



## Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

November 2025 email me at [garthorpefockerbynews@gmail.com](mailto:garthorpefockerbynews@gmail.com)

### News from the Parish Council

The parish council minutes are online [www.garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk](http://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.

### Vandalism

It's been drawn to the Parish Council attention that there has been some vandalism in the

village which has caused upset to residents including destruction of the plants at the war memorial & vandalism to the new bins in the park.

A lot of work in the village is done by volunteers to enhance village life please respect the village and our community.

### The SSE Thermal Keadby Community Investment Fund



The SSE Thermal Keadby Community Investment Fund is now **open** for applications!!

To apply to the Keadby fund, please click [here](#). The deadline for applying to the fund is Monday 1 December 2025 at 5pm.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6uLwHYqyps>

For guidance notes to assist with completing the application form, please click [here](#)

### The SSE Thermal Community Investment Package

This Community Investment Fund is part of a wider Community Investment Package, which includes commitments, plans and activities that will help us to work more closely with the

communities in which we already operate to help enhance the lives of residents, school children, young people, businesses and the environment. To find out more, please [click here](#).

### Investment fund consultation findings

During spring 2024, we carried out a six-week consultation in the area around the Keadby Power Station site to give stakeholders the opportunity to provide their thoughts and ideas and for us to capture this feedback. We are working with communities too and stakeholders to help shape the plans.

The findings of this consultation have been collated into a report which is available [here](#).

### Priority areas for the Keadby Fund

When open for applications, the Keadby Community Fund will give priority to applications in closest proximity to the station and those from the community council areas of Keadby with Althorpe Parish, Gunness Parish and the Isle of Axholme North. Priority will also be given to those projects that deliver on themes, identified during consultation:

- Service provision, such as local clubs, events, activities or groups
- Biodiversity, natural environment and habitat enhancement
- Energy Efficiency and reduction in energy use

If you would like to contact the parish council, email [clerk@garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk](mailto: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 20.10.25

#### The New Kitchen - Open House – “Come and See”

To Celebrate the opening of our New Kitchen Extension, we'd love to invite you to the Hall on Sunday 2nd November,

Where Brunch will be on us!!

Come down & enjoy a butty & a cuppa FREE of charge.

You'll be able to see the new kitchen in action through the hatch, & ask us any questions regarding the kitchen / hall hire etc.

This event is open to all Garthorpe residents, friends, users of the hall, funders, grant givers and all supporters.

(If you are a funder or grant giver or interested in hiring the hall for a new activity but Sunday morning is not convenient to you, please contact us on [garthorpevh@btinternet.com](mailto:garthorpevh@btinternet.com) for more details or to arrange a viewing on another occasion).

\* Please note, there will be no takeaway option on this date.



#### Halloween Party for Children (and accompanying adults!)



We will be running a Halloween Party on Friday **31st October**. There will be games, a snack and

a drink and a chance to show-off Halloween outfits after "trick or treating". For accompanying parents and other adults, there will also be a small bar.

#### **"On Your Doorstep" – talks of local interest –**

First Wednesday of the month Nov, Dec, Feb and March. Talks on a variety of local topics will take place over the autumn and winter. Open to all, with drinks and refreshments, each is a chance to learn, chat and ask questions. The programme for this autumn and winter is as follows:

##### **Wednesday 5th November - "Apples – not just red or green" –**

Ribston Pippin? Cockpit Improved? Darren Whitaker of the Northern Fruit Group will describe local apples, their history and their future.

##### **Wednesday 3rd December - "Look North – the other side of the camera"**

Hayley Coyle, journalist with BBC Yorkshire and Look North, will be talking about her role as a journalist with the BBC. This has included local BBC special investigations – she may reveal more.....

##### **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.

#### **Darts and Dominoes – Pub Night – 29th November** (provisional – look out for notices)

We are planning a pub night to coincide with the football. Please look out for more information.

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.

#### **Lucky Numbers for October**

1st. 101 Simon Spruce

2nd. 82 Richard Binns.

3rd. 211 Mark Woolhouse

#### **Village News**



If you get a text about the "Winter Fuel Payment" or the "Winter Fuel Allowance", it is

a scam. Winter Fuel Payments are automatic; you do not need to do anything.

