Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

March 2025 email me at garthorpefockerbynews@gmail.com

News from the Parish Council

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

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.

The old hedge in the church yard has been removed and a new one is being installed.

The new bins for the playing field have arrived and will be installed soon.

The parish council are looking into funding to purchase equipment to prevent and decrease the amount of speeding traffic throughout the villages.

If you would like to contact the parish council, email clerk@garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk.

The next Garthorpe and Fockerby parish council meeting will be on **Friday 21.2.25** at 6:45pm at Garthorpe village hall.

Road closures

West End **24/2/25-2/3/25** 24 HOURS

Luddington Road Garthorpe **22/3-30/3/25**

8-5pm

High Street Garthorpe **22/3/25-3/3/25**

News from the village hall 18th February 2025

Thank you to everybody who has chosen to renew their Lucky Number ticket for 2025 or to buy one for the first time. We have nearly finished compiling the 2025 list of participants; we should be doing the first two monthly draws (January and February) very soon. If you have not yet signed up, it is best to do this as soon as you can – if necessary, by getting in touch with one of the Committee (see below).

We are holding the Village Hall AGM on **Monday March 3rd** at 6.30 pm. It is open to all. New volunteers are always welcome so…. (whatever your talents) if you like contributing to village life in the company of friendly, hard-working people, come and join us.

Talking of volunteers…. Now is a good time to thank Paula and Di Woolhouse for their fantastic hard work in running the Winter Warmer Brunches, (with generous financial support from SSE Keadby Wind Farm Fund). The five Brunches so far have been a hit! More than 60 people served with delicious brunches, others just enjoying (for free) hot drinks, papers, TV and company. Paula and Di even catered for Adlingfleet residents who were enduring a power cut on a very cold Sunday!! The remaining brunches will be on Sunday 9th and Sunday 23rd March – don't miss them!

Talks of local interest have been well-supported again this winter. The last in the current series will be on **Wednesday 5th**

March when we will hear all about the Sandtoft Trolleybus Museum. Their collection extends to trams, cars, tractors and other transport equipment so there will be plenty for everyone to enjoy.

A commercial consulting company have hired the hall on **Wednesday 19th March** from 1-7pm for a "public consultation event for a major infrastructure project", You will probably have received "The Great Grid update "community newsletter regarding the developed proposals for North Humber to High Markham" by now. Please go and see where the pylons are going. Last time they did not send out the proposals or advertise it in advance.

Any questions? For enquiries about the Village Hall you can use Facebook, or garthorpevh@btinternet.com , or telephone 01724-798118, or speak to a Committee member (Jonny Martinson, Jiggy Lloyd, Sam Simms, Joanne Smith, Samantha Peel, Charlie Parsonage, Emma Davies and Leona Swan.)

Some of the events that take place at the hall are run by organisations that hire the hall, and not by the Committee. For questions about these, please contact the organisation concerned.

Warm up your Sunday – Winter Warmer Brunch

This winter there will be a series of Winter Warmer Brunches at the village hall. The hall open and heated 9.30 to 11.30. Free unlimited tea, coffee and Sunday papers; (TV according to demand)

Bacon and/or sausage butties starting at £2.50. Veggie and gluten-free options &Takeaway for those in a hurry

Sunday 23.2.25, 9th & 23.3.25 March

63 Breakfasts sold on26.1.25, 61 Breakfasts sold on 9.2.25, amazing well-done Paula & Diane.

Many thanks to SSE Winter Warmth Fund for making this possible.

Book Boxes

Just as a reminder we have 2 book boxes by the side of the main entrance to the village hall. The scheme has been running for at least 4 years, you can donate books, puzzles & magazines. Please could you make sure the lids are on the boxes, so the contents do not get ruined! The idea is "take what you need and leave what you can". The book boxes continue to be well used.

Skerns's Exhibition Foundation

Attention all school leavers.

Do you live in the Garthorpe, Fockerby, Adlingfleet or Haldenby? Are you about to go into further education? If so, this applies to you, then read on. The Skerne foundation gives small grants to pupils who are in further education (either college or University) and live in these villages.

Mary Ramsden lived at Fockerby Hall and when she died in1743 she left money in her will to be used for the-further education of the children in the above areas. The Skerne Foundation meet once a year in May, and award small grants to pupils about to go into further education.

Although the amounts are small, they help to buy books, equipment travel expenses etc.

