

Services at the Parish Church

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (CW)
Thursdays 10.00 am Eucharist (BCP) 3rd Sunday 10.00 am Family Service

Whitby



This summer, David and I accompanied Viva Youth Theatre to The Edinburgh Fringe with their production of "Footloose". We decided to drive up by way of North Yorkshire. We visited our son David and his wife Julie on our way through and stopped at a hotel about ten miles from Whitby. We drove to

Whitby and found that there was nowhere to park and so we drove to the top of the town's cliffs and parked there by the ruins of Whitby Abbey.

Visible for miles around, the vast shell of the Abbey Church towers above the town and harbour of Whitby on a massive rocky headland projecting into the North Sea. It is a magnificent example of English Gothic architecture.

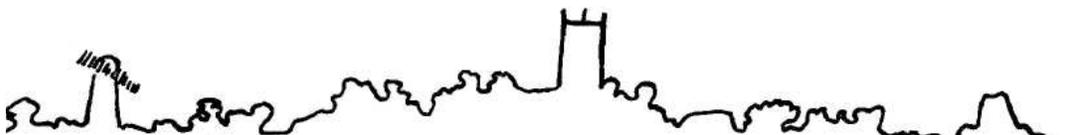
The Abbey ruins are truly beautiful and, on a warm summer's day with bright blue skies edged with atmospheric and active thunder clouds, awe-inspiring. There has been a monastery on this site since AD657 when it was founded by King Oswiu of Northumbria. St Hilda was the first abbess and she presided over the Synod of Whitby which determined the future direction of the Church in England in AD664. It was abandoned in the late 9th Century because the Vikings would not stop raiding but after the Norman Conquest it was re-established by the Benedictines and eventually became one of the richest monasteries in Northern England.

David and I visited a splendid exhibition telling the history of the site and we learnt a fascinating story about St Hilda. She appears to have been a formidable lady and much respected by her Anglo-Saxon townspeople. She apparently turned all the snakes on the headland into stone because they were particularly common at that time. The area is full of fossil remains of ammonites, a spiral-shaped creature and these are said to be the result of her handywork! The Whitby coat of arms bears three ammonites in commemoration of this deed.

We moved on to the 12th Century parish church of St Mary which is next door to the Abbey. It is a remarkably quirky but attractive building with many different architectural styles all mixed up with each other.

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A Councillor's Comments

The September meeting of the council took place in my absence, but here are a few things that were discussed and decided upon. There were two presentations for financial support. First was for Soham Friends Project, its aim is to create a safe supportive and inclusive drop-in youth club which is especially targeted at young people with additional support needs. The second was for the "Midwinter Fayre" which replaces what was called late night shopping. They are not planning to use the streets, but holding their activities in the Churchyard and adjacent car park.

Apart from the usual general business there was the Co-Option to fill the vacancy on the town council. There were six applicants and after a number of votes Mr. Hamish Ross JP was voted on.

Applications for Financial Support: The Friends Project, Soham Town Forum Soham in Bloom and the Rural Cambs Citizens Advise Bureau, these all received some support but The Midwinter Fayre were being asked for more details. *Councillor Ginn*

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It boasts a three-decker pulpit, an amazing network of galleries with private access for the pew owners and many memorials to local heroes of the lifeboat crews. Captain Cook the explorer worshipped here when an apprentice in the town.

To reach the church on foot from the town of Whitby, one has to climb 199 stairs! I wonder how many of us would make it every Sunday,

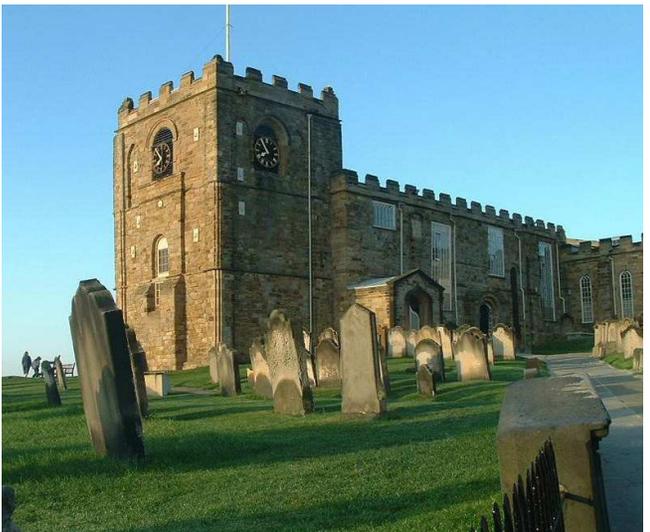
never mind the three services that were obligatory in the 16th Century! We of course had driven up the hill as would the many wealthy parishioners. There is a beautiful memorial near the church. It takes the form of a sandstone 7th century preaching cross and was erected in 1898. It celebrates the life of Caedmon, who is the father of English sacred poetry. He was a cowherd at the Abbey in St Hilda's time and was told in a dream to sing of the creation of the world. When he awoke he remembered the whole song and it was written down by the scribes of the Abbey.