Report suspicious texts at:  
<https://stophinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

### Riverside Doctors Surgeries

Our new platform, SystemConnect will be replacing our current Online Portal as well as integrating into our normal treatment pathways.

But don't worry, you don't need to do anything different, just call your normal practice number, come to reception or use our instant access online service.

Please see our video for more information -  
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/805171115253174>



### Yorkshire Water complaint update

We are making some progress with our complaint against Yorkshire Water. Firstly the Consumer Council for Water have gone back to YW again, this time armed with my phone records to try to get further responses. We await their report. Secondly our MP Lee Pilcher has received a response from YW's Corporate Affairs Manager Sarah Robinson. She tells us that YW are:

- reorganising teams into geographical regions

- creating new technical roles in call centres to support better initial understanding of issues and the resolution approach required.

- increasing capacity to manage the resolution of issues end-to-end in their contact centres.

- introducing enhanced case ownership in the wastewater and clean water field teams.

They are also continuing to invest in new technologies and systems to enable the delivery of better real-time information and manage the issues more effectively as well as better systems for customers to report issues online.

Wow! All well and good, but in my view this is an excellent example of how to say a lot without saying anything at all! This does not in any way address our specific complaint, that many of us in Garthorpe and Fockerby were lied to and told we were the only individuals making a complaint. After discussions with Lee's staff, in particular the excellent Dannie, they are going back to YW for a specific response to that specific question.

I will, as ever, keep you informed of progress..

Chris Newton

### Poppies

Thanks to Ron & Carol Gilleard who have been busy putting up the poppies on lampposts this week. They look amazing & there will be a few more additions to add to the village display in the next few days. Hopefully the village will be ready for Remembrance Sunday.

### Serpafit Exercise Club

A fun workout using a weighted Bulgarian bag



**First trial session FREE  
(usual session price £2 )**

Join us every Tuesday  
**Garthorpe Village Hall**  
**7.00pm - 8.00pm**

Suitable for both men & women of all ages and abilities. We will teach you the moves together.

For more information ring or text Bridget on 07708703054

**Eleanor Shelby the Fockerby girl with a racing dream**



Not much to update on from last time, a couple of big races coming mid pack, testing and in a couple of weeks Eleanor will have her first international track race so still very much busy.

Also on with sourcing a second race engine so Eleanor will always have one working and one being rebuilt to try to make her a little more competitive! Hopefully more to report next month

We are taking on Teesside winter series which sees Eleanor head to the Lakes, Wales and Teesside and three sisters circuit over Xmas and New Year.

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

**Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby**

**Pantry on the Isle**

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.

**VJ day celebrations at Hollyrood house review**

This was regarded as a successful event despite the bad weather. Over 30 people attended and many asked for a similar event next year possibly including an afternoon tea. Watch this space for more information nearer the time.

**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.

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

[friendsofgand@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofgand@yahoo.com)



**St Mary's Church**

**A message from the Vicar  
From The Vicar.**

This winter, when you next see someone who looks both poor and cold, think of Martin of Tours. This monk bishop, born in Pannonia (now Hungary) became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages.

Martin's father was a pagan officer in the Roman Army, and Martin was intended for the army as well. But from an early age Martin wanted to be a Christian and felt that as a Christian he could not serve the Roman Empire. Martin was imprisoned for this early 'conscientious objection', and not released until 357, when he was nearly 40.

One day Martin met a nearly naked beggar at Amiens. He took off his cloak, cut it in half and gave the half to the beggar. Soon after this, he had a dream in which Christ appeared to him, wearing the half of the cloak which Martin had given away.

Martin was the pioneer of western monasticism: he founded the first monastery in the whole of Gaul about 360. He was made bishop of Tours in 372 – by popular demand of both his clergy and his people.

As bishop, Martin continued his simple life as a monk, – and evangelist. Christianity had been largely confined to the urban centres of population, but Martin went further and took Christianity to the Pagani (countrymen).

For the next 25 years this greatly loved bishop travelled his diocese by donkey and by boat, preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, and helping his people to tear down their heathen temples and sacred trees. He was sought out for his healing prayers for the sick, and his defence of the faith from heretics.

Martin's emblem in English art is often that of a goose, whose annual migration is about this time of year. 'St Martin's Summer' in England is a spell of fine weather that sometimes occurs around 11th November.

And of course, St. Martin's Church in Owston Ferry is dedicated to this particular saint.

