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Annual Report 2025

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Coatham & Dormanstown
Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31st of December, 2025.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Coatham & Dormanstown (formed in 2002) is situated on the North East coast of England on the edge of Redcar. The Parish is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 9 Blenheim Terrace, Redcar, TS10 1QP.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commissioners. The registration process was completed in December 2024. Our Charity registration number is 1211528.

PCC members who have served from the 1st of January, 2025 until 31st of December, 2025 are as follows (Churchwardens, Curate and Deanery Synod representatives are ex-officio members of the PCC):

Vicar & Chair:

Revd Rebecca Haughty

Curate:

Revd Peter King Until July 2025

Community Minister:

Maggie Hadland

Churchwardens:

Dave Stones	Safeguarding, H & S and Health & Hygiene Officer
Graham Brimble	Safeguarding PCC Lead
Carole Prest	Until 2025 APCM

Deanery Synod:

Maggie Hadland	Community Minister
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PCC Members:

Jan Pountain	Gift Aid Secretary
Angela Phillips	
Rita Pulfrey	
Martin Farrance	Secretary & Vice Chair.
Carol Upton	
Barbara Lambert	Until 2025 APCM
Simon Asker	Co-opted November 2024
Ernie Hammond	From 2025 APCM

Standing Committee:

Revd Rebecca Haughty	
Revd Peter King	Until July 2025
Martin Farrance	
Dave Stones	
Graham Brimble	
Carole Prest	Until 2025 APCM

Officers who are not members of the PCC:

Alan Ebbs – Electoral Roll Officer

Organist:

Barbara Lambert

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Coatham and Dormanstown PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar in promoting the ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the buildings of Christ Church, Coatham, All Saints, Dormanstown and Coatham Church Hall. As a condition of the lease relating to the Church Shop at 8 Farndale Square, we are also obliged to carry out minor repairs and maintenance, also redecoration as required.

Church Attendance

There are 41 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 18 of whom are not resident in the Parish. The weekly attendance varies, but the average attendance for 2025 was approximately 35 over the Sunday and midweek Services. There was a Service of Morning Prayer held via Zoom 3 times per week.

Financial Review

Parish income has maintained at a reasonably steady rate; however, expenditure has continued to rise. This has resulted in a deficit of £11,938 for 2025. There continues to be substantial pressure on Parish finances in maintaining and running both Churches and the Church Hall.

Reserves Policy

The Parish holds 2 bank accounts, a current account for day-to-day income and expenditure, and a deposit account for reserve funds. Current reserves amount to approximately 10 months ordinary expenditure.

This publication was approved by the PCC via e-mail on the 30th March, 2026, and, as the Parish is currently without an incumbent, signed on their behalf by David Martin Farrance.



..... Vice Chair

The Parish of Coatham & Dormanstown

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December, 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Income/Receipts

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
Regular Giving	£ 13,786.00	£	£ 13,786.00	£ 16,115.00
One-off Gift Aid Donations	£ 866.00		£ 866.00	£ 745.00
Collections at Services	£ 4,891.00		£ 4,891.00	£ 4,875.00
All Other Giving	£ 57.00		£ 57.00	£ 3,703.00
Tax Recovered	£ 5,017.00		£ 5,017.00	£ 6,019.00
Legacies	£ 200.00		£ 200.00	£ -
Grants (recurring and one-off)	£ -	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 978.00 Note 1
Social and Fund Raising	£ 2,237.00		£ 2,237.00	£ 3,454.00
Interest and Investment Income	£ 2,788.00		£ 2,788.00	£ 3,106.00
Fees retained by the PCC	£ 2,164.00		£ 2,164.00	£ 2,492.00
Trading Activities (Hall Income - gross)	£ 6,541.00		£ 6,541.00	£ 6,227.00
Trading Activities (Shop Income - gross)	£ 15,107.00		£ 15,107.00	£ 16,409.00
Insurance Claims/Printing	£ -		£ -	£ -
Agent Fees (Weddings/Funerals - York DBF)	£ 4,379.00		£ 4,379.00	£ 4,659.00
Dedicated Collections	£ 1,857.00		£ 1,857.00	£ 1,085.00
Total Receipts	£ 59,890.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 61,890.00	£ 69,867.00

