



Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

April 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.

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.

Vandalism in the playing fields

Sadly, in the last few days the playing field play equipment has been vandalised, the all-weather play area fence has been seriously damaged. This does not appear to have been done by young children; this must have been done by older children or young adults. This will cost the village several hundreds of pounds to repair(there is an excess on the insurance policy) Any damage caused to the play equipment is at the cost of the parish as any repairs will have to be spent out of the precept.

If anyone has any idea who is responsible, please contact Councillor Brian Woolhouse or any member of the parish council.



The bins in the playing fields are still an issue being damaged due to vandalism.

The parish council meeting on 20.3.26 discussed the 2 applications for the caretaker gardener for the cemetery. Further meetings to be held before a decision is made.

The new recycling bins have arrived in the village. and the glass & tin green box is no longer in use and tins & glass can go into the red bin. There is a change of collection day from a Wednesday to Thursday.

Two microgrants were discussed, as were 2 tenders for the grass cutting. The companies involved will be notified.

The parish council have had ongoing discussions regarding purchase of a boat for displaying plants. No final purchase has yet been made but funding is available for this.

The minutes for the previous meetings are available on the parish council website.

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 **Wednesday 15.4.26 @6.45pm**

News from the village hall 20th March

Winter Warmer Brunches

If you have not gone to any so far, you may think you have missed out!



But there is one more on **Sunday 29th** March. Do get yourself to the village hall between 9.30-11.30am, with £2.50 in your pocket, to enjoy a buttie, unlimited tea and coffee and the chance to chat with neighbours

These brunches have been very popular (again) and we are all grateful to Di & Paula for doing them.

Got an idea?

Brunches are just one example – it is not just “the Committee” that makes things happen at the village hall; we also benefit from volunteers, entrepreneurs and anyone else with a Good Idea. So, if you fancy trying something new at the hall – just get in touch. We can usually help with special rates, equipment, publicity etc.

Easter Bingo



This will be a family event with 100% Entertainment ensuring all ages have some fun and some laughs. There will be a bar (please bring cash), prizes to suit everybody and all for very reasonable entry fee of £5 adults and £2.50 child

Lucky Numbers

Thank you to everybody who has renewed their ticket for the year or joined up for the first time. Good luck to you all in each monthly draw. The collection of money is almost complete, and numbers will be drawn shortly.

Date for your diary



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.

Skerns's Exhibition Foundation

Attention all school leavers. Do you live in the Garthorpe, Fockerby, Adlingfleet or Haldenby? Are you about to go into further education? If so, this applies to you, then read on.

The Skerne foundation gives small grants to pupils who are in further education (either college or University) and live in these villages. Mary Ramsden lived at Fockerby Hall and when she died in 1743 she left money in her will to be used for the further education of the children in the above areas.

The Skerne Foundation meet once a year in May, and award small grants to pupils about to go into further education. Although the amounts are small, they help to buy books, equipment travel expenses etc.

It must be applied for every year and all you need is a letter from the college or university to show you are attending that year. If you are in your last year at secondary school and would like more information about the Skerne Foundation or would like an application form, please contact: - Jane Walbank – tel 01724 798889 or email janewalbank5@gmail.com (Fockerby Garthorpe) & Harding-tel 01724 Amanda 798575(Adlingfleet)

Application forms are to be delivered next week, and the funding meeting will take place in May.

Mobile Library

The library comes to the village every 3rd Friday and parks on Shore Road near the Bay Horse pub between 2.10-2.30pm we have increased participating households from 1 to 9 over the last few years. The library has started recording the numbers who attend the mobile library.

The mobile library vehicle has had several mechanical failures and acquiring new parts is becoming more difficult. The next time it is in the village is 17.4.26.

Eleanor Shelby the Fockerby girl with a racing dream



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

Sweyne coaches

Local day trips with Sweyne coaches



Updates are on Facebook with a new Facebook page Sweyne Coaches. Tel 01405704263

Friends of Garthorpe & Fockerby

Pantry on the Isle

There are 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.

Hobby Huddle & Craft huddle

IEM have aligned the cost of the 2 events to £2.00 per person per event. Previously Hobby huddle was free with donations for tea & coffee and a raffle. It is now streamlined and no raffle is offered. cost is to cover the hire of the hall.

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"



Next concert at Village Hall



A return visit to the village, they were a 5-piece band now 7! This will be a great evening.