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 07733077957  
[www.haxeyowstoncrowlechurches.org.uk](http://www.haxeyowstoncrowlechurches.org.uk)

#### **Remembrance Service**

This will take place in St Marys at 10.30am on **9.11.25**. all are welcome.

#### **Coffee Mornings at St Marys.**

**1.11.25** the Kipper breakfast is back! This will be from 8.30 to 10.00am @ £3.00 which will include tea or coffee. However, you must pre-book for this event, phone 01724 798241. All orders to be in by 29.10.25.

Tea & Coffee morning will follow from 10.30 to 12.00. Poppies will be available to buy.

**22.11.25** Christmas Coffee Morning 10.30am till 12.00

#### **Christmas Carol Service**

This is to be held on **14.12.25** @4.30 in St Marys Church, everyone is very welcome.

#### **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](http://www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk)

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

## **Blue Horizon - The Music of James Taylor & Joni Mitchell.**

For many of us of a certain age the songs of James Taylor and Joni Mitchell are part of our soundtrack. 'You've got a Friend'(1971) and 'Big Yellow Taxi' (1970), always been on my playlist.

Gryn and Kath, as Blue Horizon, came to Garthorpe to bring back memories of when the world was a simpler, slower place, when singer/songwriter were popular and no one had heard of the Internet. Gryn's guitar playing was excellent, and his soft melodic vocals were a fitting tribute to James Taylor. 'Carolina in my Mind', Fire and Rain, How Sweet it is', the memories just kept coming.

Kath is better known as a violinist who has played with the Unthanks and Simply Dylan, so this is a significant career change for her. I'm sure her confidence and stagecraft will improve as her journey progresses. She gave us 'Carey', 'Both Sides Now' and 'A Case of You' amongst others, accompanying herself on guitar, keyboard and Appalachian guitar.

Chris Newton

### **Two Pianos 22.11.25**



The End of Season Concert "Party Time" with the Two Pianos- Saturday 22nd Nov.

[www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk](http://www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk)

Doors 7-30 pm - Stage 8pm.

Early Bird Ticket £15.50 or at the door £17.50

If you like Rock N Roll, you will like this. The critically acclaimed The Two Pianos Trio "Unplugged will be partying at Garthorpe Village Hall, Shore Road, Garthorpe, Scunthorpe.

They will be our Finale concert for 2025.

If you ain't Boppin, you ain't Rockin, and you will be rockin and Rollin with these guys.

Two pianos play in Theatres and music venues up and down the UK.

Guaranteed a good night in an up close and personal venue with a great party atmosphere.

The two pianos have been endorsed by the Great Balls Of Fire Singer, Mr Jerry Lee Lewis.



Halloween has been and gone; Christmas is in the shops and November has arrived. Autumn is truly here as the leaves on the trees change to those beautiful red & golden colours before dropping to the ground. As a child I used to love shuffling through places where the wind had blown the leaves into piles and hearing that gorgeous crunching sound.

So, what has Incredible Edible been up to since last month? There have been fewer one-off workshops than usual as we wind down to Xmas and money is stretched in other directions. As a non-profit making enterprise we do live in the real world and understand that money is tight at this time of year. Also tutor fees, materials and hall hire have increased but we still strive to keep events as affordable as possible but still break even. For example, my daughter has booked us on a workshop taking place in Airmyn to make a Christmas door wreath at a cost of £45. IEM's equivalent workshop is £10 dearer at £55 but I come away with not only a beautiful unique door swag, but also a personalised table centre piece too. As Christmas is at my house this year, I am doing both and feel that the IEM workshop is better value for money. I have had to budget for these two events over the last couple of months but monthly I do put money

by in anticipation of things I know I will enjoy doing. Perhaps worth a mention is the fact that we do sell gift vouchers which are handy to be used to save for the more expensive events, as well as being given as a unique gift.

Our regular events have carried on as usual throughout last month. These are our weekly Yoga at Reedness Primary School, Marshland Movers on Wednesdays at Ousefleet Village Hall, Hobby Huddle at Garthorpe every second Friday of the month, Craft Huddle on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month which is also at Garthorpe Village Hall and then lastly our newest addition of Chair Aerobics on Friday mornings at Swinefleet Village Hall. Marshland movers could do with a few more participants and this class appeal to both young and old. Genie who runs it is marvellous and it is filled with fun and laughter as well as the dance exercise. The chair Aerobics started the last week in August and has now over 20 people who attend. Genie runs this class, and it is as much for the exercise as being a social event due to the break in the middle when there is time for a cuppa and a chat. I love it and attend when I can.