Expenditure/Payments

Fund Raising Costs	£	292.00	£	292.00	£	134.00
Mission Giving and Donations	£	545.00	£	545.00	£	-
Free Will Offer (Parish Share)	£	36,000.00	£	36,000.00	£	42,500.00
Wages and Honararia	£	100.00	£	100.00	£	-
Clergy Expenses	£	2,297.00	£	2,297.00	£	3,133.00
Mission and Evengelism Costs	£	23.00	£	156.00	£	597.00
Church Running Expenses	£	10,835.00	£	10,835.00	£	9,455.00
Utilities	£	2,790.00	£	2,790.00	£	788.00
Cost of Trading (Hall Expenses)	£	2,903.00	£	2,903.00	£	3,246.00
Cost of Trading (Shop Expenses)	£	6,543.00	£	6,543.00	£	5,572.00
Printing	£	1,442.00	£	1,442.00	£	1,386.00
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	£	-	£	-	£	5,012.00
Major Repairs to Church Hall	£	2,893.00	£	2,000.00	£	-
New Building Work	£	-	£	-	£	-
Dedicated Collections	£	1,261.00	£	1,261.00	£	1,216.00
Fees	£	3,748.00	£	3,748.00	£	4,463.00
Total Payments	£	71,672.00	£	2,156.00	£	77,502.00
Excess Payments over Receipts			-£	11,938.00	-£	7,635.00

BALANCE SHEET

Brought Forward from 2024	£	97,023.00	£	2,253.00	£	99,276.00
Less deficit for 2025					£	11,938.00
Cash-in-hand	£	250.00			£	250.00
Total Funds 2025	£	85,491.00	£	2,097.00	£	87,588.00

Bank Accounts:

NatWest current a/c	£	20,837.00	£	2,097.00	£	22,934.00	£	37,660.00	Note 3
CCLA Deposit a/c	£	64,404.00	£		£	64,404.00	£	61,616.00	
Cash-in-hand @ 31/12/2025	£	250.00	£		£	250.00	£	-	
Total	£	85,491.00	£	2,097.00	£	87,588.00	£	99,276.00	

Fixed Assets:

Coatham Church Hall and Land	£	120,000.00	£	120,000.00
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There were no disposals or purchases of fixed assets during 2025
No remunerations were paid to any Trustees during 2025
Note 1 - Grant received for Church Hall loft insulation
Note 2 - £156.00 disbursed on Mustard Seed project
Note 3 - £2,097.00 Mustard Seed (restricted)

Signed by:

Treasurer (Acting)



Chair of PCC



Independent Examiner



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of Coatham and Dormanstown**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, **no matter** has come to my attention:

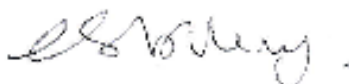
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to:

- a) keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 and
- b) prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 201

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Claire Stollery

Relevant professional qualification or body (if applicable): BA(Hons) Accounting & Finance

Date: 15th February 2026

Coatham & Dormanstown Budget 2026

Income	2025 (estimated)	2026 (estimated)
1 Regular Giving	£ 14,600.00	£ 16,000.00
3 Collections at Services	£ 4,700.00	£ 5,000.00
4 All Other Giving	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
6 Gift Aid - Tax Recovered	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,500.00
8 Grants (Recurring and One Off)	£ 2,000.00	£ -
9 Social & Fund Raising (Gross)	£ 1,700.00	£ 2,500.00
10 Interest	£ 2,700.00	£ 2,000.00
11 Fees Retained by the PCC	£ 2,200.00	£ 2,500.00
12 Trading Activities	£ 21,200.00	£ 22,000.00
13 Insurance Claims and Other Income	£ -	
Total	£ 55,100.00	£ 56,500.00

