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The Church and Community Newsletter
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Services June 2018

		Bolam	Hartburn	Meldon	Netherwitton	Whalton
3 rd June Trinity 1	G	10am Morning Worship Pam Walker	11am HC Rev Fiona Sample			9.30am HC Rev Fiona Sample Readers: Lucy Bird/Gill Hansen Sides: Pat Grix Flowers: Di Robertson
RCL p 581		Deuteronomy 5.12-15; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.23-3.6				
10 th June Trinity 2	G	11am Matins Rev Jonathan Mason	10am Morning Worship Pam Walker		9.30am HC Rev Frances Dower Reader Roger Vaughan Flower Joan Dargie	
RCL p 587		Genesis 3.8-15; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-end				
17 th June Trinity 3	G		11am BCP HC Rev Fiona Sample		10am Morning Worship Pam Walker Reader Val Windle	9.30am HC Rev Frances Dower Readers: Gary Holmes/Wendy Sheldon Sides: Gary Holmes Flowers: Gill Hansen
RCL p 593		Ezekiel 17.22-end; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17; Mark 4.26-34				
24 th June Trinity 4	G	11am HC Rev Fiona Sample			9.30am HC Rev Fiona Sample Reader Peter Coote Flower Samantha Orde	10am Family Service Pam Walker Readers: Marlene and Children Flowers: Pat Grix
RCL p 603		Job 38.1-11; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-end				

Services July 2018

		Bolam	Hartburn	Meldon	Netherwitton	Whalton
1 st July Peter & Paul	W	*1	*1	6pm Choral Evensong Lay led	*1	*1
8 th July Trinity 6	G	11am Matins Rev Frances Dower	10am Morning Worship Rev Fiona Sample		9.30am HC Rev Jonathan Mason & Pam Walker Reader David Ronn Flower Pauline Douglass	
RCL p 617		Ezekiel 2.1-5; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13				
15 th July Trinity 7	G		11am BCP HC Rev Jonathan Mason		10am Morning Worship Pam Walker Reader David Kelly Flower Val Vaughan	9.30am HC Rev Jonathan Mason Readers: Gill Hansen/Di Robertson Sides: Gill Hansen Flowers: Lady Bradbeer
RCL p 623		Amos 7.7-15; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29				
22 nd July Mary Magdalene	W	*2	*2	*2	*2	10.30am HC Ministry Team Readers: Gary Holmes/ Lady Bradbeer Sides: Di Robertson/Gary Holmes/Pat Grix Flowers: Lucy Bird
RCL p 1112		Song of Solomon 3.1-4; 2 Corinthians 5.14-17; John 20.1-2, 11-18				
29 th July Trinity 9	G	*3	10.30am HC Rev Fiona Sample & Pam Walker	*3	*3	*3
RCL p 635		2 Kings 4.42-end; Ephesians 3.14-end; John 6.1-21				

*1 On Sunday 1st July there will be a joint service with the Kirks and Cambo: 11am Holy Communion at Kirkwhelpington, celebrating the 25th anniversary of Jonathan's ordination to the priesthood. Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Bishop of Argyll & the Isles

*2 On Sunday 22nd July there will be a joint service with the Kirks and Cambo : 10.30am Holy Communion at Whalton, celebrating the church's patronal festival

*3 On Sunday 29th July, the fifth Sunday of the month, there will be a Benefice communion service at Hartburn

Some of you may know that I am interested in canals and enjoy travelling the waterways of England and Wales by narrowboat. In order to do so successfully one requires a map, be it electronic, paper or in book form. The fascinating thing about any map of our canal system is that it looks familiar but none of the place names make any sense, who apart from those involved with canals has heard of Hawkesbury Junction, Fradley Junction, Stoke Bruerne and so on? Today they are so small and insignificant that you would be hard put to find them on any ordinary general purpose road map, yet apart from having excellent pubs they were all once very important places, vital for the linking up of waterways and the shipment of goods across 18th century England.



It has occurred to me that this map and indeed the very act of travelling our waterways is very like what it is to be a Christian today. We follow a different path to that of many people, side by side with others but encountering different challenges and at a different speed.

