

Garthorpe and Fockerby Village Newsletter

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I have had an update regarding the community printer, it's still not available! If it is still unavailable in the next few months there are other options on the funding but it has implications of ink and paper which is increasingly expensive. I was funded last year by the parish council from the SSE Keadby Wind Farm Community Fund, I am grateful for their help, but that has already been used.

News from the Parish Council

The parish council minutes are on line www.garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk and I am not permitted to replicate them here. No other information has been received.

News from the Village Hall (30th June 2021)

Very regrettably, the Village Hall Committee has decided that *Party in the Park will not go ahead* this year, even in a scaled-down format. There is just too much uncertainty about the restrictions that will apply, and too little time to make whatever arrangements would be needed to be Covid-compliant. We are very sad about this, and realise that not everybody will think this is the right decision. Please bear with us and look forward to other events in the autumn. (Fingers crossed!).

While the current restrictions remain in place, we would like to reassure people that – because the hall is a “Covid-secure venue” - events such as classes, commemorative events and receptions *are allowed to take place*, subject to restrictions that the Committee can advise on. We are taking bookings and are really pleased to have so many groups and families enjoying our facilities.

For this or anything else about the Village Hall, visit our [Facebook](#) page, or [email](#) us, or telephone **01724-798699**, or speak to any Committee member: **Jonny**

Martinson, Sammie Simms, Jo Smith, Sam Peel or Jiggy Lloyd.

Sharing Barrow

There are 2 barrows in the village, one at St Mary's church and one at West End. This is a great asset to the village, please take what you need and leave what you can. These are going from strength to strength.

Book Box

This definitely going from strength to strength and there has been loads of positive feedback. It's a great asset to the village and lots of new books are available.

Classes in the Village Hall

Serapit Exercise Club is a fun work out using a weighted Bulgarian bag. It's held every Tuesday 7.30 till 8.30. It is suitable for both men and women of all ages and abilities. For more information ring or text Bridget on **07708703054**. The first trial session is £1.00, usual price is £2.00 plus £1.00 for bag hire,

Yoga is every Wednesday @7.15 pm cost is £4.00

Other Village News

Buses serving Garthorpe

Who said that the bus service in Garthorpe is minimal?

It is a matter of opinion, but services in the village are not bad, and worth knowing about. This is a summary of [weekday departure times](#):

Garthorpe to Scunthorpe	07:53	09:56	11:56	13:56	15:56	
Scunthorpe to Garthorpe	09:30	11:30	13:30	16:05	17:30	
Garthorpe to Goole	07:59	10:20	12:20	14:20	16:50	18:09
Goole to Garthorpe	07:25	09:20	11:20	13:20	15:20	17:25

Journeys to Goole take about 30 minutes; the bus calls at various places in Goole but always includes North Street (near the leisure centre).

Journeys to Scunthorpe take about 50 minutes; the route varies but always includes the bus station (Parishes Shopping Centre).

Details can be found on line.

<https://www.eastyorkshirebuses.co.uk/> is a good place to start – look for services 360 and 361.

Memorial Service

Memorial Service is to be held on the **18th July 2021 at 11.30am** at Garthorpe Cemetery to honour the life of Nick Nothard, who passed away on the 12th October 2020. Please join us to celebrate the life of Nick and share our memories with Heather Nothard and family.

Mobile Library

Information on the times and dates for the North Lincs Library

Margrave Lane 11.25-11.45

Bay Horse pub car park 11.50 to 12.15

July 9.7.2021

St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning in June, including the visitors that came from the caravan rally held at Rob Ward's that weekend.

The next event is on **Saturday 10th July** between 2 - 4 pm which will be strawberries and cream tea for £3pp and child's portion for £1.50.

The forthcoming events will be a 5k fun run/walk and a color run for Children in September to raise funds for Garthorpe & District RBL.

A gin tasting night will be organised for the Autumn so please lookout for more info on social media and leaflets delivered through your door.

In August Rev Graham Lines is retiring from the ministry and updates on the future of St Mary's will follow in the Newsletter.

Graham has served our parish for 6 years and has been very supportive we would like to wish Graham and Carole a peaceful retirement.

Incredible Edibles

Rewilding Britain's Verges

Britain's verges cover 1.2% of the country, an area the size of Dorset – according to a new report that argues that the nation's biodiversity could be greatly boosted by turning more of them into havens for wildlife and animals. Using Google Earth View, Researchers at the University of Exeter's Environment and Sustainability Institute, estimated that Great Britain has about 1,000 square miles of verges. Around 27.5% of them consist of short, frequently mown grassland; 41% are regular grassland; 19% are woodland and 11% are scrub. Previous studies have shown that mowing only once or twice a year benefits plants and creates habitats for animals. The key message is that there's a lot of road verge in Great Britain and we could manage it much better for nature. A quarter of verges are mown to make them look like garden lawns and that is bad for plants and wildlife. The report called for more trees and plants to be planted on verges boosting wildlife and carbon capture.

