Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

November 2023 email me at garthorpefockerbynews@gmail.com

News from the Parish Council

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

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council meeting held on Friday 20th October was attended by 6 councillors and the clerk.

PLANNING

Full Permission Granted: PA/ 2023/1486 Strawson, Access Roads to Waterton Hall – erect steel portal frame building.

Planning Application: PA/2023/1125 Garthorpe Village Hall – erect single storey extension

Planning Application: PA/2023/1281 Garthorpe & Fockerby Parish Council – install steel container on playing field – *Application withdrawn by NLC as no requirement for planning permission!*

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN – the meeting was held on 29th September, which was attended by 3 parish councillors, the Clerk, 2 representatives from the Village Hall committee and the Lives Responder. A questionnaire was completed for HEPS which contains all contact details, emergency meeting points, volunteers etc. It was noted that the existing Emergency Plan requires updating and the following suggestions were made for inclusion in the new plan:

Generators – village hall plus any private individuals who may have a generator would be useful in the event of loss of electrical supply for a long period.

Vulnerable Persons – to register their needs i.e., medication collection, electricity dependent etc.

Emergency Procedures in the Home – i.e a first aid kit and to also plan for medical supplies (prescription medication)

Emergency Box – to be stored at an agreed location with basic first aid supplies, torches, batteries etc plus copy of the Plan and contact details.

CEMETERY CARETAKER/GARDENER

Required commencing March 2024 to maintain the cemetery to the high standard which it is currently. Interested persons for this position should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for an application form and job description. Please note that this is a paid position for the grass cutting season March to October (weather dependent).

PLAYING FIELD GATE – It has been agreed to investigate the provision of a new gate

arrangement for both vehicle and pedestrian access off Back Lane which will be suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc. It is hoped to carry out this work by the Spring of 2024.

DONATIONS – were made to LIVES for £80 and an SSE Micro Grant of £300.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Friday 15th December 2023 commencing at 6.45pm *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.

News from the Village Hall

Our schedule of activities for the autumn is pretty full. There is a summary attached to the back of this newsletter, so we won't repeat ourselves, except to say….

The **Quiz-Pub-Chilli Night (25th November)** is specially focused on fund-raising for the new kitchen. The bar will be fully open and chilli & jackets are included in the entry charge (£3); the quiz is optional; having a fun evening is not.

There is a change of topic for the **talk on 1st November.** The series will now kick off with a fascinating if horrifying account of life in a local asylum in the late C19th, by David Scrimgeour.

We are looking for **additional Committee members** to help run the hall. Thanks to modern technology, attending our committee meetings is not essential but we are looking for people with ideas, enthusiasm and energy to get things done. If that sounds like you, please have a chat with one of us….

For anything about the village hall, you can use Facebook, or garthorpevh@btinternet.com, or telephone **01724-798118,** or speak to any Committee member: **Jonny Martinson, Sammie Simms, Jo Smith, Sam Peel, Debbie Martinson, or Jiggy Lloyd.**

Halloween Children's Party

There will be a Halloween party for the children in the village on Tuesday 31st October 6.00-7pm @£2.00 per child. There will be a bar and plenty to do; parents and other family members are welcome. Fancy dress, disco & games

Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby

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.

Christmas event on 9.12.23

We are preparing for the Christmas event with affordable priced workshops for wreath making, Felting & children's workshops, Santa visit, Stalls, Face painting, games, and refreshments. 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.

St Mary's Church

The Macmillan coffee morning was a success with plenty of cake, Tea and coffee served and raised over £150.00.

Thanks to all who donated cakes and to the regular supporters from the village and those who attended from local villagers.

St Mary's will be holding coffee morning between 10-30 - Noon on the following Dates:
Saturday 4th Nov, Saturday 25th Nov (Christmas Coffee Morning).
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.

Open letter to residents from David & Susan Graham

In 2024 St Mary's will be holding regular Coffee Mornings from March. These are not titled "To get you to Church services Coffee mornings" but an opportunity to meet friends and other community members. No Bible Readings or sermons just a coffee morning in a relaxed atmosphere so a warm welcome awaits you at your Church.
2024 will possibly see up to 4 Celebration Services and over the years we are thankful to the regular people that attend but we would like to increase the numbers if possible.

We understand we are all busy and that Church is not for everyone, but it would be good to see more of the community supporting their Village Church.
There are people that have connections to St Mary's over the years and some support and some don't but that is their choice.
Susan and I have been supporting St Mary's for 8 years and when we were voted on, we had only lived in Garthorpe for 15 months and we did question and wondered why no one in Garthorpe would take it on but if we didn't it may have closed.
Some events that we put on, some people may not agree with, as it should stay as a place of worship, but if we relied on the services, as they are, your church wouldn't be open for long, as there is not much appetite for Church services in Garthorpe.
This is why we hold different events to appeal to different people in and outside of Garthorpe.
When visitors come, they comment on the Church and Grounds in a positive way.
We now must be sustainable, and we are fortunate to be in a good position, but it could change at any time so please do your best to try and attend something.