There is a spot on the canal system, at Watford Gap, where both the M1 motorway and the west coast mainline closely parallel the Grand Union Canal. The canal was there first of course. Many of you will have passed that way, usually so quickly that you were totally unaware that the canal and its boats travelling at 4 miles an hour were there, their crews observing the hustle and bustle of motorway traffic and high speed train travel with profound gratitude that they had time to think, to pause and take a breath. That they were travelling through a beautiful green corridor alive with God's creation. Instead of dominating God's creation with power and speed they had the time to be at one with it. For us, this meant time to observe the ducklings, to feed a male swan who refused to eat our offerings unless hand fed, to make friends with a busy little moorhen feeding her brood. But there were other experiences too, helping other boaters through locks, making friends with those moored next to you, sharing equipment, laughing with each other. Things that in our busy world we often do not have time for. Our maps led us here, to these experiences and little known places, just as following Jesus leads us to the experience of loving and sharing, to experiencing his world with awe and gratitude, to having time for prayer and reflection.

We can't all travel by narrowboat, but we can all follow that strange map laid down for us by Jesus, to follow his path of love, slowly, so that we are open to new experiences and insights, deepening our understanding of what it means to go into the unknown as we spread the news of God's love to those who have not yet glimpsed the map and its path of truth. That is God's gift to us all.

Pam Walker



Editor's bit. Thanks for all the supportive comments about the newsletter- the paper quality, the colour, the content have all been mentioned. So that's thanks to you, for sending in interesting material. However, (that's a change from BUT!) it would help greatly if you could send stuff a bit earlier than in the last 24 hours, where possible. This is because I have in effect, two newsletters to produce; one for printing in black and

white, limited to 16 pages, with photos and posters adjusted to show up properly, and one of greater length where the articles don't need to be squashed in, in glorious colour! So if I don't have to spend the final two days chasing people who haven't sent stuff, or two people sending conflicting info about the same event, or having to ask for pictures to be resent in a form that will actually print, or rearranging the pages to accommodate stuff that could have come in weeks earlier.....what a much happier bunny I shall be! Having said that, I've shot myself in the foot, as they say, because no one will want a turn as Editor now- however, since you will all help as above, the job's a doddle! Any offers to take a turn always welcome!

This electronic ie email version of the newsletter has been sent under the old dispensation, ie I think you want it! Now the new data rules are in action, most of you have replied to my earlier email which said "Do you want it?" so if you didn't reply, you won't get any future email copies, unless you dust off your computer, and send an email back to wansbeckchurch@gmail.com, with the heading **Bolam Newsletter Consent**, saying **Yes I agree**.

Thank you! Editorjim.

The next meeting of **Wallington Demesne Parish Council** will be held on Monday 23rd July 2018 commencing 730pm in Cambo Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions on any agenda item.
Claire Miller, Clerk Wallington Demesne Parish Council Just to let you know!

Future events in Netherwitton Village Hall

(as well as Pub Nights on the first Friday of every month!)

25th May : 7.30pm A David Sayer Quiz

Friday 27th July: Treasure Hunt in the Village: time to be arranged!

14th September: The Wannie Liners and some interesting local history

12th October: A Harvest Supper

23rd November A Quiz and supper in Netherwitton Hall



Rest In Peace

Pauline McDonnell (1946 – 2018) was a valued and highly engaged member of the Belsay/Bolam community for over thirty years. Born in Gateshead as the oldest of two girls, she married her husband Eddie in 1966. Right from the start when she and Eddie moved in to Rose Cottage in 1982 with their then young children, Helen & Stephen, she made an impact.

Pauline was active with the school and for many years on the PCC. She served as a churchwarden and was a vital part of the St Andrew's community.

Her children grew up in Belsay, attended the school and went on to develop their careers. She was always cheerful and chatty, even latterly when she was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour, after which she suffered a debilitating stroke. She was part of the wave of younger settlers in the village who brought young children both to the school and church and so revitalised what had been an ageing population.

She will be sorely missed, her vitality, love of life and service to the community greatly enriched us all. Pauline was buried at Bolam St Andrew's on April 6th. Pauline is survived by her husband Eddie, by her son Stephen, her daughter Helen and grand-daughter Ellie.

Mary Barton of Manor Close Whalton Previously Mapplewell Staincross Yorkshire, passed away peacefully on the 2nd March. A service of thanksgiving was held at Cowpen Crematorium Blyth on the 26th March, led by Revd Fiona Sample.

26th April St Mary Magdalene Whalton: Victoria Kitwood 6.6.1944 - 30.3.2018

13th April St Andrew's Church Bolam: Mary Anne Stappard 4.12.1919 - 26.3.2018

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, not things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 8.38-39.

Christening: 24th March at St Giles Netherwitton: Noah Carlisle Emery was Christened, son of Chloe Carlisle and Connor Emery.

