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## Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

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### 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.

Parish council would like to say a big THANKYOU to everyone who has looked after the flower boxes around the village, keeping them watered and enhancing them with more plants.

They all look amazing and brighten up the village for all of us.

### SSE micro grants

The amount is increasing from £300.00 to £400.00; this was announced in the Parish council meeting this month, 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 (i.e. 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.

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

Registering is very easy click on the link, and you will need your customer number found on the top right of your bill.

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

### News from the village hall

#### Party in the Park

Thank you everybody.

It was a great event. We raised £4,400, we all enjoyed ourselves and the weather was kind. Is there a better way to celebrate the best of village life?

It does not happen by magic and as always, the Village Hall Committee is hugely grateful to all

the many volunteers and helpers who get involved – before, during and after.

### **Kitchen**

Painting done, doors installed, curtains back!

We are on track for our planned “Open House” so that people can come and see the new kitchen. It will be free and open to all.

Keep an eye out for notices.

### **Raffle prize winners -**

Ann Smith -green 31-35

Di Woolhouse - peach 196-200

Vicky Lee- peach 91-95

Holly pink 256-260

Angie Turner - pink 456-460

Sam Simms - pink 541-545

Sam Garbutt -386-390

Nicola - 256-250

Terry Clarke - yellow 986-990

Sue Bolton -peach 551-555

### **Lee Picher MP re party in the park**

Truly special to attend the Party in the Park with my kids.

Any band that finishes with “I’ve had the time of my life” just has that something special if you ask me!

The homemade cakes were gorgeous (gluten free lemon drizzle was champion), the atmosphere super friendly, and great to learn about the history of the surrounding villages too.

A super afternoon in perfect summer weather.

The volunteering work that went into the preparation and delivery must have been huge.

Congratulations to the village hall, helpers and all those who made the event such a success!

### **Information taken from NLC website**

Garthorpe Village Hall has undergone a major transformation with the installation of a brand-new community kitchen, made possible

through generous support from North Lincolnshire Council and other key funders.

The council contributed £11,050 through its Community Grant Fund, enabling essential fit-out work and the purchase of modern kitchen equipment. Additional funding was secured from the SSE Local Fund (£15,481), FCC Communities Foundation (£10,000), and the Bernard Sunley Foundation (£5,000) – bringing the total investment to over £41,000.

The upgraded kitchen will serve as a vital resource for a wide range of activities, including social events, community meals, workshops, clubs, and private bookings. It replaces outdated facilities that no longer met the needs of the growing number of users.

Cllr Rob Waltham, leader of North Lincolnshire Council, said: “This is a fantastic example of how collaboration between communities and funders can deliver real improvements. The new kitchen will help Garthorpe Village Hall continue to thrive as a hub for residents of all ages, supporting everything from events to community breakfasts.”

Cllr Ian Bint, ward member for Axholme North, added: “Garthorpe has a brilliant community spirit, and this new kitchen will make a real difference. I’m proud the council could support the project alongside other funders. Huge credit to the village hall team for their dedication in bringing this to life.”

Cllr Julie Reed, cabinet member for children and families, said: “Community grants like this are having a real impact across North Lincolnshire. We’re proud to support excellent initiatives like the one in Garthorpe that strengthen local communities.”

Since its enhancement in 2011, North Lincolnshire Council’s Community Grant Fund has channelled millions of pounds into community-led projects. From youth groups and charities to town and parish councils, hundreds of initiatives have benefited – each

one a testament to the resilience and creativity of local residents.

[Grants](#) are available for junior and youth groups, charitable bodies, co-operatives, not-for-profit organisations, and individuals demonstrating excellence in sport, art, or culture. Support is also available for premises hire, helping ensure that community spaces like Garthorpe Village Hall continue to serve local people for years to come.

As the Village Hall committee have pointed out “For info...money described above was for fitting and equipping the kitchen.

Building the extension cost a whole lot more and was funded by others including the Platinum Jubilee Fund, Garthorpe and Fockerby Village Hall, and the Parish Council”

Thanks for all the hard work for Jiggy for finding the funding and for Sam for project managing it and the rest of the committee for all their hard work, without this the amazing changes would not have happened.

Any questions? For enquiries about the Village Hall, you can use Facebook, or [garthorpevh@btinternet.com](mailto: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 August**

1st. 154 Nicola Bradwell

2nd. 163 Jayne curry

3rd. 87 Julie Nothard


#### **Village News**

##### **NLC survey**

Residents of North Lincolnshire are being urged to speak up as the Government

considers major changes to local councils. The proposal could see North Lincolnshire Council replaced by a much larger “super council” covering areas such as Grimsby, Cleethorpes, Gainsborough, Louth, and Skegness. This reorganisation is not part of a devolution deal but a separate process that could shift control of vital services – including support for vulnerable children and adults, bin collections, parks, and leisure – to a new, centralised authority.

