

Farlam Parish Village News

Autumn Edition September to November 2025



Welcome to the Summer edition of the Parish newsletter. Our cover photograph captures the wide range of flowers and produce entered into the annual Hallbankgate Flower Show held on Saturday 16th August. More details of prizewinners are on pages 13 and 14.

Inside this issue Rev'd. Edward Johnsen our resident Vicar for the past 19 years bids us farewell following his move to St. Elisabeth's Church in Harraby, Carlisle. As a consequence details of forthcoming Church services are limited.

Also included are the 100 Plus Club prize winners for July and August, Hallbankgate WI activity, news from our primary school, an important update from Brampton Medical Practice and the annual report from the Chair of Farlam Parish Council.

There is more old news from the archives of 1882 and 1888 and Cumberland Councillor Roger Dobson provides an interesting insight into his work on our behalf.

You will also find a flyer from the 100 Plus Club which is looking to attract new members into its monthly draw. After awarding prize money the remaining proceeds are used to support the maintenance of St. Thomas à Becket Church in Kirkhouse.

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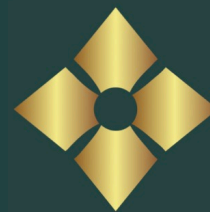
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More members increases the amount available to maintain the church and its grounds, sustains the monthly prize payout and also increases the prize money for the bumper Christmas draw.

After postage costs are deducted, half the remaining income from contributions goes to support Farlam Church and the other half is paid out in prize money.

Membership only costs £12 a year, and the odds of winning a prize are better than premium bonds or the national lottery! Not only that, the money raised is put to good use.

The 100 Plus Club year starts on the 1st September and new members need to be signed up before the 30th September to qualify for the extra Christmas draw.

For further information contact Ann Freer on 016977 46933 or email bgfreer@mac.com. Alternatively download the membership form at farlamparishchurch.co.uk and send it to Ann Freer by email or fill in and post the leaflet in this edition. Good luck and a big thank you to existing members for their continued support.

	July	August
1st prize £25.00	Nicola Potts	Richard McDonald
2nd prize £15.00	Gary Clifford	Alison Zwakman
3rd prize £10.00	Remy Stewart	Elsa Shore

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Church Matters Three Rivers Mission Community Team Ministry

Team Rector: Rev'd Canon Tricia Rogers

The Team Rector has pastoral responsibility for the parishes of Brampton, Irthington, Crosby-on-Eden and Scaleby.



Church Wardens of St. Thomas à Becket Church (Farlam Church in Kirkhouse) are Gerry Bolton (Mob. 07578 404500 Email: gabolton@hotmail.co.uk) and Christine Mineham.

Forthcoming Services

Services at **Farlam Church** usually take place at 11:00am on the first and third Sundays of the month. All are welcome to join us. When there is no service at Farlam we encourage people to worship instead at Talkin Church where services are usually held on each Sunday at 9:15am.

For more information please see our website farlamparishchurch.co.uk or check out events at Farlam and Talkin church on the www.achurchnearyou.com website.

Services at Farlam Church

September 2025

Sunday 7th September at 11:00 am
Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st September at 11:00 am Holy
Communion (tbc)

As a result of the Vicar's post falling vacant only services for September are listed and the one scheduled for 21st September is provisional and yet to be confirmed.

Farlam Church usually has a simple 20 minute service of Morning prayer (using the book of Common Prayer) at 9:00am each Monday.

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Farewell!



I have just re-read my first vicar's letter from the summer of 2006, just before we moved up here: "I am a priest serving in Handsworth, Birmingham, where I live with Alison and our three children Elizabeth (9), Rosie (7) and Lewis (2)..."

And now some 19 years later here I am writing my farewell letter! Much water has run down off Cold Fell in that time. When I arrived people sometimes said, "You are young to be a vicar". No one has said that for a long while!