Be of Good courage.

**Hold on to the hope you have been given
and live in God's love all your days.**

Marriage: 5th May at St Andrew's Hartburn of Charles Richard Renwick and Nicola Helen Erskine

My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise , my love, my fair one, And come away;

For now the winter is past, The rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come.

A few verses from The Song of Solomon which was read at Charlie and Nicki's wedding, on an appropriately sunny and happy Saturday.

Bolam	Cleaning	Flowers	Reader 1	Reader 2
27th May	Caroline Hodges +family	Caroline		
3rd June		Maureen	Stephen Symons & family	
10th	Josie Beaumont	Josie	Ross+Roisel Milbourne	
17th		Maureen		
24th	Ruth Sadler	Ruth	Helen Grant	Bobbi Goldwater
1st july		Ruth		
8th	Tony + Ann	Ann	Charlie Sample	Simon Roberson
15th		Ann		
22nd	Hazel + Maureen	Maureen		
29th		Maureen		
ALL AUGUST	Jan Pumphrey	Jan Pumphrey		

St Mary Magdalene, Whalton

Readers, Flowers and Sides lists for June and July 2018

3rd June, Trinity 1

Readers: Lucy Bird/Gill Hansen

Sides: Pat Grix

Flowers: Di Robertson

17th June Trinity 3

Readers: Gary Holmes/Wendy Sheldon

Sides: Gary Holmes

Flowers: Gill Hansen

24th June Trinity 4 Family Service

Readers: Marlene Young and children

Flowers: Pat Grix

15th July Trinity 7

Readers: Gill Hansen/Di Robertson

Sides: Gill Hansen

Flowers: Lady Bradbeer

22nd July Mary Magdalene NB 10.30am – joint HC with Kirks and Cambo

Readers: Gary Holmes/Lady Bradbeer

Sides: Di Robertson/Gary Holmes/Pat Grix

Flowers: Lucy Bird

Kirkwhelpington with Kirkharle & Kirkheaton, and Cambo

Services in June & July 2018

Sunday 3rd June 0930 Cambo Holy Communion (CW)
TRINITY I 1100 Kirkwhelpington Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 10th June 0930 Cambo Holy Communion (CW)
TRINITY II 1100 Kirkwhelpington Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 17th June 0800 Kirkheaton Holy Communion (CW)
TRINITY III 1000 Kirkwhelpington Morning Prayer (CW)
1115 Kirkwhelpington Holy Communion (CW) & Baptism

Sunday 24th June 0830 Kirkwhelpington Holy Communion (BCP)
TRINITY IV 1030 Scots Gap Morning Worship with
Methodists

Sunday 1st July 1100 Kirkwhelpington Holy Communion (CW)
PETER & PAUL

Sunday 8th July 0930 Cambo Holy Communion (CW)
TRINITY VI 1100 Kirkwhelpington Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 15th July 0800 Kirkheaton Holy Communion (CW)
TRINITY VII 1000 Kirkwhelpington Morning Prayer (CW)
1115 Cambo Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 22nd July 1030 Whalton Joint Benefices service
MARY MAGDALENE

Sunday 29th July 1030 Cambo Benefice Holy Communion (CW)
TRINITY IX

Bolam Tidy up Bonfire. April 28, Saturday.

Thanks to everyone who came to help! Bob and Tony did their usual skilful topiary at the gate, while Simon made mincemeat of the cut branches for the bonfire.



Sue kept an eye on the smaller helpers, Ella, Alfie and Eddie, who toiled away cheerfully, and Dick wheelbarrowed like a good 'un!



Ann and Helen brought drinks and burgers and sausages and sauces and buns and cakes and people brought crisps and juice and chocolate!

Jim cut branches down from on high, there was John from WW1, and other time travellers such as Bev, who brought a Trench Organ which the children played too!





Steve kept the fire going safely, while Feona relaxed with their 5 day old baby!!



Sarah joined in enthusiastically, especially when the sword drill demonstration started!



But in the end there was peace!

Photos from the participants, and Neil, a passing cyclist/photographer, who kindly contributed his record of our efforts!

‘Soon we’ll be without the moon...’

The agenda for the Newcastle Diocesan Synod in April was unusual.

Times of change seem to trigger unusual events and we often only realise that change is upon us with the occurrence of something odd. While the relationship of our strange Spring weather to climate change may be debatable, there is no doubt about the cause of the inclusion by Bishop’s Council of a Contingency Budget in Synod’s agenda for April. The first quarter figures for 2018 suggest we will be short by £390,000 by the end of the year.

