



Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

December 2025 email me at garthorpefockerbynews@gmail.com

As 2025 draws to a close and I reflect on 5 years of writing our local monthly newsletter, I just would like to draw your attention to the fact, that if we didn't have volunteers that were willing to give up hours of their time week in and week out, all throughout the year there would be nothing to write about!

We are very fortunate that we have a proactive Parish Council (go to their meeting and witness that!), a fabulous village hall committee (the amazing new kitchen and all their events throughout the year including Party in the Park).

Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby who provide the weekly Pantry (Thanks ladies for your weekly hard work), and all their events for you to attend.

Live Music Garthorpe has provided concert after concert this year and there have been some outstanding performances.

St Marys Church for the coffee mornings, mothering Sunday services, Remembrance Sunday & Christmas services.

Royal British Legion for their contribution to village life and events.

There are many more events and contributions from individuals and groups who make this village a better place to live.

If you can help, please think about offering your services, these events only will continue if we have volunteers to help and people continue to turn up and support our village & events.

Thank you to everyone for helping our village events and making it a better place to live.

All that remains is to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

The amount has increased from £300.00 to £400.00 per claim available for (un-constituted) groups wishing to enhance or expand their events or need the funding to start up a new group.

The grant is also available for talented individuals who need funding to help support them on their journey towards reaching their goals.

Also agreed that the micro grant can now go towards travel costs i.e. bus trips for events in North Lincolnshire only)

The form is available on the parish council website as a PDF to download and print. Or contact the clerk to parish council for a copy.

Meanwhile Cllr Paula Woolhouse has some printed copies to use.

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

Date of the next meeting is in the village hall @6.45pm **on 5.12.25**

News from the village hall 20.11.25

Thank you for coming!

It was lovely to see so many people at last month's events. Open House to see the new kitchen was a success – and thanks to everybody for the nice comments on a big improvement to the hall.

Then it was Halloween – lots of super-spooky children and some good party games!

And finally... good crowd enjoyed the talk about local apples. A big thank you to Darren Whitaker from the Northern Fruit Group. Great speaker, informative, funny, the night flew by.

We also held our AGM; this is required as part of "good governance" and means the accounts can now go to the Charity Commission.

We said goodbye and thank you to Leona Swan and Sam Peel; both have had to step down from the Committee for family reasons. New volunteers are always welcome – please get in touch.

Next talk - "Look North – Behind the Camera" – Wednesday 3rd December

We are very lucky that Hayley Coyle has agreed to come and tell us about her life as a journalist. Doors open at 7; talk begins at 7.30. £3 per head including tea, coffee or wine.

Pub Night – 29th November – Sorry but this is postponed

Having done the new kitchen, we are moving the bar to where the kitchen used to be. There is quite a lot of work involved so we have decided to wait until it is really sorted. Please look out for more information in the New Year.

Christmas Party for Children

All arranged for 14th December.



Something to Look Forward to in the New Year

We are planning (subject to SSE support) to hold another series of Winter Warmer Brunches, starting in the New Year. Look out for more details.

Further talks in 2026

Wednesday 4th February* - "Scunthorpe, Ted Lewis and "Get Carter"

A "talk" with a difference (and especially for Michael Caine fans). Monty Martin from the Ted Lewis Centre will introduce us to the local man who wrote the original book and then show us the film.

Wednesday 4th March - "Adlingfleet"

A village with a fascinating history and some wonderful buildings. This is your chance to learn more in the company of local expert(s).

For each event, doors will open at 7pm (* 6.30 on 4th Feb) when refreshments will be served, and the talk will begin at 7.30 (*7pm on 4th Feb). Entry charge is £3 per head, to cover glass

of wine, tea or coffee. It is not necessary to book in advance.

Garthorpe Village Hall is on Shore Road, Garthorpe, almost opposite the church. DN17 4AD. There is parking nearby.

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, Charlie Parsonage & Emma Davies.)

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.

Lucky Numbers for November

7 Dave Martinson
156 Parlika Dyer
26 Maddie Smith

Village News

Jack Martinson

On Saturday 8th November I ran 5km every hour, on the hour starting at 8am to raise money to benefit Help for Heroes.

I am by no means an experienced runner and this is my biggest challenge yet. 6 months ago, a 5km would be a long run for me, now I'm going to cover this distance for as many laps as I possibly can, pushing my body and mind to their limits. The start and finish line was Asquith Avenue, Ealand.

I ran a backyard ultra for Help for Heroes achieving a total distance of 101.7km!

