



Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

June 2025 email me at garthorpefockerbynews@gmail.com

Just an update for the normal events that are repeated every month, e.g. Mobile Library, Pantry in the Isle, Serpafit, Bowls, Table Tennis, Hobby Huddle & Craft huddle will only be included in the last page with the dates and times. However, if any of the groups has any other information that is a change from the normal times and events, please let me know and I am happy to include.

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.

SSE micro grants

Up to £300 per claim available for (un-constituted) groups wishing to enhance or expand their events or need the funding help to start up a new group (ie mothers and toddlers/crafting/gardening/bridge card group / bingo the ...list goes on etc etc) The grant is also available for talented individuals who need funding to help support them on their journey towards reaching their goals.

Planting boxes

New large oak box planters that were made for us by Gilleards (Jon Nothard) and funded from NLC community grants, have been installed at entrances to the village, thank you

to Jon & Janice & NLC community grants. We hope to be successful with the grant again this year to enhance our village planting further.

There are still more to be planted up and Cllr Jeni Knowles is sorting this out.

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

The next Garthorpe and Fockerby parish meeting is **30.5.25** at Garthorpe village hall.

Village News

Water Pressure in the village

Thanks to Chris Newton (on behalf of the Parish Council) for tackling Yorkshire Water on behalf of the village. The constant low pressure has been reported by many villagers. Chris has taken the issue on and tackled the water authority persistently. He has spoken to Yorkshire Water in Bradford apparently the situation in Crowle tower is still not resolved and they are not sure when it will be. Therefore, the low water pressure is going to continue. Yorkshire water is carefully keeping the pressure above the level where Ofwat would require compensation to be paid allegedly. A formal complaint has been made.

Updates are on Garthorpe Chat whats App group.

However, This a copy of a message on social media from Yorkshire Water Authority.

“In Yorkshire, we’re currently experiencing an exceptionally dry spell, with the Met Office reporting this spring as the driest since 1852.

Our reservoirs are at just 66.1% capacity, which is significantly lower than the average for this time of year (88.3%) and they've been falling by 3.73% each week. With little rain in the forecast and May seeing only 0.5% of its long-term average rainfall, it may be some time before Yorkshire’s reservoirs get the top-up needed.

The dry and warm weather has led to higher water usage, with a 75 million litres per day increase compared to normal levels for this time of year – which is enough to supply the daily water usage for the whole of York and Harrogate.

As the warm, dry weather continues, our dedicated colleagues are working hard to save water, ensuring there’s enough for everyone. Leakage is a big focus for us, and one of the ways we’re addressing this is by replacing over 1000km of water mains with more durable pipes. This will lead to fewer bursts, less water lost through leaks, and reduced water supply disruptions to our customers. You can learn more about this work on our website: <https://ow.ly/1rk450VWjES>

Since last year, our leakage team has grown by 25%, with 100 new inspectors joining us since April 2025.

They are dedicated to finding and fixing leaks quicker.

To manage water resources effectively, we’ve been using our grid network to send water from one part of the region to another to ‘top up’ areas that are low when needed. This is a great help to make sure all customers across Yorkshire get the water they need, and it works really well when there’s water to spare in certain parts of the county. With high water usage and little or no predicted rainfall, this isn’t a long-term solution, and we need your help.

By making small changes to your water usage

during this dry period, we can ensure there's enough water for everyone as we enter the warmer months. This could be by:

🌧️ using watering cans instead of hosepipes to water the garden

🌱 letting lawns go brown as they'll bounce back following any rain

👕 using the eco setting (if you have one) on washing machines and dishwashers
These small steps, combined with our efforts, will help protect resources further into the summer. 😊”

National Grid

Northern power grid has notified most households in the village that the electricity will be turned off from 9.00am to 4.30pm on 30.5.25, to undertake vegetation maintenance next to the overhead lines to prevent the risk of unexpected power cuts in the future, they need to turn the power off to allow the team to work safely. Some households also have 2.6.25. Although a straw poll on What’sApp Group for the village most householders said 30.5.25.

News from the village hall 21st May 2025

New cleaning regime

We now have a new, regular cleaner for the hall.

After many years of hard work our previous regular cleaner has decided to stop due to an injury. Many thanks to Judith Shaw for all she has done over the years. Our new cleaner is Di Woolhouse and we look forward to having her on board as we move into our busy summer of hires and other activities.

Apologies to recent hirers who have not found the hall quite as clean as they – or we – would wish. Committee members and volunteers were filling in as best they could while the new arrangements were put in place. We are confident things will be much improved now.