Expenditure

17 Fund Raising Costs	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
18 Mission Giving and Donations	£ -	£ -
19 Free Will Offer	£ 36,000.00	£ 30,000.00
20 Wages, Salaries and Honoraria	£ -	£ -
21 Clergy and Staff Expenses	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
23 Church Running Expenses	£ 9,800.00	£ 12,000.00
24 Utilities	£ 3,000.00	£ 7,000.00
25 Cost of Trading	£ 15,000.00	£ 12,000.00
27 Major Repairs to Church Buildings	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 64,900.00	£ 62,100.00

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Church Wardens Report 2025

Over the last couple of years our warden team has reduced from four to just the two of us, Graham and myself. Even so, we remain in a stronger position than many parishes where a single warden oversees several churches. Although Carole stepped down as Church Warden at the last APCM, she continues to look after the church hall and manage all bookings, for which we are very grateful.

As a team we work closely and effectively to support the parish. Challenges still arise that leave us wondering how we'll manage, yet we always find a way through, and problems that once seemed impossible eventually get resolved. Our morning prayer group continues to meet on Zoom, as this remains the preferred option for most. Utility costs, especially gas, remain very high with little sign of easing.

Christ Church

Christ Church continues to face major challenges. The building fabric is poor, and we still lose roof tiles during storms, with rain entering when the wind is in the wrong direction despite temporary repairs. In late 2024 we met with the Architect, Archdeacon and diocesan representatives to explore a way forward for the roof and stonework. The scale and cost — potentially over £1.75 million — are far greater than first expected, and even with a successful lottery bid we would still need significant funds. We considered forming a working group, but we simply do not have the numbers or expertise at present.

Amid these difficulties, it was uplifting to host a very successful Community Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday, with dozens of children and families enjoying a lively afternoon — a reminder of Christ Church's continuing value to the community.

All Saints

All Saints has its own ongoing issues, including the continual task of keeping the hedge under control. With two green waste bins and some determination, we can now manage the clippings over a two-week cycle.

We also had a fire on the Glebe Land after youngsters set light to fly-tipped items. We are in discussion with the diocesan buildings and glebe teams about removing the fly tipping and cutting back the overgrowth, so the land looks cared for and to help reduce further antisocial behaviour. The unresolved matter of replacing the boundary wall between the Glebe Land and the church — whether with a new wall or a fence — remains under consideration, and we hope for progress soon

Church Hall

The church hall continues to run very smoothly, mainly due to Carole's input. Repairs etc are carried out whenever needed, but we do not have any major problems with the building.

Dave and Graham

The Parish of Coatham & Dormanstown

Parochial Church Council

Secretary's Report 2025

The PCC would normally consist of 16 members – the Incumbent, Curate, 3 Churchwardens, 2 Deanery Synod Representatives and 9 ordinary members, a third of whom are elected on a 3-year cycle. Following the 2025 APCM we have 2 elected Churchwardens. Maggie Hadland, our Community Minister is also our Deanery Synod representative. We currently have 7 PCC members with 2 vacancies. The full Council met 10 times during 2025. The Standing Committee, which currently consists of the Vicar, Secretary and Churchwardens, are authorised to deal with any urgent business that may arise between full PCC meetings.

PCC meetings are normally held on a Monday evening at All Saints and are preceded with a short Eucharist Service. Following an opening prayer, the previous meetings' Minutes are approved. After the Minutes are approved, we deal with any matters arising from the previous meeting. We then move on to the general business of the Parish. This includes matters relating to the upkeep of the Church buildings and Hall, finance, any correspondence and reports from The Church Shop, Safeguarding/Health & Safety, Health & Hygiene, Community Ministers' report and Social and Fund-Raising Committee, as well as any CTR/Deanery/Diocesan business. The PCC always receives a comprehensive report from Rebecca on her Parish activities over the previous month.

Most of the discussions during 2025 were predominantly concerning the ever-increasing burden of legal and practical matters, covering repairs and maintenance, finance, Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Health & Hygiene and how the Church can stay active and relevant in our local community given the massive challenges we face keeping our buildings in good order.

