# Garthorpe and Fockerby Village Newsletter

June 22

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**Platinum Jubilee Picnic Celebrations**

Lots of information about the Platinum Jubilee events in June. Please make sure you come prepared for the picnic on Saturday and join us for the beacon event on Thursday at 9pm on the playing fields

**Who are the Jubilee Committee?**

Well there's a big bunch of us who banded together from our different village groups, raised the funds, held Boris type meetings (with wine 😲) and hashed out a plan to put on the free jubilee picnic for you .

This is us ….

The Village Hall committee (they are the reason we have such an amazing village hall) pub nights, party in the park are just a couple of their events.

The Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby committee. The Fabulous Christmas decorations in the village, children's xmas party, pantry on the isle (food box) .

Garthorpe & Fockerby parish council. Cracking playing field & church yard /grass verges are just a few of many things we sort out.

David & Sue, relentlessly raise money for our church, plant sales, breakfast and lunches in the hall, Christmas eve round the tree (without them we'd lose the church)

Sue Teal and her monthly newsletter delivered to your door, keeping you all updated on what's going on in the village.

So PLEASE support these groups when they put on their various events throughout the year for our village because they make Garthorpe & Fockerby a great place to live xx

**Beacon**

Should we? shouldn't we? 🔥Jubilee Beacon 🔥dilemma! ….

The answer we decided is YES we are going to light a Beacon on Thursday evening at 9pm on the playing field, so please pop up and join us to kick off the jubilee weekend. 🔥🔥🔥

**Housekeeping**

We are really pleased to be able to bring you this free family event to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. What to expect on the day –

The event will open at 1pm. Please do not come before 1pm as we will still be setting up.

If you live in the village and didn't apply for a ticket or if your friends and family are joining us for the day, then please bring your own picnic and refreshments.

Apart from toasting the Queen we will not have alcohol available to purchase on the day so please bring your own drinks.

Seating will be limited so please bring a picnic blanket or camping chairs please.

We will have some waste bins on site and red recycling bags, but please can you make sure you take your rubbish home with you and recycle accordingly please.

We will be taking pictures of the event throughout the day and will post these on social media, share them with our funders and include them in our memory book of the day, but please if you really don't want your picture using in any publicity, then contact a Jubilee organiser on the day.

We will have children's and adult games, a singer and face painter and a children's craft area on the day, plus there is the brilliant park area and equipment to enjoy. There will be the Hog Roast (vegetarian option available) for villagers if you applied for your ticket, an alcoholic (or non- alcoholic) toast drink and a tea and cake tent. Please do remember your ration book tickets though as they will need to be stamped.

We are praying for sunshine and there will be some sheltered tent areas but if the weather does get really bad then we will retreat to the Village Hall.

There will be Portaloos on the field available and the Village Hall will also be open for toilet use.

And finally, we hope everyone enjoys this brilliant celebration in a safe and happy manner!

**News from the Parish Council**

The parish council minutes are online www.garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk

and I am not permitted to replicate them here. Next meeting is 21.6.2022.

SSE Keadby Wind Farm Community Fund provide £1800 to the parish council, as from 1 April 2022, 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 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

This funding, it's easy to apply for and has helped produce this newsletter, don't waste this resource, take advantage whilst it is available.

**MEN IN SHEDS INFORMATION EVENTS ISLE OF AXHOLME**

**Date: Wednesday 6 July 2022 Time:10am-12noon**

**Location: Crowle Community Hub (Library area) DN174LA**

**Date: Monday 11 July 2022 Time:10am-12noon**

They are community spaces for men to connect, converse and create.
The activities are often like those, of garden sheds, but for groups of men to enjoy together. They help reduce loneliness and isolation, but most importantly, they are fun!

**Contact Details**
**For further information prior to the event please contact us via email or telephone Carole Johnson carole.johnson@hwrcc.org.uk or Emma Mottershaw Emma.Mottershaw@hwrcc.org.uk Tel: 01652 637700**

HWRA

HWRA is funded by the Lottery Community Fund to facilitate the development of Men's Sheds in Northern Lincolnshire.

