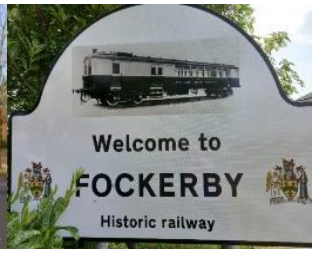

Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

December 2023 & January 2024 email me at garthorpefockerbynews@gmail.com

Can't believe this is the end of the year newsletter, so it's the Elf on the shelf season, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to everyone.

Thanks to everyone in the village who volunteer on committees, parish council, village hall committee, Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby, Victoriana's, Royal British Legion, Skerne Foundation, St Marys Church, Live music Garthorpe, Incredible Edibles, Pete for cutting grass in the park and the volunteers that bring your newsletter to your door.

This village is so lucky to have volunteers that make all these events happen. Please see if next year you could spare a few hours and make it even better!

News from the Parish Council

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

Planning Decisions

PA/2023/1125 – Garthorpe Village Hall – erect single storey extension – PERMISSION GRANTED

PA/2023/1848 – T Nothard, Homeacres Farm Ltd – erect a dwelling and garage with matters reserved for future consideration on land opposite Paddock View, West End, Garthorpe

-Outline planning permission granted subject to conditions

CEMETERY CARETAKER/GARDENER

CEMETERY CARETAKER Required from March 2024 Flexible hours in the range of 100 – 125 hours between the months of March to November Work to include grass cutting, strimming, weeding flowerbed borders, maintaining boundary hedges, and To monitor the condition of gravestones and surrounding trees. Application Form, Job Description &

Salary Details Available on request from The Clerk – clerk@garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk Or telephone 01724 764490

A message to residents from Openreach You can help upgrade your community's broadband

Openreach is urging people in and around Eastoft, Luddington, Garthorpe, Fockerby and Adlingfleet to back a bid to bring ultrafast, ultra-reliable full fibre broadband to local homes and businesses. Free Government broadband vouchers are available to enable the rollout of the new network, but Openreach needs the support of residents to be able to apply for this funding. If enough people sign up, residents will join more than 90,000 homes and businesses across Yorkshire and Lincolnshire who already have access to full fibre broadband. The scheme currently has 17 homes and businesses signed up which is only 18% of the required amount for the build to go ahead. Residents can check if they qualify and apply for their voucher on the Connect My Community website.

https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity

Michael Meleady-Green from Openreach, said: "Thank you to everyone who has supported the scheme so far. I've really enjoyed meeting so many of you over the past three months. However, with only a couple of months left to go, time is running out and we need more support if the rollout is to go ahead. The scheme, which is supported by your local parish councils as well as your County Councils, aims to ensure that you don't miss out on the chance to bring all the benefits of ultrafast, ultra-reliable full fibre broadband to your community. We're bringing hundreds more communities into our Full Fibre build plans. But building out the network to these harder to reach locations is still challenging – which is why it's only possible with everyone working together – you, your neighbours and Openreach." Full fibre technology provides more reliable, resilient, and future-proof connectivity; meaning fewer faults; more predictable, consistent speeds and enough capacity to easily meet growing data demands. It's also future proof, which means it will serve generations to come and won't need to be upgraded for decades."

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: **Friday 15th December 2023** commencing at 6.45pm invited guest – Michael McCready of Openreach.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the Parish Council as observers only, but a period of 15 minutes is allocated for a Public Forum at the beginning of each meeting.

JACKIE WALKER - CLERK

Garthorpe & Fockerby Parish Council Notice Board.

A Parish Council Noticeboard is now on Facebook. This is for information only and no comments will be permitted.

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087353412062

Clerk to Garthorpe & Fockerby Parish Council. If you wish to contact, please email clerk@garthorpeandfockerbypc.org, or Phone 01724 764490 or 07718050614.

Bin Collections

As North Lincolnshire Council are no longer delivering the information re bin collection to your door, it is online on the council's website if you wish to print it. I have

attached a separate sheet to this newsletter to pin on your fridge door!

News from the Village Hall

Support Our New Kitchen!

We have planning permission for the new kitchen! All we need now is more money (in addition to that raised so far) to cover both the building and the fitting of equipment inside.

So please …. come to our fund-raising Quiz-Pub-Chilli Night on Saturday 25th November. £3 on the door will include a supper of chilli & jacket; the bar will be open and the quiz – complete with audio and visuals – will be fun to enter or to watch as you like.

"On Your Doorstep" – talks of local interest.

