practice night: Tues., 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

**Church Flowers:**  
Eileen Marchant 07753524271

**Church Cleaning:** 2nd Tuesday in the month - more volunteers welcome. Contact: Margaret Charters:

Email: mscharters@hotmail.com  
**St. Mary's Church Hall** can be booked for: private functions, children's parties, group meetings, coffee mornings, commercial uses etc. For availability and booking please contact: Margaret Clatworthy on 07779 481475  
Email: maclatworthy@hotmail.com

**Social Activities:** A variety of social activities over the year. Details in SCAN delivered to every house in the parish

### BOWBURN & ELVET METHODIST CHURCHES

**Ministers:**  
The Revd. Fiona Weir (Bowburn) 07955 374680  
The Revd. John Squares (Elvet) 340 9701  
**Thursday Worship**  
Bowburn Community Centre at 11:15am  
**Sunday Worship:**  
Elvet Methodist Church: 10.30am  
North Road Methodist Church: 4:00pm

**Lunch Stop** On the first Thursday of the month we host a light lunch from 12:30 - 2pm at Bowburn Methodist church in the Community Centre. All are welcome. A donation towards the cost is appreciated.

### ST CUTHBERT'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Priest:** Fr. Andrew Downie,  
Parish Priest: 384 3442  
Email: office@stcuthberts-durham.org.uk  
www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk

**Sunday Masses:** 10.00 am & 6.30 pm

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday	9.15am
Tuesday	12.15pm
Wednesday	7.00pm
Thursday	12.15pm
Friday	12.15pm
Saturday	9.15am

**Confessions:**  
Saturday 9.45am – 10.15am

**Holy Days – Obligation Masses:**  
12.15pm & 7.00pm  
Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals by arrangement  
There is a notice board on the Church gate with details of services.

### OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS

**DETAILS** can be found in the Clayport Library, Millennium Place, Claypath, Durham: 386 4003

# SHINCLIFFE DIARY

## St. Mary's Church Hall

### Calendar of Weekly Events

- Mon: **Pilates** 9.30-10.30am  
Tues: **Baby & Toddler Group** 9.30-11.30am  
**Keep Fit (Gentle)** 12.00-1.00pm  
Wed: **Yoga** 6-7:30pm  
Thurs: **Baby & Toddler** 9.30-11.30am  
Fri: **Friday Friends @10** 10am-12noon  
Sun: **Coffee with the Church congregation**  
10.30-11.30am

**Shincliffe Local History Society** meets every third Monday of the month 7.30-9.30pm

**Parish Council** meetings every third Thursday 6.00-8.00pm (except August)

Additional SPC meetings Tuesday & Thursday as required.

For private bookings please contact Margaret Clatworthy on 07779 481475  
Email: [maclatworthy@hotmail.com](mailto:maclatworthy@hotmail.com)

## Weekly Events in WI Hut

- Mon: **Little Ballers** 9.30-11.30am  
**Dance your socks off** 7.00-8.00pm  
Tues: **Elvet Striders Yoga** 6.00-7.00pm  
Wed: **WI Meeting** (first week of each month)  
7.30-9.30pm  
Thurs: **Little Ballers** 4.00-4.45pm  
**Keep Fit** 7.00-8.00pm  
Fri: **Dance your socks off** 9.00-10.00am  
Sat: **Little Ballers** 9.00-11.45am

Please contact Yvonne Willis on 3862124 for bookings

Contact for Little Ballers: [jfdavie1@hotmail.com](mailto:jfdavie1@hotmail.com)

Contact for Dance: [dance2hs@yahoo.com](mailto:dance2hs@yahoo.com)

For private bookings of the church hall or if you wish to discuss setting up additional classes, contact the Volunteer Hall Bookings Convenor, Margaret Clatworthy  
[maclatworthy@hotmail.com](mailto:maclatworthy@hotmail.com)

## St Margaret's Allotments, Churchyard and Centre Open Day

The open day on Sunday 6th July was a great success. Despite some quite heavy rain in the afternoon, there was a steady flow of visitors, with 212 tickets sold for admission to the Allotments (the proceeds of all ticket sales – over £1000 - going to the National Garden Scheme's cancer nursing charities). There was lots to see and do, including live entertainment and children's activities. If you missed the open day, look out for the next one in 2026!

The Allotments, St Margaret's Centre and Church and Friends of St Margaret's Centre are hoping to work together more as time goes on – to manage the site, for people, for nature, to improve its accessibility for those not so mobile and to enhance it as a place of peace and well-being. For further information see <https://stmargaretsallotments.com/>