## News from the village hall

As well as helping with the Jubilee Picnic, the Village Hall Committee are getting on with preparations for **Party in the Park** (not on your calendar yet?? It will be on **6th August**). Two years of lockdown have had an effect on the market – live bands are like hens' teeth and marquees are flying off the (virtual) shelf. Given that, we are pleased to report that Rachel Day and Mash are honouring their commitment to play at Garthorpe, a second band is sorted and we have purchased (thanks to Community Grant Fund) an additional larger marquee so that the bar will be less-crowded and more weather-proof.

Regular hirers are keeping busy over the summer (see elsewhere in this newsletter) and we continue to welcome one-off hires for weddings, christenings and – sadly – funeral wakes. If you have something in the family diary coming up, and want to make a booking, please let us know in plenty of time.

COMMUNITY FUND

Contact options for the Village Hall are: Facebook, or garthorpevh@btinternet.com, or telephone **01724-798699,** or speak to any Committee member: **Jonny Martinson, Sammie Simms, Jo Smith, Sam Peel, Debbie Martinson, Ellen Rollitt, Amy Greaves or Jiggy Lloyd.**

## Other Village News

### Skerne Exhibition Foundation - Application grants for 2022/2023

The Skerne Exhibition Foundation meeting was held on Wednesday May 25th and applications for 2022/2023 Skerne Grant Awards were discussed.

There were applications from 2 students wishing to go to university and 5 students wishing to go to college this year.

They were all successful and will receive their grants when they start the new academic year 2022/2023.

This award is given yearly and must be applied for each year.

Good luck to this year's applicants

Jane Walbank - Garthorpe and Fockerby

Amanda Harding - Adlingfleet

### Adopt a flower box

The box planters round the village are in the process of being planted up for summer by our volunteers, if you have one near your house could you adopt a box and give it a drink of water in dry weather, and feel free to make it better with more flowers if you like. Garthorpe/Fockerby enter the village in bloom every year and generally do quite well, but dam! it we never WIN!

Thankyou in advance x

**Playgroup**

The last playgroup was on 26 May and then we reopen on 9 June and then our last one before the summer holidays is 21 July.

**Pantry on the Isle**

**No Pantry on the isle on 2.6.2022**

Pantry on the Isle will be closed over the Jubilee holiday next date **9th June 2022**.

Adlingfleet have joined with us and are providing food boxes in their village, Garthorpe currently has two spaces for reserve boxes. If you want to give the scheme a try, please contact Jeni on 07980310312.

**COFFEE MORNINGS WILL NOT KEEP ST MARY'S CHURCH OPEN**.

Dear residents,

For those that are interested in the future of your Church, St Mary's the Virgin Garthorpe I would like to bring to your attention the following Information.

Since David Trinder, Susan and my involvement with the diocese of Lincoln has had an annual payment called the parish share.

Before David Trinder left the annual parish share for St Mary's was around £700 it then increased year on year to what our income was.

It went to £2,000 and before Covid the diocese wanted Crowle, Luddington, and Garthorpe to try and pay £32,000 and with Crowle being the Main Church they would pay the most. Garthorpe & Luddington would contribute what they could.

Please note there are other expenses/bills on top of that sum.

I would like to point out that every year Susan and I have challenged what they were expecting us to pay and had meetings regarding this as it appeared the more we raised, the more they wanted. If we did what they wanted the savings that the church had, and the future of the Church was in doubt.

We had the interest of your Church and paid what we could afford.

I would like to mention the parish share was a bone of contention for all Churches in Lincolnshire.

The Idea of the parish share was to bring more clergy into the church as there was and is still a shortage today.

The Diocese has now come up with The Sustainable Church Programme.

All Churches in Lincolnshire are in a type of League table 1-5 we are in the 4-5 category of a Festival Church so a few services such as Harvest, Remembrance, and Christmas plus community fundraising events.

St Mary's Church has now signed up to a 5-year commitment of paying £1,000 a year and not forgetting Insurance that has come in this year at £680 then plus other bills.

For St Mary's to remain open we are looking at yearly running costs of around £2,500 a year and the church is not excluded from utility hiked prices.