After David's Scrimgeour's fascinating talk about 19th century asylums, we move to contemporary issues for our next talk on Wednesday 6th December. John Buttrick is a "Garthorpe lad" who has gone on to achieve fame – and an MBE – for his work with disadvantaged children in Hull. In company with Alan Johnson (politician and best-selling author), we will hear about John's life, from childhood in Garthorpe to his present-day activities. Come and hear them in conversation. Doors open at 7; talk starts at 7.30; £3 on the door.

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Garthorpe Village Hall Christmas party for children will be on Sunday 10th December. It will include food, entertainer, and a Santa visit; more details will be published soon.

For Committee-run events at the village hall, you can use Facebook, or garthorpevh@btinternet.com, or telephone 01724-798118, or speak to a committee member. (For events run by organisations who hire the hall, please contact them direct).

An updated list of Committee members will be published following the AGM.

For anything about the village hall, you can use Facebook, or garthorpevh@btinternet.com, or telephone **01724-798118,** or speak to any Committee member:

Village Hall Committee- update November 2023

Here are the names and contact details for the volunteers who run the village hall:

Jonny Martinson The Wells, West End Tel: 798209 or 07811146383

Jiggy Lloyd Island Farm Tel: 798118 or 07885135480

Sam Simms The Barn Tel: 798313 or 07905806207

Debbie Martinson Mulberry Garth, West End Tel: 798209 or 07730099242

Joanne Smith Hazel House, West End Tel: 07718235654

Samantha Peel Tel: 798710 or 07411784906

Charlie Parsonage Ash Tree House, Station Road. Tel: 07834807533

Emma Davies Emma Davies Westfield House, Station Road Tel 07834189847

Leona Swan Fern Cottage, Station Road
Tel: 07895253533

If you have any questions, or want to make a booking, please contact any of us. You can also phone: 01724-798118 or e-mail: garthorpevh@btinternet.com or visit www.hallshire.com/halls/view/680/garthorpe-village-hall or find us on Facebook "Garthorpe and Fockerby Village Hall"

Remember the Hall is available for hire for meetings, parties, sales events, workshops, etc. Our rates compare very favourably with other venues in the area. The hall belongs to us all – let's use it!

Garthorpe First friends -Play Group

Play group did resume with the hope that a rota could be implemented to help run the group, however this didn't come to fruition and playgroup is suspended. If anyone would like to take over the running of the group, could they make contact with Sally on 07955850910 for a chat .Sally will be stepping down in January as her child starts school nursery.

Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby

Christmas event on 9.12.23

If anyone would like a table to sell gifts etc at this event, please ring 07724 798241. The cost is a donation! All are welcome at the village hall and church.

Have you thought of joining Lincs lotto? https://www.lincslotto.co.uk

By signing up, it helps the village generate an income to FOGAF put on events for our community. The lotto helped set up the fare share scheme and to put on events in the early days.

St Mary's Church

We were pleased to have the Luddington and Garthorpe Primary School back in church and held a combined Remembrance service.

The Church was packed with Students, Teachers, Parents, Grandparents and RBL members.
The school provided a small Choir a first for the Church in over 100 Yrs. Students read poems and sang, a great service. Thank you, Luddington and Garthorpe Primary School.

Garthorpe & District RBL and St Mary's held their Remembrance service to which we had community readers in the service. This is always a well-attended service, and we look forward to seeing you all on 10th November 2024 at 10-30 am.

It is not too late to give your donation envelope in as we take this to the end of December.
Thank you to those who have given.

St Mary's will be holding coffee morning between 10-30 - Noon on the following Dates:
Saturday **25th Nov** (Christmas Coffee Morning).

Carol service

On the **17th of December** at 4-30 pm we will be holding a Carol Service and tea/Coffee will be served afterwards all welcome to these events.

In 2024 St Mary's will be holding regular Coffee Mornings from March.

We held a 70's/80's fundraiser night at the village hall. A great singer and Pie &Peas supper. People dressed to the decades and a good time was had by all and there is a call for another fundraising event in Nov 2024.
We relied on outsiders to support and make the numbers up for this event and 5% of Garthorpe village attended so a massive thank you to all who came.

In 2024 this maybe the turning point for St Mary's as Susan and I will be putting on extra events to help keep your Church open so please do come and support us when you can.
Susan and I are only caretakers of your Church we can only do what we do so it's down to the community to do their best.

Susan and I would like to thank all the regular supporters of St Mary's and to those who attend and give raffle prizes and donations.
Also, a thank you to the Village Hall team for their support over the year.