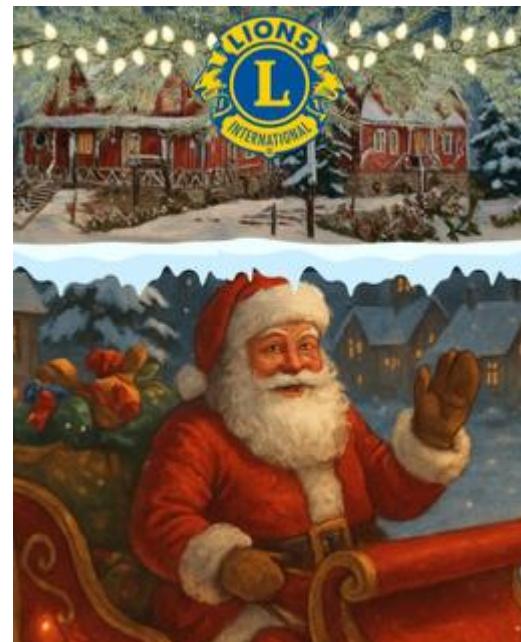
19 Laps
101.7 km
63.19 Miles
124,431 steps
7,668 Calories

<https://gofund.me/4ba69618a>

I'm still finding the words to express just how much this experience has touched me. The achievement itself still hasn't fully sunk in, but what truly overwhelms me is the support, encouragement, and generosity from everyone who stood by me on Saturday. Whether you ran a few laps with me, cheered me on from the sidelines, or donated so kindly, you've helped raise over £1300. This wouldn't have been possible without you all; Thank you for walking beside me, your support made all the difference.

Amazing Jack just amazing.....

Father Christmas Isle of Axholme Schedule 2025



Sat 29 Nov - 16:00

Luddington, Fockerby and Garthorpe - Starting from Luddington South

I did not include the whole Isle route just "our" bit, but you can find the details on FB.

Serpafit

There will not be classes on 23.12.25 & 30.12.25

Recycling Bins launching 20.26

Get ready for simpler, smarter recycling in North Lincolnshire – launching April 2026

We're introducing a major upgrade to make recycling easier and help you recycle more.



North Lincolnshire Council has approved the rollout of 70,000 new, larger recycling bins as we prepare for a completely new collection system starting in April 2026.

Your new, streamlined collection system

The new approach will simplify recycling by moving to a co-mingled collection system with a focus on three main containers:

Container	Purpose	Key change/frequency
New Burgundy Bin (240L)	All Dry Recycling (Plastic, Metal, Glass, Card, Paper)	Single bin for all recyclables, replacing your current kerbside boxes and existing 140 litre burgundy bin. Collection frequency will be fortnightly
Brown Bin	Garden and Food Waste	Upgraded to a weekly collection (free of charge)
Grey/Green Bin	General Waste (non-recyclable)	Collection frequency will be fortnightly

What goes in your recycling bin (from April 2026)

Your new, larger burgundy bin is for ALL clean, dry recycling. Please remember to ensure items are clean, dry and loose before placing them in the bin to prevent contamination

Yorkshire Water complaint update

A big thank you to all who helped with our complaint against YW's customer service response to our complaints back in April.

You will remember that they told each of us that we were the only complainant and to check our stopcocks.

We have received an apology from their Corporate Affairs Manager Sarah Harrison, and been given an assurance that the approach would change.

This seems to have happened, as those contacting YW over the current low pressure have reported that they were told of the problem at the tower and what was being done about it.

This is a most welcome change from the response in April, and was all we were asking for. It proves that consumer power and persistence can bring about change, thanks again to all that helped.

Now if only they could sort out the water pressure.....

Chris Newton.

Poppies



Thanks to Ron & Carol Gilleard who put up the lovely display of poppies on lampposts. They looked amazing. Thanks to The Parish Council for the micro grant to buy the additional RBL Tommy to enhance the village signs.

Eleanor Shelby the Fockerby girl with a racing dream0

We've just wrapped up Fulbeck Sprint series and came 3rd overall in the championship earning seeded number and Black-tie event and large trophy presentation in February (watch this space, photos to follow)

Lots of testing at PFI the international track



And just signed up to Superone national event again next year and will likely be moving away from Fulbeck and doing some more races at Shennington and PFI that are motorsport UK meaning harder grids and better drivers, but we think we are ready for this now!

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

Amazing Eleanor well done ...

Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby

Pantry on the Isle

NO Pantry on 27.11.25, or 25.12.25 & 1.1.26

There are 4 spare bags, if you are interested in having one, please see the ladies between 5pm-6pm on a Thursday in the village hall. It cost £5.50 per week..