Now, we are a healthy Church but like all businesses, due to covid we have had hardly any income and have been

chipping away at the savings we have built up over the years.

We are due a quinquennial "Building Survey" on the Church, but it goes without saying that if major work needs doing, we may be looking at ways to raise funds but this may be questionable if the community is not willing to support this or alternatively seeking grants may be an alternative, but we will have to wait and see what the outcome is on the report and their findings.

For those that are not aware, Susan and I took on the running of the Church in 2014 when David Trinder stood down and we were newcomers to the village (6 months) and took it on.

Susan and I are committing to the next 5 years of running St Mary's to which we would have been involved for over 13 years in total and may consider standing down and handing over to someone else.

It has to be said that now the Sustainable Church program is in place any Church in Lincolnshire could be under threat of closure at any point if there is no money to pay their annual commitment or bills, and the willingness not to raise funds, then there is a possibility churches will close as the Diocese are no longer willing to bail any church out. Churches may close or turn into a community hub, but at Garthorpe we have a good village hall but if a hub was wanted, then funding would have to be found, other than that it could be turned into a dwelling or another religious organisation takes it over.

We are fortunate to have a Church in our village that can provide a service to its community but where would the residents go, if the Church sadly closed, and they wanted a family wedding, christening, or funeral, it would be Crowle, Scunthorpe, or Luddington "If Open".

St Mary's church is thankful for the support it gets from the regular attendees of the events/services that are held but why should it be the same residents that dig deep to keep St Mary's open.

The Coffee mornings are open to all the community of Garthorpe & Fockerby and outsiders of the village and at no point is religion pushed or spoken about. We have a mixture of nonbelievers/believers that attend but no one is judged. It’s just a coffee morning and trying to bring the community together on occasions.

Susan and I still work, and it is our choice to do what we do in Garthorpe and we enjoy it but we have now come to a point where we will be doing fewer church fundraising events.

Services each year will consist of a possible Mothering Sunday, Harvest, and Remembrance Sunday but these will carry on for the next 5 years but if the attendants are not there (Bums on seats) they will not take place.

I must admit the one service that disappoints us is Christmas "Carols around the Tree" and the short Church Service. A lot of hard work goes into this by both committees to bring something nice to the community at Christmas but for whatever reason, the numbers are not there and therefore St Mary's has decided to now have a separate family Carol Service, held on a week before Christmas which will be a Sunday.

We understand that Church or religion isn't for everyone, but the Church is open to everyone who needs it at any time.

The PCC wants to work with the community so if you want to see an event at Church or a new Service please approach us, and we will see what we can do.

This is not a begging letter to ask for money from the community as now everyone is aware of the position that we are in with your church, we can no longer start chipping away at our savings but if you want it to stay open for future years then things will have to change.

We enjoy what we do for St Mary's to keep it open, and we would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the community that attends and supports us where they can.

As you are aware Rev Graham has now retired and we have a good team of clergy that supports and understands what we are doing in our community.

Thank you for your time in reading this and if you want to discuss any of the above, please do approach me or Susan.

With Thanks,

David

Church Warden AKA Churchy Person

**Awareness Courier Fraud**

As part of Courier Fraud awareness week, an analysis of data from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has highlighted four other modus operandi (MOs) which are now more commonly being used by fraudsters.

Bank card expiry: Fraudsters claim to be from the victim's bank and say their card is no longer valid. They ask for the PIN and then send a "courier" to collect the card before using it for fraudulent purposes.

Purchasing high-end items: The suspects pretend to be police officers and ask the victim to help with an undercover operation by purchasing expensive items like watches, jewellery, and gold. Once the item is bought, the victim will hand over the item to the criminal.

Counterfeit cash/bank investigation: A person claiming to be a police officer or banking official informs the victim that they need to help with a banking corruption investigation. The victim is told to withdraw a large amount of money and the cash is picked up later by a courier to "check for fingerprints" or to "identify counterfeit bank notes".