With Thanks,
David & Susan

Attached to the back of the newsletter is information and an envelope. If you are able give a donation to the church, however small, this will be appreciated. It has always been difficult to raise money to pay the bills. In the past Lincoln diocese did more to support local churches but this is no longer the case. The average running cost is £2500 per year.
Sue Teal

Victoriana's Pop-up Café

Victoriana's will be open on the following dates from 10-30 am - 1 pm
Wednesdays:
18th Oct - Village Hall

25th Oct - St Mary's (Bingo)
1st Nov- Village Hall
8th Nov - St Mary's (Bingo)
15th Nov- Village Hall
22nd Nov- Village Hall
29th Nov -Village Hall

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.
Limited seats available.

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.

You can also telephone 07470167577. There is work going on preparing for a series of concerts in 2024, more dates and events to be released.

70's/80's Theme night with singer Gray Hodgson

Garthorpe Village Hall on **Friday 17 November** is now booked, the doors open at 7 pm.

Tickets are £10.00 and it includes a pie & pea supper. Closing date for tickets is 13.11.23, for catering purposes.

Please bring your own drink and a Raffle will be held. It is optional if you would like to wear gear for the year!

For tickets tel: 01724 798241. Email djgraham62@outlook.com

2024 concerts

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

Garthorpe & District RBL will be teaming up with St Mary's Church for the Service of Remembrance on **12.11.23.**
Service starts at 10-30 am and laying of the wreaths at around 11-15 am at the War Memorial.
Tea/Coffee served after the service in Church.

Future Events planned for 2024 but dates to be confirmed are Burns Night and RBL Breakfast.

Mobile Library news

Next visit is due on **17.11.23** at the Bay Horse between 2.10pm- 2.30pm. Thanks to all who visit the mobile library the number of households that use this service has increased significantly.

Incredible edibles

Useful information for uses of plant leaves are as follows:
Chamomile is a strong antihistamine used for indigestion and skin conditions. Tea

made from its crushed flowers is calming and a good sleep aid and when gargled it can relieve sore throats and some inflammatory conditions.

Daisy can help treat arthritis and rheumatism. Use fresh or dried flowers to boost immunity or gargle daisy tea to sooth coughs and sore throats.

Dandelion is a general tonic for the whole system stimulating appetite and aiding digestion. The flowers have antioxidant properties, and the leaves are a great source of fibre.

Dill is a gentle anti-inflammatory that boosts immunity and helps digestion. The leaves contain vitamins A and C, iron and magnesium.

Marigold is a natural antiseptic and has anti-inflammatory and ante-fungal properties. It also helps heal cuts.

Friday 22nd September a **String Art workshop** took place at Garthorpe Village Hall. Numbers were limited at this group due to the nature of the one-to-one help needed from the very able tutor, Kim. It wasn't difficult, just time consuming putting the nails on to the boards for the required design. The choice of designs was many and varied and we each chose something different. Once the application of the cotton stage was reached, the design came to life quickly giving a very pleasing feeling as the end result came to life.

Saturday September 23rd was a **cooking afternoon** at Reedness Primary School for a couple of hours. The object was to make fresh pasta, which is far, far easier than you may think. Of course, it is quick and easy to use all the different types of dried pasta, but this freshly made sort was in a class of its own. Amazing how 100gm of strong four and an egg can be so tasty!! We made Cannelloni stuffed with spinach and cheese and Carbonara with hard cheese and chopped bacon. Both dishes were delicious, once again created under the expert care of Sarah Pittaway from Cook Stars.

On Sunday 24th September a **Clothes Swap Event**. It was held at Reedness Primary School in the Hall. There were some top brand labels on the rails as well as a variety of jumpers, children's clothes (including school uniform), menswear, babywear, teenagers' clothes etc. It was the first time we had held such an event, and it was a big learning curve, but then that is how we learn and create an even better event for next time.

A big thankyou to those of you who donated bras to the Bra Bank; the recycling of which helps raise vital funds for pioneering breast cancer research.

The London Sock Company accept old, odd and holey socks to make into fingerless gloves for the homeless people. How many of us have odd socks kicking about? (londonsockcompany.com/amnesty-explained). Two worthwhile ways to recycle underwear and stop clothes going to landfill.

Our interesting talk on **Lunar Planting** took place on Friday 6th October and was excellent value for money. It was all about using the lunar cycle for optimum results when sowing, planting, and harvesting. It was a very thought-provoking evening attended by a small group of people, but Jules (the tutor) was very knowledgeable. There were some interesting conversations/discussions took place because of this. It was a lovely social evening in good company and with some new faces attending which is always very good.

The usual monthly **Hobby Huddle** was held on Friday 13th (without any strange incidents!) and again well attended and enjoyed by all. A must for the diary to while away a lonely Friday night once a month. This is always held on the second Friday of

the month at Garthorpe Village Hall from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. No cost but there is an optional raffle each time with a small prize (50p a strip).