Kitchen

The 80: 20 rule is in operation, but we are nearly at the end. Keep a lookout for invitations to the “open house” when all will be ready for viewing – and bookings!

Party in the Park

Only two months to go! Keep the date free and let friends & family know – Saturday 2nd August 2025.

Lucky numbers For April

- 1st. 24 Michelle Humphrie
- 2nd. 47 Chris Nothard
- 3rd. 34 Ash Nothard

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.

A history of Garthorpe & Fockerby by the residents

Hi everyone, village author here to talk about our proposed book, A History of Garthorpe and Fockerby by the Residents. (Title might need a little adjusting but it will do for the moment as a working title 😊)

Thank you very much to those who have already contacted us at garfochistory@gmail.com It will be an honour to include your history in the village book. To those who are still thinking about it, or are not sure what to include, or who don't know where to start, we have hired the village hall on Monday June 9th, 2pm to 5pm, and Wednesday July 16th, 6pm to 9pm. You can come and chat to us, ask questions, have any

photos or drawings you would like included scanned, or just generally discuss anything you would like to see in the book, and see some of what we have so far. We will also have a stand at Party in the Park in August for any last-minute additions, but please take the opportunity to come and see us in the village hall, have a cup of tea or coffee and get involved.

This is intended to be a comprehensive history of our beautiful village, not just the buildings (although we would love to include before and after pictures of any alterations you might have done), but a social history of the families who live here and make it such a great place to live. It's the history of those whose families have lived here for generations, and those who are more recent 'blow ins' (like me 😊). Even if you aren't that interested, your children, grandchildren and generations to come might be, so please contribute whatever you can. As I said before if you don't feel up to writing anything, we can record your memories and do it for you. All royalties from sales of the book will go to village groups, so it's also a way of supporting them. We look forward to seeing you on 9th June or 16th July. All the best

Carole, Carol and Ian

Fockerby girl with a racing dream

This is Eleanor Shelby, 7 yr old racing driver!



Eleanor's doing well, improving her times now consistently at any of the tracks she attends. Coming mid pack to first depending on where she is and has passed her Motorsport UK racing licence this weekend with flying colours. We are so very proud of her.

We do not have any sponsors yet, which is proving difficult and currently we have an issue with our van. This is making it difficult to get from one place to another.

We could really do with a garage team that would sponsor us in sorting out or can problem solve for us, as we don't know what is causing it.

If anyone could sponsor us in way by lending a van / motorhome to us for the upcoming trek all the way to Exeter in a couple of weeks. I know it's a big ask and we're unlikely to get help, which is understandable in the current climate , but I suppose you don't get without asking .

A kind thank you to Sammy Simms for the loan of a generator though, which has been a godsend.

And a massive thank you to the whole village for their kind words & support. And also for the SSE grant recently which helped pay towards our next round!.

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

Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby

No new updates from FOGAF for June

St Mary's Church

From the Vicar

This month we remember St Barnabas, whose real name was Joseph, a wealthy Levite from Cyprus. However, he was better known by his nickname which means 'Son of Encouragement' (Acts 4:36). Throughout Acts we see him encouraging others in different ways.

Barnabas was an example of generous giving (Acts 4:36-7), when he sold property and offered the money to the church for those in need. In the midst of an already caring and sharing community, he was singled out as a symbol of generosity. Are we known as somebody who is generous to those in need around us?

Barnabas later encouraged a new Christian in the person of Paul (Acts 9:27). After Paul's

conversion and knowing his reputation, Barnabas came alongside him and brought him into the fellowship of the church. Are we ready to help those who are new in the faith to find a place in our church?

Finally, Barnabas was sent to the church in Antioch where he 'saw the evidence of the grace of God' (Acts 11:23). It was a church which brought Jewish and Gentile believers together for the first time. Like Barnabas, do we rejoice when we see God doing new things in people's lives? Are we also willing to embrace these things and facilitate change?

Encouragement is one of the spiritual gifts in the New Testament (Romans 12:8). It can be greatly undervalued but still is crucial in growing the church. Like Barnabas, will we nurture gifting; strengthen the doubters and those tempted to give up; show generosity to God's people and beyond the church; alongside strengthening people to move beyond their own comfort zones to help those in need?

Let's be prepared to ask the following questions: 'Are there people alongside us who will encourage us?' and 'How can we be encouragers to others?'

With love and prayers,
Mark.

Plant Sale

Thank you to all you who donated plants and for those who attended the plant sale. Over £450.00 was raised. Amazing

Church Coffee Mornings

Saturday 7.6.25 10.30-12noon

No Further updates from St Marys for June

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**St. Mary's Church, Garthorpe Tuesday 20th
May, 7 p.m. in Church**

Hopefully more next month on the meeting. Small number of residents attended the meeting, 12 in total including the Vicar and Rev Julie Miles. There were some changes to the election of church officers with the addition of CLLR Paula Woolhouse offering to cover the

role of Treasurer, Susan Graham remaining as secretary & David Graham as church warden.