Computer takeover: The fraudster telephones the victim, purporting to be from their internet service provider, saying that they have had an issue with their internet connectivity and are due compensation. The victim is persuaded to download a remote access application, giving the suspects access to their home computers. The fraudster persuades the victims into thinking that they have been paid too much compensation and the victims then withdraw cash to pay the money back, which is later collected by a courier.

Read more, including our advice, here: http://ow.ly/iQO950Ja1Pc

#CourierFraud

## New Service to the Village

The Trailer Guy, licenced waste carrier, are offering a Bin cleaning service. They clean all colours of household bins inside and out. Standard cleaning from £2.50 including recycling box cleaned free. Contact Graham Middleton 07437483922. I have been in contact with Graham and it starts on 8.6.22 in this village on a trial basis for 12 weeks. Please text 0r phone Graham.

## Garthorpe & District Royal British Legion

Garthorpe and District RBL commemoration weekend was held with vintage vehicles, Swingtime Dancers, Veterans March and 1940s singer. Special visit by the lieutenant of North Lincolnshire and who cannot forget the Lancaster flyover how spectacular that was!
Evening dance was a great evening success.
It was a great day all round and very well supported and great comments. There are so many people to thank but thank you all for your kind support and help you know who you are.
We would like to thank the following for their kind donations, Friends of Garthorpe, St Mary's Church, Victoriana's, & Isle of Axholme Lions.
There is a call for this event to happen again to which maybe in 2024 but like all organisations in the village require volunteers and that doesn't mean joining a committee but please consider in volunteering at any events in our village. Thanks for everyone's support and kind messages.
Garthorpe and District Royal British Legion.

## A History of Garthorpe & Fockerby

Garthorpe and Fockerby at War is now out of print so rather than lose that information I thought I would write A History of Garthorpe & Fockerby. This will include the military information amongst other memories, anecdotes, and photos from the residents of the two villages.

Most people think their memories are insignificant, that they aren't important enough to be in a book, but they are part of our history and as such should be documented, or they will be lost. If you or members of your family have memories, anecdotes, stories or photos of life in the villages, maybe things you were told by your grandparents, great-grandparents or even further back, I would love to include them in the book.

You can either email the stories to me or record them and send a voice file to mybooks@carolemctbooks.info Please include your name and a rough date so I know where to include it and put a message in the main body of the email or I will think its spam😊 All anecdotes, memories, stories, photos etc will be attributed to the contributor in the book unless you state otherwise. If you want to remain anonymous in the book that's fine, but I do need your name, so I know its genuine.

## Victoriana's

Victoriana's is on every Wednesday from 10-1pm at Garthorpe Village Hall.

Serving tea, coffee, cake, and meals at affordable prices.

Please note are last trading day will be Wednesday 6th July and will be open again in September "but a date is to be confirmed" through to Wednesday 7th December.
Thank you for your continued support.

**Garthorpe and Fockerby Parish Council Meeting 16th May 2022**

A new council chairman was elected following the resignation of John Smith- congratulations to Mr Brian Woolhouse. Vice Chairman was re-elected – congratulation to Mr Will Bradwell.

Meeting dates were agreed for the following year, these can be found on the website at http://www.garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk/parish-council-meetings/

Bus service is at risk, due to people working from home, 'Just Go' can be booked up to 28 days in advance by calling customer services or book on the app.

The clerk updated the meeting on financial matters

Community Account balance £16,509 (top up of the micro grant to £1800 plus 2022/23 precept) recorded as on 7 May 2022.

Business Account £1,069 on 7 May 2022 – This is the parish saving account.

HSBC charges were £8 for April 2022

**Accounts for payment**- Cheques due -all were agreed for payment

Working from home £24 + postage £5.44- N Ingleton plus wages which remain confidential.

Parish grass cutting contract- Marshfield Enterprises Ltd Grass cut 2 £492

Marshfield Enterprises Ltd Playing Field cutting £150 for three cuts and another three agreed at £100 per cut.

Accounts have been audited by A Bosmans (Doncaster) Internal Auditor at £55

Parish accounts can be viewed by parish residents during the period of 13th June to 22nd July 22 requests must be in writing to the clerk.
clerk@garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk

**Micro Grants** were paid to Brian and Paula Woolhouse for the Jubilee party plus agreement made by the parish council to meet the additional cost to pay for the Hog Roast.