Formed in 2022 by frontman Martin Ledger, Alchemy Live hail from Yorkshire and bring together a group of professional players and friends who share a common love of the music of Mark Knopfler and Dire Straits. Collectively the band have toured worldwide and have shared the stage with rock legends such as Mike Rutherford, Mick Hucknell, Roger Taylor and many more. Alchemy Live are all about the music, no lookalike competitions here. They recreate the Dire Straits sound as accurately as possible, with a painstaking attention to detail. Every guitar solo is taken from a specific show and reproduced note for note. Close your eyes and you're right there, at the Hammersmith Odeon back in 1983! Alchemy live play in theatres/live music venues up and down the UK and we are pleased that they are supporting our project in Garthorpe.

Steve & Mary -Anne Hindley Review 21.2.26

Firstly, it's always a pleasure to have a support act at Live music garthorpe concerts. Steve and Mary -Anne Hindley are a husband-and-wife folk duo from Scunthorpe who have been performing together for four years. Not surprisingly therefore they are not just accomplished vocalists, but they harmonise together well. (Despite Steve coping with a cold!)

Both Steve and Mary Anne play guitar, the highlight for me being Johnny Flynn's 'I'm Waiting for You ', better known as the theme for the TV series 'Detectorists'. Mary-Anne also plays the Shruti Box, an instrument I'd heard of, but never seen. It's from India, is the size of a briefcase and has bellows and internal reeds. There are then a series of buttons which can be opened and closed to create notes and chords, the sound being like a harmonium. All in all, an excellent warm up. They will be back as a support artist in the future.



Carrie Martin Review 21.2.26



Carrie Martin, making a welcome return to St Marys. Carrie is a talented singer/songwriter and performer. This time, although she gave us a couple of Joni Mitchell songs most of what we heard was her own material. I think the performance was better for that, there's something special about someone performing their own compositions.

Accompanying herself with guitars, including an Appalachian instrument, Carrie's voice is well suited to the acoustics of St Marys. Those who came to Carrie's first performance here will remember that we had a power cut as she was about to do her encore. Carrie, trooper that she is, brought guitar and stool down into the nave and finished acoustically by the light of mobile phones. This time, towards the end of her set, Carrie recreated the experience by unplugging her instrument and coming off the stage to perform. Magical! Another great evening from Live music Garthorpe.

Chris Newton.

Gordon Giltrap MBE Review

For those who don't know Gordon is a folk/progressive rock guitarist and composer par excellence who has been performing and recording since the late 1960s.

I think I first heard him on John Peel's 'Top Gear' programme on the BBC in about 1969, he's best known for the instrumental 'Heartsong' which hit the charts in 1978 & was used as the theme music for the BBC Holiday programme.



But on to the concert. Gordon is now 77 years of age, maybe 78 by the time you read this. If he will forgive me saying this, he is an older gentleman with grey hair and just a little frail looking. But sitting on stage, with a guitar on his knee, the years lift away leaving the skill and craftsmanship of a long and successful career.

Standing out for me, apart from 'Heartsong' were 'Lucifer's Cage' from his 1969 album 'Portrait', and the Davey Graham tune 'Anji'. This is the man that Ritchie Blackmore (Deep Purple) described as probably the best acoustic guitarist in the world, and who influenced Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) and Brian May (Queen), amongst many others. He still plays like the master he is, introducing each performance with charm and wit before defying the limits of what's possible on a 6-stringed musical instrument. Carrie, who has been mentored by Gordon, joined him for one song at the end of each half. Gordon would like to come back. I hope Gordon does come back. If we are fortunate and he does make a return visit don't miss it, you will not see better.

Chris Newton.

Steve Mitchell tribute to George Michael Review



This was Steve's second visit to Garthorpe and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Steve's performance is second to none with great attention to detail. He is a charismatic performer and has good rapport with his audience.

In our opinion he is one of the best George Michael tributes around and is good at his craft. Steve performed the Songbook of George Michael and Wham with interesting information between some of the songs. There was plenty of singing and dancing throughout the evening.

Steve kindly donated to the raffle, two tickets to one of his theatre shows with his band which was very kind of him. Nothing but positive comments about this concert from people that attended and looking forward to his return 2028.

