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We have had 11 reports to police from 13.09.20 to 13.10.20

13.09.20 – Highway disruption – broken down vehicle A682

13.09.20 – Road Related Offence – Motorbike Speeds/noise – A65

22.09.20 – Criminal damage – Vehicle scratched – Back Green

25.09.20 – Crime Theft – 16 Swaledale sheep with red dot in middle of back – Langber Lane

25.09.20 – Anti Social Behaviour Environmental – Food rubbish on Waterside Lane

27.09.20 - Anti Social Behaviour Personal – Neighbour Noise

28.09.20 – Crime Violence – Dog bite Waterside Lane

29.09.20 – Highway disruption – Oil spillage – A682

05.10.20 – Suspect circumstances – A65

07.10.20 - Anti Social Behaviour Personal – Joint partnership working

08.10.20 – Concern for welfare – checked in order

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**Front cover picture War Memorial on Maypole Green**

# LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP AGM

In common with most village activities, the work of the Long Preston Heritage Group has been curtailed for much of the year due to the Coronavirus and the restrictions placed upon us. Accordingly, the officers of the group have decided that we are unable to hold the Annual General Meeting as we would normally do in the Village Hall. We did consider using Zoom or one of the other teleconferencing applications but thought this would exclude a number of people in the village. We decided, therefore, to issue our report via email. We hope you will be happy with our decision and enjoy reading about our activities.

## **Archiving Group**

Our Archiving Group, dealing mainly with the Robert Slater Collection, was making good progress until lockdown. The large part that has already been digitised using the "Capturing the Past" website is accessible to all. Once we get back to the normal Village Hall coffee mornings we hope to have our laptop available to demonstrate what is included on the site.

Once we have archived the Robert Slater Collection, we will move on to the rest of the Group's material to make sure it is available to the widest possible audience.

## **VE Day Celebration**

We had intended to have a display on Maypole Green to commemorate the end of WW2. All the photographs had been selected and were ready to print. As you are probably aware, this was cancelled due to Covid-19.

## **Churchyard Project**

From a positive point of view we have made good progress on the project to record the memorials in St Mary's graveyard. For some time there has been a project to use Reflectance Transformation Imaging (RTI) to record the inscriptions on many of the deteriorating gravestones. RTI is basically 3D photography to enable gravestones to be read even when they cannot be read by the naked eye. This work is continuing.

In addition to this, we have recently obtained access to a 1989 survey of all the graves that existed in St Mary's at that date. This is a typed up record of approximately 700 graves, plotted on a layout plan. Each grave in its setting has now been photographed. A group of volunteers has also been formed to convert these records into a digital form that can be accessed for research purposes. We have already undertaken a considerable amount of work on family history in Long Preston and the existence of these 1989 records will enable us to progress this project.

## **Parish Council**

You may be aware that the Parish Council is no longer operating in Long Preston and will not do so until after elections in May 2021. Therefore, the Heritage Group has taken it upon itself to repaint the seats and the pump on Millennium Green and to clean the interpretation board at the Baptist Chapel site.

We are aware that many villagers are saddened to see that the phone box is in such a poor state and we are trying to find out the position regarding its refurbishment. The Heritage Group has already agreed to take a more active role in the project, if this proves possible.

In the absence of a formal AGM for the group, I and the remaining officers of Long Preston Heritage Group are happy to remain in post until the situation returns to some semblance of normality. If, and when we are able to resume our activities, we will let you know and we will aim to hold an AGM as normal in the autumn of 2021. In the meantime, I would like to thank the other officers, Gill Jones, Secretary and Janet Benzie, Treasurer, for their continued support. Although we have not met for some months, I would also like to thank the other members of the committee for their support: Sheila Goodall, David Procter, Graeme Waterhouse, Frankie Wells and Jim Woodward-Nutt

In addition, Ian Evans has stepped in to manage the Churchyard Project. His management skills are very useful! I must also thank the other volunteers who have been involved in the Churchyard Project and the Archiving Group. Your help and support is appreciated.

This report is being sent to all members on our village mailing list. If you would like more information or wish to get involved in any of our projects please get in touch by email. You will also find a copy of this report and more information on our web site: [www.longpreston.info](http://www.longpreston.info) and the Capturing the Past website hosted by Friends of the Dales at: [www.dalescommunityarchives.org.uk](http://www.dalescommunityarchives.org.uk)

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## THE RAMBLINGS OF COLONEL CURMUDGEONLY-SAGE (RETIRED)

Do you know, I love a good oxymoron to raise my spirits and provide a bit of a giggle...and Mrs C-S provided this very spark after reading my last column in the Parimag. Her words were delivered without malice aforethought, shooting from the hip as she does when providing me with feedback about my efforts in the so called world of tongue-in-cheek journalism. 'Do you know' she prefaced after putting down last month's mag, 'your mind must be fully empty of ideas after writing that load of tripe.' Who needs a conscience when you have a soulmate who will tell you exactly as it is, served with a twist of bile erring on the no holds barred approach to critical analysis. However, I take her point that my copy was rather serious and probably went overboard on matters that the readership would not want to necessarily read more about in the current, worrying situation that is the C word. So, oxymorons aside I have had my card duly marked and will endeavour to avoid playing a follow-up busted flush in this issue.