Christmas event 2025

The Christmas event this year will be on **Saturday 13.12.25** in the village hall with stalls and of course Santa will make an appearance. If you would like your child to see Santa, please make sure you book your child's place by email friendsofgandf@yahoo.com £4.00 per child.

If you wish to create a wreath on the day the cost £8.00pp email friendsofgandf@yahoo.com to book.

Booking is essential for both Santa & wreath making.

Please contact the FOGAF team by email as there are a few spaces available for stalls

friendsofgandf@yahoo.com



St Mary's Church



The in-person course is being held in Belton which is central for the whole deanery and is for all our parishes in the deanery.

Rev Julie Miles

Assistant Curate - Deanery Enabler for the Isle of Axholme Deanery.

Chaplain and Teacher of RE - St Lawrence Academy.

My usual parish days are Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday.

My academy days are Wednesday and Thursday.

Tel: 07895384254s

A message from the Vicar

All of us have received unwanted gifts at Christmas. For Joseph the gift of a child, as recorded in Matthew chapter 1, was not something he really wanted. Although he was engaged to Mary, her pregnancy would be grounds for divorce. Not surprisingly, with the associated social disgrace, Joseph wanted to divorce Mary quietly (Matthew 1:19). However, God intervened in a dream: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, God with us.' (1:23). In a scary and uncertain world, what does the message of Immanuel say to us today?

God is present with us

God assured Joseph that he was working in all that Joseph was going through. The eternal and creator God entered time and space as a baby. This baby is both uniquely divine but also fully human. This means that we can know God personally, not just know about him. The Holy Spirit is committed to making Jesus' life and character real in us, and bringing meaning to our circumstances, just as he worked in Mary's life.

God is on our side

Christmas touches some raw nerves in our lives, including stress, family rows, loneliness and financial pressures. However, God does not remain aloof from our experiences. In Jesus he enters our world of hopes and fears, joys and disappointments. He understands what we are going through, as he is alongside us. By the cross and resurrection, he gave his life that we might know his love, joy, peace and forgiveness.

For Joseph, as well as us, the Christmas message is one of hope in an uncertain world. It is a time to re-consider the claims of Immanuel ('God with us') as we entrust ourselves to him for the coming year.

26th December – look out for Wenceslas.

Most of us probably know that on December 26th (the Feast of Stephen) 'Good king Wenceslas' looked out, writes David Winter. We probably also know that the snow lay round about, 'deep and crisp and even'. Beyond that, he's just someone in a carol that's not often sung nowadays.

However, Wenceslas was a real person, a duke, and effectively king of Bohemia in the 10th century. In modern terms, he was Czechoslovakian. He was known as a generous and kind monarch, deeply Christian and given to good works. So the story in the carol by the Victorian hymn-writer J.M. Neale, while possibly fictitious, is at least in line with his recognised character. 'Page and monarch' braved the 'bitter weather' and the 'cruel wind's wild lament' to take food and fuel to a poor man living rough.

Neale's carol was enormously popular in the 19th century, because it perfectly expressed Victorian Christian ideals of benevolence and almsgiving. Christian men of 'wealth and rank'

are urged to help the poor, and so 'find blessing'. Ignoring the 'wealth and rank and men' bit, it's still good advice, at Christmas or any other time.

Rev. Mark Zammit

(Vicar of Haxey & Owston Ferry)
(Priest-in-Charge of The Crowle Group)
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Haxey, Doncaster. DN9 2HY.
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www.haxeyowstoncrowlechurches.org.uk

Remembrance Service

Thank you to everyone who attended the service and to all those who have helped throughout the year.

The children's service in the church was full and again thank you to those who helped.

Christmas Carol Service



Church gifting

As you are aware it takes a lot of money to keep the church open and available to everyone. The funding from coffee mornings & events alone will not pay the bills.

If you would like to give a donation to help with the running costs of your church, there are opportunities to help. There is a collection box as you enter the church, donations are gratefully received and can be left at any of the advertised services or coffee mornings.

Thank you in advance for your kind support.

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.

www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk

Box Office :03336663366 (SUBJECT TO FEES)
or 07470167577 "NO FEES"

Cold Flame the music of Jethro Tull.

This was Cold Flame's second visit to Garthorpe, this time as a quartet as their keyboard player was unavailable. Without the keyboards guitarist Rob Barnes had to do a lot more of the heavy lifting in the melody department, he rose to the occasion magnificently.