The inescapable and awkward fact is that Newcastle Diocese has been living beyond its means for decades, and getting away with it by using the National Church Grant (around £1.4m) to balance the books. But since Renewal and Reform, the National Church Grant has been re-structured and reduced and its purpose has been defined much more tightly: to support ministry and mission in our poorest communities/parishes (the Lowest Income Community Fund or LICF). So now we can no longer just pop LICF into the Income and Expenditure Account and use the portion that is unspent on the poorest Parishes, to balance the books.

Bishop’s Council couldn’t face the music in 2017 and in the glaring absence of any debates at Synod about expenditure priorities, affordability or income, decided to try and balance the books by requesting 100% payment of Parish Share. Our best Share contribution to date has been 93%, so it is no surprise that in the first quarter of 2018 our new Director of Finance recognised both the 7% shortfall and that there may be trouble ahead.

There has still been no debate at Synod about what our financial priorities should be. This is particularly regrettable since the main cut in the Contingency Budget is to parish stipendiary posts. There will be five fewer posts funded for the rest of 2018.

Paid Parish ministry, in all its forms, should be the last thing to go, not the first cut. Bishop’s Council should have faced up to the need to reduce expenditures that are not critical to Parish mission, such as all the ‘Bishop’s Advisers’; giving grants to other bodies. Why is the independent Education Board given £150,000 when it has reserves of its own of over £1m?

We need to stand up for the primacy of Parish ministry. It is a truism that the Church of England is a clergy led church. It is paradoxically senior clergy who are threatening to undermine Parish ministry.

Tony Thick Morpeth Deanery Lay Chair.

The Benefices of Bolam, Whalton, Hartburn, Meldon, Netherwitton,
Kirkwhelpington, Kirkharle, Kirkheaton and Cambo

‘CROSS PURPOSES – across the World’ Easter Trail 2018

Many thanks to all who helped us with our fifth Easter Trail focussed on the Passion of Christ, hosted this year within the beautiful mediaeval church of St Mary Magdalene in Whalton village. A series of interactive and experiential stations were set in the ancient church describing the Easter Story in some depth, pondering upon the mystery of God’s love that Jesus showed us. We also looked at some of the tensions that he set up during his earthly ministry.

The church was open daily for three weeks for visitors to come and experience the trail. Music was played and explanatory booklets were available for those who wished to explore the story in greater depth.



We worked with over 300 children from the six schools of Whalton, Longhorsley, Belsay, Cambo, The Priory School, Hexham and All Saints’, Morpeth. Each school came to us for their school day and were split into small groups, guided around the church, and provided with a range of related art, craft and musical activities in the village hall. We were most grateful that we were assisted by over forty volunteers, and with much careful planning we engaged the children in their learning. We used some ‘Godly Play’, wove in the schools’ core values and covered some important aspects of their curriculum.

Participation in the Easter Trail over the last five years has not only stimulated further contact with these schools but also publicity drew in both visitors and new volunteers raising the profile of the churches in these rural villages and their commitment into the wider community.



All the expenses associated with this event were kindly funded by our donors.

Last year we staged a Trail ‘Walking with the Northern Saints’, a ‘Resurrection Trail’ in 2016, and Passion Trails in 2014 and 2015. We started with some material from ‘Experience Easter’ as it has grown hugely since then. These trails have become an important piece of Mission and Ministry in these rural parts.

Year 5 - Premier League Schools Tournament 2017-18 Northumberland Schools



We were delighted to be invited to take part in the **Newcastle United Foundation Regional Qualifiers** for the Premier League Schools Tournament on Tuesday 23rd January. The event was organised by Newcastle United Foundation with the winners of the Regional Finals going on to represent Newcastle United FC at the National Grand Finals.

A total of 8 teams, each representing their school, competed on the 4G pitches at Cramlington Learning Village. Unfortunately we didn't qualify for the next round but we did have a terrific time playing against teams with a variety of different levels of skill. The atmosphere was fabulous and it was an extremely positive experience for all, with fantastic coaching and refereeing from the Newcastle United Foundation.

Science Show



On Wednesday 14th March our year 5 students visited Ponteland High School to watch a Science Show. We looked at different elements/theories of how the earth began. There were intervals where the students from Ponteland High School would demonstrate and explain experiments; the Northern Lights; exploding volcano; screaming jelly baby and making a hot substances similar to magma. We then looked at evolution and we were able to look and touch the different skulls of how humans have evolved to look as we do today.