Micro grants are available to any individual in the parish – up to £300 per application- contact the clerk for an application form.

**Jubilee Event**- Three parish councillors will be overseeing the event on behalf of the parish council- these are Brian and Paula Woolhouse and Debbie Martinson**.**

**Councillor Julie Reed** is helping the Parish council in application for a new mower for the cutting of the parish playing field. Groups within the community are donating funds, ranging from £300 to £2000 to help a grant application. Julie will be feeding back to the council as to the progress of the application.

Parish donation was agreed to LIVES

Parish council accepted the resignation of the Clerk, and the council will form a personnel committee made up of three councillors to consider, interview and appoint a new clerk.

Currently the Parish Council have two vacancies, please declare your interest to a member of the council or contact the Clerk.

**Planning applications** were made by Wroot developments, to develop the land behind the White House High Street with a few bungalows. Consultation has now closed, and the parish council has commented on the unsafe entrance and exit plus that the buildings will be out of character within the village.

The second application has been made by the owner of the White House High Street to adjust the current driveway to his property.

**St Mary's Church**

This year's Garthorpe 5k/10k Run will be Saturday, September 10th, 2022, and the routes have been done.

Again, it will start outside St Mary's Church but time to be arranged.

This year we are raising funds for Lindsey Lodge Hospice and the entry fee is £6

Also, the Children's Fun Colour Run, entry is £3

More information will follow but we just wanted to give you the heads up.

**Marshland Tractor Run**

This year the 9th annual Marshlands Charity Tractor Run will take place on Saturday 9th July. For information, there will be no trailers or transport boxes allowed on the run.

**Incredible edibles**

June of course this year brings with it the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and as far as Incredible Edible is concerned there is a lot of planning and planting going on ready to ornate the villages with Jubilee coloured plants. We had our four planting sessions on the 30th of April and the 7th May where any household in the Marshland villages could come and make a planter in the Jubilee colours to display outside their home. Men in Sheds made us 110 planters, and all of these were planted up and taken away. Thank you to Dave & Lynne Hanney who co-ordinated the planting at each session. We each met new people and the sessions turned out to be more like a social occasion which is part of our ethos (bringing people together).

The cookery session held on 29th April was a roaring success. Sarah from Cookstars demonstrated a marinade in which to cook chicken. Sarah gave lots of information on the best ingredients to use for different types of meat, fish etc.

Our monthly craft session was held on 14th May and was this time "Crochet for beginners". Danni Smith of "Best Efforts" was our tutor. An excellent workshop – thank you Danni for making it a good enjoyable session.

Bridget Elliott (our Chairperson) has now completed the Riverbank Litter Picks.

Bridget has organised all these Litter Picks since they started in January, and they have gone ahead every other week despite what the weather has thrown our way.

The evening of May 5th, 2022, saw the culmination of this year's ambition to litter pick the whole of the riverbank from [opposite] Anchor Row Cottages in

Whitgift to the end of Kingdom Lane in Reedness.

An **INCREDIBLE** achievement, and a huge thank you to all the people who turned out to help, some of whom became 'regulars. It was challenging terrain in places, but everyone worked so hard and found what suited them best to do – great teamwork! Not forgetting either the fabulous day we had with all the children from Reedness School, and they have already put in a request to do it again!

From 10 sessions, with numbers of helpers varying between one and eleven, we collected a total of **172 bags of rubbish, 28 wheels with tyres, and a vast array of other large items, plus the large amount of rubbish Reedness School accounted for on their day.** This has certainly made a positive impact on the local environment.

Amazingly we didn't lose a single session to the weather, though we did brave frost, fog, wind, sun and a drop of rain.

Nature is now reclaiming the riverbank for the summer with the regrowth of the reeds, so we will leave the birds to nest in peace.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to do it all again next year! Reedness School children are up for it…….are you??

Bridget E – Incredible Edible Marshland

**Future Forays**

**Friday June 10th** – Tidying and cutting back the daffodils at Whitgift Church & some more bulb planting. There is no charge for this community event which will take place at 6.45 to 8.45pm.

