



Garthorpe and Fockerby Newsletter

May 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.

As always, the agenda & full minutes of all meetings are on the parish council website www.garthorpeandfockerbypc.org.uk.

It's nearly time to get our flower boxes planted up for summer, and we will be delivering plants soon to all who kindly look after our village planters.

They were amazing last year so a big thank you to everyone who makes time to tend to them and add their own touches to make them better for us all to enjoy.

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 15.5.26 @6.45pm** not as previously stated in last month's newsletter, revised by the clerk to Parish Council.

Connect 2

Connect2 is the new improved on-demand bus service launching on Monday 27 April for North Lincolnshire.

Following the end of the old Just Go contract, the opportunity was opened to improve the service which offers greater availability, brand new buses and a local North Lincolnshire Council call centre.

Thousands of existing on-demand users, including those eligible for free travel, will benefit from the improved service with the Connect2 booking app which will also allow for group party bookings to pay on the bus. The app will be available to download from 24 April on Google Play Store and Apple App Store on both smartphones and tablets.

The app allows users to select convenient pick-up points from a network of local meeting locations. Intelligent routing technology will then create the most efficient journeys, group nearby passengers and transporting them to their destinations.

Not everyone will be confident in using the app, therefore help will be provided at community hubs across the county or simply by calling the dedicated council in-house call centre on 01724 29777. The Connect2 call centre team will be available from Friday 24 April to take bookings between 8.30am and 4.30pm.

From Monday 27 April, normal service hours will resume, operating Monday to Saturday from 8am to 5pm.

A step-by-step 'how to' video guide will be available.

Passengers will be able to pay digitally using debit or credit cards, and journeys can be booked up to seven days in advance, as well as on the day of travel.

Connect2 will also offer improved value for money. As part of the national fare cap initiative, fares will start from just £2.50 for adult single journeys, with a maximum cap of £3 per trip. Reduced fares will also be available for passengers under the age of 19. The fare cap is currently confirmed until at least the end of March 2027.

The service will operate Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm, and on Saturdays from 8am to 6pm.

News from the village hall 20th April

Bingo

It was a great night for everyone!

The Bingo was much enjoyed by those of all ages who took part. (Thank You Paul from 100% Entertainment for doing such a good job).

The raffle was especially well supported. The lucky winner of the iPad was **Kacey Crouch-Crellin**. Well done Kacey and we all hope you will really enjoy using it. Many thanks again to **Kath Devinney** for her very generous donation of this prize. Hazel Hirst was the lucky winner of tickets for Junction Cinema in Goole; there were many other prizes won with the organisers. There are also posters on display in the hall and on noticeboards around the village.

How is your hearing?

The village hall is now equipped with a hearing loop. If you are attending an event and think that the loop could help you, please make sure the organisers know to turn the loop on.

Activities at the hall

Our hirers – never short of energy – continue to lay on weekly and monthly activities that are open to all. Exercise classes, Bowls, Table Tennis, Hobbies & Crafts, Live Music..... the list goes on. If you want to know more, please look at the Village Hall Facebook page (NB, that is the one called "[Garthorpe and Fockerby Village Hall](#)") and get in touch.

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.

April draw

1st David Humphries
2nd Helen Henderson
3rd Adrian Teal

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

The funding meeting will take place on 21st May and will be announced in the June Newsletter.

Mobile Library

The library normally comes to the village every 3rd Friday and parks on Shore Road near the Bay Horse pub between 2.10-2.30pm.

The not so mobile library has had several mechanical failures recently and acquiring new parts is becoming more difficult. The next time it is in the village is 8.5.26(hopefully).

Eleanor Shelby the Fockerby girl with a racing dream



Eleanor has started Superone now and a couple of weekends ago were in the lakes. She came 5th in Superone round 1 out of a huge 22 Round 2 was the serious crash which totalled Eleanor's kart, as it went airborne and rolled ending upside down resulting in red flags and injuries. and put her in hospital.

However, to Eleanor's credit she still got up brushed herself off and went racing the weekend after at Wombwell.

Our first ever adventure and race @wombwellkarting. Eleanor wanted to get straight back in the seat after the crash last weekend which left us battered & bruised and the kart in pieces but still wanting for that race feeling!

We had great pace all day but unfortunately in the final we ended up spinning during an attempted overtake leaving us at the back. However, we had a great weekend with some great people and back to grass roots where it all started , it may not have been a huge race but was a fun one!

Massive thanks to @we_buy_scrap_cars MJS Recovery & Son / Matthew Smith for our new chassis as without it we wouldn't have got back on the track.

We're hoping for further good results first weekend in May In Wales, where head to Superone rounds 3 & 4!

Eleanor would like to thank the Parish Council for the award of the SSE grant awarded.

Every little bit does help.

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 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.

St Marys Church

A Message from The Vicar

This month at Ascension Day, we remember Jesus' ascending to 'God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). It's a somewhat neglected Christian

festival, taking place on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter. However, this phrase is used in three different contexts in the New Testament.

