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LONG PRESTON ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

As many of you will know, both Mrs Elizabeth Martin and Mr David Shaw will be leaving Long Preston at the end of December and moving on to pastures new.

Mrs Martin has had a long association with Long Preston Primary and the village. She came in September 2002 as Class 1 Teacher, and since then she has held a number of roles from Acting Headteacher, Headteacher, Co-Headteacher and finally as Executive Headteacher of the Ribblesdale Federation of Schools. Mr Shaw joined us as Class 1 teacher in September 2011.

Over the years, both Elizabeth and David have seen so many children and families pass through school, and sadly, due to the current situation, we are unable to hold any kind of event to say goodbye to them both.

We are, however, holding a collection for some farewell gifts and if you would like to contribute and/or send a card, please post it through the school letterbox. If all donations could be received by Friday 4th December, it would be very much appreciated.

NORTH CRAVEN AGE UK

Why not make an extra meal for someone on their own this Christmas?

Age UK North Craven is promoting the idea as part of a Christmas campaign to help old people who are isolating and might be feeling a bit lonely because of having to stay inside and avoid contact with people. Most of the usual charity Christmas lunches in the community have had to be cancelled. So this would be something simple that could make a huge difference to someone's Christmas. Remember, you may be the only people they see or talk to - even if it is from the doorstep.

If you like the idea please contact Age UK so we can give you more help - please ensure that you have spoken to the person you want to help beforehand. You could also check if they have any allergies, which is important.

But this idea tries to keep it simple - a few more cuts of meat and vegetables prepared and you have an extra meal that will ensure the Christmas spirit gets around.

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Safer Neighbourhood Team covering the Bentham, Ingleton and Settle area, PS1006 Paul Evans, PCSO 5561 Jayne Grace, PCSO 3572 Helen Stringer, PC 830 Barbara Parsons & PC 188 Jane Carpenter, who will be keeping you updated on recent crimes and incidents in Long Preston and the surrounding area.

We have had 8 reports to police from 14.10.20 to 14.11.20

17.10.20 – Road Traffic Collision – Main Street -

Single vehicle & pedestrian minor injury

22.10.20 – Anti Social Behaviour - Personal – Joint partnership working

27.10.20 – Road Traffic Collision – A682 – Hospital Bridge

Single vehicle

05.11.20 – Civil dispute

09.11.20 – Animal concern – advice given

09.11.20 & 11.11.20 – Covid19 breach – advice given

13.11.20 – Concern for welfare – joint partnership working

Crime Prevention - Protect your home, leave a light on

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- keep gates well secured

Light up, Lock up

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Long Preston Methodist Church Advent- December Services



**Worship will continue in December at the usual time of 10.15am
(subject to confirmation of Churches reopening)**

Please don't forget to wear your face mask during the Services.

Preachers:-

6th December:- Watching a recorded Service from St Andrews 2nd in Advent

13th December :- Rev Andrew Webb & Jean Bedford (S) 3rd in Advent
(live Worship from St Andrews)

20th December:- Carol Service Rev Roger Fox at 2pm 4th in Advent

25th December :- No Service

27th December :- No Service

Friends, I write this as we are in the middle of lockdown waiting to know what the future might look like when we emerge from lockdown. None of us yet knows what restrictions are in place and who we may be able to meet with during Christmas and the New Year.

Despite these dark times, we remember the reason for the Season. God chose to come to earth in human form, to live amongst us and bring light to the world. This truth remains a certainty in these uncertain times. Jesus is the light of the world.

May we know this light and peace in our lives as we go forward into 2021.

Watch out for Advent in a bag!

Advent Angels & Weekly Reflections to use during Advent
leading you to Christmas Day.

Each week we celebrate the message of hope for the world.

I hope you will be able to join us at one or more of our services.

Christmas Blessings to you all, and may you have a hope-filled New Year.

In the meantime if you require any help or support in any matter, someone to chat to or help in anyway please do not hesitate to contact me.