I have loved being the vicar of Farlam. People ask me if I am excited about my next post (Harraby, Upperby and Currock in Carlisle), and the honest answer is – no – not yet. I know I will be excited when I get there. But for now the feelings are a deepening awareness and gratitude for the precious memories I will take with me from parishes like Farlam – thankfulness for the journeys I have shared with people here – and something akin to bereavement as we come to terms with leaving a community where I, with my family, have put down roots and received such support and friendship over 19 years.

So many of the seasons described in that famous chapter in Ecclesiastes have characterised these years: times of birth, times of death, times of weeping and times of dancing; times to keep silence and times to speak. Ceilidhs and covid, fetes and floods. And God always with us through it all, when we are aware of it and when we're not.

I think of our daughter Rosie's time at Hallbankgate School; the ceilidh band (Jiggery Pokery) that I was in for several years along with some Farlam parishioners; carol singing in the Belted Will; the repair of the church roof; school and community fetes; the Friday night harvest services and auctions with the school; beating the bounds; the Craft Fair; the sponsored walk to Newcastle to raise money for the church carpet; the funerals, weddings, christenings and confirmations. Babies I have recently baptised whose parents I remember when they were starters at Hallbankgate School! Bloodhounds and torchlight processions, youth group night walks, home groups, and intimate Sunday services.

We will miss Farlam, we really will. I will keep you in my prayers (especially on Monday mornings, when our weekly prayers are prayed in Farlam Church).



A huge thank you to all and everyone who has supported our parish church and been a blessing to the community. Please do carry on in faith, hope and love, especially as a vacancy for the post of vicar begins.

And if you see me in Tesco's – say hello!

God bless, Edward

Farlam Parish Council Chair's Report May 2025.

It has been another busy year for the Parish Council, I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their support and work over the past year. Our Parish meetings are filled with honest open discussion and councillors bring a mix of skills to the table. Also, we value the input of our County Councillor Roger Dobson who attends as many parish meetings as possible, keeping us up to date with wider Cumberland Council activities.

In May last year our Parish Clerk resigned due to other work commitments, we thank Allison Riddell for her work and support over the years. After a lengthy recruitment process we were able to appoint Tina Robinson to the role, Tina brings a wealth of financial experience and we look forward to working with her over the coming year. This change of Parish Clerk brought with it a few banking frustrations and I thank Tina for her patience over this time. The change to online banking for Parish Council business is a priority moving forward we hope to complete this task in the very near future.

Our focus for the year ahead remains similar to the past year. The speed of traffic throughout the parish remains a concern, particularly along the A689 and we sympathise with the residents in this area whose lives are impacted by the speed and volume of traffic along this road. We thank Roger Dobson for his support with this; I know the residents are determined to make this issue remain a priority. At long last the funding is in place for the SID (Speed Indicator Device) to be located as you enter Hallbankgate from the west, we are now awaiting the contractors to complete the installation. This particular project demonstrated the importance of local organisations working together with the Council working with the wider County Council, the village School and Parish Trust to ensure this project progresses.

The play area as ever requires a lot of council time, effort and finance thanks to Councillor Brown and Burd who regularly check the equipment and oversee the risk assessments and inspection. The buffer zone and wall issues in this area remain priority. The purchase of the play area in the last financial year led to us increasing the parish precept to enable this purchase to go ahead. As promised, at the time, this was for one year and we were able to reduce our precept by 23.5% this year.

After a period of "challenge" our website (farlam.gov.uk) is now back up and running, we now need to develop the skills to ensure it is updated regularly providing parishioners with up-to-date information. This is a key priority over the coming year. Farlam is fortunate in having a wonderful wider community and has facilities and organisations rarely found in other local parishes, it is important that we continue to support these organisations, where practical. Therefore, over the coming year we hope to develop closer links with local organisations. Currently we have councillors on the Governing Body of Hallbankgate School, the Parish Trust and Hallbankgate Hub. We have a wonderful village newsletter and we need to ensure the flow of information to the editor is timely and in line with publication dates. We have an active village hall committee and Church PCC, we need to ensure we work closely with them to ensure their ongoing success.