We finished our visit with an excellent lunch at the Youth Hostel Association café. We got back to our car just as the thunderstorm broke and travelled back to the hotel. We had an amazing time at Whitby and thoroughly recommend it to anyone. To conclude, here are some words of Caedmon:

Praise we the fashioner now of Heaven's fabric,
The majesty of his might and his mind's wisdom,
Work of the world-warden, worker of all wonders,
How he the Lord of Glory everlasting
Wrought first for the race of men Heaven as a roof-tree,
Then made he Middle Earth to be their mansion.

Perhaps Tolkien was a Caedmon fan!

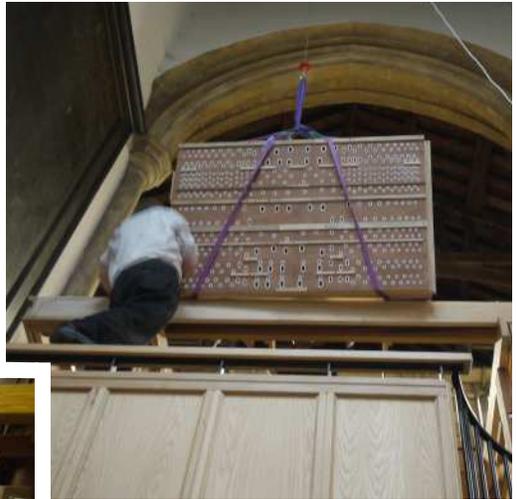
Delia Tickner



Organ Installation



The new organ is now being installed - a process which will take three to four weeks. The photo above shows some of the larger items in the church before being hoisted onto the gallery. A winch has been fixed in the floor of the ringing chamber so that heavier items could be lifted the twenty feet on the lower building frame of the organ. The picture on the right shows one of the three windchests on which the pipes for the lower keyboard (the Great organ) will stand. This will lie horizontally at the top of the lower casework and a single pipe will stand on each of the white outlined holes. Below is a picture of the coupler chassis which contains the mechanism



which allows the player to connect the pedal keys (played by the feet) to either keyboard and also to couple the two keyboards together. Although the connection between the keys and the pallets that let air into the pipes

is completely mechanical the control of the drawstops (which allow the player to choose which ranks of pipes are used) is electrical. This enables preset combinations of pipes to be selected using the rows of buttons under the keyboards. The heavy duty solenoids shown in the picture below move the sliders selecting the individual ranks of pipes while the circuit boards below that store the preset selections.

When the structure is completed the 1854 pipes will be installed, the first being the tin front pipes, while the last to be installed will be the twelve largest pipes, giving the lowest sounds, placed on the tower walls - the six for the north side being shown below.



Finally, we are extremely grateful to those members of St Andrew's who have provided accommodation and meals for the organ builders while they complete their work.

School Report

Weatheralls School



The Weatheralls Stars

For most schools July is a month of transition. It heralds the end of the academic year and students and staff look towards September for changes of class and, in the case of year 6 students, a move to secondary education. July was an exceptionally busy and exciting month for The Weatheralls as we saw the opening of our new extension, comprising six new classrooms (for years 5 & 6), offices, activity room and our fantastic new hall. We also now have some great outdoor facilities, including an outdoor classroom. The quality of the build is first class and the children of our expanding school will benefit from these new facilities for many years. Our new hall is the new focal point of our school. We also decided to name it The Fairhurst Hall, dedicated to two exceptional ex-pupils of The Weatheralls. Liam, who achieved so much in



his sadly shortened life and Callum who has continued his brother's fundraising. We were fortunate to have the Fairhurst family with us at the official opening of the new building and a few days later Callum culminated his cycle marathon at the school. As he arrived at school he was cheered on by pupils, who had dressed up as stars, as part of the fundraiser, as we do believe that all pupils at The Weatheralls are 'stars'. From September each Friday a member of every class, will be a star and this will be celebrated in a special assembly. We believe that our core purpose will enable all pupils to be stars.

Later on in July, I was privileged and very proud to be invited to represent The Weatheralls at the national launch of The Liam Fairhurst Foundation held at number 11 Downing Street, sponsored by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne. This foundation intends to continue and expand on Liam's excellent work of raising funds to help young people with illnesses and disabilities. Many fundraising events continue and, as part of this, the Foundation is staging a ball at Sandown Race course in November. A number of celebrities including Chris Tarrant have lent their support, please contact Anne Bevan at Weatheralls if you require more information.