Whilst in Skipton recently we called into the auction mart as we often do to indulge ourselves on a full English breakfast without having to book a table in advance. As usual the venue was a buzz of activity with the addition of face masks and social distancing advice. Members of the farming fraternity are generally very phlegmatic about what else is happening nationally and internationally around their own particular way of life and this was very evident in the banter that was being engaged in, trying to make light of the subject that is central to the direction we are all destined to travel, but over which we have little or no control. After we left the mart, our spirits had been lifted by the matter of fact comradeship we had been party to and the examples of down to earth stoicism on show that seem to come to the fore in times of adversity.

A walk around the pens before an auction can be most enlightening as prospective buyers and sellers make small talk and swap banter to extricate gems of information from one another that may be of advantage if making a bid. As masters of 'earwiggling' Mrs C-S and I love to indulge in third party listening whilst pausing at a pen to weigh up what is for sale. The richness of the language and vocabulary on show is better than any TV soap or fly on the wall reality programme! The dialogue can vary across a wide spectrum of diction from the cultured tones of the Alan Bennett school of delivery through to the broadest of broad Yorkshire accents, with use of the characteristic glottal stop being applied both 'loud and proud'. Add to

this blend the unique, delivery of the auctioneer in full cry and you have a Dales cocktail that warms the cockles of your heart!

As we head towards Christmas, (what is usually the busiest time of the year in our household,) I can officially report that the characteristically 'overflowing' calendar for the next three months is ....empty! Nothing is booked in apart from which colour bin is being collected each week, nothing is even entered in pencil as a possible/maybe. Now, just like you we are in the unprecedented position, (as allegedly the most intelligent of animals on this earth, ) of not having a Scooby doo about what the pandemic position will be in twelve weeks time! By contrast Mother Nature has everything in hand and is not phased whatsoever about what is round the corner.....the autumn technicolour spectacular has flawlessly kick-started into action (I don't like a lot of what the Americans have given us, but I do like their term 'Fall' that conjures up mind blowing canvasses for such a picturesque season). And then there are the very small, everyday changes that She delivers which make us feel that it is great to be alive at this bountiful time of year... the magical sight of temperature inversion on view in the valleys, field mice stealing indoors to feed on the last of our greenhouse fruits, toads hiding in the crevices of our sheds and woodpiles, trails made by our wellies across the jewelled grass from the early morning dew.....all of these things and many more serve to remind us that things will once again return to the ideal of 'all things bright and beautiful'... and nature will show us the way, even if it may be cocking a snub to the hi- tech, hi-speed world that we humans have chosen to follow .....with all its positive and negative consequences.

Well that's all for this month apart from the usual reminder to get out and about for a ramble if it is safe to do so.....to those of our readership who are shielding, I hope the light relief of this column has helped pass a few minutes and raised your spirits a degree or two... ..and if not, here's a challenge for you, should you choose to accept it...can you build an A - Z of Yorkshire Words that you have come across over the years?...you'll be surprised how many you know and how many are out there in everyday use...Irene Constantine certainly knew and used many of them in her writing as we were reminded in last month's issue .... 'so, hang thi coit up, sit thi sen down and get fettling!' I reckon you will be awfully good at it ..... and if this doesn't float your boat, you could always build a list of commonly used oxymorons instead!

Salutations to one and all until the next time around.

The Colonel.



## LONG PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH



**Worship will continue in November at the usual time of 10.15am**

There is to be live Worship from St Andrew's Church, Skipton at 10.30am via the internet on a large TV screen within the Church (except 8<sup>th</sup> November).

We will be following both the Government & Church guidelines and a risk assessment has been undertaken to reduce the risk of spreading the virus to its users. The Church has been marked, to indicate where we are able to sit using the 2m social distancing rules. Also please don't forget to wear your face mask during the Services.

Preachers:-

1<sup>st</sup> November :- Mr Bill Murfitt & Jean Bedford - All Saints Day

8<sup>th</sup> November :- Remembrance Sunday

Joint Service at St Mary's Church at 10.50am

Rev Dr Tracey Darling & Mr Philip Johnston

Followed by Remembrance at the Cenotaph on the Maypole Green

15<sup>th</sup> November :- Mrs Suzanne Platt & Rachael Lord

22<sup>nd</sup> November :- Rev Andrew Webb (S) / Foodbank

29<sup>th</sup> November :- Mr Jim Hope & Miss Helen Cook

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

Daily reflections & prayer sheet via email or DVD for those who have this facility; they are also available on St Andrew's Facebook page. The daily reflections will continue into the New Year.

The link is <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsskipton/videos/>

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  
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# LONG PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH

It is lovely to be able to open the doors of Long Preston Chapel once again and welcome everyone. Services have been going well and we have had live streaming from St Andrew's in Skipton and two preachers since reopening. Although the building was shut the church was very much open, finding others ways of worshipping and keeping in touch. Once we re-opened, we had a splendid display of food at the Harvest Service (see photo below) which was well attended and 3 huge boxes were taken to Skipton Food Bank. Thank you for all the donations.

You may have noticed that there has been some work taking place around the chapel. The fir trees which were behind the chapel and causing concern have been removed. The ivy has been removed off the side of the chapel and off the walls along the path. Many thanks to all those wonderful people who undertook this work, we are extremely grateful. The area around the chapel is looking much better as a result.