Over the past year other routine business has included commenting on planning permission requests, on-going maintenance of public spaces, highlighting minor road issues, maintaining insurance cover and ensuring we follow all financial and legal guidelines required of Parish Councils.

Finally, we say goodbye and thank Councillor Lister and Ashton for their work as Parish Councillors. We are now looking to appoint additional councillors to join our dedicated team.

Chris Marsh



Hallbankgate Village School News

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It is difficult to believe that another school year is now over and everyone will be enjoying their well-deserved summer holidays, despite the weather being not so summery! We have a lot of things to celebrate and share with you since the last edition and we hope that it gives you a flavour of all of the wonderful things that happen in our school.

In Key Stage 1, we have been learning all about inspirational people, including David Attenborough, Mary Anning, Rosa Parks and Emily Davison. While learning about each person, we found out about what life was like for the people that lived during that period of time and what each person did to make a positive difference, whether it was the conservation and understanding of animals and the natural world or promoting equal rights and opportunities. It really helped us to think about how we can make a positive difference in the world around us and how important it is to treat others with respect. This learning has really inspired us and we are looking forward to making positive changes in our school as members of our School Learning Council, Sports and Wellbeing Council and Eco Council from September.

We have really enjoyed learning about plants as part of our science learning this term, too, and we have completed lots of investigations to work out what plants need to thrive and what seeds need to germinate: our classroom has been full of seeds, seedlings and plants in various (and sometimes surprising!) places. During our lessons, we planned and carried out scientific investigations before drawing conclusions and making generalisations. We investigated many different things, including what conditions are needed for seeds to germinate and grow successfully, as well as the different parts of a plant. It was great to be able to use our school vegetable garden and grounds to bring our learning to life and we really enjoyed planting out the seedlings and watching them grow! All of this learning enabled us to talk (at length!), to our Cumbria in Bloom judges about plants and the things that seeds need for germination, too- they were very impressed!

In Key Stage 2, we have had an exciting term learning all about World War 2. To enhance and support our understanding of life in the 30s and 40s, we used extracts from our school log books to think about what life would have been like in our school and local area during the war and how daily life would have been impacted. With all of the evacuated children, can you believe that there would have been over 140 pupils in our school!

19 October. We reached 140 on roll this week, but two privately evacuated children have since returned home.

27 June Two evacuees from South Shields who have been here since last September left us today. One of them - fifteen years of age, has been offens work in a ship - yards.

To help us imagine what life might have been like for an evacuee, we travelled to Haltwhistle by train (dressed in era-appropriate clothing) and had a wonderful opportunity to meet Terry; a gentleman who was evacuated to Walton from Newcastle when he was just two years old. It was an amazing opportunity to listen to his stories about what life was like as a child during WW2 and how difficult it was for him to adjust to life back in Newcastle with his parents - so much so that he ended up back in Walton until he was 16! We also had an exciting visit to Beamish to learn more about the war years - the staff were very impressed with our knowledge!

Earlier in the term, we had our very exciting and successful residential visit to the North East coast and Edinburgh Zoo! Departing from school at 8am, we had a wonderful three-day adventure where we played on the beach and in the sea in Spittal, played crazy golf in Seahouses and visited Edinburgh Zoo, taking part in workshops all about endangered animals. Staying in Berwick-upon-Tweed for two nights, we also enjoyed exploring this fascinating town before heading back down the coast to the Great North Museum and the Angel of the North. It was such an exciting visit and we received so many comments about the children's wonderful behaviour and manners, as well as their enthusiasm and knowledge - what great representatives for our school!

