

Garthorpe and Fockerby Village Newsletter

January 2021

Introduction

Hello Everyone

After a chance meeting with David Graham at the end of December and another discussion about lockdown and restrictions the idea for a communal newsletter was born. For those who don't know me I am Sue Teal and I have lived in the village since 1977.

I am proposing to produce a monthly community newsletter for Garthorpe and Fockerby. We have had a difficult year with varying government messages, we are back in lockdown looking forward to a future when we can go out and about and restart our lives It's been agreed that this newsletter will be delivered to every household.

I have made contact with the Village Hall committee, Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby and David has contacted the Parish Council to ask for their support and contributions. The newsletter will be produced monthly, with a deadline of the last day of the month for contributions and the newsletter will be produced in the first week of the month, there may have to be adjustments if the timings don't work.

Village Groups and activities

In the February addition I would like to include information on the Village Hall and the committee members and any events in the pipeline, COVID-19 permitting! This could be an ongoing monthly item.

The magazine is going to be on the Parish council agenda on 16.02.21.

There are many organisations in the village. We have an active Village Hall Committee, an indoor bowls club, Parish Council, St Mary's Church, British Legion, Garthorpe Canaries, Friends of Garthorpe and Fockerby, Victoriana, there is even a model club & gardening club started (again lockdown stopped that before they got going.) We have had yoga classes and flower arranging but all are on hold for now. I may have missed out some groups and I apologise if I have, maybe in February I could list them including relevant Facebook pages that relate to the village. Let me know yours.

I'm hoping the organisations that already exist can put a small piece of information together to raise awareness for the future, we all matter so let's get started.

Future projects

If you want to start a new village project (there have already been some suggestions made) let's put the information out and let's get going as soon as possible e.g. Knit and Natter, Bingo, arrange a village bus trip, arrange a walking group or event, a sponsored walk for a charity or share some local history. I appreciate not everyone has the internet nor will everyone want to contribute to this newsletter.

Life Events

In a previous quarterly we had notifications of births, marriages & notification of deaths. An obituary could be included to remember those villagers we have lost. It would be good to remember and record those lost in the past year.

Local Businesses

Would a list of local businesses be useful? If it's useful to one person, then it's a bonus. If you are run a business and you want to be included in a village list can you send me your details. Business type, name and contact details, also you might want to include an overview of your service. This is a free advert and may help others to find you. You have nothing to lose.

What Next

An email account has been set up for anyone who wishes to send in information.

We could share on what's app or any other social media platform, but I do not want to exclude those villagers that are not on those platforms.

You could also drop any hand written information at David's address or mine, or contact me via what's app or messenger.

If you want to help or contribute that would be fabulous. Just send it to me please and I will do my best to share it for you. I have attached the email address at the bottom of this newsletter

Thanks for reading this.

Thanks to Jiggy Lloyd from the Village Hall Committee, David Graham from St Mary's Church and Emma Davies from Friends of Garthorpe and Fockerby for your help

The sooner you can contribute the better. I would also like to add that the information is correct at the time of writing please check any websites for updates.

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