On a personal note, as always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PCC for their support and the contributions they make to the meetings. Finally, thanks to Revd Rebecca Haughty and Revd Peter King for their encouragement, support and hard work during 2025.

Martin Farrance.

Gift Aid Report

The gift aid claim was submitted in February, and we received £4523.91 which is less than we claimed last year. I did claim again for the money jar money which are classed as collection.

We ordered less envelopes this year as we have lost some of our congregation making it a total of £147 a week we have lost compared to last year.

If anyone needs a set of envelopes, please let me know. We have envelopes for taxpayers and none tax payers but the good news is all the money in envelopes and cash on the plate can be gift aided.

Jan

<u>Coatham & Dormanstown Electoral Roll 2026/27</u>		<u>Outside Parish</u>	
Asker	Simon Crawford Anthony	X	
Bennett	Thelma	X	
Bentley	Susan Catherine		
Bentley	Trevor Martin		
Blundell	Jane Margaret		
Brimble	Graham	X	
Brimble	Tracy	X	
Colley	Barbara		
Douglas	Victor Albert		
Douglas	Sylvia		
Earl	Karen	X	
Ebbs	George Alan		
Farrance	Carolyn	X	
Farrance	David Martin	X	
Foreman	Andrew		
Greenwood	Jason	X	
Hadland	Margaret Rose		
Hamilton	Charlotte Emily	X	
Hammond	Ernest		
Harman	Deborah	X	
Harrison	Jeffrey Stuart	X	
Hushchenko	Valentyna	X	
Hutchinson	Avis Sylvia	X	
Lambert	Barbara	X	
Lynch	Rena		
McNally	David Leslie		
Moseley	Michael George		
Nixon	Gillian		
Phillips	Angela Mary		
Pountain	Janet	X	
Pountain	Claire Michelle	X	
Prest	Carole	X	
Puckrin	Linda Kathleen		
Pulfrey	Rita Margaret		
Shaw	Jacquelin Ann		
Stones	David		
Stones	Susan Mary		
Taylor	Sydney		
Upton	Carole Ann	X	
Wilkinson	Miles Henry		
Williams	Susanna D		
Total	41	18	

SYNODICAL GOVERNMENT MEASURE 1969

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CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL CERTIFICATE

The **PARISH** of COATHAM AND DORMANSTOWN

in the **DEANERY** of GUISBOROUGH

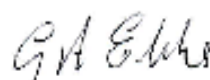
and in the Diocese of York

I hereby certify that the number of names upon the Church Electoral Roll of the above Parish, as prepared for the Annual Meeting held in the year **2026** was

41

Date 10th May, 2026

Signed



Position - Electoral Roll Officer

Under Rule 10 of the Church Representation Rules:-

- (1) This certificate is to be signed by the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Church Electoral Roll Officer of the Parochial Church Council
- (2) One copy of the certificate must be sent **before 31 May 2025** to The Secretary of the York Diocesan Synod, by email to kirsty.monagillough@yorkdiocese.org

or by post to:

The Diocese of York, Amy Johnson Way, Clifton Moor, York YO30 4XT

Although not required under the CRR, **please do send one copy to your Deanery Synod Secretary.**

Parish Safeguarding Officers Report 2025

The parish of Coatham and Dormanstown take the safeguarding of both our young people and all adults very seriously and have tried to make the whole church aware that although we have designated safeguarding officers in place, Safeguarding is the responsibility of each and every one of us.

Every member of the Ministry Team and PCC are fully aware of the need for safeguarding, and to this end, all of the above now have had Enhanced DBS checks undertaken and also have had the relevant online safeguarding training applicable for their role, everyone has completed a minimum of Basic and Foundation level training and in some cases Domestic Abuse awareness. All Church Wardens and above have also completed the Safer Recruitment module as part of their role, and the whole of the ministry team including the PCC Safeguarding Lead have also completed the Leadership Role module as part of their safeguarding training.

We have a system in place (The Parish Dashboard), whereby we can check when an individual's Safeguarding Training is due for renewal, and a new feature of this app is a section which also reminds me when individual members of the PCC need to have their DBS Checks renewed, after checking our online system, I can confirm that the next batch of both safeguarding and some DBS checks need to be renewed in May/June of this year.