It must be applied for every year and all you need is a letter from the college or university to show you are attending that year.

If you are in your last year at secondary school and would like more information about the Skerne Foundation or would like an application form, please contact: -

Jane Walbank – tel 01724 798889 or email janewalbank5@gmail.com (Fockerby & Garthorpe)

Amanda Harding-tel 01724 798575(Adlingfleet)

ANAHATA Rose Sound Bath Experience on7.2.25

Really lovely feedback from the sound bath meditation evening. This included a rose for each person, what a lovely gesture!

Craft Huddle new to Garthorpe Village Hall

In response to requests from day-time craft enthusiasts, Incredible Edible Marshland are proud to offer a new, regular session where people can come together to enjoy crafts and community spirit.

The group will gather on the **first Tuesday of the month at Garthorpe Village Hall, from** 1-3pm, starting on March 4th, 2025.

For just a £2.00 contribution per person, per session, towards running costs, come along with your craft(s) or just to chat and share ideas, and enjoy light refreshments. Who knows what inspiration you might find to try something new. No need to book, just turn up, and everyone is welcome at this new, friendly group.

Table Tennis club

Table Tennis is available on **12.3.25** at Garthorpe Village Hall @ 7 30pm the cost is £1.50 a session including a cuppa! Bats available and all ages welcome.

Indoor Bowls

This is normally held in the village hall every Thursday. Come down and see what it's all about & we would love to see you. Cost is £2.00.

Mobile Library news

Next visit is due on **14.3.25** at the Bay Horse between 2.10pm- 2.30pm.

CaroleMcT Books

The People's History of Garthorpe and Fockerby by The Residents.

YOUR VILLAGES NEED YOU!

As you can see from the above, the book about the villages has a new title and a new author. This is because I think I've found a much better way of telling the story, but I can only do that with your help.

After attending Jiggy's excellent talk on Wednesday I realised that you, the residents of Garthorpe and Fockerby, are the real experts, the people who know your history best. Many of you have already done research on your own family history and the homes you live in, so it makes sense that you are the best people to tell the history of Garthorpe and Fockerby through the lives of the people who lived here before us.

I have set up an email address that you can use to send anything you would like to go in the book. Please make sure you put your name clearly at the end. You can also use it to ask for help with your research, ask any questions you may have or to ask for advice. Carol and Ian Whaley are family history research experts and will do their best to help with the research side of things. My job will be to proofread, edit and put everything together, then publish the finished book. I will also include all the military information from the original book which is now no longer available. Any royalties from sales of the book can be shared between various groups in the villages.

If you would like me to proofread your contributions for typos, please say and I'll do that.

If you are a bit worried about grammar and all that stuff don't be. I can edit it for you, then send it back to you to make sure it still says what you want. (There will obviously be a limit to the number of edits as otherwise we could be nitpicking at it for ages 😉) I will only edit where absolutely necessary because it is your story and that is best told in your voice.

You might decide you don't want it edited at all which is also fine. Just say that when you give us your contribution and it will be published exactly as you've written it.

You can email your contribution to garfochistory@gmail.com with any photos, maps, pictures etc you would like included or you can bring it along to the village hall on one of our open sessions in the summer, dates to be arranged. We can scan documents, photos, pictures, maps etc for you if you are unable to do it yourself, either in the comfort of your own home or you can bring them to the village hall. If you're not good with a computer or just don't fancy writing things down, we can come to you and either record your stories and/or make notes. Just ask.

This book will be as good as you make it. All contributions, however short, are important because the more information we include the better it will be. It's the family anecdotes that will bring the book to life and it's a great way of documenting and preserving the history of Garthorpe and Fockerby for future generations. How many times have you wished you had asked your grandparents and parents more questions about their lives? Well, this is for your children, a way of preserving our history so it doesn't get lost.

I am really looking forward to reading your contributions and learning all about Garthorpe and Fockerby. I love the idea of us all working together to produce a brilliant local history book.

Watch this space for updates and more information. Thanking you in advance.

Carole (McEntee-Taylor)
https://carolemctbooks.info

The story of a very lucky hoglet

The hoglet is now in the shed and sulking! She hasn't gone into hibernation at my last update. I think she enjoyed the centrally heated bedroom where she spent time recovering and being treated for parasites. The very latest update on 19.2.25 is that she has finally gone into hibernation! This very lucky hoglet is being cared for by Jules & Colin Davies.