Flautist Mark Parkinson, on his third visit to Garthorpe as he also came with jazz trio 'Sparks' in May, was if anything more animated than on Cold Flame's first visit and played superbly.

The set included few of the songs from the previous appearance, so this was not just a repeat show, always an issue with returning acts. As with 'Simply Dylan' back in August the band were able to play what they enjoyed playing and that showcased their talents, making for a pleasurable evening's entertainment.

It is easy to see why Cold Flame are the leading performers of Jethro Tull's music in this country, and to know that 'Prog. Rock' is alive and well in their hands.
Chris Newton

The list of next years concerts is included in the event diary at the back of the newsletter.

Thank You

As the 3rd season has come to a close, we are looking forward to concerts in 2026.

These concerts take a lot of planning and working with different parties to put these concerts on at either St Mary's Church or Garthorpe Village Hall.

We would like to thank St Mary's Church PCC

and Garthorpe Village Hall Committee for allowing us to hold concerts in their venues. Also, thank you to the increasing Supporters, followers and new attendees to the concerts. Many volunteers help and support the LMG concerts.

Thank you to the following, Susan, for the Hospitality with the food and tea/coffee on tap that you provide to the Band/Singers and also for setting up the bar.

Volunteer Bar staff: Susan, Victoria, Clive, Claire, Simon and Zoe.

Chris for helping to move stage blocks to the Church and Village Hall, and for writing up the reviews on the concerts.

Sue for advertising the concerts in the Garthorpe monthly newsletter.

To the attendees who help put chairs away after the concerts and who donate raffle prizes.

Goole times for advertising and putting in press releases, and to Paul for administration. LMG would like to thank all the Bands and Singers who have performed in 2025, especially for the in-depth conversations and guidance given and show of support to this project, it has always been taken on board, and also sharing experiences that helps on both sides.

There have been some great friendships made between the bands/artists, LMG and the audience, especially at the meet and greets at the end of the concerts.

There are other people in the background who make things happen, but wish not to be mentioned, so thank you to them.

There is no experience like live music or live arts, so please do try and come to a concert in 2026, it would be good to see you.

Please do follow/like our FB.

Thank you so much, and look forward to seeing you at a concert(s) in 2026. With Thanks, David @ LMG

www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk

Garthorpe Near Scunthorpe North Lincs DN17 4AE

Carrie Martin



The first opening Concert for 2026 will be Carrie Martin "Return Visit", with support acts Steve and Mary Anne Hindley, at St Mary's Church, Shore Rd, Garthorpe. Both acts are touring extensively around the UK.

Saturday, February 21st 2026 doors open at 7:00 pm for 7-30pm start. Carrie Martin, Steve, and Mary Anne Hindley will be selling their latest CDs and other merch. This will be a special Evening-Like Folk you will Enjoy this evening of original Live Music. You can pay at the door £14 or purchase early bird tickets in advance at www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk

RNIB raise £20 for every kilogramme of stamps they receive.

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.

Keep them safe in an envelope until you have enough to drop off at the village locations. I've spoken to various groups in the village & they are happy to support.

Tuesday monthly Craft Huddle

Friday monthly Hobby Huddle

Thursday at The Pantry between 5-6pm.

St Marys Church Events.

Or drop them at Manor Cottage Fockerby

If you can, please separate them into British and Overseas (Channel Islands and Isle of Man count as foreign).

Get everyone involved

Saving stamps is an easy way to support RNIB at home, work, or in your local community. There is no financial cost to you, but it will benefit someone else. Please help if you can.

Thanks to everyone who has given me some, we already have a lot from last year to send off.
Sue Teal



December is upon us once again. As I write it is only 5 weeks to Christmas with a massive 10 weeks of preparations to get through!! Somehow it will all get done as always and the day will arrive to enjoy as a family once again. After all that we will look forward to the approach of 2026, a new chapter in the book of life with much to plan and look forward to.

Planning is what is currently going on behind the scenes of Incredible Edible Marshland as we finalise the programme for the New Year. A great deal of research and organising goes on at this time to make the programme as varied and affordable as possible, as well as to suit a huge area of interests. We are always open to ideas and always do our best to source what is requested.

As you know, we have various well-being classes on a regular basis where residents and friends can come together to enjoy one another's company in a relaxed atmosphere. At the Craft and Hobby Huddles you can come along and just enjoy a cuppa and a chat if you wish so a couple of hours are filled with different faces and conversations.

Our Marshland Movers dance class, Yoga and Chair aerobics are held on a weekly basis and are all popular with regular attenders. Yoga however has been moved from Mondays at 6.30 to 7.30 to a Thursday (same time, same place) due to a change of tutor.