We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2024. Garthorpe & District RBL, FOGAF, St Mary's Church and LMG would like to thank Sue Teal for editing and printing the Newsletter and also to those who Distribute it around the Village and to all of you, have a Great Christmas.

If the church isn't supported, it may close, we lose a valuable facility in this village, an alternative venue for events and a quiet place for contemplation and worship.
It might be too late by 2025 to wish you had joined in, come to a coffee morning, a concert, events or supported their many charity fundraising events.
Susan and David are caretakers and doing an amazing job in difficult circumstances.
If there are events, you want to see, please talk to them. This church was built in 1913 we do not want to see it closed in 2025.
Sue Teal.

Victoriana's Pop-up Café

Victoriana's will be open in the village hall on **29.11.23** from 10-30 am - 1 pm. This is the final one for the year and hope to be

back next spring. Thanks to Susan Graham for her hard work, its much appreciated.

Coach trip to York

Victorianna's are putting on a trip to York Christmas Market on **Wednesday 13th December.**
This year we have part funding for this trip from the Garthorpe & Fockerby Parish Council with thanks to Cllr Paula Woolhouse.
If you would like to reserve a Seat, please telephone 01724 798241 and speak to Susan and if there is no answer, please leave a message and Susan will get back to you.
There are a few seats left (less than 10) so please contact Susan Graham quickly.

Fish & Chip Van

The Fish & Chip van will be at the village Hall again from 5pm till 7pm on the **18.12.23**, after a short break due to illness. From the new year the day will change to **16.1.2024 & 30.1.2024**. This is to be a permanent change of days and times.

Capped bus fares

The £2.00 bus fare cap will run until 31st December 2024.

Live Music in Garthorpe

We have a website- live music Garthorpe Lincolnshire and a Facebook page. email address - livemusicgarthorpe@outlook.com **(**this is a new email address) to which you can message us for tickets or more information.

On January 1st we have some announcements of some concerts to be held in the Church and Village Hall.

Please keep a look out on Facebook and leaflet through your door regarding the concerts.
Full concert details will otherwise be in the February Newsletter.

2024 concerts so far

Keith James presents **The Cat Steven Songbook** at St Marys Church on **Saturday 23.3.24**, doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets available from October at £16.00. You can find Keith James on Facebook. This is part of his national tour.

Please note for Saturday **6.4.24** Cold Flame to perform the music of Jethro Tull, a 2-hour show of classic Tull spanning the decades, to be held at St Mary's Garthorpe.

Garthorpe & District Royal British Legion

Future Events planned for 2024 but dates to be confirmed are Burns Night and RBL Breakfast. The sale of the lovely handmade Christmas trees was a success this year and a donation to RBL has been made.

Garthorpe & District RBL, FOGAF, St Mary's Church and LMG would like to thank Sue Teal for editing and printing the Newsletter and also to those who Distribute it around the Village and to all of you, have a Great Christmas.

Mobile Library news

Next visit is due on 8.12.23 at the Bay Horse between 2.10pm- 2.30pm. Thanks to all who visit the mobile library this year. This is the last visit of the year.

Next one is 19.1.24.

Garthorpe Canaries

Next year there will be updates on the fixture list and hopefully match report.

Table tennis

This is available in the Village Hall on the 2nd weds of every month 7.30pm-9.30pm with tea or coffee available for £2.00. More on this in the next edition of the newslettter.

Incredible edibles

Incredible Edible will continue to advertise our events both on the designated places that we post posters of events as well as on Facebook (IncredibleEdibleMarshland), the Incredible website (iemarshland.org), Instagram (instagram.com/iemland) and via the various WhatsApp groups we have (the main one being Incredible Community). If you wish to be added to any of our WhatsApp groups, please ring the IEM telephone (07901165349), leave a message stating your name and your mobile number and we will be pleased to add you to the group.

The Foraging workshop was held on 21st October at Garthorpe Village Hall, the foraging taking place in the recreation ground across the road. This workshop was a repeat of the one we did last year in the August, back by request from people who had been unable to attend it at that time. It was a well-attended workshop: we foraged, and then steeped our berries etc in either rum, gin etc, adding sugar to complete the process. It should be ready for Christmas. Everyone without exception enjoyed the workshop. It was a very rainy day but we were lucky that the sun came out and the rain stopped just long enough for the foraging to take place and to get back to the village hall before the next downpour.