North Lincolnshire Council urges all residents to get involved and ensure their voices are heard.

Find out more and have your say now  <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/lgr>

This is important if you want your opinions to count, click the link and it takes you to a survey, it's easy to do.

#### **NLC energy saving cooking scheme**

Thousands more pensioners across North Lincolnshire will benefit as the council relaunches its hugely popular energy-saving cooking scheme.

Almost 8,000 older residents previously received free air fryers, slow cookers or one-cup kettles to help them eat healthily and cut energy bills. Now, the scheme is back – and even more pensioners will be able to take advantage.

Cllr Rob Waltham, leader of North Lincolnshire Council, said: “We know many pensioners continue to struggle with the cost-of-living crisis, still rising energy costs and that some people lost their winter fuel allowance – so we are stepping up once again to help.

“The scheme proved hugely popular – being able to support all older residents to eat healthily and keep energy bills down is important, we know it matters.

“These cooking appliances made a difference to thousands of people last time, so we're

bringing them back. Thousands more pensioners will benefit.

“While others shout from the sidelines, we’re getting on with the job – delivering real support to the people who need it most. This scheme is a great example of how we are keeping our promise to making life better for local pensioners right now.”

Anyone who received an appliance last time will not be able to register again with each eligible household able to receive one energy-efficient cooking appliance – such as an air fryer, slow cooker, or one-cup kettle – along with access to free healthy cooking sessions to help them get the most out of it.

### How to apply

Pensioners can register easily by [filling in the online form](#), or by visiting one of the local community hubs in Ashby, Barton, Brigg, Crowle, Epworth or Scunthorpe, where staff can help with the process. Deliveries will begin from the middle of September into hubs where people will be able to collect their appliance.

Cllr Tim Mitchell, cabinet member for sustainability and transformation, said: “We are reaffirming our commitment to supporting residents by prioritising pensioners who did not receive a low-energy appliance during the previous roll-out.

“Despite previous best efforts, many pensioners did not benefit, we’ve recognised that shortfall and have taken decisive steps to close the gap.

“This is about providing practical support that makes a real difference. We’ve listened to local people and acted. These aren’t empty promises – thousands of pensioners have already benefited, and we’re proud to be bringing the scheme back. It’s about standing by our communities as we always have done.”

If you haven’t completed the online form, it is easy and don’t miss out on this offer.

### Yorkshire Water complaint

Just to update everyone with the complaint against Yorkshire Water. You will remember that during the two periods when pressure was low, each of us who complained were told that we were the only one to have done so. Twelve of us from the village have now completed forms from the Consumer Council for Water (CCW) to join the complaint, and we are now in their hands to move forward. Hope this will be completed before OFWAT is abolished!

If you too complained to Yorkshire Water and were told you were the only one, perhaps that you should try turning your stopcock off and on, or that they should send an engineer out in ten days to investigate it may not be too late to join the complaint.

Ring me on 798212 and I'll get a form to you!  
Chris Newton.

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





### **Pictures tell this story more than words**


Eleanor came 3rd and 1st novice this weekend at the East of England "E" plate race! She had 2 trophies and a champagne podium xxx


Weve also been testing at Paul Fletcher International track for bigger and better things next year (watch this space).


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


### **Police Advice**

Due to recent shed burglaries in the area here are some tips to help keep your items safe and secure.


 Keep sheds/gates shut and locked whenever possible, we recommend using a strong lock with security screws. Cover the windows with a sheet so thieves cannot see in.


 Consider fitting dusk to dawn lighting that provides cover of your garden but try and position the light so it won't annoy your neighbours.


 Consider fitting motion activated CCTV that will alert you if there is movement in your garden.


 We recommend a fence no higher than 1.2m at the front of a property, and a fence 1.8m at the rear of a property. Trellis on the top of the rear fence will make it more difficult to climb, but be aware, anything over

2m in height may require planning permission.

 The use of gravel drives and paths, makes it difficult for someone to move around quietly. If you buy plants/trees to put in pots, put the heaviest pots you can, to make them more difficult to move quietly.

 Alarming your shed is a good deterrent as thieves don't like noise.

 Valuable items in your garden should be fixed in place, to make them difficult to remove.

 Mark your garden furniture with your postcode & house number, recording it for FREE at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

### **Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby**

Thank you to the Ladies who run the Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby Pantry every Thursday. (Lesley, Diane Vicki & Michelle) what a fantastic job you do week in and week out. The reminders on social media are a great idea. Where would we be without volunteers!

There are 3 spare bags, at the moment, 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 4.10.25 1pm-4pm**

Fogaf commemorating VJ Day at Hollyrood house shore Road Garthorpe Sat Oct 4th 1pm to 4pm. Small steam locomotive train rides, vintage motors. Tea, coffee and cake served, raffle and 1940s singer to entertain you throughout the afternoon. free entry.

If you have a vintage car etc please bring between 12 to 12 45pm.

### **St Mary's Church**

#### **A message from the Vicar**

Pray for Armed Forces amid 'uncertain' times, General Synod hears A senior Army officer has



urged the Church to pray for and support members of the Armed Forces “who put themselves in harm’s way to protect our nation”.

In a recent address to the General Synod, Brigadier Jaish Mahan, Deputy Commander of the 1st UK Division – who has served in Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Iraq and Afghanistan – spoke of how the world is in a “complex place” currently with conflict in Europe and in the Middle East, and several other “unstable” regions around the world.

He said the Army is “hugely privileged” to be supported by “truly exceptional” chaplains who, he said, are “part of the fabric of our family”.

“Their role is complex, from pastoral and spiritual, through to moral, often helping our leaders make the right decisions on a difficult day,” he said.

“My own personal experience of chaplains across my career and deployments has been that they have been truly exceptional people,” he added.

Brigadier Mahan, a practising Christian, asked members to pray for and support members of the Armed Forces who face dangers to protect the nation.

He drew a connection between the place of the Armed Forces and the Church which he said had “always stood fast in times of crisis”.

He said: “First, please continue to pray for and support those men and women, and their families, who put themselves in harm’s way to protect our nation.

“Secondly, please consider how you as the church leadership might support our nation, now in this time of uncertainty and should, heaven forbid, we find ourselves in a largescale conflict.

“The military, like the Church, is part of the fabric of our nation, fundamental pillars that hold together our house, our society.”

**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)

## **Church Coffee Mornings 6.9.25**

Bric a brac sale at St Marys 10.30am till 12.00 noon plus coffee morning. Please could any Bric-A brac be dropped off at ST Marys on 5.9.25 between 5pm-6pm.

## **Charity 5k & 10k run on 14.9.25**



The annual 5k & 10k run is to be held on 14.9.25, starting as always from ST Marys church in memory of a local man David Hanney. David kindly ran and routed the race and was very supportive to the organisers and runners and will be sadly missed.

Please register 30 minutes before the race start time and the register closes 10 mins before the start time.

5k starts at 9.30am

10k starts at 11.00am

## **Sunday Morning Walks**

No confirmation has been received regarding the September Walk yet but keep an eye out on social media and the village Hall site if it gets updated.

## Royal British Legion



The £5.00 for the tea dance on 28.9.25 does include a free lesson on the 20<sup>th</sup> between 2-4pm @the village hall.

## RBL appeal 2025

Last year Ron & Carol Gilleard & I had a conversation about advertising on Whats App Village Chat to see if anyone was interested in buying RBL poppies in bulk to supply individual households wanting to display them.

This was a great success, and many households became proud owners of large poppies and RBL had a donation as well as a sale. These cost £5.00.

This year we are asking if anyone is interested in the tommy soldier lamppost signs. Its £4.99.

If you want to participate please put an envelope, with the cash, through either Ron's door at Amazon Cottage Shore Road or Sue Teal @ Manor Cottage in Fockerby. Please write on the envelope your name and address please. The closing date is 1.10.25.

## Honour Remembrance with RBL's Tommy Lamp Post Signs

Made and fulfilled by veterans at Britain's Bravest Manufacturing Company in Aylesford, Kent.

- 40cm x 30cm oval design.
- 100% recyclable.
- Constructed from 4mm thick Correx-suitable for prolonged all-weather outdoor use.
- Features our Tommy Silhouette.
- Each sign comes with two 370mm x 4.8mm red zip ties, suitable for securing to most lamp posts, signs, railings etc



## 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) or <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/live-music-garthorpe>

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

## Simply Dylan

Simply Dylan , Revisiting Garthorpe Village Hall..

Simply Dylan is a tribute to Bob Dylan.

Performing at Garthorpe Village Hall on

**Saturday 23rd August 2025**

Early Bird Tickets @ £19 Available

from [www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk](http://www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk) or from Ticket Source.



## Blue Horizon-Song Book to Joni Mitchell and James Taylor-Sat 20th September.

Kath Ord & Gren Bartley celebrate the music of Joni Mitchell & James Taylor

In 1971, Joni Mitchell released her landmark album Blue. Two months earlier, James Taylor had released his seminal album Mudslide Slim & The Blue Horizon. During this time, Joni & James would regularly perform and record together. In recognition of the impact these two artists had on generations of music, Kath Ord & Gren Bartley present Blue Horizon: a live performance of their favourite songs by Joni & James.

Cumbrian-born multi-instrumentalist Kath has a firmly established reputation as one of this country's most versatile session musicians, having toured and recorded extensively throughout the UK and beyond. As a violinist and vocalist, she is known for her work with The Unthanks, Simply Dylan, The Horse Puppets and many more. Now she puts

herself centre stage to express her passion for the music of Joni Mitchell.

Gren is a widely acclaimed and accomplished musician, having toured around the UK and Europe with his gorgeous brand of acoustic music and working with renowned musicians and producers. His album Magnificent Creatures (\*\*\*R2 Magazine) has featured on radio and television around the world and his recent releases have seen him expand further on his unique talent.

Doors open @7pm for 7.30 start £14.00 at St Marys church.



## Concerts for the rest of 2025

Cold Flame-Tribute to Jethro Tull-Saturday 18th Oct

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

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

"Early Bird Tickets Available-You can pay at the door, but subject to seat availability.



We are on the cusp of the month September and life settling into a routine again. One more week of Nana duties to undertake and then I can relax a little and catch up with my neglected jobs/chores. My home looks like a bomb hit it, spiders and flies have taken



advantage of me being busy feeding and entertaining the grandchildren and as for the dust... well you can touch it but writing in it makes it more obvious. So please don't.

I recently bought a joke book full of children's jokes as a source of entertainment and some of them are so funny/cute that I must share a couple or two with you. What do John the Baptist and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Answer – their middle name!

What do you get if you cross a chicken with a cement mixer? Answer – A brick layer! What do you call a woman who throws her bills on the fire? Answer – Bernadette! And as I can't tell jokes all night to fill the page this will have to be the last one of the 365 in the book..... Why did the thief take a bath? Answer – To make a clean get away!

Not a lot has been happening at IEM during the month of August. However, the monthly Craft Huddle and Hobby Huddle both took place plus Marshland Movers dance exercise also took place each week. The regular Yoga class took a break for the month of August. Yoga returns in September and adding to these two weekly events is a new class, namely Chair Aerobics. It starts on Friday August 29th at Swinefleet Village Hall running from 10am to 11am at a cost of £2 per session. It is gentle exercise suitable for any age or fitness so why not come along and try it. With exercise in mind, we are proposing the start our "Litter Walks" again. A nice evening or weekend stroll for a couple of hours, out in the fresh air and keeping our local environment clean and tidy. IEM loaned our kit to Groundwork UK to support their summer programme for children (Go Wild Goole). The children on the summer programme have litter picked, exercised and interacted with different children they didn't previously know – what more could you ask for?

Moving on to September, our regular events will continue/recommence, and some exciting new workshops are in the pipeline. For the bakers amongst you, there are 2 cake decoration classes coming up and for the foragers who like a homemade drink the Elder Experience part 2 is coming soon.

For those of you who like crafts we have a session on Weaving using a peg loom and a rare chance to try this skill. September sees the

opportunity to make a small, dried flower wreath and will be followed by a ceramics class to make a Ghost Tea Light holder for Halloween. Can't wait for that one as it will save me cutting up a pumpkin for the doorstep!! Details of all these things and more is on our website ([www.iemarshland.org](http://www.iemarshland.org)). Some classes have limited numbers so look us up and get booking to reserve a place.

And that is it for September. I will leave you with.... Why did the turkey cross the road? Answer - To prove he wasn't chicken!

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, St Marys Church & Fogaf, Chris Newton for all the music reviews & Yorkshire Water Authority guru, Vicar Mark Zammit Carol McEntee-Taylor, Carol & Ian Whaley & 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 September to me by **20.9.25. Sue Teal**

Date	Time	Events in September 2025	Cost	Venue
Fri 29.8.25	2.10-2.30	Mobile library		Bay horse
Tues 2.9.25	1-3pm 7.00-8.00pm	Craft Huddle Serpafit	£2.00 £2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 4.9.25	5pm-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sat 6.9.25	10.30AM -12.00	Coffee morning & Bric-a brac sale		St Marys
Tues 9.9.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 10.9.25	7.30pm	Table Tennis includes refreshments	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 11.9.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sun14.9.25	9.30am 11.00am	5k race 10k		St Marys
Tues 16.9.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 18.9.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri19.9.25	2.10-2.30pm	Mobile library		Bay horse
Sat 20.9.25	2-4.30pm 7 for7.30pm	Swingtime dance lesson Joni Mitchell & James Taylor tribute	£14.00	Village Hall
Tues 23.9.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 25.9.25	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sun 28.9.28	2-5pm	VJ dance Tea Dance	£5.00	Village Hall
Tues 30.9.25	7pm-8pm	Serpafit		
Sat 4.10.25	1-4pm	VJ day Celebrational Hollyrood House	Free	HollyRood House
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