THE 12th MARSHLANDS CHARITY TRACTOR RUN sponsored by EASTWOOD CIVILS & GROUNDWORKS LTD

This will take place on Saturday 12th July, meeting at and returning to the Half Moon Reedness. The lunch stops this year will be a 7 Lakes Country Park, Crowle. Route and further details to follow nearer the time.

Please note, after concerns/complaints raised by members of the public and after further consideration, we the organisers would like to clarify that going forward, the run will only proceed under the following rules: -

1. Passengers will only be allowed to travel on the run-in tractors with factory fitted seats "Only allow passengers to travel in your tractor or agricultural machinery where the manufacturer has provided a seat specifically designed for this purpose" (The above is taken from NFU Rural Road Safety Advice)
2. In the UK, it is illegal to carry children under 13 years of age as passengers in the cab of a tractor or other agricultural machinery. (HSE) This prohibition applies regardless of whether the tractor is being used on or off the farm
3. No passenger carrying trailers. The above will ensure that The Marshlands Charity Tractor Run conforms to Health & Safety requirements and with UK laws.

We look forward to seeing you there 🚗

Dame Ida Cabaret Show 7.6.25

Tickets £15.00



Royal British Legion



Live music Garthorpe

Live Music Garthorpe publishes every Friday Music New Releases with possible due dates and formats (LP/CD).

Please note release dates are correct at the time of publishing but could change without notice.

Winter Wilson Review

What an exceptional evening's entertainment! Winter Wilson have been full-time for thirteen years, with several albums to their name. Add performances at festivals and clubs around the UK, Europe and as far as New Zealand under

their belts and they are no overnight success. Is it their material? Dave Wilson's songwriting, supplemented with a couple of Kip Winter's creations, is certainly first rate, evidenced by the number of other artists covering their songs.

Is it the musicianship? Dave's guitar and banjo alongside Kip's accordion, guitar and flute provided a polished and professional backing. Is it the vocals?

Kip's voice is simply superb. It soared around the church interwoven with Dave's harmonies to produce a sound that could make the hair on the back of your neck stand on end. No, it was all of these combined with a bickering presentation that only a happily married couple can carry off. They also performed songs by Richard Thompson and Bonnie Raitt to provide a musical feast of the first water. To describe Winter Wilson as a folk duo is to pigeon hole them unfairly. There is country, blues, jazz and bluegrass in there too. The best compliment I can pay is that my partner hates folk music and she loved them.

Chris Newton

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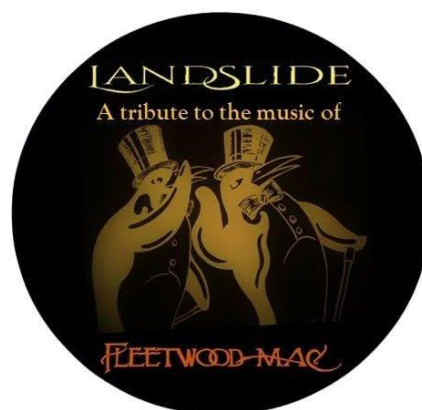
Jazz Concert trio Sparks



Landslide Fleetwood Mac tribute

Performing at Garthorpe Village Hall on Saturday June 21st.

Tickets are £18.00 on the door or £16 if you take advantage of the early bird offer. Landslides are one of the UK's top Fleetwood Mac tribute bands, boasting five experienced musicians with decades of collective experience. The band's set includes anthemic hits written by Stevie Nicks, Lindsay Buckingham and Christine McVie; as well as some of the amazing blues-rock of the Peter Green era of the 60s and early 70s. Landslide's extensive set list includes The Chain, Go your own way, Dreams, Little Lies, You Make Lovin' Fun, Gold Dust Woman, I Don't Wanna Know, Second-hand News, Don't Stop, Tusk, Sara, Gypsy, Seven Wonders, Big Love, Black Magic Woman, Need Your Love So Bad and many more of Fleetwood Mac's incredible songs.



June is approaching pretty fast but we seem to have had summer upon us these last couple of weeks, so I am not complaining. My birthday is in June and this year it is a big one with several types of celebrations to enjoy. However, as we do get older birthdays seem to have less significance compared to our younger years. In the words of Elizabeth Arden (1878-1966) "I'm not interested in age. People who tell me their age are silly. You are as old as you feel." So.... I am not letting on.