Revd Dr Tracey Darling on 01756 752607 or tracey.darling@methodist.org.uk

Strong & Steady – run by Jill Eccleston

The next session is due to begin on Tuesday 8th December 2020 in Long Preston Methodist Church at 1.30pm – 2.30pm. It will cost £4 per session.

Places will be limited.

Anyone interested in putting their name on the list please contact Annette 840096



Long Preston Methodist Church

January Services 2021



Worship will hopefully continue in January at the usual time of 10.15am

There is to be live Worship from St Andrew's Church, Skipton at 10.30am

Please don't forget to wear your face mask during the Services.

Preachers:-

3rd January :- Jim Hope & Rachael Lord

10th January :- Rev Dr Tracey Darling & Philip Johnston Covenant Service
Joint with St Mary's at 10.30am - Sacrament

17th January:- Richard Waller & Clare Downing

24th January :- Rev Andrew Webb & Sarah Webb

31st January :- Rachel Coombes & Jean Bedford



On January 10th we will have our annual Covenant Service and this is a joint Service with St Mary's Church. It is a Special Service in the Methodist calendar when we are able to renew our covenant relationship with God, remembering God's generous love for each of us that is never dependent on our deserving.

In the meantime if you require any help or support in any matter, someone to chat too help in anyway please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Date for your diary Sunday 14th February Chapel Anniversary Service
Jim Hope 10.30am

Strong & Steady – run by Jill Eccleston

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Places will be limited.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERMON

Are you one of those fortunate people with a good memory? You can immediately recall the name of a person even when you haven't seen or spoken to them in a long time?

Or are you like me, that unless you make yourself a note, the chances are you will forget it unless something prompts your memory. Things disappear from our minds over time. Sometimes they can be recalled, but not always, or perhaps the events become blurred and muddled.

There are no longer any World War 1 veterans alive, and sadly every year, the number of people who fought in World War 2 diminishes. For this reason, it becomes more important that we remember. Recent wars and atrocities remind us that some things haven't changed as much as we would like or hope.

Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day do not glorify war but recall the price of peace, reminding us of the evil and inhumanity that people can stoop to, and the sacrifice by so many to ensure that such tyranny doesn't triumph. It thrusts these events back into our consciousness, lest we forget.

On Remembrance Sunday it is right that we look back and remember, but in Matthew 25:1-13 we are reminded that we also need to look forward and be prepared, particularly for Christ's second coming.

The parable in Matthew 25 of the young girls and the bridegroom may be different to any wedding preparations we're familiar with. In this Jewish wedding, once the marriage covenant was established, the couple were regarded as husband and wife, even though the ceremony had not yet taken place.

The bridegroom went off for about a year to prepare a place for them to both live. At the end of the period of separation, the bridegroom would come unexpectedly, usually at night, to take his bride to live with him. The bride didn't know the exact time he would come so she and the bridesmaids had to be ready with their lamps filled with oil to light the way.

We know that all 10 women were expecting the bridegroom and they all had oil lamps. But only 5 were wise and took extra oil with them.

We don't know how long they were waiting but they all began to nod off. It was already midnight when the cry rang out for them to meet the bridegroom. So they woke up and trimmed their lamps. But the foolish women then realised they didn't have enough oil and demanded some from the wise women, who wouldn't give them any otherwise they wouldn't have enough for themselves.

The foolish women went off to the store for oil but by the time they returned with their replenished lamps burning brightly, it was too late.

The five who had been ready had entered the feast and the door was closed. The foolish women cried out to be let in, but the bridegroom said he doesn't know them.

I'd like to reflect on 3 things:

Firstly, we must be alert. It was not that the foolish bridesmaids didn't know that they needed oil, or that they forgot; it was a matter of negligence. They overlooked responsibility and what was important.

If we aren't alert to what is happening we can be caught out. Several years whilst travelling to work one morning after heavy rain the previous night, there was a lot of water across the country lanes. I was nearly at work, thinking about the day ahead, when I realised that I was not driving through a puddle, but in fact had become stranded in water that was up to the car door and by that time the water was also in the engine, ruining it. It was a very costly mistake and could have been prevented if I had been more alert. We don't know the day or the hour, but Christ will come again and we must be alert.