In Salvador Dali's picture of Jesus' ascension all you can see are his feet! As we celebrate the event this month, it prompts the question 'where did Jesus go?' Peter says Jesus 'has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). However, the New Testament tells us three things about what Jesus is doing at the Father's side.

At Pentecost Peter said that Jesus is 'exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear...' 'The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand'' (Acts 2: 33-4). Peter is affirming Jesus' position of authority and power at the heart of the universe. By pouring out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us, Jesus gives us a foretaste of the life of heaven ie eternal life, forgiveness, healing, release and God's provision for our lives.

When Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was being stoned to death by the Jewish authorities he points out, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' (Acts 7:56). Our experience of heaven is only ever partial, as we live with the reality of suffering and setbacks. However, Jesus is still on the throne! We are called to trust him daily.

The Bible also tells us that 'Christ Jesus who died....is interceding for us.' (Romans 8:34, cf Hebrews 7:25). Even when we don't know how to pray, we have the assurance that Jesus is already praying for us! He knows our needs even better than we do ourselves, so when we feel condemned or defeated in our Christian lives, we have somebody on our side!

The Ascension reminds us that the risen Jesus lives in the immediate presence of God, and both transcends and embraces our present experience. This truth lies at the heart of the up language used to describe the event.

'Heaven relates to earth tangentially so that the One who is in heaven can be present simultaneously anywhere and everywhere on earth: the ascension therefore means that Jesus is available, accessible, without people having to travel to a particular spot on the earth to find him.' (Tom Wright).

So where has Jesus gone? Because he is in heaven, the Ascension opens up the possibility that we can experience the life of heaven, both now and in eternity.

A special deanery service to celebrate the Ascension will be held in St. Mary's Church, Garthorpe on Thursday 14th May, 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

With love and prayers, Mark

Rev. Mark Zammit (Vicar of Haxey & Owston Ferry) (Priest-in-Charge of The Crowle Group)

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

St. Mary's Church, Garthorpe

Thursday 21st May 2026, 7 p.m. in Church

Every parish must hold (no later than 31st of May in each year) an annual parochial church meeting, often referred to simply as the 'APCM'.

This annual meeting, which is open to all, reports on changes to the electoral roll, parish activities and financial matters.

The main purposes are:

- An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally.
- The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st of December

immediately preceding the meeting, audited or independently examined.

- A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish.
- A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod; and other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

Annual plant sale at St Marys 9.5.26

The plant sale is back! Come and see the bargains from 9.30am to 11.30am. Always a great event, any donations to be made between 5.30pm to 6.30pm on 8.5.26 please.



Carole McEntree-Taylor



Part 1 of my new 2 part series, Secrets of the Home Front, will be available to purchase before the end of April. The cover is an original painting by Jules Davies

Secrets of the Home Front. Goole

The Stakes couldn't be higher.

In August 1939, as relations between Germany and Britain head rapidly towards war, the German equestrian team were hosted by the Royal British Legion as they travelled to Dublin via Goole.

A year later, as invasion fever grips the country, a body is found by the canal. Detective Chief Inspector Daniel Allen has no shortage of suspects. Nazi spies, communist agitators, escaped POWs or someone closer to home.

But it's not just the murder occupying Daniel. He is still working on a secret case from over 20 years ago, one that could affect his marriage.

The link to buy on Amazon is <https://amzn.eu/d/0ayJRnNn>

Live music Garthorpe

www.livemusicgarthorpe.co.uk

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



Next concert at Village Hall



Live Music Garthorpe welcome for the first time The Sounds of Simon. The evening will consist of celebrating the Music of Simon & Garfunkel and their vast songbook of back-catalogue songs that we all know and love.

The Sounds of Simon this year are celebrating 20 years of performing and touring in Theatres and Venues with this wonderful show which has had fantastic reviews.

**Garthorpe Village Hall, Saturday April 18th
2026. Alchemy Live Return! Review**

Yet another band making a second visit to Garthorpe. I don't know if it's because they know the venue, the audience and the reception they'll receive, but repeat visits seem to be more relaxed and enjoyable for the band and the audience.

This was no exception, a packed Village Hall was treated to an evening of top-class entertainment.

Martin Ledger, Neil Scott, Clem Clements, Barr Bowater and Dan Edwards were joined by saxophonist Pete Ogram. Pete, variously playing tenor, alto and soprano sax gave an extra dimension to the band. We heard all the best-known tracks, 'Money for Nothing', 'Romeo and Juliet', 'Brothers in Arms' and 'Walk of Life'. In addition, lesser-known songs like 'Down to the Waterline' (1978), 'Espresso Love' (1980) and 'Your latest trick' (1985) helped demonstrate the breadth of Dire Strait's music. The last track featured a performance by guitarist Dan Edwards playing the Flugel Horn, and playing it well! Also included was Mark Knoffler's instrumental 'Going Home', used as the closing theme for the 1983 film 'Local Hero', and the evening was rounded off with the mandatory 'Sultans of Swing'.

The audience, appreciative throughout, gave the band an enthusiastic finale to the evening. It was gratifying to see such a packed house, and to see so many from Garthorpe in the

audience. Long may it continue!
Chris Newton.