Enough of the frivolity and down to the Incredible Edible news for the month. This past

month has consisted mainly of the regular activities that take place. A brand-new activity (Marshland Movers) started on 23rd April at Ousefleet Village Hall from 7.15 to 8.15 every Wednesday. If you wish to attend, the first 2 classes are free regardless of when you join up. After that the session is £5. It is a professional dancer taking the class and has been described by a participant as moves to music from the 70's and 80's something along the lines of Zumba. It can be undertaken as energetically as the individual wishes as the idea is to indulge in fun exercise and meet up with others. What better way to have good wellbeing?

The yoga sessions continue every Monday from 6.30 to 7.30 at Reedness primary School at a cost of £7 per session. As with the Marshland Movers, the first 2 yoga sessions undertaken as a new starter are also free as taster sessions.

The May Craft Huddle was held on 6th May from 1-3pm at Garthorpe Village Hall and costs £2 to cover the cost of the hire of the hall. At present it is still a small group but is beginning to steadily grow. It's a truly lovely inclusive group with a great atmosphere and if you don't have a craft to bring. Just come for a cuppa and a chat. The biscuits are nice too!! The regular Hobby Huddle took place on Friday 9th May but this month was a small group. The beautiful weather we have had has made everyone want to spend time in their gardens and I don't blame them as this could be Summer if English weather is anything to go by. This takes place at Garthorpe Village Hall from 7pm – 9pm.

A leather workshop took place also at Garthorpe Village Hall on Saturday 3rd May. It was a 4-hour session, and the participants made a leather belt from scratch. It was good to see a mixed group on this occasion and the end results were highly professional. Everyone without exception thoroughly enjoyed this workshop which was a repeat by popular demand.

The second non-regular workshop that took place was a gardening workshop held at Swinefleet Village Hall on Friday 16th May. Ray Creek who took the workshop is an expert on growing Orchids which was the subject on the night, and a repeat from a previous year back also by popular demand. The talk accompanied

by slides was very comprehensive about many aspects of growing and maintaining Orchids. The evening finished with a slide show about quirky interesting facts on Orchids and was informative as well as mind boggling.

And that is it for this month's missive – action packed as usual with things to do in the Marshland area.

Look out for forthcoming events over the next month.

Yoga, Marshland Movers, A Flower farm Visit to Laxton (2 hours duration full of knowledge with an afternoon tea at the end of it - £15), Craft Huddle, Hobby Huddle and an introduction to Forging at Conisborough.

A varied programme or WHAT!!

See you next month.....

Bridget Bramley

For & on behalf of Incredible Edible Marshland.

My thanks as always to Jiggy Lloyd & the Village Hall committee, David Graham for Live Music Garthorpe, Chris Newton, Vicar Mark Zammit Carol McEntee-Taylor, Carol & Ian Whaley & Bridget Bramley for IEM, Garthorpe & Fockerby Parish Council & Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby for their support.

Carol McEntee-Taylor & 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 posting.

Any events or information you need including for July to me by **20.6.25. Sue Teal**

Date	Time	Events in June 2025	Cost	Venue
Tues 27.5.25	7.00-8.00pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 29.5.24	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 30.5.25	Not confirmed	Parish Council Meeting & AGM	£15.00	Village Hall
Sat 31.5.25	8.00pm	Sparks jazz concert	£17.00	St Marys
Tues 2.6.25	7.00-8.00pm	Craft Huddle Cancelled Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 5.6.25	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 6.6.25	2.10-2.30pm	Mobile Library		Bay Horse
Sat 7.6.25	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning Dame Ida cabaret Show		St Marys Village Hall
Mon 9.6.25	2-5pm	A history of Garthorpe & Fockerby information gathering event including refreshments	Free	Village Hall
Tues 10.6.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 11.6.25	7.30pm	Table Tennis includes refreshments	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 12.6.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 13.6.25	7-9pm	Hobby Huddle including refreshments	Free	Village Hall
Tues 17.6.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 19.6.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sat 21.6.25	7pm for 7.30pm	Landslide Fleetwood Mac tribute	£18.00	Village Hall
Tues 24.6.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 26.6.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 27.6.25	2.10-2.30pm	Mobile Library		Bay Horse
5.7.25	7pm	Sing along VE day celebration		St Marys
23.8.25		Simply Dylan	£21.00	Village Hall
20.9.25		Joni Mitchel & James Taylor tribute	£14.00	Village Hall
18.10.25	7pm for 7.30pm	Cold Flame Jethro Tull Tribute	£14.00	Village Hall
22.11.25		2 Pianos	£17.50	Village Hall