Secondly, just as the foolish women couldn't borrow oil from the wise women, we can't borrow anyone else's faith. If you were to do a solo parachute jump, you would need your own parachute. You wouldn't expect to jump out of the plane without a parachute and look for a person who might have a parachute you could use or share.

It doesn't matter whether it's our parents, brothers, sisters or friends that have a personal relationship with Jesus, it is just that - a personal relationship, we can't share in that particular relationship. We have to have our own personal relationship with Jesus.

Thirdly, we need to have oil in our lamp. At some time, maybe at school, you sang 'give me oil in my lamp keep me burning', but did you think about what that means? That oil for us is the Holy Spirit living within us. If we have never prayed for the Holy Spirit to be within us, then we are like the lamp without the oil. The Bible tells us that we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We must make time for prayer and being alone with God. It can't be postponed. If we procrastinate it could be too late. Jesus preached over and over again that we must be ready.

So on this Remembrance Sunday when we look back and reflect and remember the past and what we have learnt, we must also look forward and prepare for the future, when Christ will come again.

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after they eat it you will need a vet.

Raisins are plentiful in mince pies and cakes,
but letting your pet eat them would be a mistake.

Salt and grit will hurt your pet's paws,
be sure to wash them off when you're back indoors.

Mistletoe's meant for a bit of a snog,
but keep it away from your cat or your dog.

Antifreeze tastes sweet, but on paws or a tail
may well be licked off and cause the kidneys to fail.

Poinsettias are lovely and pretty to see,
but toxic to your pets, just like your Christmas tree.

If you need us we'll be at the end of the phone,
just so you know you're never alone.
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to get your pet safely back home to you.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

Services for December and January

- 6th Dec** Holy Communion with Canon Graham Bettridge
- 13th Dec** Informal worship with Janet Wood
- 20th Dec** Morning Prayer with Philip Johnston
6pm Carol Service, Covid style (potentially no singing!)
- 24th Dec** Holy Communion at St Aidan's at 7.30pm
(email hellifieldwardens@googlemail.com
to check there is room)
- 25th Dec** Holy Communion with Rev Frank and Rev Mabel Parr
PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME: 10.00am
- 27th Dec** NO SERVICE at St Mary's
Morning Prayer at St Aidan's at 9.30am, all welcome.
(email hellifieldwardens@googlemail.com
for confirmation nearer the time.)
- 3rd Jan** Holy Communion with Canon Graham Bettridge
- 10th Jan** Covenant service with Holy Communion at the
Methodist Chapel, with Rev Tracey Darling and
Philip Johnston
PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME: 10.30am
- 17th Jan** Informal Worship with Janet Wood
- 24th Jan** Morning Prayer with Rev Ian Greenhalgh
- 31st Jan** Morning Prayer with Rev Ian Greenhalgh

All the above is correct at the time of writing, but is of course dependant on Government restrictions for Coronavirus being lifted; keep hoping and praying for a return to the new normality!

For up to date information please see the church noticeboard,
Facebook page or ring either of the wardens;
Janet Wood 840709, or Andrew 840154

THE LATE CHRIS WILCOCK 1939-2020

As we go to press we mourn the loss of Chris Wilcock, our former Church Honorary Treasurer but also a pillar of our village and indeed our larger North Yorkshire area. Chris, who successfully had beaten off a nasty cancerous problem some three or four years ago, had manfully wrestled with its return, in a calm, unflappable way going about his daily interests and hospital appointments in his calm Christian way so that few knew of his sad, final weeks of pain and discomfort.

Born into a banking family in Cumbria, attending the local Grammar School, Chris had made much of his sharp mind and his engaging personality, in a long career with the NatWest Bank.

Leaving Blackburn he and his family moved here, he soon became the well known manager of NatWest in Market Square, Settle and quickly established a warm rapport, not just with his own customers but with the larger community in which he easily moved on an everyday basis.

He gave considerable time and effort to supporting local charities, not least his dedication to the Rotary Club of Settle (which in happier times met weekly in The Boar's Head) but also to our Church, to this magazine and a host of other worthy causes. Retiring aged but 55 years, he retired not to rest, but to be the chief administrator and Appeals director of Manorlands and, his home being virtually alongside the Settle – Carlisle Railway, to fund raising for that as well.

What undoubtedly would have ensured a large congregation at his funeral at St Mary's on November 20th was thwarted by the Government's requirement for only 30 mourners at any one time. But for those able to be present a memorable service was led by the Reverend Canon Graham Bettridge. This was followed by a short service of Commendation at Skipton's Crematorium but, as it was Chris's wish, his ashes will, in the Spring be scattered on the brow of Great Gable. This will be an opportunity for very many more of us to salute the passing of a worthy villager, in this place.

In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara, his widow, herself a faithful PCC member, Rachel and Richard his children and Poppy and Jasmine his beloved grandchildren.

Philip Johnston

HERITAGE GROUP ARCHIVE

A Christmas Letter from the Western Front 1916

Robert Shipman was the vicar of St Mary's Church. In 1916 he was serving as chaplain to the 1/6th Battalion, the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in France. Each month he sent his parishioners a newsletter from the front. This is his Christmas letter for 1916 from 'somewhere in France'.

Last month I promised to tell you something of my work. I am now a 'town parson' with a very compact parish of about 14,000 men living in the Infantry Barracks of this town. My church is the Institute just by the gates. I visit most afternoons the different rooms or billets in the Barracks from about 4.30 – 6.00pm. This is the best way of getting to know my men. Then I go into the Institute at 6.00pm which rapidly fills up that hour. Three times a week there is either a cinema show or concert and very good they are.

On Thursday evenings I have a Bible class in the chapel at 6pm and every evening short prayer at 8pm. On Sunday there is a celebration at 7.30am followed by Church Parade at 9.30am. That is the big service of the day, held of course in the main building and we finish up the day with a voluntary service which is now well attended. At both services we have a good choir to lead the singing; though that is hardly necessary for they all sing and sing up too. I only wish I could get you all to sing out. You would enjoy the services much more. On Monday evenings there is a meeting of the local Church of England Men's Society with the Colonel of the Hants Battalion in the chair. Some paper is read or a debate moved.

Just now the barracks are very full for we have some guests – 870 German prisoners captured on the Somme. They are stowed away in huge attics. You can imagine what a stir they caused in the town when they had to march through. They are for the most part big fine men and are all happy to be out of the trenches. As I write these words they are just marching off for some exercise in the parade ground. I hardly need add they are well fed, and greatcoats are being supplied for the majority who left their own behind.

By the time you read these words you will be thinking of Christmas. What can I say? How can I give you the usual greetings with all your men away and with so much anxiety and sorrow in our midst? It does seem difficult, so I am afraid I must content myself with wishing the children a Happy Christmas, but no cakes with the icing on top. To you who have passed childhood years may the true inner meaning of the Christmas Message come with all the greater force and reality.

He is our Peace

Yours very sincerely
Robert Shipman C.F.



Robert Shipman, centre row 2nd from left, with some of the men who returned from the war, was the vicar of St Mary's from 1911 until 1925. He enlisted as Chaplain in the January of 1916 and was invalided out of the services in December 1917. In his own words he had "encouraged many of the village young men to enlist into the services to fight for King and Country and felt it was his duty to be with them." Almost all of his two years of service was in France, mainly in the Somme area.

Some of our older readers will remember Arthur (Snip) Throup, the village plumber, centre row right. He was in 1916 Pte A Throup of the 1/6th Duke of Wellington's Regiment and during Capt. Shipman's service in France, Arthur was his servant batman.
Robert Slater

This is the only item I have found in the archive directly related to Christmas. Let us hope this will be the only Christmas when it does not seem inappropriate to publish something more reminiscent of Remembrance.

Sheila Goodall, LPHG archive team.

LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP

Restoration of Long Preston's old phone box

The old phone box located at Maypole Green needs a new life and the Parish Council has asked the Long Preston Heritage Group to find funding for its restoration and a new use that will contribute to the history of the village.

Although the details need to be worked up, the Group's intention is to submit an application as soon as possible to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Obviously, with the restrictions associated with Coronavirus, the timetable is difficult to predict but we hope to be starting work on it in Spring 2021, assuming our grant application is successful.

Gillian Jones, Secretary, LPHG
secretary@longprestonheritage.org.uk

THE RAMBLINGS OF COLONEL CURMUDGEONLY-SAGE (RETIRED)

To offcumdens Yorkshire folk can seem shirty, quick to judge and generally dour by nature....but behind this facade is a proud northerner with a keen sense of humour that thrives on self- deprecation and mickey-taking of good friends and near neighbours. Tykes, it is said, can be matter of fact in their responses and positively blunt when asked to proffer an opinion. Bearing all of these caveats in mind, my copy this time round is a light-hearted collection of ditties and shaggy dog tales designed to make you smile, raise your spirits and help improve your mood as we meander towards the 12 days of Christmas and a New Year that we cannot even start to predict.

My first tale is how I met the current Mrs C-S more than 50 years ago. We first clapped eyes on each other on a charabanc outing from a West Riding Liberal Club to Belle View on the outskirts of Manchester. The day would consist of a visit to the zoo, a fish and chip supper and then an evening at the greyhounds, before returning to the smoking mills of Bradford. We all had a great day out and on the way home, crossing the Pennines, we all wrapped up well in woollen blankets as the chill of the evening air blew through the open sides of the Chara. To help the time pass the passengers sang songs to lighten the mood and as we passed through Huddersfield a rather pretty young lady broke into a solo based on the song 'Side by Side' made famous by Flannagan and Allen in the late 50's. The song could be applied to either gender, but the lyrics she sang were not the ones I knew from the wireless. It went like this:

We got married on Friday, everybody said it was my day
When the guests had all gone, we were aloneSide by side.
We got ready for bed then, that's when I nearly dropped dead when
His teeth and his hair, he placed on a chairSide by side.
Then to my amazement, out his glass eye did fall
One arm, one leg, he placed them, side by side on the floor.
This left me broken hearted, most of my man had departed
So I slept on the chair, there was more of him thereSide by side.

Laughter and applause resonated throughout the bus and I bravely took the plunge to ask the young lady out later that week. After two dates I invited her to come for Sunday dinner to meet my parents. She was in her element and impressed my mum by polishing off a roast beef dinner that included a loaf-tin-sized Yorkshire pudding filled with onions and gravy...my dad was even more impressed when she then ate another Yorkshire pud for dessert with lashings of golden syrup...I thought, this is the girl for me! ...and the rest as they say is history!

Mrs C-S has always been able to tell a good story and many that follow below are what we have read, heard and re-told over the years from shows we have attended and what we have lifted from such publications as the Dalesman and various local and parish magazines

..... here are another 10 ditties to make a rather different 12 days of Christmas:

* Did you know Robert Mugabe is said to have Yorkshire roots...try saying his last name backwards!

* A man walked into a Scarborough Chip Shop and shouted "Fish and Chips twice"...the wily old fryer turned to him calmly replying " Alright calm down, I heard you the first time."

* Tha'll never see a witch wearing a flat cap.... cos there's no point.

* Christmas isn't owt like it were when I was a lad, we would all huddle around the fireplace with our overcoats on ...and if it got really cold we would light it.

* Yes, I'm from Yorkshire...you could say I'm the Full Bronte.

* I asked my mate to book me a return train journey as he would be passing by the railway station booking office...'Where to?' he asked. 'Well to back here you fool' I replied.

* A farmer took his cat to the Vets. 'Now then Vitenry, can you sort my cat out, it's behaving strangely.'" Is it a Tom?' asked the vet.
'No it's in a basket in the waiting room I've brought it wi' me.' Replied the dry old lad.

*'DANGER, BEWARE OF THE DOG.' Stated the sign in front of the old mongrel who was fast asleep on the mat in front of the shop door.

'Is this the dangerous guard dog everybody needs to be wary of?' ' Asked the customer.

"Aye,' came the reply from the shopkeeper, 'afore I put the sign up, folk kept tripping over the lazy mutt...and then wanting to claim damages!'

* A teacher asked her Dales primary school class to work out a problem....

'There were 32 sheep in as field and 8 of them jumped over the wall into another field, how many were left?' Little Sam from one of the nearby farms put his hand up ' That's easy Miss, none would be left.'" The teacher asked 'None Sam , you're not very good at Arithmetic...why did you say none?' 'Well tha clearly doesn't know Yorkshire sheep Miss, cos when one goes over a wall, they all follow, so the answer is none.'

*And finally, an example of being proper tight.....

A Yorkshireman from Skipton told his wife to put her coat on as he was heading out to the pub.'Well that's a nice surprise' she said 'You haven't taken me out for ages.' 'Don't be daft' he replied 'You're staying here, but you'll need your coat on as I'm turning the heating off while I'm out'. (.....he wouldn't really do that would he?)

Well I hope this helped you escape for a few minutes and put a smile on your face...or raised a groan or two! I'll be back with you in February, so until 2021 I hope Santa remembers to call and that you get out for a ramble or two when it is allowed.

Best wishes to you and yours from the Colonel and of course, Mrs C-S who is proof reading this for me as we continue to sit 'Side by Side'.

NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



Another favourite at Christmas is the Hippeastrum or amaryllis.

The bright red flowers, add a cheer at Christmas as a cut flower.

If you are lucky enough to get a bulb to plant as a present, then you will have the enjoyment of watching the bulb sprout into life and wait to see how many stems you get and also how many trumpet shaped flowers you get on each stem.

Hippeastrum are native to Central and South America and may have been originally found in Brazil. The plant was given its name by the English botanist William Herbert who lived from 1778 to 1847. He combined the Greek word hippeus (knight) with astron (star). Nobody seems to know why he named it this way although I think it does look like a star!

The bulbs are planted indoors from October to January and will take 8 weeks before they will flower. When planting ensure that the pot is quite weighty as the flower heads can be quite top heavy. They should be placed in a warm, well-lit spot and watered sparingly as over watering can cause the bulb to rot. The flowers can last for up to a month but may last longer in cooler conditions.

Cut flowers from a florist can last up to three weeks in water. If you want to do an arrangement using floral foam, as the stems are very thick, insert a kebab stick up the hollow stem. Push the stick into the foam resting the cut edge of the stem on the surface of the foam and very slightly pushed in. I have done arrangements in the past where the flowers have lasted right through the festive period.

When researching this flower, it did mention about the stem splitting at the end and curling. To prevent this, wrap an elastic band around the end. I have never found this a problem but there's always a first time.

I also came across a tip to make them last longer by putting a drop of bleach or a Milton tablet or vinegar in the water. Change the water in the vase or if in foam, check that that it hasn't dried out every few days.

The flowers also look striking just in a vase by themselves or you can add foliage such as pussy willow and silver birch. You could add some rosemary which will give a nice scent. If you cut them down to a shorter length, the dark green of spruce goes well with the dark red flowers.

You can get the bulbs to flower again but they need to have a dormant period by not watering and being placed in a cool dark place for two months. You can then cut down the dead foliage and recommence watering. The bulb may have already started to push up shoots or these will appear once you start watering again. Sadly, in our climate, the plants will not survive outside.



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To find out more about joining the Board, please contact our Chief Officer, Jonathan Kerr.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOORBY

Parish Council

As we did not have a Parish Council for the following reasons I thought I should give a report on the present situation. Following one resignation and the disqualification of the other council members due to the six month rule, where, if a councillor does not attend a meeting of the council in a six month period then they are disqualified. Due to this Craven District Council have once again had to set up an interim council to oversee the affairs and running of the Parish Council due to the fact that no elections can take place until May 2021.

Sitting on the Council at the moment are District Councillor's David Staveley, Carl Lis and Chris Moorby. At the virtual meeting held on Thursday, 5th November Councillor David Staveley was elected Chairman. The Council will be in a position to co-opt members but it is felt at the moment the Council will try and sort out the ongoing disputes which the previous Council have left in its wake before these positions are advertised as the Council Members feel that it would not be fair to let new members have to deal with these issues, but the feeling between the present Councillors is that the aforementioned disputes will be settled in the near future. It would be nice to have some new blood and people with new ideas and hopefully fill all the seven seats of the Council. It can be a rewarding experience being a Councillor.

It was decided to go ahead with the Christmas Lights, in one form or another, this year as it might brighten the spirits of the villagers and Long Preston, but the Council is mindful of the current lockdown and social distancing. Quite a number of people have already put their names forward as volunteers. It was also suggested that residents might like to light up the frontages and windows of their houses.

This meeting should have been streamed live on You tube but as it was our first meeting we had some technical hitches, but we will do our utmost to remedy this for our next meeting in December.

Remembrance Sunday

Even though the lockdown is in place quite a number of people turned out for the short service and wreath laying at the Village Cenotaph. A number of wreaths were laid from the Churches and various organisations. We are lucky in regard to all the open space around the Cenotaph as people could really keep the social distancing to the maximum. It was also noticed that the traffic and particularly the wagons came past very quietly.

Devolution

As you may be aware the Government is pushing forward with its scheme for devolution. If no Council had responded to the Government then devolution would not happen, but, it would appear that North Yorkshire County Council are determined to create a mega authority with themselves at the helm. They have put forward their bid and hence the ball is now rolling.

Craven District Council have along with other District Councils put forward an alternative bid. This means that people will deal with someone on their doorstep, and, although CDC do not get everything right we do try our best. I feel very strongly that if this goes the way that North Yorkshire County want it to then I have an awful feeling, as we are on the border of this mega authority, that all of us will get left out. If you are of the same opinion and do not want a mega-council please lobby our MP Julian Smith.

Julian.smith.mp@parliament.uk

Or RT HON JULIAN SMITH, HOUSE OF COMMONS, LONDON SW1A 0AA

Hellifield Flashes

CDC received the report from the Barrister, as you have probably seen in the local press. The Barrister attended a virtual Planning Committee meeting on the 26th October in which she answered questions about her report. I addressed the meeting and asked questions, as did other Committee Members.

I think the most important thing that the Barrister said regarding the plans that the developer has interpreted to be the creation of a lake was the developer must comply with the Environmental Management Plan even though the form is not definitive the outcome of the Environmental Management Plan is definitive of what the permission allowed for.

Therefore I would say that all is not lost for the wildlife and as a consequence I have sent a letter to Natural England expressing my concerns and I am awaiting a reply.

As you are aware I am always available in these very trying times.

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Regards

Chris Moorby

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THE FOLLY SETTLE

“A Man of Many Parts”



Walter Morrison inherited Malham Tarn Estate at the age of 21 in 1857. He was a very generous benefactor and had a great interest in education. One of his best known local gifts is Giggleswick School Chapel – its distinctive dome reflects his interest in the archaeology of the Bible lands and he was Treasurer of the Palestine Exploration Fund for over fifty years. He also paid for the new Kirkby Malham School and a school at Malham Tarn.

Other local donations were made for the restoration of Kirkby Malham Parish Church and part of the cost of the new Kirkby Malham Parish Hall. In Settle, he paid for the Drill Hall and equipped the Territorials.

Walter Morrison (1836 – 1921)

As an MP, Walter Morrison won Parliamentary elections for Skipton in 1886 and in 1895. He had many business interests and locally he was Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Railway, which hoped to connect Skipton with Hawes. He was a director and subsequently Chairman of the Craven Bank. In the Skipton Head Office, he was noted for often using the office glue to messily stick envelopes, as he disliked licking them.



Giggleswick School Chapel



Kirkby Malham School

Malham Tarn House was his “mountain home” and he stayed there for long periods each year, spending the winter months in sunnier climes for the sake of his health. He loved walking and regularly walked to and from Settle, Bell Busk Station and Kirkby Malham Church, whilst his staff used his carriage. He would often visit his tenants and enjoy a cup of tea in their farmhouse kitchens, with an infant on his knee. Later in life, he was affectionately known as “The Grand Old Man of Craven”.

More exciting news about the events in the 2021 Walter Morrison Festival will follow soon.

Help needed

The organising committee would very much like to learn of any photographs or memorabilia of Walter that have survived the years. If you have any such items or any anecdotes that have been passed down through your family, please contact Malhamdale Local History Group at MLHGenquiries@gmail.com

For further details, please see:

www.kirkbymalham.info/KMI/malhammoor/morrison.html

Extract from the Craven Herald dated 1st January 1880.

LONG PRESTON.

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Every Tuesday from 12th January Brownies 5.15pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 28th January Coffee & Cake - see below for details

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Please be reassured we will resume all our normal activities as soon as we are allowed.

LONG PRESTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Due to the continuing corona virus situation we are suspending our 200 Club draw until at least April next year.

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Many thanks, Kind regards Jackie 840530

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We are hopeful that we can continue in the New Year.

So Thursday 28th January 2021 1.30pm - 3.30pm will hopefully be the next one, in the Village Hall, Long Preston.

Please ring to book your table and let me know how many are in your household/social bubble. Places will be limited due to the number of tables we are able to have due to social distancing.

We will be entering by the usual door but leaving by the fire exit to comply with the one way system.

We will be using disposable cups and plates but you may like to bring your own mug if you prefer.

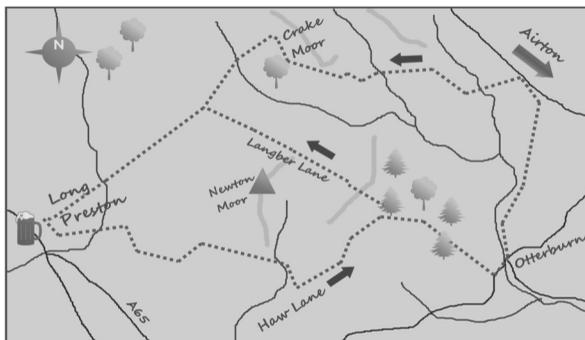
It would be lovely to see as many people as we can accommodate and try and get back to some sort of normality.

Please Ring Annette on 840096

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1. Start at Long Preston, head past the church and follow New House Lane for 1 mile to Little Newton Farm. In the farmyard take the small yellow sign ahead and to the right out of a solid metal gate. The path starts as a farm track next to fence before continuing across an open field (with yellow markers).
2. Cross the stile at field end, cross a small muddy stream and

turn right. Follow the far bank of the river till it bends right, continue across the field to a gate on to a lane, (Haw Lane).

3. Turn left and follow the lane, turning in to a path uphill. After 3/4 mile pick up a farm track, just before arriving at a large wooded area. Pass through a gate and join a significant farm track and follow for nearly 1 mile, mainly downhill, to the village of Otterburn.

4. Turn left at the road and follow it through the small village to the pack horse bridge. Just after the bridge turn left and carry on next to a stream (on your left). Pass through some imposing wrought iron gates (it is the path), through the farm and join the farm track next to the stream, usually with horses.

5. After 1/3 of a mile take the track heading a little uphill. Head for some woodland and not the track heading all the way uphill. At the top of the woods head due north over two stiles till the very faint path meets the Airton Settle quiet road. Turn left and after 250 metres join the track on your left (at a sign that says NOT Scafeber Force!)

6. Follow the tarmacked track for nearly 2 miles to Crake Moor farm. Walk past the buildings and go through a gate and a faint path that tops the brow of a hill before arriving at a stile. From the stile head for a track downhill to your left. This path will now lead to Bookilber Barn on Langber Lane. Take the path opposite and follow it over 5 stiles downhill to the reservoir above Long Preston Beck. Cross the footbridge and return to the village.

Jonathan runs Where2walk, a walking company based in Long Preston (google the website). He also runs Navigation Courses from the village (this walk is a great test of navigation skills, if you get lost join one!!), has a guiding service and books self-guided holidays.

He has written 2 books, the 'Yorkshire 3 Peaks' and the 'Dales 30', available direct or from the Post office.

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