**Saturday June 11th** - Craft workshop to learn Needle Felting is to be held at Garthorpe Village Hall 10am – 2pm. Cost £35. Suitable for children over 9 accompanied by an adult and of course you leave with a lovely soft toy.

**Friday July 8th** - Eco Friendly Gardening to be held at Swinefleet Village Hall 6.45-8.45pm. Cost £10

Which leaves only **Litter Picking…….. What's next??**

Now that we have achieved the goal of litter picking the riverbank from Whitgift to Reedness we can turn our attention to other areas.

We have come up with the idea of 'LITTER WALKS'. A planned walk of an hour to an hour and a half along the local lanes and other areas of the marshland villages, armed with gloves, a black bag and an [optional] litter picking gadget. Walking and talking in the fresh air with like-minded people and picking up any litter we come across on the way. We will vary the schedule of the walks between evenings and Saturday mornings, which would you prefer?

Please let us know what you think and if we have support for this activity we will put some dates together, hopefully to start in June 2022.

If you can suggest an area which is in need of "litter picking attention" please tell us. We have areas in mind but welcome suggestions from all the villages which come under East Riding, this is so that we can continue to have the rubbish taken away by ER Council.

You can contact us by the following means: IEM community What's App; email incredibleediblemarshland@gmail.com; phone 07901 165349; Facebook IncredibleEdibleMarshland or by speaking to any of the Incredible Edible steering group (Amanda Scrimgeour, Bridget Bramley, Bridget Elliott and Nigel Drummond) in person.

Do get in touch, we love to hear from you.

Many thanks to the people who always contribute to the newsletter, and give

their time so generously to enrich our village lives

Jiggy Lloyd, David Graham, Nichola Ingleton, Bridget B, Bridget E, Emma Davies, Incredible Edibles, Jeni Knowles, Jo Smith, Paula Woolhouse, Simon and Lesley Dunn, Paula Woolhouse, Carole McEnteee-Taylor & Platinum Jubilee Committee.

| Date | Time | Event | Cost | Venue |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **June 2022** | | |
| WEDS 1.6.22 | 10.30-1pm | Victoriana's Pop-up Eatery | | Village Hall |
| THURS 2.6.22 | <br>7.30pm | No Pantry on the isle<br>Indoor Bowls | <br>£2.00 | <br>Village Hall |
| SAT 4.6.22 | 1pm | Platinum Jubilee Party | | |
| TUES 7.6.22 | 7.30-8.30pm | Serpafit | £2.00 | Village Hall |
| WEDS 8.6.22 | 10.30-1pm | Victoriana's Pop-up Eatery | | Village Hall |
| THURS 9.6.22 | 9.30am-11.30am<br>5pm-6pm<br>7.30pm | Playgroup re-opens<br>Pantry on the isle<br>Indoor Bowls | £2.00<br>£5.00<br>£2.00 | Village Hall |
| FRI 10.06.22 | 12.10-12-30pm | Mobile Library | | Bay Horse Car park |
| SAT 11.6.22 | | Needle Felting | | Village Hall |
| TUES 14.6.22 | 7.30pm | Serpafit | | Village Hall |
| WEDS 15.6.22 | | Victoriana's Pop-up Eatery | | |
| THURS 16.6.22 | 9.30am-11.30am<br>5pm-6pm<br>7.30pm | Playgroup<br>Pantry on the isle<br>Indoor Bowls | £2.00<br>£5.00<br>£2.00 | Village hall |
| TUES 21.6.22 | 7.30-8.30pm | Serpafit | £2.00 | Village Hall |
| WEDS 22.6.22 | 10.30-1pm | Victoriana's Pop-up Eatery | | Village Hall |
| THURS23.6.22 | 9.30am-11.30am<br>5pm -6pm<br>7.30pm | Playgroup<br>Pantry on the isle<br>Indoor Bowls | £2.00<br>£5.00<br>£2.00 | Village Hall |
| SAT6.8.22 | | Party in the Park | | |
| SAT10.09.22 | | Garthorpe 10k/5k run | | |