Lastly on the activities for the month we must mention **Yoga** which continues to be well attended. There have been 4 classes during October all taken by the lovely Sue on Mondays 6.30- 7.30 at Reedness Primary School.

Future Forays

Saturday 28th October at Garthorpe Village Hall 10.00am to 3.00pm. Willow weaving stag's head. Cost £60 which includes all materials and equipment plus the expert tutoring of Wendy. Light refreshments also included.

Thursday 9th November at Reedness Primary School 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Gardeners Question Time. Cost £3.00. Come and ask anything you want and enjoy the company of others. Bring along poorly plants for advice if required and come with an idea of what you would like us to cover next year. If time there will be a light-hearted quiz towards the end of this social event.

Friday 10th November at Garthorpe Village Hall Hobby Huddle 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The usual gathering where you can while-away 2 hours engrossed in a portable hobby whilst having a chat. Free event every second Friday of the month

Yoga – only 13th , 20th November & 27th November. Reedness Primary School 6.30-7.30pm. £5.00 per session or a package of 6 sessions for £25.

Friday 17th November – Incredible Edible Marshland Annual General Meeting commencing at 6.30 at Swinefleet Village Hall. I would like to encourage you to come along and join in. This is a non-profit making organisation to which membership is determined by "if you eat, you are in". The meeting usually lasts no more than an hour (going on previous years) but it is good to take part and to air your views regarding what we do and hope to achieve. Put the date in your diary.

Friday 24th November – Back by popular demand **Cocktail Masterclass** to be held at Reedness Primary School 7.00pm -9.00pm

December

Monday 4th & 11th December – Yoga as above.

Thursday 7th December – Willow weaving star wreath to be held at Reedness Primary School 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Cost £35 which incudes all materials, tutor and light refreshments.

Friday December 8th – Hobby Huddle at Garthorpe Village Hall as above for last month.

Bridget Bramley
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Thanks to Jiggy Lloyd for the Village Hall, Jackie Walker Clerk to the Parish Council, David Graham for St Marys Church 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. 11.23** please.

If you wish to include anything for the January 2024, I will put it in the December issue. I do not intend to produce one in January 2024.

Date	Time	Events in November 2023	Cost	Venue
Mon30.10.23	5-7pm	Fish & Chips Van		Village Hall
Tues 31.10.23	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 1.11.23	10.30-1pm 7pm for 7.30 start	Victorian's Pop-up café. On your doorstep talk Early Asylum life.	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 2.11.23	9.30-11.30am 5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Playgroup Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	 £5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sat 4.11.23	10.30am-12.00	Coffee Morning		St Marys
Tues 7.11.23	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 8.11.23	10.30.-1pm	Victorian's Pop-up café with Bingo		St Marys
Thurs 9.11.23	9.30-11.30am 5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Playgroup Pantry on the Isle Indoor Bowls	 £5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 11.11.23	7-9pm	IEM Hobby Huddle	Free	Village Hall
Sun 12.11.23	10.30am 11.15am	Remembrance Service Laying of the wreaths		St Marys
Mon13.11.23	5-7pm	Fish & Chips Van		Village Hall
Tues 14.11.23	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 15.11.23	10.30-1pm	Victorian's Pop-up café		Village Hall
Thurs16.11.23	9.30-11.30am 5pm -6pm 7.30pm	Playgroup Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	 £5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 17.11.23	2.10-2.30pm 7pm	Mobile Library 70/80 theme night with Pie& Pea supper	£10.00 Pre-book	Bay horse Village Hall
Tues 21.11.23	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 22.11.23	10.30-1pm	Victorian's Pop-up café		Village Hall
Thurs 23.11.23	9.30-11.30am 5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Playgroup Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	 £5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sat 25.11.23	7.30pm	Quiz pub chilli night	£3.00	Village hall
Mon 27.11.23	5-7pm	Fish & Chip Van		Village Hall
Tues 28.11.23	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds29.11.23	10.30-1pm	Victorian's Pop-up café		Village Hall
6.12.23	7pm for 7.30pm	On your doorstep talk John Buttrick with Alan Johnson'	£3.00	Village Hall
9.12.23		Christmas event		Village Hall & St Marys
Sun 10.12.23		Children's Christmas Party		Village Hall
Weds13.12.23		Victoriana's trip to York		
17.12.23	4.30pm	Christmas service		St Mary's
7.2.24	7pm for 7.30pm	On your doorstep talk Refugees in North Lincolnshire	£3.00	Village Hall
6.3.24	7pm for 7.30pm	On your doorstep talk What the papers said, 100years of CrowleAdvertiser	£3.00	Village Hall
23.3.24	7pm for 7.30pm	Cat Stevens Song Book	£16.00	St Mary's
6.4.24		Cold Flame, music of Jethro Tull	£11.00	St Mary's