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## Long Preston Helping Hands Community Group

Strong & Steady - run by Jill Eccleston (qualified instructor)

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Wow!! Where has the time flown we have completed our first 6 week sessions and those attending are really noticing the benefit to their well being, mobility and movement.

This has been a huge success and Jill has provided us with many useful suggestions and ideas as to how to 'keep moving' and remain independent in our own homes. Jill has also provided us with a book of easy exercises & tips which we can use at home.

The next 6 week session is due to begin on Tuesday 3rd November until Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, in Long Preston Methodist Church at 1.30pm - 2.30pm. It will cost £4 per session.

(Due to obtaining a grant)

(Please note that the day and time are changing to take into account how dark it will be after the clocks have changed.) Safety First !!

Places will be limited due to social distancing rules.

Come on give it a go? We've all been stuck at home, so light and gentle exercises will be of great benefit to many of us to help us become more mobile and gain greater independence.

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# NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



Poinsettias are a very familiar flower at Christmas time. Its bright red bracts seem to shout Christmas! I never seem to have much success in keeping them going beyond the festive season but reading an article I have found in an old Flower Arranger magazine; I can see perhaps why!

The botanical name is *Euphorbia pulcherrima* and they originate from Mexico. There is a legend that tells of a 16<sup>th</sup> century impoverished girl named Maria who was led by an angel to pick weeds from the roadside and place them on the church altar on Christmas Eve. The weeds blossomed into a beautiful red poinsettia. Because of the legend, in Spanish the flower is known as the *Flor de Nochebuena* which translates into the 'Christmas Eve' flower. Another name for this plant is 'Star of Bethlehem' as its star shaped bracts remind us of the star over the stable in the Christmas story.

An American physician and diplomat who was an amateur botanist called Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851), discovered the plant in Southern Mexico in 1825 and sent samples back to America and as we say, "the rest is history".

To keep the plant looking its best, it should be potted in a loam-based potting compost with added bark and leaf mould and placed in a draught-free position that is bright but not in direct sunshine. They shouldn't be exposed to temperatures below 13°C, which is probably why mine in the conservatory don't do so well. Only water when the compost feels dry. Watering too frequently can encourage grey mould to grow on the surface of the compost. It should be fed with a low nitrogen and high potassium fertiliser either tomato fertiliser or one with seaweed extract.

Although originally the plants that were grown displayed the bright red bracts, we now see in them in pale peach, lemon yellow, deep maroon, pastel pink and white. Some also have leaves and bracts that may be variegated or marbled.

The actual flowers of the poinsettia are tiny yellow buds in the centre, it is the leaf-like bracts that are the bright colours. The purpose of the bracts is to protect the flowers and when brightly coloured, to attract insects to pollinate the flowers.

You can use poinsettia in your floral arrangements by cutting the bracts and putting in water. You can condition them in one of two ways to make them last longer. Either dip the cut ends in warm water (15°C) then place in cold water or a demonstrator last year sealed the end with a flame from a candle lighter. Just a word of warning, like all euphorbias, the plant when the stems are cut, exudes a milky coloured sap which can, for some people, irritate the skin. So, if you get any on your skin, wash it off immediately.

Should you want to try and get a second season from your poinsettia, allow to go dry once the bracts have fallen off then in April prune your plant by cutting down to about 10cm in height. Repot and keep in a cool, light place for the summer and start watering again. You can pinch out the growing tips to encourage the plant to be bushy. To then encourage the red bracts to form, from September give your plant 12 hours of daylight followed by at least 14 hours of dark by either popping it in a cupboard or putting a box over the top to exclude light at night. Do not over water but increase once bracts have started to colour up.

# LONG PRESTON AND HELLIFIELD BROWNIES



## Long Preston and Hellifield Brownies

Having successfully completed our taster sessions where we sent rockets to the moon, decorated biscuits, planted bulbs and plants, had a treasure hunt and played a variety of games

we are pleased to announce that Brownies are :-

Starting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

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**Long Preston Village Hall**

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Any girls who are interested who are 5+, who live in the surrounding area, or have friends who would like to come are also welcome to sign up.

Due to GDPR you are not able to just turn up for the sessions. Sorry!! Only those who sign up will access the details.

If you would like more information, contact me Rachel Metcalf on 07854067878 or email [longprestonhellifieldbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:longprestonhellifieldbrownies@gmail.com)

# ST MARY'S CHURCH

## Services at St Mary's Church in November

All services begin at 11.00am except Remembrance Sunday, when we begin at 10.50am

**1<sup>st</sup> Nov** Holy Communion with Archdeacon Jonathan  
(Remember you will need to book your place  
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**8<sup>th</sup> Nov** Remembrance Sunday, joint with the Methodists  
with Philip Johnston and Rev Tracey Darling  
PLEASE NOTE, service begins at 10.50am to allow for  
2 minutes silence AT 11.00am  
After the service, the roll of honour will be read and  
wreaths laid at the war memorial.

**Please remember gatherings of more than 30,  
even outside, are not allowed.**

**15<sup>th</sup> Nov** Morning Prayer with Bishop Helen-Ann  
(Remember you will need to book your place  
by ringing Andrew on 840154!)

**22<sup>nd</sup> Nov** Morning Prayer with Rev Ian Greenhalgh

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov** Morning Prayer with Bishop David Hope

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec** Holy Communion with Canon Graham Bettridge

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# LONG PRESTON ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

This month, we thought we would give the children an opportunity to tell you about their experiences of coming back to school after such a long time.

***We asked Y1 and Y2 what they missed about school during lockdown, what they enjoyed about coming back and what has changed in school since March.***

I missed all the teachers. I have enjoyed seeing my friends again. I have noticed that there are lots of new pictures up in the hall. *Alfie*

I missed Golden Time when we weren't at school. *Bobby*

We used on the carpet, but now we sit on chairs at tables. I like sitting on chairs. We don't go in the conservatory as much as we used to. We can do PE with Mr Bode or Mr Shaw now, not Joe Wickes! *Emily-Rose*

The best thing about coming back to school is all the art work. *Jesse*

I missed seeing my friend and now I can see her again. *Jessica*

On PE days, we wear our PE clothes all day. I wear my lockdown jumper. *Katie*

There are lots of lines of tape on the carpets now. They didn't used to be there.

Children with packed lunches sit on table 4. *Libby*

The classroom displays have changed. I like sitting at a table. I missed the teachers and I missed having fun in the playground with my friends. I like colouring in at Golden Time. *Lola*

I missed the teachers, the children and PE. I have enjoyed doing Phonics and English back at school. We used to get changed for PE but now we come in our PE kits and wear them all day. *Louis*

Only our class is allowed out at our playtime. I miss playtime with the whole school. *Max*

We use the tablets a lot more and we use different maths equipment. I like playing with the reception children. *Mia*

We don't have lunch with the other class and we sit at one side of the table. *Olivia*

We have to wash our hands more. It's strange. I've enjoyed doing some crafty stuff. Reception have to sit a bit away from each other on the carpet. *Scarlett*

It feels really different, somehow – it's more fun. It feels easier. I missed doing maths lessons with everyone else. PE is a bit harder than it used to be but we play games that are more fun. *Yann*

***We asked our reception children what they liked about coming to school for the first time.***

I like doing PE and I liked making a mask. *Alexander*

I like playing in the playground. *Henry*

I like playing with my friends and colouring in. *Isla*

I like playing with the Lego. *Jenson*

I like colouring in and playing with my friends. *Klara*

I like playing with the Lego and with my friends. *Mabel*

I like playing with the toy food in the home corner. I liked colouring a mask. *Paige*

I like playing with the Lego. I missed my friends. *Sienna*

***The junior children were asked about the things they had missed, what they have enjoyed about coming back and how they feel about any of the changes. Here are some of their responses:***

I missed my best friends because we played together a lot, I love going in my PE kit on PE days because we get to be in our PE kit all day. We have to wash our hands nearly six times a day and before lockdown we didn't. I feel okay about it. Keeping our distance is difficult. *Esther*

I missed PE, maths and handwriting. Since I have been back at school I have really enjoyed being with my friends, because I didn't see them for so long. We can't see our friends in Class 1 and I'm upset because I can't see them. Everything is new for me. I'm in a different classroom. *Alex*

In lockdown, I missed my friends because I like them. Coming back to school, I have enjoyed that there is no home-schooling! We wash our hands a lot now and it's quite annoying. *Emily*

In lockdown I missed my friends and playing football. Being back at school I have enjoyed getting pudding and PE. Lunch has changed - I'm in Class 2 and we do not have lunch with Class 1. It is difficult always washing your hands and getting up early. *Mikeal*

I missed English because I like writing stories. I have enjoyed everything about being back at school and I feel more hygienic than I used to. We have to wash our hands a lot more than normal. We can't see any of Class 1 (excluding brothers and sisters) and we have to go into school at different times. In my opinion, nothing has been hard to do (except work!) in the process of coming back to school and I hope it stays that way. *Alexander*

During lockdown, I missed seeing all my friends, PE, and all the teachers. Being back at school, I enjoy sports, PE, poetry and seeing all the classes. Since Covid 19, a lot of things have changed like break time. I like this because the playground is less crowded. Lunch has also changed. I don't like this because I can't see Mabel. Finally, for coming back to school it has been difficult to get up early and get dressed every day and working a lot. *Bryce*

I missed my friends during lockdown so I was happy to come back and see all of them. It feels so different at school because you have to wash your hands all the time and try to social distance. Most important, I hate getting up early! *Emma*

In lockdown, I missed seeing my friends because I have been friends with Matilda and Tilly for five or six years. I missed PE because I love sports. I also missed maths because I see it as a fun activity to do time after time. Coming back I have mostly enjoyed playing with my friends. I have also enjoyed maths because so far it's been fun and I like starting fresh after making mistakes. I think my favourite

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thing in school so far is Mrs Askew's funny French videos. In school, we are now having lunch after lunchtime break instead of before. I like this method because I'm always excited to go for lunch. I like that I have gone from Year 5 to Year 6 because I feel responsible for a lot more things and soon I will be able to see my friends in high school. It's changed in school because we have to try to social distance which is kind of hard. *Skye*

In lockdown, I missed going to school because I couldn't see my friends from out of Long Preston. When we came back, I really liked it because we were going into Year 6. A lot has changed at school like washing our hands more and social distancing as much as possible. Although I loved coming back to school, I still struggle to get up in a morning! In Year 6, we get to walk home on our own, which is really fun. But seeing my friends has been the best part of coming back. *Tilly*

**We're pleased that coming back to school has been a positive experience and that, despite some of the difficulties and changes, the children have loved seeing and playing with all their friends and are also enjoying different aspects of their learning.**

***Extract from the Craven Herald dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 1894.***

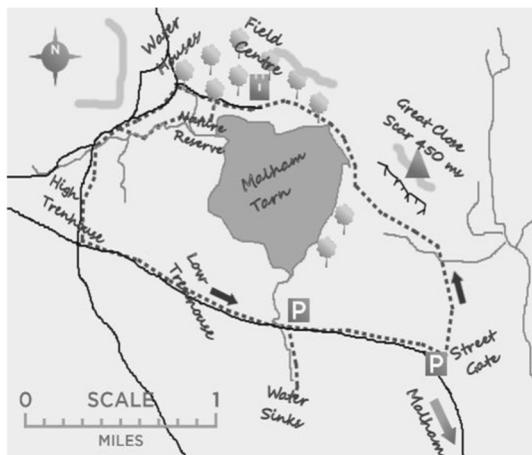
**LONG PRESTON.**

**FATAL BURNING ACCIDENT TO A LITTLE GIRL. –**

On Friday evening, the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, a dreadful accident happened to Edith Dean, between 5 and six years of age, daughter of Walton Dean, a shoemaker, living at an outside house known as Conscience. The child's mother had gone to Clitheroe in the morning, leaving her elder daughter (Annie) in charge of the house. About one o'clock, the father having returned from work, Annie took the baby upstairs to bed, and in a few minutes, hearing the scream from below, rushed downstairs and found her unfortunate sister sitting on the doorstep with her clothes blazing. She immediately fetched an old man named Wray from next door, who threw a sack round the burning child and put out the flames. The elder girl ran up to the village for her father, who on his arrival, found his little girl so severely burnt as to be unrecognisable – her clothes being almost consumed, the sight of one eye being destroyed, and her body burnt from the knees to the top of the head. Medical aid was obtained as quickly as possible, but the injuries as to preclude any hope of recovery. After enduring in agony for a few hours, the sufferer died shortly after seven hours the same night. Her mother, having been telegraphed for, returned during the afternoon. It was found that she had caught fire by reaching over the range for a burning stick, and had always been fond of playing with the dangerous element. – An inquest was held at the Eagle Hotel on Saturday afternoon, before the District Coroner (Mr T. P. Brown), and a verdict of "Death through misadventure" was returned. – The remains were interred at Long Preston Church on Tuesday afternoon.

## WHERE 2 WALK

*Avoid the crowds of Malham village and park near Water Sinks at the parking on Malham Tarn. The tarn is lovely and peaceful at this time of the year.*



1. From the car park follow the stream south for a few hundred yards to Water Sinks, where the stream disappears underground, only to re-appear a few miles below Malham Cove. A result of the limestone rock.

2. Return to the parking and turn right along the road. I call it a Herriot road as there are no walls or fences separating it from the land on either side. It is also the stretch of road used in the 'new' Herriot series where James gets off the bus when first arriving at Darrowby.

3. After just over  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile the road bends right. Carry straight on for a further 100 yards to a well signed path junction. Turn left and follow the path due north for  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile. At a small copse and before a hill turn left and follow the good track to the side of the tarn

4. The next few hundred yards are the best views of the tarn as you walk directly alongside the banks. It is lovely. However if you have the time and inclination turn right just before the woods and take a path climbing east. Then turn south/right and climb the slopes of Great Close Hill. There are the remains of a fort on the summit and it is an excellent view point for the tarn and area. The detour will take little more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour.

5. Return to the banks of the tarn and enter the woods for 1 mile. Pass the Malham Field Centre, set in the woods, and just before emerging from the woods take to the duck boards on the edge of the tarn and enjoy the wildlife in the nature reserve.

6. The path winds its way west through the reserve and away from the tarn to emerge on a quiet lane. Turn left and soon join a road. The final  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of walking is along a quiet road (at this time of the year!), whenever you come to a junction just turn left.

**Jonathan runs Where2walk, a walking company based in Long Preston (google the website). He also runs Navigation Courses from the village, 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.**

To whom it may concern

## **Admissions Policy for Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School**

In line with the necessary arrangements for our admissions policy, we are conducting a public consultation on the arrangements for school admissions during 2022-23.

Our current admissions policy can be found on the school website at [www.longprestonprimary.co.uk](http://www.longprestonprimary.co.uk) and the proposed policy for 2022-2023 is attached below. This has not been changed, but we would ask for any questions with regards to this document to be directed to the school via our email [office@longpreston.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:office@longpreston.n-yorks.sch.uk) for the attention of Mrs E. Martin the Executive Headteacher of the Ribblesdale Federation of Schools, by November 30th 2020.

Kind Regards

The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

## **LONG PRESTON ENDOWED VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY for 2022-23**

*Together, within our caring Christian community:*

*We work to nurture our children's aspirations, foster a love for learning and stimulate their enthusiasm for life in a community of schools where every child is safe; we celebrate individuals and encourage respect for each other and the wider world.*

*The story underpinning this is the lost sheep (Matthew 18:12-14)*

The school is Endowed by the Hartley Educational Foundation and is a Voluntary Aided Primary School, catering for children of the local community (Long Preston, Halton West, Mearbeck and Rathmell) The school is part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools (including Hellifield Community Primary School and Giggleswick Primary School) and the federation governing board is the admissions authority for Long Preston VA Primary School.

Close links exist between Church and School through work done throughout the year

Children can join us full time in September when their fifth birthday falls between 1st September and 31st August. This may be part-time in the first instance at the request of the parents.

### **Planned Admission Number**

The school provides places for a total of not more than 91 children in total and **the number of places available for the coming Reception year will be 12** according to an agreement between the Governors and the Authority. The Governors will not place any restrictions from inside or outside the area served unless they are advised that the number of children for whom admission is being sought is likely to exceed this number.

The Governing Body will admit a child with a statement of Special Educational Needs or individual Education Health Care Plan that names Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

In the event of numbers of applications exceeding those detailed above, the Governors will apply the following criteria in the order listed

1. Looked after children and children who were in public care prior to being subject to an adoption, child arrangement or special guardianship order.
2. Children who live in the local communities of Long Preston, Halton West, Mearbeck and Rathmell. Please see the map attached at the end of this document.
3. Relationship as brother or sister to a pupil at the school at date of admission. (This includes step brothers and step sisters)
4. Cases where exceptional medical or social conditions apply. Each case will be looked at by the Governors based on a written assessment of need from the relevant medical / social worker professional involved with the child
5. Other children.

### **Tie- breaker**

If the maximum admission limit is reached part way through an over subscription criterion, a tie break of distance using the nearest available walking route (public footpath/permanent road) will be employed using the LA electronic mapping system. This is defined as being from the main entrance of the child's permanent home to the main entrance of the school building.

In the unlikely event that two or more applicants live equidistant from the school, the remaining places will be allocated by the drawing of lots.

The local authority runs the co-ordination of applications and sends out offers of places, but there is a national date on which all applicants are informed of the outcome of their application. The national offer day for primary places is **16 April**, or the next nearest school working day.

The Governors will maintain a **waiting list** until 31 December of the year for which the admission was made based on the oversubscription criteria ranking order and not the date at which the name was added to the list. To register your child please contact the Clerk to Governors (see below)

### **The Admissions Process**

Applications must be made on the local authority's common application form and submitted by the closing date of 15 January.

The school go through all applications and rank them against the above oversubscription criteria. These criteria are looked at in strict order i.e. anyone meeting the first over subscription criterion will be admitted, followed by the second if space still remains until all the places are filled.

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## **Deferred Applications for Infants**

Admission authorities must provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made. Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

## **Admission of children outside their normal age group including Summer Born Children**

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. In addition, the parents of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1.

We would make these decisions based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely, along with the views of the head teacher. When informing a parent of our decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, we would set out clearly the reasons for our decision.

Children born in the summer term are not required to start school until a full year after the point at which they could first have been admitted – the point at which other children in their age range are beginning year 1. As noted above, school admission authorities are required to provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday, but flexibilities exist for children whose parents do not feel they are ready to begin school at this point.

If you feel that your summer born child is not ready to start school in the September following his/her fourth birthday, you should still submit your application for your child's normal age group at the usual time, indicating that you wish to be considered for a place outside normal age group. At this stage, the admissions authority will decide whether to offer a place in the year group requested or to offer your child a place within the normal year group. You will be advised of the outcome of your request for delayed entry prior to the primary national offer date of 16 April.

## **Applying for an in-year place**

Sometimes children need to change school at a time other than starting in reception, transferring to a junior school or transferring to secondary school for the

very first time. Some changes may be unavoidable, for example, when you move into North Yorkshire or move to a new house, or sometimes they occur because of difficulties at your child's current school. We will do our best to place your child at a school as soon as possible. An in-year application can be made at any time of the year. You can apply up to a term in advance of the admission date. The North Yorkshire online form will guide you and show you which year group you can apply for, according to your child's date of birth.

North Yorkshire Admissions team aims to process applications within 20 school days. They will also contact the school to check on availability of places for the year group affected or the class size due to mixed age classes throughout the school.

## Appeals

Where for any reason admission is refused parents have a statutory right to appeal. Intention to appeal should be made in writing within 20 days of receiving the letter informing the school place that has been offered and should be sent to the Clerk to Governors.

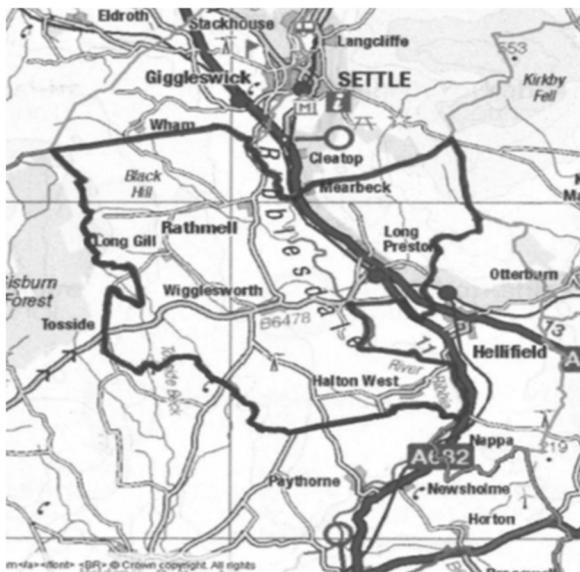
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If you have any enquiries about the appeal procedure do not hesitate to contact the Appeals Team at County Hall, Northallerton on: (01609) 533385, 532943 or 532840, 532834 or via e-mail at: [appeals@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:appeals@northyorks.gov.uk)

For and on behalf of the Governing Board:

Paul Gibbons Federation Chairperson

Elizabeth Martin Executive Headteacher



# HERITAGE GROUP ARCHIVE

## Village Life in Long Preston 1939-45

*I've selected this extract from Robert Slater's archive because of the stark contrast between the vibrant village life during the difficult years of WW2 and the eerie silence of the 2020 global pandemic. I'm sure the similarity lies in Robert's comment at the end.*  
**Sheila Goodall: Long Preston Heritage Group**

In late 1940 and early 1942 the exodus from London had begun. We then had several families from the greater London area. These evacuees came as family groups and were billeted around the village in people's houses. By 1943 very few remained but some of the families returned in 1944 when London again came under attack from V1 & V2 rockets. This time the families stayed until the end of the war. Debenham, Fowler and Denton are a few of the family names that come to mind. They were all very friendly and likeable people, but between their Cockney chatter and our Yorkshire accents, we at times had quite a hard job understanding each other. A few have returned for short visits to the village and for many years a few of the older villagers kept in touch with these families.



The social life of the village carried on as usual, probably with a bit more vigour, the British Legion and the Women's Institute leading in all Wartime efforts and events. Dances were held regularly in the mechanics institute to the strains of the Ribble Dance Band, Whist Drives, Bring and Buy sales, Jumble sales, garden Parties and Fancy Dress Parades in aid of the Comfort Funds, Red Cross and

Home Guard Funds and many others held in aid of the war efforts.

The Girl Guides continued with Mrs Clarke in charge throughout the war. Mrs Jackman kept her Girl Clubs together with the younger girls becoming members as the older girls went to war with the armed services or on to work of national importance. Women's Land Army, Munitions Workers, Railway Signalling and maintenance work were only a few of the many wartime jobs the girls were drafted into.

The Wesley Guild meetings in the Chapel School rooms were also very popular nights out, with visits from the Zion Choir Concert Party proving to be great entertainment.

Jim Hindman had a regular spot in the village with his travelling group of entertainers; so popular were they that the village school had to be booked for these big nights out. It was a great talking point before and after the entertainment and everyone looked forward to these nights. All the monetary proceeds were given to the wartime charities.

All through the war years, Skipper Hodskins arrived in the village in early August with his cubs and scouts. They came from Woodhouse, Leeds, and camped in Scalehaw Field at Beckstones for a fortnight. The highlight of their visit was a Church Parade and a march through the village led by drums and bugles.

Great effort was put into collecting waste paper and scrap iron for the war effort, with gates and iron railings disappearing from all over the village never to be returned. The waste paper was collected and stored in one of Dr Clegg's garages and the old scrap iron, old pans etc. were stored in Church Street Barn yard.

Everyone participated in Digging for Victory, every spare allotment was taken, growing anything and everything you could eat. Most people in the village kept hens and a lot of older houses had pigsties which once again became home for large bacon pigs.

There was a great helping and sharing spirit born during the war years.

# SETTLE STORIES

Whilst theatres have been closed and performances banished, here at Settle Stories we've continued to find new ways to reach our audiences. We're thrilled with the take up to Yorkshire Festival of Story. Across August we ran over 80 events online with audiences from all over the world. Thank you to all of our supporters who helped us reach our £15,000 fundraising goal to cover losses in sponsorship and ticket sales this year. This contribution has made a huge difference to our charity.

We've been busy since the festival with lots of online projects. Come and get involved.

## **Ribblehead 150**

This month marks the 150th anniversary since work began on the Yorkshire Dales' most iconic man-made landmark, The Ribblehead Viaduct. Yorkshire Dales' arts charity Settle Stories is celebrating its history with numerous creative commissions that bring the story of The Viaduct to life for families and young audiences.

Through funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund Settle Stories has commissioned artists to bring the history of this landmark to life for young people. Through interactive experiences, children are invited to explore the 1870s shanty towns. Artists John Hamlett created a Youtube experience *Shanty Life*, in which viewers can get a taste of what a navvies life was like on this rugged landscape 150 years ago. There is also a Shadow Play, in which puppeteer Lois Conlan captures the rich story of building the viaduct.

The Settle - Carlisle Railway Development Company funded a Google Tour, allowing families to discover the historical architecture and tour the area from the comfort of their own home. The Google Tour allows audiences to uncover the history of this unique landscape and the famous Settle - Carlisle Railway line through 360° panoramas.

There are various other commissions audiences can look forward to, including a Touring Library exhibition and a family activity pack. To access these experiences and find more information, please visit: [www.settlestories.org.uk/community/ribblehead-150/](http://www.settlestories.org.uk/community/ribblehead-150/). Settle Stories would like to thank the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Settle - Carlisle Railway Company for funding these projects.