World Book Day

For World Book Day this year we decided to dress up as characters from the Bible - there were many animals from Noah's Ark together with a few Noah's, not to mention Moses and Queen Esther, Delilah, several Josephs with their technicolour dream coats and Jesus as a baby and grown man. Who would have known that there is mention of unicorns in the Bible? The children acted out the stories, to which their characters belonged and they loved sharing their fabulous array of Bibles.

Key Stage 2 visit to Bolam Lake: Earth Magic

After Phil's visit last week when he brought in the 'magic dust bin', we were surprised to see the damage being done every day to our Earth. 'WASSAP' (Water Magic, Air Magic, Sun Magic, Soil Magic, Animal Magic and Plant Magic) was written on the bin as a clue to what our mission at Bolam Lake would entail...With the weather on our side we were raring to go on Friday morning to start our mission to become Earth Magicians; helping to save our planet. We split into two groups and participated in practical activities which looked at the water cycle; food chains; components of soil; gasses in the air; finishing off with some refection time on our 'magic spots'; taking time to notice and appreciate the wonderful world around us. The children enjoyed completing their workbooks and getting them officially signed off as part of their training. In



turn they then received a piece of coloured wool to tie around the letter on their wand (WASSAP). The children are eagerly looking forward to completing their final two areas of training at school; using and developing their skills across the curriculum to complete the Green Heart Project and help the world to become a better place.



Songs Of Praise At Wallington Hall

come and join the Upper
Wansbeck



Churches in the
walled garden
at 2pm Saturday
8th
September

Admission to Wallington is free of charge if you are coming to join us celebrate, simply arrive around 1.50pm and tell the gate staff you are here for Songs of Praise. If you wish to come earlier and enjoy the house and grounds then normal admission charges apply.



“The Two Choirs”

**RGS Community Choir
and
The Wannie Liners**

Relaxed music for a summer evening
at Hartburn Church

Saturday, 16th June 2018

7.00 for 7.30pm



Refreshments

Tickets: £10

Available from:



**Kate Moon (01670 772636 or 07769171476)
Anna McGowan (annamcgowan@btinternet.com)**

**Hector and Honor Halford-MacLeod,
music scholars at the University of Durham
perform
JAZZ & CLASSICS
including Gershwin, Britten, Chopin, Cole Porter &
more
at Hartburn Church
Wednesday 4th July, 7pm**

**The Recital is free but donations towards their projects
would be most welcome. Refreshments are available
after the recital.**

**The Recital will last approximately one hour and 15
minutes.**

**Hector and Honor are seeking to raise funds for charitable work
which they will be undertaking this summer. Hector is touring
Chicago with St Chad's College Chapel Choir, singing church and
cathedral services and performing concerts. Honor is going with a
small group from Durham University to support street children in
Zambia.**



**Longwitton
Hall
Gardens**

**Open under
National
Garden
Scheme**

**Sunday
24th June
12-4pm**

**Homemade
Teas**

Whalton Village

Bale Fire

Celebrations

Wednesday 4th July

Meet at 6.30pm



**Refreshments available from
The Beresford Arms**

Cambo Tennis Club at Wallington is a small, friendly club set within woodland in the idyllic grounds of Wallington. Established some 20 years ago, the club welcomes players of all ages, genders and abilities.

The single hard court is set into a woodland clearing next to the car park, and members work hard to keep the court surface in good playing order. There is a small clubhouse that provides basic facilities, and a picnic table on the small adjacent lawned area.

Our Club Night this 2018 season will be on Saturday evenings, from 5-7pm. Juniors have priority on Saturday mornings. We host occasional gatherings and events, as the emphasis is on social inclusion, healthy exercise and fun, rather than being competitive.

We are not LTA registered, and although no coaching programme is on offer this season, this is something we would love to be able to offer if there was interest or demand in the future, particular from junior members and local schools.

Membership is very affordable at £25 per adult, £50 for family membership, or £6 for juniors (as long as there is an adult member in their household). Guest players are welcomed along with members, at £2.50 per visit.