Fockerby girl with a racing dream

Eleanor's go fund me appeal is still open if you can help. (https://gofund.me/879b2a4f

Just a quick update to all those kind people who donated so many months ago! Eleanor won her karting championship class last year (1st) and this year is doing considerably well in the 2025 winter championships she has entered so far. She has a new kart and gear ready for the Super One series starting in March! Each weekend will cost around £1000 to enter. So, we're hoping to continue to source sponsorship to continue her winning streak so she can get noticed by bigger companies that may want to sponsor her further. Any small amount of share is appreciated. Watch this space! xx

Eleanor has done 2 of her winter cup races at Fulbeck Sprint so far.
She did really well on the 2nd round coming 2nd in one of her heats. But in the final had contact from another kart which caused her

to end up at the back (but despite this she still pulled the 3rd best time on track out of 7)

1st round was also good , missed out on silverware by one space in the final which was gutting but she's pulling very good times and proving she deserves to be up there with the much older talented kids , she's proved her point and we can't wait to see her in Super one series at the start of April.
The whole team are so happy with her driving.

But we're still struggling to spread the news about her driving skills and sell her story to a local company and convince them to sponsor her , even if that just means getting her tyres for her (which are controlled by super one like they are in F1).
Or paying her entry fee every little helps.
But if anyone knows of any companies I could approach I would welcome their input.
07834807533 / topgunfan_22@hotmail.com

Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby

Pantry on the Isle

There are a few unallocated Pantry bags! If anyone is interested, it cost £5.50 a bag. Please pop along on any Thursday between 5-6pm to the Village Hall and talk to the ladies there. If this is for you, you can sign up. Sorry last month I put the wrong time, the ladies start at 4pm to sort the food out …my apologies. The doors are open at 5pm

St Mary's Church

Susan and I had a Chance meeting with Mr Andrew Alvy at the Cemetery.
He was visiting that afternoon. He kindly introduced himself and said that his uncle was the late Alfred Cole to who we knew.
He was discussing the new project in the Cemetery. He then mentioned that his late uncle was giving a legacy to St Mary's Church.
I can now confirm that we are in Receipt of a Cheque to the sum of £5,000.

I have sent Mr Alvy a letter of thanks and informed him that this Legacy is gratefully received.
St Mary's will use this wisely and it will help to keep the Church maintained and help to raise funds for St Mary's

Church Coffee Mornings

Please come and support the church fund raising events.

Saturday **8.3.25** 10.30.to12noon

Good Friday **18.4.25** 10am -11.30 Kipper Breakfast including bread& butter tea or coffee £2.00 Please pre book by 15.4.25. Tea / coffee available even if you don't want the Kippers!

Saturday **7.6.25** 10.30-12noon.

Mothering Sunday Church Service
Special service in St Marys Church at 11 am

From The Vicar - A Lent Reflection

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, *'At the bakers I told God, that if he wanted me to buy doughnuts, he should provide a parking space in front of the shop. On the eighteenth time around, there it was!'*

Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, *'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'* (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find him coming to terms with who he is. I like to think of this as Jesus considering his options. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in three key areas of his identity: his divine sonship, political power and Messianic role (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus was looking into the mirror at himself to discern what kind of Saviour he should be.

For us, Lent is an opportunity to hold up a mirror to ourselves and ask the question, *'who am I?* It's a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and how we should live. What will we see when we hold up the mirror to ourselves?

Keeping Lent, the 40 days running up to Easter, could mean taking time to read Scripture, studying a Christian book or spending five minutes each day in silence! We might fast by missing one or two meals, refraining from TV, alcohol, social media, or scrolling on our phones. All of these can help us to give more attention to God in our lives.

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

With love and prayers, Mark.

Rev. Mark Zammit

(Vicar of Haxey & Owston Ferry) (Priest-in-Charge of The Crowle Group) The Vicarage, Church Street, Haxey, Doncaster. DN9 2HY.01427 753004 or 07733077957www.haxeyowstoncrowlechurches.org.uk

Live music Garthorpe

Review of Tom Brooksby - The music of Bruce Springsteen.