## **RE... An Exhibition In 3 Parts**

### **Settle Stories exhibition at The Folly, Settle**

Tue, 6 October, 2020 to Tue, 22 December, 2020 - Tue-Sat 11am to 4pm,  
Sun 11am to 3:30pm please check opening times with The Folly: Museum  
of North Craven Life before setting off

View Settle through the 1950's lens of local photographer Tom Faulkner in  
this new exhibition in 3 parts.

Leaf through the pages of Tom's photo album in RE...TURNED and enjoy  
images of Settle's celebrations of the Queen's Coronation.

Discover the memories and stories from local people who were at the Settle  
Coronation in RE...MEMBERED.

What does heritage and photography mean to young people today? How  
has it changed? Find out in RE...IMAGINED as students from QES and  
QESstudio School share new work.

Tom Faulkner was a photographer who documented the lives of ordinary  
people and extraordinary events in Settle during the 1950's & 60's. His  
photo album, documenting Settle's celebrations of the Queen's Coronation  
in 1953, is a rare record of a unique moment in local history. For the last  
two years it has also been the focus of our heritage project Tom Faulkner –  
A Portrait of Story. This exhibition is a final celebration of the work done in  
this time and marks the end of the project.

We sent Tom's album to North Yorkshire County Archives to be digitised,  
preserving these memories for future generations. The archivists produced  
an amazing facsimile of the album which you can view as part of this  
exhibition. Visitors can also view the album [here](#).

Please check website for opening times before setting off.

### **FEAST at home - online networking**

**If you're an artist or creative we invite you to FEAST our artists  
networking group. Since covid we've been meeting online and  
welcoming artists from across the UK to take part. During lockdown  
we need connections, inspiration and ideas now more than ever.**

**Seed funding to FEAST members is now available thanks to Craven  
District Council.**

**Find out more at: [www.settlestories.org.uk/whats\\_on/feast-artists-networking-2/](http://www.settlestories.org.uk/whats_on/feast-artists-networking-2/)**



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# VILLAGE HALL DIARY

All regular classes, meetings and events are suspended until further notice due to the coronavirus outbreak.

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.

Hopefully by then it will be safe for everyone to re-join and take part.

Many thanks, Kind regards

Jackie 840530

## OVER 50'S COFFEE & CAKE AFTERNOON

### Coffee & Cake Afternoon for anyone 50 and over

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*Good Coffee*  
is a pleasure.

*Good Friends*  
are a treasure.

Due to Covid 19 rules & regulations, which are changing daily, we have decided to postpone the reopening of this popular event until the New Year, when hopefully circumstances will have changed and we can look forward to meeting once again over Coffee, Cake and a Chat.

If, however you are unable to wait for cake please feel free to give me a ring and I will leave some on your doorstep!!

Annette 840096.

Please look after yourselves and take great care.  
See you next year!!!

Annette & friends supported by Age UK Settle



## Fundraising event for Long Preston and Hellifield Guides



Reminder **Saturday 31st October 10am - 4pm**  
Pop up Usborne book shop at Bridge End Farm.

Then **14th November 10am - 12 noon**  
Pop up "Body shop" shop



**Age UK North Craven** is a small but growing charitable organisation with ambitious plans for the future expansion of its services.

It is a registered charity operated as a company limited by guarantee. The board of directors of the company are also trustees of the charity and to help us grow.

We need experienced members of the public to join our Board. We are particularly keen to recruit members of the local community who have one or more of the following skills:

**Financial Planning, Communications, Human Resources  
Volunteer Management and Older people**

Board meetings are presently held remotely, normally on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

The Board is responsible for setting the strategy and policies of Age UK North Craven and guides and supports the Chief Executive and his staff.

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

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# VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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Long Preston Heritage Group	Gillian Jones 840505	secretary@longprestonheritage.org.uk
Long Preston Water Trust	All leaks & maintenance John Middleton 07802463857  All other queries to clerk@ longprestonwatertrust.org.uk	technician@longprestonwatertrust.org.uk  www.longprestonwatertrust.org.uk
Luncheon Club	Richard Daniels - 015242 51691 or Ruth O'Brien 823813	Please advise Ruth if you are unable to attend
May Day Committee	Michelle Scholes 07760472194	m.scholes1@hotmail.com New committee members welcome
Over Seventies Group	Janet Benzie 840770	benziej@pobroadband.co.uk
Playgroup	Louise Try	Monday-Friday during term time longprestonplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk
Playing Fields Committee	Andy Gillies 07973418492	Meet Quarterly New Members welcome hello@theplayingfield.uk
Primary School	Head Teacher: Elizabeth Martin 840377	
Village Hall Bookings	Stewart Robertshaw 840554	
Village Website	Karen Boothman	webadmin@longprestonheritage.org.uk
Women's Institute	Joan Townson 841144	2nd Weds Village Hall 7:30pm New members always welcome.
<b>St Mary's Church</b>	Priest in Charge	Vacant
Sunday Services	Licensed Lay Minister	Philip Johnston 840760
11:00am	Church Warden	Andrew Slinn 840154 Janet Wood 840709
	PCC Secretary	Jim Woodward-Nutt 851808
	Treasurer	John Cressey 840654
	Electoral Roll/Gift Aid Sec.	Helen Cressey 840654
<b>Methodist Church</b>	Minister	Rev.'d Dr Tracey Darling 01756 752607
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