

Thornton Rust

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Cheese Festival

There's a range of local cheese related events across the National Park this month. The nearest one is at [Curlew Dairy](#) in Carperby. Sample delicious cheeses, chat with the cheesemakers and watch them at work - **Friday 16 October**, 9–4pm.

Sowing the seeds

Sometimes the weather can be really kind, and that was certainly the case when the contractor, Stewart Gatenby, was repairing the Kennel Field main drain. Had there not been a summer of prolonged drought the ground would not have been hard enough to support the digger. It then remained dry during the work and only rained when water was needed to check the flow and stimulate regrowth on the bare soil.

We wait to see what germinates on that bare soil, hopefully not just nettles and docks. In hope I acquired some common spotted orchid seed to scatter about. The seed is as fine as flour and will only germinate if it is invaded by the right kind of fungi. It will be several years before we know whether the sowing has been successful.

The cattle were evicted prematurely and will be back to graze before the winter. As usual they will probably trample rocks and silt into their drinking area. Clearing this is a mixed blessing - messy but rewarding to see the clean spring water flowing again.

Deborah Millward

Dates for your diary

Please save the dates for the following events at the Institute:

- Ramsay's fish & chips van – **Saturday 3 October**, 4.40–5.30pm. Village hall open
- French Food Night – **Saturday 10 October**, 7pm. £10 per head
- KFT Coffee Morning – **Saturday 21 November**, 10.30am
- Kennel Field Trust AGM – **Saturday 5 December**, 11am
- Christmas Quiz – **Saturday 12 December**. 7pm. £4 per head.

French Food Night

There's an evening of French themed food at the Institute on **Saturday 10 October**. Doors open at 7pm, with food served at 7.30pm. £10 a head for 3 courses. Bring your own drinks, glasses, cutlery, plates and bowls.

The menu to include a main choice from Boeuf bourguignon, Coq au vin, sausage & bean casserole, or a vegetarian casserole. French desserts, and cheese course to follow.

Book your place and make your choice of main course (beef, chicken, sausage/beans casserole, or veg casserole) with Rob Newall 07528273977/

rob_newall@hotmail.com. Last

orders by the end of Monday 5

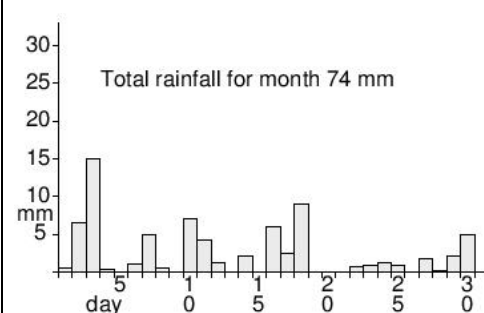
October. Tim McQueen

Fish Special

Ramsay's van are thinking about adding Thornton Rust to their regular Winter round. Fingers crossed!

In the meantime, Ramsay's weekly Summer round stops at Bainbridge (Tuesday 4–6pm), Aysgarth (Tuesday 6.20–6.50pm), and Askrigg (Wednesday 4–6pm).

Rainfall



September 2025: 194 mm;

September 2024: 130 mm;

September 2023: 110 mm.

Refuse collection dates

Garden & Recycling	Thursday 1 Oct.
Grey bin	Thursday 8 Oct.
Garden & Red bin	Thursday 15 Oct.
Grey bin	Thursday 22 Oct.
Garden & Blue bin	Thursday 29 Oct.

The new bin collection regime starts on **Thursday 15 October**. The **red lidded bin** is for glass, cans, plastics and cartons. The **blue lidded bin** is for paper and card. The old plastic boxes and bag can't be used once the new regime starts.

Mission Room

There will be a service of Evening Prayer at the Mission Room on **Sunday 25 October** at 3pm. Please note the earlier time for the darker nights. All welcome. Carol Rimmer

Parish Council

The next meeting will be at Aysgarth Institute, **Thursday 8 October** 7.30pm.

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West End Bank

Thank you to Nick Croft for strimming the West End Bank, to Stella, Peter, Deborah and Ro for doing all the raking, and to James and Sheena for their help with removing the strimming.

Your help with the bank will, hopefully, give us all another wonderful display of wildflowers again next year.

Alan Cook

Bulletin Readership

The Bulletin is sent out to 87 people by email and is also delivered as a print newsletter to 10 homes, so we're in sight of reaching 100 people! We're also available via the [Pip's Patch](https://www.pipspatch.com) website. Please let us know if you'd like to be added or removed from the distribution.

Carperby Village Hall Centenary

There's an art, photography & crafts exhibition & sale on to celebrate their centenary. **Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 October, 10am - 4pm.** Free entry

Road Closures

Please keep your eyes peeled for new road closure signs appearing around our area this month, as the dates do shift around. We are expecting:

- Worton bridge closed – **Thurs 1 & Fri 2 October**
- Aysgarth to Ellers Lane/Westholme Bank / A684 – **Mon 12 to Fri 16 October**
- Bainbridge bridge to Worton / A684 – **Thurs 15 to Sat 17 October**
- Widdale Head bridge strengthening / B6255 (Hawes to Ingleton/Settle) – **Wed 21 to Sun 25 October.**

Kennel Field Trust Coffee Morning

We're holding a KFT coffee morning on **Saturday 21 November**. We hope to have coffee, tea, hot chocolate, home made cake and a raffle to tempt you. If you're able to help by donating a raffle prize, baking a cake or traybake, or by helping on the day then please do get in touch. All funds raised will go towards maintaining the Kennel Field for everyone to enjoy. Hopefully, we'll see even more orchids and other wildflowers in future years.

Rob Newall