Tom Brooksby comes with credentials. Firstly he was born in the USA, but secondly for over 27 years he has been the front man for Glory Days, arguably the best Springsteen tribute band in the UK.
A packed St Marys Church was treated to a journey through Bruce's prodigious output. Of course there was "Born to Run", "Dancing in the Dark" and "Born in the USA", but for me the highlights were "Thunder Road", "The River", and "Johnny 99" from the fabulous "Nebraska" album.
Accompanying himself with guitar and harmonica Tom displayed not only polished musicianship but also a true empathy with the man & his music.
Tom also performed "Rhinestone Cowboy", made famous by one Glen Campbell
, and a haunting rendition of "I'm on Fire" that morphed into John Farrar's "You're the One that I Want" from Grease.
Finally Tom scattered a number of his own compositions into the mix, proving he can write as well as perform.
Tom is the latest in a long line of talented performers who have been persuaded to come to Garthorpe and bring top class live music to this rural area. There are many more excellent concerts lined up, the next being the Blackheart Orchestra on February 22nd. If you haven't already sampled the quality of these evenings you are most definitely missing out.
Chris Newton

There is a new service to everyone. Live Music Garthorpe will be publishing every week Music New Releases with possible due dates and formats(LP/CD).
We hope this may be of some Interest to you. Every Friday/weekend it will be published and headed "New Release Music"
Please note release dates are correct at the time of publishing but could change without notice.
www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk

Ticket prices

Tickets are now on sale at the Early Bird “TWEET TWEET" PRICE. Please note that 2 weeks before the concert the tickets will revert to original price advertised and increase.
Ticket Source All Information on Facebook.
Toni Lee " Karen Carpenter Song Book" 5/4/25 £15
Landslide "The Music Of Fleetwood Mac" 21/6/25£16
Cold Flame "Tribute To Jethro Tull" 18/10/25£12.

The Blackheart Orchestra

The Blackheart Orchestra is at St Mary's Church on Saturday 22nd February 2025.Tickets are £18.00, there will be a support act. The doors open @ 7pm for 7.30 start.

The Isle of Axholme Orchestra

The Isle of Axholme Orchestra will be performing at St Marys Garthorpe on Saturday **1.3.2025**, with a classical rock show. Tickets are £8.00. LIVE MUSIC Garthorpe is supporting this event to help raise funds for St Mary’s Church.

Toni Lee Sings Karen Carpenter

Toni Lee has been on ITV Stars in their Eyes and tours the UK in Theatres and Art Centres. She does Solo Performances & also tours with a Live Band. When She Visits St Mary's Church on **Saturday April 5th 2025** she will be doing a Solo Concert. Tickets will be £17 and will be on an Early Bird Offer for ONE Month for £15.

Winter Wilson

Winter Wilson is at St Marys church 10.5.25. the doors @7.30pm, the concert starting @8pm tickets are £12.00.

Spark Jazz trio

Jazz at St Mary's Church with Jazz Trio

“Spark". Mark Parkinson the Flautist from

Cold Flame.31st May 2025. Tickets £15

Landslide

A tribute to Fleetwood Mac "Landslide".

With great and rave reviews on their concerts. They are performing at Garthorpe Village Hall Shore Rd Garthorpe Scunthorpe North Lincs DN17 4AE on Saturday June 21st.

Tickets on Sale from this weekend at an Early Bird offer of £16 and then will increase 3 weeks before the concert it will increase to £18.

Coming this year the welcome return of ……

Simply Dylan. Garthorpe Village Hall on 23.8.25. Tickets on sale May 1st at an Early Bird price of £18 for one month then back to £21.00.

Cold Flame will be returning on 18.10.25 at the village hall. Tickets are £14.00. If you didn’t see them last time you missed a real treat.

www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk or https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/live-musig-garthorpe Email:

livemuiscgarthorpe@outlook.com - Box Office :03336663366 (SUBJECT TO FEES) or 07470167577 "NO FEES"

Save your stamps for RNIB

Brilliant response from everyone, thank you so much and please keep saving stamps!

Can you help me to help this charity?

Collect stamps for RNIB and make a difference to blind and partially sighted people. If you, your business or your organisation, receive cards and letters through the post, could you save the stamps please. Stamps are sold by weight and help raise funds for RNIB.

What type of stamps can you send?

We accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums.

Collection points

When saving your stamps, trim carefully around them, leaving approximately one centimetre of paper around the edge.

I've spoken to various groups in the village & they are happy to support.

Thanks to everyone who has saved their stamps for me. Collection points are

Thursday at The Pantry between 5-6pm.

Friday at the monthly Hobby & Craft Huddle

St Marys Church Events.