Mrs Anne Bevan, Assistant Head

Services for October

Sunday 13th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist (Common Worship) followed by Parish Barbeque at 2 College Road
Sunday 20th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Family Service (Common Worship)
Sunday 27th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Ecumenical service at Berrycroft for Bible Sunday (no service at St Andrew's)

November

Sunday 3rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)
	6.30 pm	Annual Service of Remembrance for All Souls



☆ **Viva Theatre Company** follows the outstanding success of Bouncers with a return to more traditional fare for their next production - Arnold Ridley's comedy-thriller *The Ghost Train*.

A group of passengers is stranded in a remote Cornish railway station. Scary stories of a mysterious ghost train abound, but how true are they, and are the travellers who they claim to be?

The Ghost Train is at The Brook from 30th October to 1st November at 7.30 pm.

To order tickets (£8 and £6) contact the Viva office on 01353 722228 or via the website.

☆ **Items for the November edition of LodeStar** should be submitted by Friday, 25th October. E-mails should be sent to peterdscott@btopenworld.com or printed copy left at 22 Sand Street, Soham CB7 5AA.



WWW.SHAPEYOURPLACE.ORG

ShapeYourPlace is an exciting new community website (run by Cambridgeshire County Council) where you can:

- find out what's going on in your neighbourhood
- view latest issues and ideas
- take part in opinion polls
- join in conversations and debate
- promote your group or organisation
- advertise your community event.

This is a unique and ground-breaking tool in that if you post an issue or concern the relevant service provider (Council, Police, Fire Service, Highways Commission, amongst others) will reply to your comment within 10 days!

Any post or subsequent comment will always be moderated before being put up live on the website and no personal information will be published so there can be no concerns about an individual or groups being targeted for abuse. This makes the website user-friendly to all ages (including young people).

SYP are looking for community bloggers/journalists to go out into their community and report issues from the front, if you are interested in getting some free training on how to become a community reporter, or if you have any questions about the website, please contact Beth Green on (07769) 304 163 or email her on beth.green@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Dates for the Diary

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| October 12th | Ceilidh to celebrate the Harvest Home at St Andrew's School at 7.30 pm with a ploughman's supper |
| October 13th | 6.30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise at Wicken church led by the Wicken Band |
| October 14th | 7.30 pm Harvest Auction at St Laurence's church in Wicken; this is always a good chance to pick up a bargain |
| November 3rd | 2.30 pm Service at the Salvation Army to celebrate their 125th anniversary.
6.30 pm All Souls' Service at St Andrew's |
| November 23rd | 7.00 pm Opening Organ Recital at church |

Just a few words

Tim Alban Jones

There are a few out-of-the-ordinary things happening in the next month or so and this is a chance for me to give advance notice.

First of all we have an ecumenical service at Berrycroft Methodist chapel. We have been sharing worship with Christians from other churches for many years, but we want to emphasise the importance of our Christian unity. There is an annual week of prayer for Christian Unity (in January every year) but the issue of Christian unity is too important to be confined to a single week, so it is good not only to think about it but to do something as well. Our united service is such an act.

One of the many things we have in common is the importance we place on the Bible so it is good for us to celebrate this great book together. We read from it every time we meet to worship and it can be a guide throughout our lives as a limitless source of wisdom, insight, comfort and consolation. At the end of this month (27th) we shall be celebrating Bible Sunday together at 10.00am in Berrycroft Chapel.

The following Sunday, (3rd November) we will hold our annual All Souls' service. At this service we remember all the faithful departed and particularly those whom we have known and loved but see no more. During this service we shall remember by name those who have died in the past twelve months.

Finally I am very pleased to be able to give advance notice of the opening recital on our newly-restored organ. We have been waiting for what seems like an age for it to come back but we can now look forward to its arrival. We are thrilled and delighted that Andrew Lumsden, the organist at Winchester Cathedral, is going to give the opening recital on Saturday 23rd November.

Please make a note of these dates. There are further details of all the events in our weekly bulletin and on our website.

With every good wish, *Tim Alban Jones*

PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

Sept 4th	Tim Stubbs
11th	Maurice Whittle
17th	Michael Denyer
26th	Yvonne Bedford
27th	Brian Stanley

Baptisms

August 25th	Lois Amy Blossom
	Joshua Daniel Turton
Sept 1st	Jacie Rose McElvogue
	Paige Madisyn Crick
	Kai Jake Robins
8th	Oliver William Bradbeer
22nd	Teddi Mai Jinks
	Evie Isabella East

Weddings

Aug 22nd	Robert Bowers and Natalie Beavis
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