I am pleased to report, that since we acquired level 3 on the Church of England parish safeguarding dashboard in July 2023, we have consistently retained that level since then, which acknowledges that as a church we maintain a high level of safer practices with regard to safeguarding. Updated safeguarding action plans are presented to and agreed by the PCC on a regular basis, with the last one being in November 2025.

Signed front sheet of the action plan is attached overleaf.

I can also confirm we have not (to date) had any reported/reportable safeguarding issues.

Dave Stones

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding Action Plan

Coatham and
Dormanstown

Level 3

Introduction

The Church of England's safeguarding policy statement, *Promoting a Safer Church*, says:

"All Church bodies should ensure that they have a 'Promoting a Safer Church' action plan in place that sets out, in line with national and local priorities, how the policy is being put into action and is reviewed regularly."

To help parishes prioritise their safeguarding work, a *Safeguarding Dashboard* can produce three levels of Action Plan:

- ♥ Level 1 - Safer foundations
- ▲ Level 2 - Safer foundations and activities
- ◆ Level 3 - Safer foundations, activities and practices

The PCC is asked to discuss and approve this Level 3 Action Plan.

A parish must have no overdue actions if they are to comply with all the mandatory safeguarding requirements of the Church of England.

Overall Progress

100% progress has been made towards the mandatory requirements of the Church of England.

Foodbank Centre Report

This past year has brought another encouraging reduction in foodbank use at All Saints. For the second year running, the number of people we supported has fallen. We assisted 430 individuals — 269 adults and 161 children — 131 fewer than in 2024. It is only the second time in more than a decade that we've seen a sustained drop in demand across most Redcar Area Foodbank centres, with only St Hilda's, Grangetown showing a small increase.

Although welcome, this decrease sits within a challenging wider picture. Food donations continue to fall short of what centres need, and the ongoing cost of living crisis remains a major factor. As a trustee, I know Footprints in the Community must keep submitting funding bids to secure essential grants. These enable us to buy additional food and other necessities, and we still spend a significant amount each month with wholesalers and supermarkets to ensure every centre has the basics it requires.

At All Saints, we are blessed with a faithful and hardworking core team of volunteers. Although we have lost a few members, our small team continues to serve with dedication. Alan — our celebrated tea maker, is widely regarded as brewing the best cuppa in Redcar — along with Jane, Ann, and myself, keeps the centre running smoothly.

We continue to offer clients and visitors a warm drink and a biscuit, though many visitors, especially agency staff, tend to come and go quickly.

For more than two years, we've benefited from the support of Sammy, our Citizens Advice worker. She is an invaluable part of the team, helping clients access the benefits they're entitled to, offering basic housing guidance, and issuing Fuel Vouchers to those on pre-payment meters. These are limited to two per client in any twelve-month period.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the entire team. We simply could not do this work without such committed, compassionate, and generous volunteers.

Finally, my thanks go to the whole church community for their ongoing support. We could not operate from All Saints without your willingness to provide free access to the building. My heartfelt thanks also go to Rebecca and the PCC for their continued encouragement and support of Redcar Area Foodbank and Footprints in the Community.

Dave

Servers Report 2026

We currently have 2 Servers Myself (Graham) and Dave, There are many roles that are carried out by servers ,Crucifer, Acolyte , Eucharistic minister ,Dressing the Alter and greeting and giving out the service books as people enter the Church . if anyone feels that they would like to become a server or may be thinking it's something they would like to do in the future, or if you would just like any information regarding the Servers role you can speak to me or Dave at any time.

The Procession of the Elements has been well received since it was re-introduced to the Sunday service and me and Dave would like to Thank Carole, Valentina, Debbie, Jackie and Karen who all help out .

"Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord , which by night stand in the house of the Lord"
Graham and Dave

Music Report 2025

Sunday music and hymns are usually played and accompanied by Barbara Lambert on the piano/organ, or keyboard, with David Philips supporting once a month. Our current hymnbook is Hymns Ancient & Modern (9th Edition).