Another highlight of the term included our performance of 'A song for Edmondson' in Lanercost Priory. Having worked with Gareth and Bronwen Davies-Jones over the course of the year to write and perfect our song, we had the opportunity to perform it to parents, family members and members of the rail community at a special showcase event. It was incredibly exciting, especially as our performance was filmed and turned into our very own music video! You can watch it on YouTube by searching for 'A Song for Edmondson, celebrating 200 years of rail travel: Edmondson'. Again, we had so many comments about the children's performance, enthusiasm and behaviour - the rail experts who attended were very impressed with our song, too!

As well as all of that exciting learning, we held our annual Sports Day and a musical concert for all of our musicians to perform their favourite pieces- both of which were well-attended by parents and family members. We also held a special celebration event to say farewell to the wonderful Year 6 children who will be heading to secondary school in September and held our Community Summer Fete. We are pleased to let you know that we raised around £1300 for our school! This fundraising event will ensure that we can continue to have lots of educational visits and visitors next year to support our learning in school. A **huge** thank you to everyone that donated a raffle prize or attended this event, as well as the Hallbankgate Village School Parent and Friends Association, Church, WI, Farlam Parish Trust, Thompsons of Prudhoe and other local businesses and organisations for all of their support. It was a fantastic day!

Hallbankgate Village School Places (Nursery to year 6)

With so many unique learning opportunities at Hallbankgate Village School, please get in touch if you would like to arrange a visit for you and your child to see what our school has to offer.

Our Playgroup for under 4's takes place each week, too - watch out for updates on our school Facebook page. All welcome.

Farlam Parish News from 1882

The Day School will resume work after the summer holidays, on Monday morning, August 14th. The managers desire parents to send their children to school on that morning without fail, and to send them regularly. Some parents are sadly blind to their own and their children's interest in not doing all they can in order to reap the benefit of the excellent elementary education which is offered in our Parish school at Hallbankgate. The time for H.M. Inspectors visit will soon be here. There is much to do in the time; but our staff of teachers is good, and the only thing that is wanted to ensure success at the examination is the regular attendance of the children.

Prior to the Flower Show to be held on August 19th, the inspection of gardens by Mr Little, Edmund Castle and Mr Barnes, North Castle took place on July 8 with the following results:

Class 1

Frank Teesdale 85 points.

Matthew Patterson 81 points.

Richard Batty 71 points

Edward Rushton 67 points

Irving Willis 46 points

Class 2

Thomas H Scott 51 points.

William Scott 50 points.

C Ruddick 45 points

John Storey 43 points

John Forster 36 points

Through the liberality of Mrs Thompson the choir had their annual trip on Friday, September 1st, the Midgeholme choir also being also kindly invited by Mrs Thompson to join ours. Leaving Brampton Station by the first train in the morning the party proceeded to Sunderland, and arrived there a little before ten o'clock.

After lunch a tram was taken to Roker where some members indulged in bathing, others in rides and walks on the beach and about the rocks. At one o'clock our return was made to the town, and the winter garden, museum and art gallery were visited. At two o'clock ample justice was done to a substantial dinner. At 3.15 train was taken for Newcastle, and after spending some little time in the cathedral church of Saint Nicholas, in which everyone seemed much interested, the party divided for other sightseeing, according to individual taste, and reassembled at six o'clock for tea.

After tea thanks we most enthusiastically voted to Mrs Thompson for all her kindness, and the services of the much respected senior member of the choir, Mr Nicholson, who made all arrangements were warmly acknowledged. With thoughtful consideration little presents in the shape of a Scripture birthday textbook, in which the choir inscribed their names, and an inkstand were brought home for one member who, owing to illness, was not able this year to join the excursion. After a very enjoyable days outing Home was reached about ten that evening.

Church Fees

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Funeral in Parish Graves 4ft long and upwards, 5ft deep 2/6; under 4ft long and 4ft deep 2/0; infants 2.5' deep 1/- Clerk's fee 1/-.