There are villages in this area that are achieving this and are looking just beautiful. there are so many positive comments on their beauty and how uplifting the splashes of colour are. This will be with us for many months and years to come.

Food for thought?

Classes organised by Incredible edibles

- Friday 23rd July is the next Adult Cookery session at Garthorpe Village Hall at 7pm – 9pm at a cost of £10 for the session. All ingredients included.
- Saturday 3rd July is the next Teen Cookery session also at Garthorpe Village Hall at 3pm – 5pm.
- Friday 2nd July is the next gardening session at a house in Adlingfleet from 7pm at a cost of £10.
- On Wednesday 21st July our Chairperson, Karen Needs will be the guest speaker at Crowle and Ealand Gardening Club giving a talk on Incredible Edible Marshland.
- Sunday 25th July we will be at Whitgift Church Open day where you can see just what we are all about!!
- Litter picking dates to be arranged so watch this space or on Facebook & WhatsApp.

Blue Badge Scheme

Following on from the information about Attendance Allowance, and I have had positive feedback from this, please see the overview for the Blue Badge scheme. This is a national initiative but run by individual councils. It cost £10.00 and lasts for 3 years

The aim of the scheme is to help people with enduring and substantial mobility issues caused by visible and non-visible disabilities to access goods and services, by allowing them to park closer to their destination. The scheme is open to eligible people irrespective of whether they are travelling as driver or passenger.

With a **blue badge** you can: park on-street for free and without time limit at both metered and 'pay and display' site. park in designated **disabled** bays free and without time limit unless the sign states otherwise.

The Blue Badge is linked to you rather than a vehicle, so you can use it with any car.

People who automatically get a Blue Badge

You automatically qualify for a Blue Badge if you are over 2 years old and at least one of the following applies:

- you receive the higher rate of the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- you receive a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) because you can't walk more than 50 metres (a score of 8 points or more under the 'moving around' activity of the mobility component)
- you are registered blind (severely sight impaired)
- you receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement
- you have received a lump sum benefit within tariff levels 1-8 of the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation) Scheme and have been certified as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking
- you receive the mobility component of PIP and have obtained 10 points and following journeys' activity, on the grounds that you are unable to undertake any journey specifically for descriptor E under the 'planning because it would cause you overwhelming psychological distress.

People who may get a Blue Badge

You may be eligible for a badge

- you cannot walk at all
- you cannot walk without help from someone else • you find walking very difficult due to pain, breathlessness or the time it takes
- walking is dangerous to your health and safety
- have a terminal illness, which means you cannot walk or find walking very difficult, have DS1500
- you have a severe disability in both arms and drive regularly, but cannot operate pay-and-display machines
- you have a child under the age of 3 with a medical condition that means the child always needs to be accompanied by bulky medical equipment
- you have a child under the age of 3 with a medical condition that means the child must always be kept near a vehicle in case they need emergency medical treatment
- you are constantly a significant risk to yourself or

others near vehicles, in traffic or car parks

- you struggle severely to plan or follow a journey
- you find it difficult or impossible to control your actions and lack awareness of the impact you have on others
- you regularly have intense and over whelming responses to situations causing temporary loss of behavioural control
- you frequently become extremely anxious or fearful of public/open spaces

You can apply to North Lincolnshire council for a badge. If you would like to apply for a Blue Badge and you do not have access to a computer, contact North Lincolnshire council on **01724297000** or email **bluebadges@northlincs.gov.uk**.

Future Events

SSE Keadby Wind Farm Community Fund provide £1800 to the parish council, as from 1 April 2021, support small un-constituted groups with a micro grant of up to £300, this is for projects that will enhance the quality of life for local residents. All grants which will promote community spirit and encourage community activity. It is not available for constituted groups or where SSE funding is already been accessed. If anyone would like the application form and list of Do's and Don'ts then please email the Clerk, clerk@garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.

The information is correct at the time of writing this, please check any websites for up-to-date information. Any contributions to be included, could you let me have them by the last day of the month. Many thanks to all for your contributions this month especially Jiggy Lloyd, Bridget from Incredible Edibles and David Graham who regularly support this newsletter. Also thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who deliver this to your door.