Hymns and worship songs are generally chosen by Barbara and David Lambert and Carole Prest and then approved by Rev. Rebecca. A great deal of care goes into selecting music with words that reflect the Bible readings, the liturgical season, or any special services. When a hymn tune is unfamiliar, we often substitute a well-known melody that suits the tempo and mood.

As with many church choirs, our numbers have sadly declined in recent years. However, we remain grateful for our two or three faithful choristers who continue to support the worship each week. Anyone who would like to strengthen our numbers—and our volume—is warmly invited to join us. The only requirement is the ability to sing in tune; being able to sing a harmony part would be a wonderful bonus.

Although last year's APCM agreed to hold a choir practice on the first Sunday of each month, this has not been possible due to other commitments. Instead, we plan to hold occasional practices after the service as needed.

We would also like to express our thanks to the visiting organists who kindly play for weddings, funerals, and other special services.

Looking ahead, it would be lovely to expand the choir's repertoire by introducing some simple pieces from Iona, Taizé, and perhaps some Gelineau Psalms during the coming year.

"If you sing, you pray twice." – St Augustine of Hippo

8th Redcar Brownies Annual Report 2025

Another year has gone by so quickly – the Brownies have celebrated various events this year Chinese New Year, Thinking Day, Easter, Halloween and Christmas -we made crafts, played games and completed challenges.

In our Division we had a fundraiser Easter Egg Chocolate Bingo and a Halloween Quiz.

The girls have been working towards their themed badges and are well on the way to earning their bronze and silver awards. They have earned Speaking Out Interest Badge.

We had a joint pack holiday with another brownie unit at Egton Guide house for a weekend in the summer – it was the theme of Wicked – there was plenty of pink and green activities and ended with a Wicked Theme Tea Party.

The Brownies took part in Parliament Week Challenge – they learned about a voting system and even did a mini vote on the theme for our next Pack Holiday – Disney being the winner!!

We have had a few brownies move on to Guides and we are looking forward to welcoming some new recruits moving up from Rainbows after half term.

8th Redcar Guides 2025 Report

Throughout January and February, We travelled round the world stopping off to visit our four world centres, India to do henna painting on our hands and China to make dragons and eat noodles! We celebrated 'Thinking Day' by revisiting our guiding history through old uniforms. This was quite the night with our Guides putting on old uniforms from as far back as 1940's and making their way down the catwalk to show off the uniforms from each era. We also took part in a sponsored walk with our division to renew our 'thinking day' promise together. Celebrating Shrove Tuesday, we cooked pancakes on a tin by candle light.

At Easter we got together with the division and our families to hold an Easter Bingo in the guide hall where lots of chocolate was won and money raised to repair the guide hall.

In April one of our young leaders ran the activities for the night which was part of her challenges to become a unit leader and I'm very proud to say she passed.

This year we joined the scouts on a couple of activities and fire lighting to toast our marshmallows was a hit with everyone.

We continued our programme learning new skills and gaining badges. The guides loved the mocktail badge!

We play games and have lots of fun together. We enjoyed the outdoors throughout the year, taking part in penny hikes, we had walks out to the marshes and the beach. We played rounders and skips outdoors.

We had a visit to a farm, and it was so lovely to see the Guides feeding the animals and helping to look after them. The sun was shining resulting in the perfect day out.

In September the Guides wanted to go ice skating so we met up with Guides who we made friends with from our last camp and they all had a great time on the ice!

In October we had a spooky night to celebrate Halloween.

In November we enjoyed the cold night air under the stars, drinking lemonade and ice cream! We looked for glowsticks in the grounds and played glowstick skittles, this was great fun. We even managed to spot a constellation or two too!

We celebrated Christmas with the people of Coatham Lodge where we entertained the folks there. We played bingo, charades and sung carols. Nothing beats our finale with a rip-roaring rendition of our best song the 12 Days of Christmas!

We decided to finish the year with a Christmas party for the girls, playing games and having fun.