Marriages

Aug 22 Charles Henry Ommanney, Putney, Surrey, to Annie Maria Isabella Thompson, Farlam Hall.

Sept. 9 William Proud, Clowsgill Holme to Janey Dodd, Clowsgill Holme.

Farlam Parish News From 1888

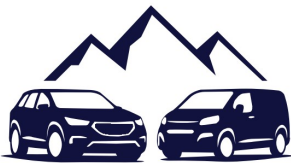
On Easter Sunday 1888, 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Border Regiment "Belted Will" F Company attended Devine Service at Farlam Church to pay a tribute of respect to the late Lieut. Colonel Thompson who was commanding officer of the company from its formation in 1860 up to 1880 on the consolidation of the Battalion.

The company, including Hallbankgate members, assembled at the Armoury at 1:15pm in full uniform with belt, arm and helmet. On arrival at Farlam Church they were met at the gateway by the Vicar of the Parish, the Rev. W. Dacre and the Rev. S. Falle, in their robes. A procession led by the clergy and the officers was made to the grave where Col. Thompsons body lies, on which Capt. Riddell placed a wreath bearing the following inscription:

"In affectionate remembrance of Lieut. Col. Thompson, who died on 9th March 1888, by the Officers and Members of the "Belted Will" Rifle Volunteers - Easter Sunday 1888".

A service in the crowded church was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Acting Chaplain Rev. S. Falle and the sermon was preached by the Hon. Chaplain the Rev. W. Dacre.

The Rifle Band accompanied the company to and from Farlam.



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You will still see the usual familiar faces at the garage. Michael has been with Fell view garage for nearly 30 years while Declan has worked here for 8 years and prior to that spent 7 years with Arnold Clark. Emma Gorman in the office has been with Fell View Garage for nearly two years.

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Declan and Emma

Being a Councillor brings a refreshing sense of novelty, offering experiences that are far from the ordinary. One such unique role is serving as Cumberland Council's representative on the Executive Board of North Pennines National Landscapes, formerly known as North Pennines AONB. This is one of England's most special places: a stunning landscape of open heather moors and peatlands, attractive dales and hay meadows, tumbling upland rivers, wonderful woods, welcoming communities, intriguing imprints of a mining and industrial past, distinctive birds, animals and plants and much, much more.

The NPNL is also designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark, in recognition of world-class earth heritage shared through education, interpretation and visitor information. NPNL encompasses parts of Northumberland, County Durham, Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland. Four of our own parishes lie within the northernmost part of NPNL: Midgeholme, Carlatten and Cumrew, Castle Carrock and Geltsdale, and Farlam.

In June I attended a conference which showcased the excellent work NPNL is doing with hill farmers including our own Hallbankgate farm. An exhibition celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the Pennine Way has been featured at the Bowlees Visitor Centre in Newbiggin. The Pennine Way was the UK's first long distance trail, and I can certainly recommend the Centre which is less than an hour's drive from Hallbankgate.

One exciting development is the soon to be opened Roof of England Walk which is circular with readily accessible sections. Eventually it is hoped that there can be a connection to the RSPB at Geltsdale. This will be dependent upon the replacement of the collapsed bridge on the Lord Carlisle railway near Tindale Fell. I am hopeful that if an agreement can be reached with the landowner, then NPNL will fund construction.

On a more political note, I am pleased to report that a Metropolitan Mayor for Cumbria will not be elected in 2026: sensibly this has been deferred to May 2027 to coincide with the Cumberland Councillor elections and any town or parish councils that are contested. Importantly this will save about £1 million by avoiding the cost of separate elections. I have reservations about the rationale for a Cumbria Mayor especially as local government reorganisation divided Cumbria into two local authorities in 2023 but with the support of the two major parties it will happen. I do accept that addressing economic strategy and transport infrastructure on a county wide basis is desirable. The Boundary Commission has now produced its preliminary report on Cumberland Council which recommends the retention of one member wards but recommends increasing the number of councillors from the current 46 to 55. All but two of the wards will be reconfigured to achieve equitable representation – that is approximately the same number of voters per councillor. Fortunately for us Corby and Hayton will be unchanged as the projected electorate is almost exactly the desired number.