The Dried Flower wreath workshop had to be cancelled as not enough people booked on it to make it worth the while for the tutor to travel to Swinefleet. However, for the few that did book on IEM managed to go to Hattie's place to do the workshop. The knowledge gained was very detailed and the finished wreaths were amazing. Learning how to grow and dry suitable flowers and grasses for further wreaths was very valuable and then we made the wreath so the theory could be put into practice ready for using our own materials next year. Thanks, Hattie, for your time and the use of your home. The tea and chocolates went down nicely too!

Quite Contrary Pottery came to Swinefleet Village Hall on Friday 3rd October. It was well attended, and everyone made a unique ceramic ghost tealight which was returned in time for Halloween having been fired and glazed by Jan the tutor. A very therapeutic evening shaping the clay.

On Saturday 4th October at Garthorpe Village Hall, another of the cookery workshops took place, still on the theme of different forms of

cake decorating and icings. A chocolate orange cauldron was made and all who attended made some professional cauldrons. It never ceases to amaze me just how talented people in the marshland Villages are.

It was a busy day on Friday 10th October as a Boccia taster session was held both at Swinefleet Village Hall after Chair Aerobics and at Garthorpe village hall in the same afternoon. The Swinefleet one was very well attended as this is fun exercise for all – that includes both men and women as well as disabled people and able-bodied people. It is totally inclusive and was enormous fun as well as perfect for meeting new people on a social basis. Sadly, the taster at Garthorpe was not attended by anyone so a decision will have to be made as to whether we include this in our programme. Watch this space!

The last event to relay to you was a workshop held at Garthorpe during the Hobby Huddle on Friday 10th. This was very well attended, and we all made a soft toy witch doll. At least we almost made the doll but took it home to finish off using the clear instructions provided. Everyone who attended enjoyed this workshop and I for one will do my best to complete it before Halloween. It's on the list of "to do's" so keep your fingers crossed for me that I find the time.

Life lately seems to be a constant whirlwind..... But on the plus side it keeps me from being lonely in the evenings. I look forward to returning next month. So, for now "see you soon".

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 for December & January to me by **20.11.25**.

**Please note that there is not a January 2026 Newsletter.**

**Sue Teal**

Date	Time	Events in November 2025	Cost	Venue
Tues 28.10.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Fri 31.10.25	6pm-7.30pm	Children's Halloween party	£2.50	Village Hall
Thurs 30.10.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 31.10.25	6-7.30pm	Children's Halloween party	£2.50	Village Hall
Sat 1.11.25	8.30-10.00am 10.30-12.00	Church Kipper breakfast Church coffee morning.	£3.00	St Marys
Sun 2.11.25	9.30-11.30am	Open Kitchen	free	Village Hall
Tues 4.11.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 5.11.25	7pm for 7.30pm	On your doorstep Apples not just red or green	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 6.11.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sun 9.11.25	10.30am	Remembrance Service		St Marys
Tues 11.12.25	1-3pm 7pm-8pm	Craft huddle Serpafit	£2.00 £2.00	Village Hall
Weds 12.11.25	7.30pm	Table Tennis includes refreshments	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 13.11.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 14.11.25	7-9pm	Hobby Huddle		Village Hall
Tues 18.11.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 20.11.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 21.11.25		Mobile Library	2.10-2.30pm	Bay Horse
Sat 22.11.25	10.30am - 12.00 7.30 for 8pm	Christmas coffee morning at the church 2 Pianos Unplugged Rock & Roll Experience	£17.50 on the door	St Marys Village Hall
Tues 25.11.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 27.11.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sat 29.11.25		Pub Night Darts & Dominoes		Village Hall
3.12.25	7pm for 7. 30pm	On your doorstep Look North- the other side of the Camera	£3.00	Village Hall
5.12.25	6.45pm	Parish Council meeting		
13.12.25		Christmas event		Village Hall
14.12.25	4.30pm	Children's Christmas Party Christmas Carol Service		Village Hall St Marys
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
13.9.26		5k/10k charity run		