Or drop them at Manor Cottage Fockerby

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE MARSHLAND

Sorry to hear Bridget is a bit under the weather this month and will give feedback next month on the IEM workshops that have already taken place.
There is a leaflet attached to the printed copies of the newsletter giving the full programme for the year for Incredible Edibles Marshlane. As usual it's a wide and varied selection. Hobby Huddle continues to be well supported through the awful dark nights and weather.
As you will see IEM have introduced an afternoon session once a month on the first Tuesday of the month. Sessions are £2.00, it will be exactly the same ethos as the evening sessions, but no raffle! You can drop in for a chat or drink or both, bring a craft or not, and just enjoy the company. Please come and support. Hobby Huddle is the 2nd Friday of the month. Both hobby & craft huddle T Garthorpe Village Hall

The watercolour painting course is well underway now with series 3 on 7.3.25 at Swinefleet Village Hall. There are 2 new workshops in March. the Fabric Fairy Pod- pot workshop on 8.3.25 at Garthorpe Village Hall & on 28.3.25 its Herbal Teas, Tisanes & Decoctions 7-9pm.

For and on behalf of Incredible Edible Marshland
Sue Teal for Bridget Bramley.

My thanks to Jiggy Lloyd & the Village Hall committee, James Woodcock Clerk to the Parish Council, David Graham for St Marys Church, RBL & Live Music Garthorpe, Emma Davies for FOGAF & Bridget Bramley for IEM, Garthorpe & Fockerby Parish Council & Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby for their support. Carol McEntee-Taylor, Jules Davies, Jules Fox & Chris Newton. Many thanks to Brian Woolhouse for the lovely village photos, watch out for more! The information in this newsletter was correct at the time of printing.

Any events for the February newsletter to be in by **20.3.25. Sue Teal**

Date	Time	Events in March 2025	Cost	Venue
Sat 22.2.25	7.00 for 7.30pm	Blackheart Orchestra	£18.00	St Marys
Sun23.2.25	9.30-11.30am	Winter Warmer Brunch		Village Hall
Tues 25.2.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 27.2.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sat 1.3.25	7.00 for 7.30pm	Isle of Axholme Orchestra	£8.00	St Mary's
Mon 3.3.25	6.30pm	Village Hall AGM		Village Hall
Tues 4.3.25	1-3pm 7.00-8.00pm	Craft Huddle Serpafit	£2.00 £2.00	Village Hall
Weds 5.3.25	7pm for 7.30pm	On your doorstep talks Trolleybuses & More	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 6.3.25	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sat 8.3.25	10.30am -12.00 10-3pm IEM	Coffee Morning Fabric Fairy Pod-Pot Workshop	 £40.00	St Mary's Village Hall
Sun 9.3.25	9.30-11.30am	Winter Warmer Brunch		Village Hall
Tues 11.3.25	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 12.3.25	7.30pm	Table Tennis	£1.50	Village Hall
Thurs 13.3.25	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri.14.3.25	2.10-2.30pm 7-9.30pm	Mobile Library Hobby Huddle	 Free	Bay Horse Village Hall
Tues 18.3.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds19.3.25	1-7pm	Public consultation National Grid		Village Hall
Thurs 20.3.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
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Thurs 27.3.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri2 8.3.25	7-9pm IEM	Herbal Teas. Tisanes & Decoctions	£14.00	Village Hall
Sun 30.3.25	11.00am	Mothering Sunday church service		St Mary's
Tues 1.4.25	1-3pm 7.00-8.00pm	Craft Huddle Serpafit		Village Hall
Sat 5.4.25	7pm for 7.30pm	Toni Lee sings Karen Carpenter		St Marys
Fri 18.4.25	10am-11.30	Kipper Breakfast		St Marys
Sat 3.5.25	10.30-12noon	Plant Sale		St Marys
10.5.25	7.30pm for8pm	Winter Wilson	£12.00	St Marys
31.5.25		Spark (Jazz Trio)	£15.00	St Marys
7.6.25	10.30-12noon	Coffee Morning		St Marys
21.6.25	7pm for 7.30pm	Landslide	£18.00	Village Hall
23.8.25		Simply Dylan	£21.00	Village Hall
20.9.25		Joni Mitchel & James Taylor tribute	£14.00	
18.10.25	7pm for 7.30pm	Coldflame Jethro Tull Tribute	£14.00	
22.11.25		2 Pianos	£17.50	

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