Thanks to Steve for supporting Live Music Garthorpe also to the new people that came and to all that attended your support is appreciated



We are halfway through the month of March as I write and at last Spring has finally sprung! The snowdrops this year were exceptionally good and were briefly followed by the crocuses before the daffodils came out in all their glory. We have had a persistent wind for a week or two which has blown the cobwebs away but not helped us want to spend time tidying in the garden. However, during this cold snap there

has been plenty to do at Incredible Edible Marshland events and I have taken full advantage of the workshops and classes. The “No Bake Sweets” workshop held at Eastoft Village Hall on Friday 27th February was just amazing. Each of the 3 recipes we made were simple to make and delicious. Who knew that stuffing large dates with peanut butter & chopped nuts and then dipping it in chocolate made what just tasted exactly like a snicker bar. The end results were very popular with all my grandchildren. I must confess to having quite a few myself as they were too Moorish to resist!! This excellent workshop was followed the day after by our Wine & Cheese party held at Whitgift Church on the Saturday evening. Almost 50 people attended and the feedback from the event was amazing.



The entertainment from The Mood Swings was fabulous and had people dancing in the aisles, the quiz was good and allowed each table to work as a team, make new friends and the raffle was all on the theme of Wine & Cheese eats. It was the first time IEM had tried this event, and it will be repeated. A wonderful get-together and a large input of help from many people to enable the event to go ahead. It's what community is all about.

Incredible Edibles four exercise wellbeing groups took place on a weekly basis this month as usual. They are full of laughter and enjoyment, and I can recommend them to anyone. The monthly Craft & Hobby Huddles also took place despite the hall being chilly due to thieves stealing the oil and making the heating system shut down. Summer is hopefully on its way and then there will be no need of the heating for a few months (fingers

& toes crossed). The watercolour painting sessions are almost at a close with 2 more sessions having taken place in March. Just one more to go on Good Friday and then a break before commencing acrylic painting in September for 6 weeks.

On Saturday 7th March IEM held a “Book Paper Flowers” workshop at Swinefleet Village Hall from 9.30am to 1.00pm. During these hours we made 3 types of flowers with pages torn from books as well as craft paper. They all looked superb and the making of them was very therapeutic. We all went away with clear instructions on how to make more at home with the dimensions and templates provided. One participant made many more at home of the 3 varieties and then formed them into a bouquet to give to her mother on Mothering Sunday. I thought this a splendid idea, as it is one bunch of flowers which is never going to die!

Future Events

Line dancing followed by Marshland Movers Exercise by dance every Wednesday.

Yoga every Thursday and Chair Aerobics every Friday morning.

The last watercolour Painting session takes place on Good Friday.

Saturday 18th April – Scented Candle Making at Swinefleet VH 9.30 to Noon £45.

Friday 24th April – Scrappy Cooking at Garthorpe VH 7pm to 9pm

Tuesday 5th May – Crochet Corner at Garthorpe VH 1pm to 3pm

Saturday 9th May – Jesmonite Workshop at Garthorpe VH 9.30 to Noon £35

Saturday 23rd May – Advanced Forging Day Out £75

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Motto: “If you eat you are in” which means anyone from any location can use us to bring the sunshine into your life!! Everyone is welcome. Look us up and book onto any of our

events. Refreshments included at workshops as are materials/ingredients, so what's not to like?

WELCOME TO IEM

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 **20.4.26**.

Date	Time	Events in April 2026	Cost	Venue
Tues 24.3.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 26.3.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Sun 29.3.26	9.30-11.30am	Winter Warmer Brunches		Village Hall
Tues 31.3.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 2.4.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Tues 7.4.26	1-3pm 7pm-8pm	Craft huddle Serpafit	£2.00 £3.00	Village Hall
Weds 8.4.26	7.30pm	Table tennis includes refreshments	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 9.4.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 10.4.26	7-9pm	Hobby Huddle		Village Hall
Tues 14.4.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£3.00	Village Hall
Weds 15.4.26	6.45pm	Parish Council meeting		Village Hall
Thurs 16.4.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall Village Hall
Fri 17.4.26	2.10-2.30pm 6.30pm for 7pm	Mobile library Bingo		Bay Horse
Sat 18.4.26	7.30 pm for 8pm	LMG Alchemy Live Dire Straits tribute	£18.00	St Marys
Tues 21.4.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 23.4.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Tues 28.4.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 30.4.28	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
16.5.26	7.30pm for 8pm	Sounds of Silence tribute to Simon & Garfunkel	£18.00	Village Hall
4.7.26	7.30pm for 8pm	Sarah McQuaid	£13.00	St Marys
Sat 1.8.26	From 1pm	Party in the Park		Playing fields
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		
20.2.27		Bon Jovi tribute		Village Hall
13.3.27		Tom Brooksby sings Springsteen		
24.4.27		Holly Taymer sings Eva Cassidy	£14.00	St Marys
19.6.27		Chantel McGregor		St Marys
16.10.27		The two pianos unplugged		Village Hall