New members would be most warmly welcomed, and enquiries can be addressed to the membership secretary at stevellloydmolesden@gmail.com

WHALTON VILLAGE SHOW 2018

Saturday
Sept 15th
11.00am to
5.00pm

As seen on Blue Peter:

Mark Wylie and 'The Drakes of Hazard'



- Guinness School of Irish Dance • Sheep Racing •
- Classic Cars • Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show • Dog Show •
- Trade Stands • Homemade Refreshments •



For more information e-mail show@whaltonvillage.org.uk
or phone 07792 138383

15 SEPTEMBER 2018

- Adult £6.00 • Children £3.00 • Concessions £4.00 •
- Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £15.00 •

We would like to thank all of you who made our afternoon tea party on 11th March in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance a great success. With the help of cake bakers, raffle prize donators and all who turned up for tea, cakes and a chat, we raised £675.00

Thank you. Gill and Len Waterworth

The email copy of this newsletter is free, and we're pleased that our reach into the community has been so extended by the increase in take up. If readers of the email version felt able to donate a pound or two to the distributor (see End page), then that would pay for a few extra print copies to be available to visitors to our churches! Thank you.

Whalton Show – 15th September 2018 – Exhibition as part of First World War Centenary.

Each year Whalton Show raises essential funds for Whalton Church, the Village School and the Village Hall. On Show day, the church itself plays host to displays and an organ recital. This year we hope to gather enough relevant memorabilia and historical records from the parish and surrounding parishes to create an exhibition as part of the First World War Centenary. If you have items or stories you would be willing to lend or share – or to have photographed, scanned or recorded for the exhibition – we would like to hear from you as soon as possible and before end July. Please contact Sheila Lough, Sheila.lough1@gmail.com or Lucy Bird lucy.bird18@gmail.com



LUNCH CLUB. The next Lunch Club will be held on Tuesday 12th June 2018. 12.00 for 12.30. £5 per head at Hartburn Church. If you would like to attend please phone Pooh Stafford on 01670 772313. All ages welcome.

Please note there will be no Lunch Club in July or August. The September Lunch Club will be held on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

The Yellow Ribbon Walk.

Walking a little or a lot on May 13th 2018

Kirkharle was the place to be on Sunday, 13th May, blue skies, sunshine and wonderful views. Wearing their yellow ribbons in memory of loved ones, nearly 200 people set off at 2.00pm on either the 5K, more accurately measured by Fitbits as 7k, or on the short walks beside the lake with the wild flowers just in bloom and across the fields with the lambs keeping their distance. Families with small children enjoyed scavenging for the items listed on the Nature Trail and returned with their bags full to claim their prize. And afterwards tea in the marquee in the barn, an ideal place to relax after a two hour hike. or a gentle saunter.

It was a lovely afternoon and very much enjoyed by people from all over the region, many from the Wansbeck Churches. The Friends raised over £4500 towards the new Family Suite at the hospice. They are extremely grateful for the generosity of very many people, those who attended the event and many others who were unable to do so but who contributed to its success.

The Friends also wish to thank John and Kitty Anderson for their support throughout the planning and setting up of the event and for being with us on the day. None of this could have taken place without their kind encouragement and backing.



Here are some of the perennials I have grown over the years which look a bit too exotic to handle the Northumbrian climate but have proved hardy and long lived as well as beautiful.

Morina longifolia native of the Himalayas in Kashmir where it is common in Bhutan, growing on moist but well drained steep slopes on open hillsides or in clearings in woodland at 3000-4000m. The plant has dark green thistle like leaves which have a lemon zest fragrance when rubbed. The exotic looking flowering spikes appear in mid summer and carry pale pink, almost white tubular flowers. As each flower is fertilized by bees it darkens giving contrasting light and dark flowers up the stem.

Morina grows best in full sun the soil should be moist but well drained. The plant may not survive on cold wet clay soil so incorporate some grit to aid drainage if you have this type of garden.

Plants are difficult to divide but can be raised easily from seed sown in autumn seedlings appear in the spring and can be potted up until large enough to plant out.

Paradisea lilliastrum is an elegant exotic looking plant native to alpine meadows of southern Europe. Its common name is St Bruno's lily which refers to the 11th century founder of the Carthusian order of monks whose motherhouse was in the French Alps where the plant is found.

This perennial plant has a rhizomatous rootstock that slowly spreads to form a small clump. It has narrow grey-green leaves which produce long flowering spikes of white trumpet shaped flowers which have bright yellow stamens. The plant is grown mainly as an ornamental but historically it had medicinal uses. Easily raised from seed indeed will freely seed around if you don't remove the capsules.

Oenothera Crown Imperial or more commonly known as evening primrose, this long flowering perennial has an upright habit with large bowl shaped yellow flowers which emerge from red buds.

Best in a sunny position in the garden with a well drained soil.

Plants can be propagated by seed or dividing mature clumps in autumn or early spring.



Girls gardening for the War Effort 1917

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