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Hallbankgate WI



Hello everyone! We hope you're soaking up the sunshine and enjoying the longer days. It's been a season of connection, creativity, and cake (of course!) here at Hallbankgate WI, and we're excited to share some highlights with you.



February: Stories That Stirred the Heart

We kicked off the year with a delightful evening hosted by Old Rope Productions. Jason and Sarah brought two short love stories to life with warmth and wit - leaving us smiling, laughing, and maybe even a little misty-eyed.



June: Cakes & Community

Our cake stall at the Hallbankgate Village School summer fete was a roaring success - every last crumb sold! Alongside our legendary bakes, we offered plants and pre-loved clothes, raising funds for both the WI and the school. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed and supported.



Dining & Delight

June also brought us together for a lovely meal at The Queens in Warwick on Eden. Good food, great company, and plenty of laughter made it a night to remember.



July: Art That Inspires

At our July meeting, we welcomed Martin Evans, whose journey as an "accidental artist" was both moving and motivating. His story sparked creativity among our members. After the event, some even picked up a paintbrush for the first time in years!



Afternoon Tea & Treats

Later in July, we were pampered at On The Beck tearooms in Brampton. A delicious spread of sandwiches and cakes, served with care and charm, made for a truly indulgent afternoon.



Looking Ahead: August & Beyond

Our August meeting will focus on Women's Health & Wellbeing, featuring a session with 'Ask Helen', a coach who'll guide us in nurturing our bodies and minds. It promises to be both empowering and practical.

Upcoming speakers include:



Date

October 23rd
November 27th



Speaker

Jack Ellerby
Hirishikesh from Farlam Hall



Topic

Cumbria's Dark Skies
A special seasonal session



Join Us! Whether you're seeking friendship, inspiration, or simply a good cup of tea, Hallbankgate WI is the place to come to! New members are always welcome - come along and see what we're all about.

Warm wishes, Alison Cheetham,
President, Hallbankgate WI

Hallbankgate Flower Show

Our annual event was well supported by entries across all categories and it pulled in a steady stream of onlookers. Gasps of admiration and astonishment at the sheer quality of floral and garden produce entered were not uncommon as were occasional chuckles and expressions of glee prompted by some of the children's entries.



Thomas Halliday receiving a prize from Stephen Bray

Regular attendees will not be surprised to learn of the success of the Forster family (very young and not so young) in many of the floral and vegetable categories with Roger closely matched in produce quality by Thomas Halliday, Lynn Menzies, Julia James, Eddie Hazeldene and also Sandra.

Sandra Forster took 1st for 3 long potatoes, Lynn Menzies 1st for 3 round potatoes, Thomas Halliday 1st for 2 onions from set, Roger Forster 1st for 4 shallots, Raymond Cessford 1st for his marrow, Roger Forster (again) 1st for 3 carrots, with Thomas Halliday 1st for 4 tomatoes,



Raymond Cessford's marrow



Roger Forster 1st for 3 rhubarb, Julia James 1st for 3 courgettes and Thomas Halliday 1st for wonky veg.