As I write I am literally burning the midnight oil, having had a busy day out and about playing catch up after a week of my grandson staying with me during his Easter school holidays. My mum used to say to me "the good thing about being over the hill is that you then start to pick up speed". It's not true of course but she used to say in later life that "as I'm losing the plot and getting senile, it's nice to be able to hide your own Easter eggs". Well, I best not deviate from the job in hand because the sooner I finish the sooner I can go to bed and catch up on my sleep. So, what has been happening during the last month??

Our regular events have continued as normal and come under the category of Wellbeing groups. No bookings needed for any of the following regular groups, just turn up for the event. It's as simple as that

Craft Huddle – First Tuesday of the month 1pm to 3pm, (£2), Garthorpe Village Hall

Hobby Huddle – Second Friday of the month 7pm to 9pm, (£2), Garthorpe Village Hall

Line dancing – Every Weds at Reedness Primary School (school hall) 5.30 to 6.30 (£5)

Marshland Movers dance – Every Weds at Reedness Primary School 7pm to 8pm, (£5)

Yoga – Every Thursday at Reedness Primary School 6.30 to 7.30, (£7)

Chair Aerobics – Every Friday at Swinefleet Village Hall 10am to 11am (£4)

The last of the series of Watercolour painting classes has now taken place. Peter Scott, the tutor, told the class that he was so pleased with the vast improvement the class members had achieved over the course and that it had been a pleasure to teach them all and witness the improvement. On the other side of the coin, the feedback forms from the participants were all in the highly satisfied category. Peter will be back in September to run a set of acrylic painting classes, and the course is already

filling up with the people who undertook the watercolour painting. It was a little band of people who came to be friends over the weeks of coming together and this is one of the main ethos' of IEM. It was a pleasure to host the series, and I look forward to hosting the acrylic painting series later in the year. What a talented bunch we have in the Marshlands and surrounding areas.

Our Hobby Huddle this month had a crochet corner in addition to the normal group. Several new people attended to learn how to make crochet squares, never having crocheted before in their lives. Not only was it new company but a new skill was also learned. Provided on your doorstep, what more could one ask? Sadly, the scented candles workshop had to be cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances from the tutor, but it will be booked in again as soon as the tutor is available. The scrappy cooking workshop is due to take place next Friday as I write (24th April) but this will be after this article has been sent off to print. On a waste not want not basis I am looking forward to some new meal ideas made with the things we usually throw away. So, watch this space when I next report back.

Future Events.

Jesmonite Saturday 09.05.26 9.30-Noon
Garthorpe Village Hall £35.00

Forging Advanced Saturday 23.05.26 & Friday
05.06.26 9.00-5.30 Grange Farm Denaby
£75.00 £75.00

Bee Keeping hands on experience Saturday
13.06.26 10.00- Noon Hemingbrough £35.00

Introduction to Forging Saturday 20.06.26
9.00-5.30 Grange farm Denaby £75.00

Our Incredible Annual

Afternoon Tea Saturday 27.06.26 (book in
advance) 2.00-4.00 Whitgift Church £5.00 per
ticket

Our annual afternoon tea is always very
popular and attracts approx. 50 people. It is
accompanied with musical entertainment,

raffle and a quiz in addition to the scrumptious
tea itself; all for a fiver. Is that not value for
money?

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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?

My thanks, as always to Jiggy Lloyd & the
Village Hall committee, David Graham for Live
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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 **20.5.26**.

Date	Time	Events in May 2026	Cost	Venue
Tues 28.4.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs30.4.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Tues 5.5.26	1-3pm 7pm-8pm	Craft huddle Serpafit	£2.00 £3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 7.5.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 5.5.26	2.10-2.30pm 7-9pm	Mobile Library Hobby Huddle	£2.00	Bay Horse Village Hall
Sat 9.5.26	9.30-11.30am	Annual plant sale		St Marys Church
Tues 12.5.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£3.00	Village Hall
Weds 13.5.26	7.30pm	Table tennis includes refreshments	£2.00	Village Hall
Thurs 14.5.26	5-6pm 7pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Service to celebrate Ascension Indoor Bowl including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall St Marys Church Village Hall
Fri 15.5.26	6.45pm	PC Meeting		Village Hall
Sat 15.5.26	7.30pm for 8pm	Sounds of Silence tribute to Simon & Garfunkel	£18.00	Village Hall
Tues 19.5.26	7pm-8pm	Serpafit	£3.00	Village Hall
Thurs 21.5.26	5-6pm 7pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle APCM Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall St Marys Church Village Hall
Sat 23.5.26	7pm for 7.30pm	Pie & pea supper & quiz	£10.00	St Marys Church
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Thurs 28.5.26	5-6pm 7.30pm	Pantry on the isle Indoor Bowls including refreshments	£5.50 £2.00	Village Hall
Fri 29.5.26	2.10-2.30pm	Mobile Library		Bay Horse
4.7.26	7.30pm for 8pm	Sarah McQuaid	£13.00	St Marys
Sat1.8.26	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