On Saturday 28th October, a workshop was held at Garthorpe Village Hall to create a willow weaving stags head. Sadly, there was only a small number of people attended as this clashed with Halloween events taking place the same weekend in several of the villages. It was a time-consuming activity but very absorbing and the head slowly grew as the workshop continued. We started with a ball of willow and built it from there. The spooky background as the village hall had a rather wow factor of Halloween decorations complete with witches' hats suspended from the whole of the ceiling.

Yoga of course continued throughout October and then a fortnight break took place whilst the tutor was on holiday. It re-commenced on 13th November and continued for the rest of the month. The session which takes place on **December 4th will be held at Garthorpe Village Hall** as the usual venue of Reedness School Hall is needed for a school event. It was by popular demand that the participants asked for the December 4th one to take place elsewhere as they did not want to miss the session. This regular event is very well attended and has proved one of our most popular events that we run. Thankyou everyone for making this possible. The last session prior to Christmas is then being held on 11th December before resuming in the new year. We do in fact have a separate Yoga WhatsApp group which anyone is able to join if you let us know you wish to be added.

The last event of the year will be the regular Monthly Hobby Huddle to take place on the usual 2nd Friday of the month (December 8th) as always at Garthorpe Village Hall. This Huddle, born of an idea suggested by a participant at the quilting sessions has grown in numbers as each one

has taken place. We hope it will continue to grow as more people come to learn that it exists. So far it is a lovely friendly group run by Bridget Elliott, Bridget Bramley and Sue Teal, very laid back and funded by an optional raffle held at the Huddle each month. Bring a hobby or just come along for a chat and a cuppa. All welcome, men as well as women. It takes place between 7pm and 9pm.

The Incredible Edible Marshland Annual General meeting took place on Friday 17th November, started at 6.30pm and closed at 7.45pm. We had a good turnout for the meeting from many interested parties and it was a success. Thank you to everyone who had input at this meeting making it a very positive AGM. The comprehensive accounts were impressive, one person remarked, and it was also pointed out that it is obvious how much work and effort goes in behind the scenes. The whole concept of IEM is a great team effort and the positivity in the hall that night confirmed this. Well done to the Steering group team and all the people who contribute as helpers to the variety of events throughout the year. Next year's programme is well on the way to being completed so watch out for the new posters etc as to what is occurring month by month. Well done Team IEM and thankyou everybody for your support. We could not do it without you all.

Remember "if you eat, you are in" !

Bridget Bramley
For & on behalf of Incredible Edible Marshland

I haven't been able to find any updates on the Isle of Axholme lions sites regarding the Santa visits to any village .

Thanks to Jiggy Lloyd & the Village Hall committee, Jackie Walker Clerk to the Parish Council, David Graham for St Marys Church, RBL, Victoriana's, & Music Events, Bridget Bramley for IEM, Garthorpe & Fockerby Parish Council & Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby for their support. Anything you may wish to be included in the November 2023 newsletter to be emailed to me by **20.01.24** please.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to you all.

Date	Time	Events in Nov/Dec /Jan	Cost	Venue
Sat 25.11.23	7.30pm	Quiz night for new kitchen	£3.00	Village Hall
Tue 28.11.23	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 29.11.23	10.30-1pm	Victorian's Pop-up café		Village Hall
Thurs 30.11.23	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Mon 4.12.23		Yoga thro IEM		Village Hall
Tues 5.12.23	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 6.12.23	7.00 for 7.30pm	On your doorstep talk John Buttrick with Alan Johnson'	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 7.12.23	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 8.12.23	2.10-2.30pm 7pm -9pm	Mobile library Hobby Huddle		Bay Horse
Sat 9.12.23	1-5pm	Christmas Fair		St Marys & Village Hall
Sun 10.12.23		Childrens Christmas Party		Village Hall
Tues12.12.23	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds13.12.23	 7.30pm-9.30pm	York Bus trip Table tennis	 £2.00	 Village Hall.
Thurs 14.12.23	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls		
Fri 15.12.23	6.45pm	Parish council meeting		Village Hall
Sun 17.12.23	4.30pm	Carol service		St Marys
Mon 18.12.23	5pm-7pm	Fish & Chip Van		Village Hall
Tues 19.12.23	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 21.12.23	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 4.1.24	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Tues 9.1.24	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 10.01.24	7.30pm-9.30pm	Table Tennis	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 11.1.24	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 12.1.24	7-9pm	Hobby Huddle		Village Hall
Tues 16.1.24	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 18.1.24	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 19.1.24	2.10pm-2.30pm	library		Bay horse
Tues 23.1.24	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 25.124	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Tues 30.1.24	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall