Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

February 2026 email me at garthorpefockerbynews@gmail.com

News from the Parish Council

The parish council minutes are online www.garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the Parish Council as observers only, but a period of 15 minutes is allocated for a Public Forum at the beginning of each meeting.

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.

The Parish Council would like to thank Andrew Smith for all his work last season in the churchyard. It really is appreciated and he will be missed, as unfortunately he is unable to continue this year.

The Parish Council are now looking for expressions of interest for this post to be sent to the Parish clerk with the initial closing date of **20.3.26.**

Further work to be considered in the spring in the cemetery.

Please consider if you would benefit from a micro grant, please have any request for grants from the SSE fund with the parish clerk before the next meeting on 20.3.26.

The village precept is to remail the same for 2026/2027 and has been kept at this level for many years however it has been noted that this may change in future years as finances are reviewed.

Further discussions on the Emergency Response plan will take place at the next meeting,

As always, the agenda & full minutes of all meetings are on the parish council website

www.garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk.

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 **20.3.26**

News from the village hall 21st January

Winter Warmer Brunches

We are continuing with the very popular Winter Warmer Brunches. They will take place on the following Sunday mornings:

· February 8th, 15th and 22nd

· March 1st, 8th and 29th

Look out for notices; timing, format and prices will be similar to last year**.**

Pub night

We are looking forward to completing the new-look bar so that we can run our first – and hopefully first of many – pub night. Plans also include a darts board, so look out for details and dates.

Lucky Numbers

These are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, but it is worth saying here how important support for Lucky Numbers is to the long-term future of the village hall. In broad terms, the proceeds of Lucky Numbers, plus a Parish Council Grant and a few other things, ensures that we can insure and heat the hall, while keeping hire charges affordable.

£5 a year to ensure the future of the village hall: it is not too much to ask, is it?

"Look North – Behind the Camera" – Review

Big thank you to Hayley Coyle for coming to Garthorpe and Fockerby Village Hall. There is a lot more to news reporting than we realise... . a great talk from an excellent communicator! Thank you, Benjy Barclay and Lucy Barclay, for making it possible!

Talks in 2026

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

Unfortunately, this talk has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

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 when refreshments will be served, and the talk will begin at 7.30. 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 December

1st. 243 Rob Clements
2nd. 62 B Binns
3rd. 65 Kerry Binns

Lucky Numbers Xmas Special-

1st Sylvia Reed 226 - £50
2nd Sarah Dyson 86 - £25
3rd. Janet Preston 5 - £25

Renew your Lucky numbers for 2026
In the upcoming weeks, committee members will be contacting you to renew your Lucky Numbers.
If your new to the village or just haven't been in the draw before but would like to join, this is how it works.

£5 per number for the year. (you can have as

many tickets as you like)
We then do a monthly draw, where 3 numbers are drawn –

1st prize £20
2nd prize £10
3rd prize £5

Also in December an extra 3 numbers are drawn
1st prize £50
2nd prize £25
3rd prize £25

All winners are announced on the Village Hall Facebook page every month, & winnings are delivered directly to you. Also, in the village newsletter.
Proceeds go to our wonderful Village Hall
If you would like to pay by Bacs please contact any committee member and they will provide the banking details.
Remember to pop house name / Rd as ref
we are trying to encourage this payment method as much as possible)
If you would like a house call to pay in cash let a committee number know.
Remember you have to be in it to win it!

Book Box

I'm sure you all know that the book box is now situated next to the Kitchen door under cover. There is a good selection in the box, please feel free to choose a book and return it to the box or simply have a clear out and restock the box.!.

Eleanor Shelby the Fockerby girl with a racing dream

A new year and new challenges for Eleanor! Eleanor came 3rd in the Teesside winter cup round 2 at Teesside track, and she was fastest on track pulling the best times for most of the day! Deserved first but got caught up in someone else spinning which sent us down to 5th, so the fight back began. Eleanor came over the line in 3rd position, a trophy & podium finish! Our next race is this weekend at the Three Sisters circuit in Wigan. this should be a good race as she has never been there before, and it's a track that isn't usually on the karting calendar so rather exciting!

So fingers crossed we do well there as there is a lot attending this one!

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 arel some spare bags available, 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

Many thanks to all of you attended the Christmas Fayre, this was well attended and a great time had by all.

Also, thanks to the volunteers for putting up the Christmas trees around the village & in the church. It really wouldn't look like Christmas without the decorations.

Special Thanks to Adlingfleet & FOGAF for the Santa Visit and to all those who ventured out.

Honestly, it's the best bit of Christmas!

Garthorpe and District RBL

Thank you to all who contributed, we raised £296.70 towards the Poppy appeal.

St Mary's Church

Thank you all those who attended the Christmas service this year.

Message from the vicar

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

This month, as we mark St Valentines' Day, we focus on the importance of love. In understanding the way God loves us, this verse shows us how we should love others.
God's love is unconditional: God demonstrated his unconditional love for us by sending his Son into this world, to show us how we should love others, especially when it is undeserved! 'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.' (Philip Yancey).
God's love is sacrificial: God's love is not selfish or self-seeking, but selfless and self-sacrificial, putting the needs of others first. This is demonstrated by the cross, which is the supreme demonstration of God's love. He died for our sins to give us access to God's love, which is made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit.
God's love is forgiving: According to the film Love Story, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry.' Yet Jesus' love for us enables us to forgive others, as we find his forgiveness through the gift of eternal life, available to all who put their trust in him.
In this World Cup Year, we remember Bobby Moore describing the terror of receiving the World Cup from the Queen in 1966: "I noticed that the Queen was wearing some beautiful white gloves. I looked down at my hands and they were completely covered with mud!"
Although we approach God with dirty and spoilt lives, because of his love, we can shake hands with a holy God and share that love with others.
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.

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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"

The Two Pianos Review 20.11.25

Well, what a night! The Two Pianos, David Barton and Al Kilvo supported only by a drummer, went on the attack from the off. Carl Perkins, Buddy Holly, Fats Domino, Elvis and of course Jerry Lee Lewis. It just kept coming, David's foot straying onto the keyboard several times. Both Al and David took vocals, and both were good, but it was their piano playing that grabbed the spotlight. Not only are they both very accomplished pianists in the boogie-woogie style but they played with enthusiasm and familiarity with each other's style.

This enabled them to toss riffs between the two instruments, picking them up and embellishing them with faultless ease. One of the highlights, and there were many, was their version of 'Duelling Banjos', written in 1954 so admissible. Al played electric piano, David played a child's toy baby grand. And goodness, it worked!
All in all a superb night's entertainment. The audience applauded, cheered and danced their appreciation.
If you can, go and see them. You won't be disappointed!
Chris Newton.

Carrie Martin 26.2.26 78pm for 7.30pm

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.
Both acts are touring extensively around the UK. Carrie Martin, Steve, and Mary Anne Hindley will be selling their latest CDs and merchandise.

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

Steve and Mary-Anne Hindley

Steve and Mary-Anne are a husband & wife duo based in Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire. They have been singing together since 2020, but both had been performing their own repertoires in folk clubs prior to then.

Mary-Anne played, as a floor singer, in folk clubs in the 1970s, but family commitments and moving South with work moved her away from the scene. Upon moving back North in 2005 she re-entered the world of folk. Her early influences were, Joan Baez, Don McLean and The Spinners.

Steve has played as a floor singer in folk clubs since the 1970s. After starting in several gospel groups (one in London) and then a resident group at Gainsborough Folk club, Steve moved to Scunthorpe and became a regular singer at Scunthorpe Folk Club. In 1979 he became the guitarist in the popular Scunthorpe based Ceilidh band 'The Stubble jumpers', a tenure that he held for 32years. Several duos followed until 2020 when he and Mary-Anne decided to become a singing and playing duo. Steve's influences range from The Rolling Stones to the Spinners, the Dubliners, Nic Jones, and Roy Harris.

Together, Steve and Mary-Anne are influenced by traditional singers, and more contemporary performers like Sandy Denny, Richard Thompson, Fairport Convention, Steeleye Span, and a plethora of modern singer/songwriters who we have met over the years.

Gordon Giltrap

Gordon Giltrap, MBE is an English guitarist and composer. His music crosses several genres. He has been described as "one of the most revered guitarists of his generation", and has drawn praise from fellow musicians including Steve Rothery, Ritchie Blackmore and Jimmy Page. Gordon Giltrap has been at the forefront of wonderful acoustic guitar-based music for nearly 60 years, and this release demonstrates that, at 77 years old, he still has plenty to offer the world in terms of sheer beauty and delicacy. Something we all need in these troubled times."

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

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE MARSHLAND

Onwards and upwards as we enter 2026 and another year's programme of exciting things to do/try. Incredible Edible is now a worldwide organisation whose ethos is to bring people and communities together for a common purpose. It is non-profit making and aims to combat loneliness and vulnerability creating an environment in which friendships can be made for the common purpose of all, thus bringing communities together. Back when it was in its infancy, most of the groups "sprang up" in urban areas and the ethos was adhered to by growing and sharing on a communal piece of land. Incredible Edible Marshland was formed over 6 years go with the same ethos of bringing people together due to the fact that the Marshland Villages are very spread out mainly on one road that runs parallel to the Rivers Ouse and Trent. We are of course a very rural community and generally the residents have gardens where they grow their own food. So, we have had to "think out of the box" to create opportunities where people can meet, learn and collectively enjoy projects that IEM provides to bring the whole village communities together. This hasn't happened overnight but has grown, advanced and diversified over the years according to what the residents require. This is constantly monitored and adjusted so that there is something for everyone to take part in. The group is primarily run by four volunteers but has many other helpers who make the ethos work. Our motto is "If you eat, you are in!"

In the past year we have offered over 30 varied activities to get involved in. They range from arts and crafts, gardening, cooking, community projects, exercise and wellbeing, to purely social get-togethers. 2026 is to be no different; another year in which some of our more popular events are to be repeated alongside some new, exciting and inspiring classes. As always, we will be utilising various venues and are pleased to additionally be able to offer some classes at Eastoft Village Hall. We believe that all our classes and events are offered at fair if not bargain prices when compared to similar events offered elsewhere. We are aware that the current economic climate is difficult and shows little sign of improvement, so with costs of venue hire, tutor fees and materials forever rising, it becomes increasingly difficult to offer events at affordable prices. We remain reliant on Grant Funding and thus far have been thankfully successful at obtaining this. However, we have identified a means of raising extra funds…… but more about that next month.

Exercise and wellbeing classes have proved to be popular, and we provide Yoga, Modern Dance and Chair Aerobics already, but are adding Line dancing to this, starting at the end

of January (by popular request). Socialising is the biggest
draw and is the common thread to all out activities. All our activities can be enjoyed by anyone whether you reside in the Marshland villages or not.

What's on Jan & Feb

1st Tuesday monthly – Craft Huddle – cost £2.00 -1pm-3pm at Garthorpe Village Hall.

2nd Friday monthly – Hobby Huddle – Free – 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Garthorpe Village Hall.

Wednesdays Weekly – Line dancing (6 Week pilot commencing 28th Jan – 1st class free) Normal Cost £5.00 - 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Reedness Primary School in the school hall.

Followed by Marshland Movers Dance – Cost also £5.00 – 7pm to 8pm – also at Reedness Primary School in the school hall.

Thursdays weekly – Yoga – Cost £7.00 – 6.30-7.30 at Reedness Primary School in the school hall.

Fridays weekly – Chair Aerobics – Cost £4 – 10.00am-11.00am at Swinefleet Village Hall.

Arm Knitting has already taken place where 12 people each arm knitted a blanket in 2 hours under the instruction of Emily in a colour of their choice. This is a popular event and returned for the 3rd time since the group started.

Six weeks of watercolour painting commenced on Friday Jan 23rd and has been fully booked – again back by popular demand. We are also offering an acrylic painting course in the autumn.

Saturday 7th February at Eastoft Village Hall 1pm-3pm we are holding a Corn Dollies workshop at a cost of £25.00.

Friday 27th February also at Eastoft Village Hall we are holding a "No Bake Sweets" session from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at a cost of £20.00

Saturday 28th February, a Cheese & Wine party with entertainment takes place at Whitgift church (18+ only). Tickets £10.00 (7pm to 10pm). This is a new event for 2026 to rival our annual family Community Afternoon Tea. Hopefully this will be as well attended as the annual afternoon tea is.

Details of all the above are on our contact areas: - www.facebook.com/IncredibleEdibleMarshland Instagram - www.instagram.com/iemland Email. - incredibleediblemarshland@gmail.com
Website - www.iemarshland.org
Telephone - 07901165349

Look us up and book on to any of our events.

WELCOME TO IEM!!

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, Charlie Parsonage for updates on Eleanor Shelby, Bridget Bramley for IEM, Garthorpe & Fockerby Parish Council & Friends of Garthorpe

Many thanks to Brian Woolhouse for the lovely village photos.

The information in this newsletter was correct at the time of posting.

Any events or information you need including February 2026 to me by **20.2.26.**

Sue Teal

Date	Time	Events in January & February 2026	Cost	Venue
Tue 27.1.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs.29.1.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	 Village Hall
Tues 3.2.26	1-3pm 7pm-8pm	Craft huddle Serpafit	£2.00 £2.00	Village Hall
Weds 4.2.26		On your doorstep **Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances**		
Thurs5.2.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sun 8.2.26		Winter Warmer Brunches		Village Hall
Tues 10.2.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Weds 11.2.26	7.30pm	Table tennis includes refreshments	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 12.2.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	 Village Hall
Fri 13.2.26	2.10-2.30pm 7-9pm	Mobile Library Hobby Huddle	 free	Bay Horse Village Hall
Sun 15.2.26		Winter Warmer Brunches		Village Hall
Tues 17.2.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 19.2.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sat21.2.26	7pm for 7.30pm	LMG Carrie Martin	£14.00	St Marys
Sun 22.2.26		Winter Warmer Brunches		Village Hall
Sun 1.3.26		Winter Warmer Brunches		Village Hall
4.3.26	7pm for 7.30pm	On your doorstep -Adlingfleet	£3.00	Village Hall
7.3.26	7pm for 7.30pm	Gordon Giltrap	£20.00	St Marys
8.3.26		Winter Warmer Brunches		Village Hall
21.3.26	7.30 pm for 8pm	Steve Miitchell tribute to George Michael	£18.00	Village Hall
Sun 29.3.26		Winter Warmer Brunches		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