The end of October was quiet as much had been packed into the beginning of the month and we also have to allow time to plan the new year at this stage.

All the regular events continued during November, but a couple of the Craft events are still to come. On Sunday 23rd November an away day is being held at Pocklington where a set of three silver stacking rings are going to be made by the participants. The places were limited but have all been filled and it promises to be an excellent workshop. I will let you know all about it in the new year.

The following week on 28th we are holding our yearly regular cocktails event and this year it is based around Winter Warmers. This workshop as usual caters for making alcoholic drinks as well as non-alcoholic drinks. Snacks are provided to complete the party mood. This is always a popular workshop; hence it has been repeated with different themes over the last 3 years. Back by popular demand as they say.

So, what's on in December besides the regular activities. Friday 5th December brings a workshop of Xmas flowers where a door swag and a table centrepiece will be made. It is being held at Swinefleet Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm and will cost £55. There are still places on

this workshop if you are looking for two unique decorations that cannot be purchased anywhere in the shops. The rest of the month is up to you all to prepare for Christmas. Make sure you have enough wrapping paper, Sellotape and gift tags to hand, the sentiments of the season on board so that all that remains to be said is Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Peace, glad tiding and joy to you all. Thanks for taking the trouble to read my missive every month and I hope to meet some new folks in 2026.

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, St Marys Church, Emma Davies for FOGAF, Chris Newton for all the music reviews & Yorkshire Water Authority guru, Vicar Mark Zammit, Bridget Bramley for IEM, Garthorpe & Fockerby Parish Council & Friends of Garthorpe

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 February 2026 to me by **20.1.26**.

Please note that there is not a January 2026 Newsletter.

Sue Teal

Date	Time	Events in December 2025 & January 2026	Cost	Venue
Thur 27.11.25	7.30pm	NO Pantry today Bowls	£2.00	Village Hall
Sat 29.11.25	From 4pm	Father Christmas visits the village		
Tue 2.12.25	1-3pm 7pm-8pm	Craft Hudde Serpafit	£2.00 £2.00	Village Hall
Weds 3.12.25	7pm for 7.30pm	On your doorstep Look North- the other side of the Camer	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 4.12.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
5.12.25	6.45pm	Parish Council meeting		Village Hall
Tues 9.12.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 10.12.25	7.30pm	Table Tennis includes refreshments	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 11.12.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 12.12.25	2.10-2.30pm 7-9pm	Mobile Library Hobby Huddle	free	Bay Horse Village Hall
13.12.25	7pm-8pm	Christmas event		Village Hall
14.12.25	2-4pm 4.30pm	Children's Christmas Party Christmas Carol Servic	£5 per child	Village Hall St Marys
Tues 16.12.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 18.12.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Tues 6.1.26	1-3pm 7pm-8pm	Hobby Craft Serpafit	£2.00 £2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 8.1.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 9.1.26	7-9pm	Hobby Huddle	free	Village Hall
Tues 13.1.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 14.1.26	7.30pm	Table Tennis includes refreshments	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 15.1.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Tues 20.1.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thus 22.1.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 23.1.26	2.10-2.30	Mobile library		Bay Horse
Tues 27.1.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 29.1.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
4.2.26	6.30pm for 7pm	On your doorstep Scunthorpe's Ted Lewis & Get Carter	£3.00	Village Hall
4.3.26	7pm for 7.30pm	On your doorstep -Adlingfleet	£3.00	Village Hall
21.2.26	7pm for 7.30pm	Carrie Martin	£14.00	St Marys
7.3.26	7pm for 7.30pm	Gordon Giltrap	£20.00	St Marys
21.3.26	7.30 pm for 8pm	Steve Miitchell tribute to George Michael	£18.00	Village Hall
18.4.26	7.30pm for 8pm	Alchemy Live tribute to Dire Straits	£18.00	Village Hall
16.5.26	7.30pm for 8pm	Sounds of Silence tribute to Simon & Garfunkel	£18.00	Village Hall
4.7.2	7.30pm for 8pm	Sarah McQuaid	£13.00	St Marys
5.9.26	7.30pm for 8pm	Marrakesh Express tribute to Crosby Stills Nash	£18.00	Village Hall
19.9.26	7.30pm for 8pm	Voodoo Room	£18.00	Village Hall
24.10.26	7.30pm for 8pm	Mim Grey	£18.00	Village Hall
13.9.26		5k/10k charity run		
24.4.27		Holly Taymer sings Eva Cassidy	£14.00	St Marys

