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Dates and activities for 2026

January	21st	Quiz Evening	7pm
February	25th	Murder Mystery Evening	7pm
March	14th	Wedding	
	18th	Beetle Drive	7pm
April	4th	Coffee Morning	10.30am - 12.00
	5th	Easter Egg Hunt	
	5th	Easter Service	4pm
	15th	Bingo	7pm
May	31st	Treasure Hunt	2pm
June	6th	Wedding	
	12th	Wedding	
	28th	Picnic at the Hall - Hall Farm	2pm
July	22nd	Prosecco and Strawberries	5pm to 7pm
August	22nd	Wedding	
	29th	Wedding	
	31st	BBQ	2pm - 6pm
September	19th	Wedding	
	26th/27th	Flower Festival	11am - 4pm
		Music Concert -	7pm
		Cheese and Wine	
		Church Service	4pm
October	16th	Wedding	
	18th	Harvest Service Supper with Auction	4pm
November	25th	Pie and Peas Evening	7pm
	28th	Coffee Morning	10.30am - 12.00
December	1st-24th	Advent Trail	
	5th/6th	Christmas Festival	11am - 4pm
	12th/13th	Christmas Festival	11am - 4pm
	20th	Carol Service	4pm
	24th	Christmas Eve Village	
		Get together Little Fenby	

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Chairman's Report - Winter 2025

Welcome to the winter edition of News and Views - the final issue for 2025. I would like to start by drawing your attention to three issues that are causing concern to residents. At the same time I do not want anyone to think the PC is either unsympathetic or dictatorial but at all times we only have the best interest of the village and its residents at heart.

I know we are all concerned about drivers speeding through the village endangering others and a car recently lost control on the bend on Main Road and went into the dyke. I understand no-one was seriously injured but the accident suggests speed on a tight bend which could have had fatal consequences for any pedestrians. Please respect our 20mph speed limit.

Sadly the village and surrounding area has had to endure endless fly tipping incidents which is not only expensive to clear up but ruins the aesthetics of our rural idyll. The latest one was so severe the police had to close the road. On behalf of you all I would like to thank Phil Wilson for clearing the road to make it passable. The PC is discussing all options to try to prevent recurrence.

We are certainly not spoilsports but loud fireworks are causing serious issues for pet owners and suffering for the animals. If you plan to let off fireworks could you please let residents know on the village WhatsApp so they can take the necessary precautions for their pets.

We have had a number of residents attending our PC meetings and where we are able we provide help and guidance we will do so but where the issue is beyond the remit of the PC we will contact the appropriate department at NELC on behalf of the resident for them to action. Ward councillors Philip Jackson and Nick Pettigrew also attend PC meetings when they are able and provide guidance from the NELC perspective.

I am thrilled to let you all know that the PC has received confirmation that we have been successful in securing a grant from the NELC ward fund to finance a new noticeboard on the village green. I am hopeful the replacement will be in place in early 2026.

As always we give planning applications a fair and unbiased review and at our November PC meeting we approved the development of a detached house and stables on land adjoining the Barton Street.

The lovely hot summer is now behind us. The days shorten and become colder and wetter and the leaves fall incessantly. A sign that winter is upon us.

Please remember the PC is always here to help with village issues – please talk to us and as always you are most welcome to attend any of our future meetings

On behalf of the PC let me wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and above all a healthy 2026.

John Shaw

Chair

Ashby cum Fenby Parish Council

Parochial Church Council news

A Thank You To Our Community From Your PCC

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our local community and friends in helping us to achieve something truly amazing over the last 20 months.

The support we have received from you has enabled us to improve the fabric of both the Church and the Church Hall. This support has been donated both financially and in time. Financially, we have benefitted from membership of our Planned Giving Scheme, sponsorship from local businesses and numerous personal donations. Fund raising has played a huge part, and for that we are especially grateful to all for buying tickets to our social events. Along the way we have all had some fun with Quiz Nights, Murder Mystery, Beetle Drive, Harvest auctions and other activities.

Time is a very valuable and under estimated commodity to donate. For our annual BBQ our friends prepared salads and delicious puddings, more friends donated their time in helping to set up tents, marquees, tables etc etc. For our flower festival we had donations of flowers, helpers with teas and cakes, and friends to help and prepare the Church. Many hours were given to us in preparing our other fund raising events.

We thought you would like to know a few examples of what your generosity has enabled us to achieve.

Recently we bought a new carpet for the Lady Chapel (£1000), new cushions for all the Church pews (£1900), substantial re-wiring of the Church for safety reasons (£1700), refurbished the Church Hall (£500 – would have been a great deal more without local help), paid for a Quinquennial Inspection for the first time since 2015 (£1200), new notice boards for the Church and Church hall, electrical work at the Church hall, LED lighting in the Church, and purchased various items of new equipment.

Additionally we have paid all our running and maintenance costs, amounting to approximately £4500 annually.

This new community involvement has enabled us to have 14 church services and events throughout this period, and five weddings and one baptism.

Looking forward to 2026, we have fresh challenges. There are substantial repairs and maintenance issues to complete on the Church, these having been highlighted by the recent Quinquennial report. We are currently arranging for the toilet facilities in the Church Hall to be completely renewed, and these should be complete by the end of December/early January.

We are looking into renewing the Church heating and the provision of toilet facilities at the Church. These are major projects, and we are examining the potential of availability of Grants from various Charitable Trusts.

So plenty to do in 2026! With your continued support we are looking forward to achieving our goals. In the meantime We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.
St Peter's PCC

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Ashby-cum-Fenby Post Office



Original Post Office

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Martha, (died 25/1/73 aged 82) was always curious and whenever a car was heard to be approaching, she was found at the door shaking a rug and waving. From remarks made to villagers after telephone calls it was obvious she had always been listening.

The above was taken from a very interesting publication
'Ashby cum Fenby - a special village' compiled by
Mrs. Margaret Blount and Mr. J. David Petch.

Carol's Corner.....Just for fun....

Why is it getting harder to buy Advent Calendars? Their days are numbered.
Who never goes hungry at Christmas? The turkey - he's always stuffed.
What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsilitis.
The man who invented unisex tennis matches has died. R.I.P. Mick Stubbles.

Just finished reading an excellent book called 'Fights on a Narrowboat' by R. G. Bargee. Other books I can recommend.....

'The Art of Cooking Breakfast' by Chris P. Bacon.

'Bubbles in the bath' by Ivor Windybottom (one for the children)

'Your local window cleaner, Mr. Bit'

'Falling off the steeple' by Willie Bounce.

I watched Twister the other day and it blew me away.

The baby Jesus was 7 pounds 2 ounces at birth. This was determined through a weigh in a manger.

I nearly got knocked off my bike by a council salt lorry today. 'You clown' I shouted through gritted teeth.

Sorry, the jokes don't get any better do they?!

Front cover credits

Thanks to Michael and Michelle Gait for allowing me to photograph Sidney who is nearly 14. His brothers John Jo, Winston and Dexter will no doubt feature in future editions! Don't you think he posed well for this?!

Outstanding Planning Applications

Keep yourself updated with outstanding planning applications by visiting NELC's Planning Portal at www.nelincs.gov.uk
Go to 'Search Planning Applications' then type 'Ashby cum Fenby'
Those 'pending consideration' or 'undecided' as at 8th December include:-

Woodlands Cottage, Chapel Lane
Land adjacent to Fenby House, Post Office Lane
Willow Lakes, Ashby Hill Top Farm, Barton Street
Land adjacent to Ashby View, Barton Street
Land East of Main Road
Moorhouse Farm, Briggsley Road