Eddie Hazelden's beetroots



Ann Charlton's single rose: best flower in the show



Eddie Hazeldene's Gladioli



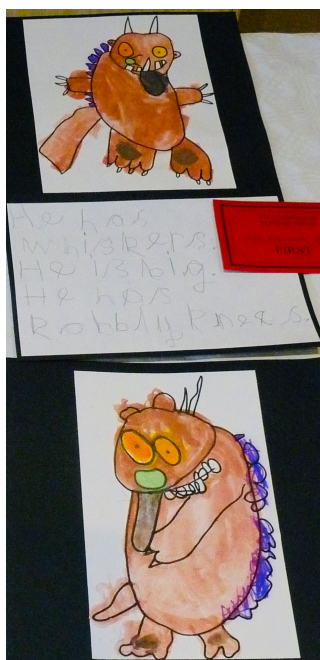
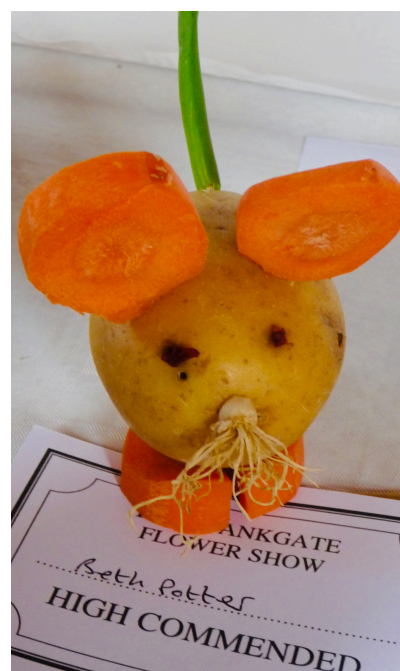
An assortment of blooms

Helen Graham dominated the textile categories with her cross-stitch, patchwork and quilting entries. There were numerous paintings, drawings and photographs of high quality as well as greeting cards, lego models, and gardens on a tin lid.

The baking and preserves table contained so many entries of jams, cakes, biscuits and scones which demonstrates the extraordinary culinary skills of the community.



Here Fiona Stewart took 1st with her fruit scones, Julia James another 1st for her cheese scones and Sandra Forster added another 1st for her mixed scones and her lemon meringue pie.



In the children's classes there were so many entries only a few are mentioned. Fern Wilkinson Bray won with her floral arrangement and garden on a tin lid with Vera Bober winning with her lego model. However our reporter was captivated by Elsie F's vegetable dog and Beth Potter's mouse which was highly commended.

The school had also submitted a range of pupils' work on scary monsters and learning relating to WW2. The pictures of the Gruffalo were the stuff of nightmares (but not for a little mouse!).



Brampton Medical Practice

Things are changing and some services that used to be accessed through the Practice will now be delivered by North Cumbria Integrated Care. This relates to services/ care that are part of secondary care or hospital services. These changes will start to come into place for specific appointments needed from the 1st September 2025 and follows a long period of consultation between GP practices in North Cumbria and the North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board on funding, resources and the need to protect primary care for the long-term, in other words, your local GP practice.



The Practice will be advising specific patients directly about any changes that may affect them for appointments needed from the 1st September and our reception and admin teams will re-direct patients requesting appointments to the relevant hospital department. This will initially be for things such as blood tests, ECG's and wound care needed as part of care being received under hospital specialist teams. It will apply once your care is moved from the primary care of your GP to the secondary care of the hospital speciality team rather than coming back into the practice.

Historically in North Cumbria GP practices including Brampton Medical Practice have worked alongside hospitals to provide blood tests, wound care and other services, going above and beyond our usual core contractual work loads. Due to changes in primary care this work is neither sustainable nor fully funded to be delivered by the practice, which is the reason for our decision.

We have been advised that North Cumbria Integrated Care will be delivering secondary care services from the 1st September through a number of community hubs. We await further information and will share this once we have it. In the meantime, if patients need advice on where to go for follow-up tests required when they are receiving the secondary care services or wound care from the 1st September, then please contact the hospital service speciality team you are currently under.

Your GP team is still here for you – providing quality care with a clear focus on what general practice is best placed and properly resourced to do.

We realise and appreciate that this kind of change and the reasons behind it can cause frustration, however please be assured that the decisions the Practice takes, however difficult, are made to ensure it can continue to deliver our core primary care contracted services long into the future for our patient population.

Samantha Gargett Practice Manager

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