

# **Long Preston Parish & Village Magazine**

**June 2021**



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ABOUT LONG PRESTON**

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## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOORBY

Following my last articles in the Parish Magazine I am going to keep this one very brief

I hope you are all well and looking forward to life returning to some form of normality, fingers crossed. It has been an uphill struggle.

The District Council is now going back to face to face meetings, but we have to abide by the rules on social distancing and wearing face coverings.

The first full council meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> May and this is having to be held at Gargrave Village Hall as the council offices are not large enough for us to abide by the distancing rules.

Regarding the Parish Council. We now have two Councillor's in place and when there is no need for District Councillor's to act as an intermediary council I too will go on the PC. We are still asking people to come forward as potential councillors.

The Parish Council would ask that if anyone would like to comment on Planning Applications then could they please contact the relevant authority, be it The Yorkshire Dales National Park or Craven District Council if it is outside the National Park.

That is it for now, but don't hesitate if you need to contact me.

Chris Moorby

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# CRAVEN RURAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM SETTLE

Safer Neighbourhood Team covering the Bentham, Ingleton and Settle area, PS1006 Paul Evans, PCSO 5561 Jayne Grace, PCSO 3572 Helen Stringer, PCSO3737 Gary Grieve, 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 9 reports to police from 19.04.21 to 16.05.21

27.04.21 – x2 – Road Traffic Collision single vehicle into wall –  
New House Lane to Church Street

28.04.21 – Civil dispute

09.05.21 – x2 – Anti Social Behaviour Environmental – Abandon Vehicle

10.05.21 & 11.05.21 – x3 – Suspect Red Van & males in area delivering  
Hermes whilst paying attention to dogs reported in  
Hellifield & Long Preston area – area searched no gain –  
ongoing checks continuing

13.05.21 – General Admin from another force

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# LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has a new website in order that we comply with many of the requirements of the Government's Accessibility Regulations:

[www.longprestonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.longprestonparishcouncil.co.uk)

However, the old website is also still working and search engines will find it difficult to lead people to the new site. Therefore, and for the next couple of months or so, we will publicise the agenda for our meetings on both websites.

Unfortunately, our zoom meetings have come to an end because the Government has decided that Councils can no longer meet remotely and we are going back to face-to-face meetings. The first face-to-face meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd June at 7.30 pm in the large room in the Village Hall. Parish Council meetings will comply with the Government's 'safe workplace guidelines' and everybody attending will be seated socially distanced.

Please note that we all have to wear a face mask throughout the meeting.

Marijke Hill

Long Preston Parish Council clerk

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# MUSEUM OF NORTH CRAVEN LIFE THE FOLLY SETTLE

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*A celebration of fell running, one of oldest sports of the Yorkshire Dales at The Folly, Settle, from May 18 to June 25 and then at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes until September.*

Opening at the Grade I listed The Folly Museum, the *Run the Dales* photographic exhibition is a breath taking insight into the traditional and accessible sport of fell running.

Through the award winning and charismatic imagery of Stephen Garnett, this exhibition brings to life the sport and its backdrop of the Yorkshire Dales like never before.

*Run the Dales* also incorporates a retrospective of fell running artefacts and memorabilia donated by several legendary runners and curated by *Peak Performance* author, Victoria Benn.

[www.thefolly.org.uk](http://www.thefolly.org.uk)    [www.runthedales.org.uk](http://www.runthedales.org.uk)



Kirsty Hall leads out at Cracoe fell race by Stephen Garnett

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Long Preston Heritage Group

*Dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 1909*

AN OPEN – AIR LIBERAL MEETING was held by the Fountain on the night of the 17th inst., Mr T. Hornby presiding. An introductory speech about half-an-hour in duration was made by Mr Broadbent, followed by a long oration by Mr H. Turney, who went minutely into the question of what he called "Protection v Free Trade."

Only some half-dozen persons were present at the opening, but a few more gathered up later, the Conservatives within hearing apparently listening with indifference as cool as the north-west wind which prevailed, and did not trouble to ask questions.

**Front cover picture : Cattle grazing**  
**Courtesy of Ron Allen**

# THE RAMBLINGS OF COLONEL CURMUDGEONLY-SAGE (RETIRED)

'One swallow doth not a summer make'...now whether you know that this much used quote originates from Aesop, Louisa May Alcott, Aristotle or Erasmus is of little consequence to my point, the unbending truth is that our northern summer does not begin until legions of swallows, swifts and house martins return to our shores and beautiful Dales to nest...and I can state categorically that these master aviators of the high skies are back in their droves!

Our avian friends have no concerns about Coronavirus, lockdowns, track and trace protocols or vaccination programmes. These sleek, skilful flying machines have access all areas and are criss- crossing our Dales skies sweeping up airborne insects akin to the spectacular dog fights of Spitfires and Mosquitoes chasing away invaders in years gone by.

We Dalesfolk have a soft spot for all manner of creatures great and small that enhance our lives and give us great pleasure without asking or expecting much in return. Across centuries we have adopted many as our own and given them our own titles and nicknames as terms of endearment. Staying with birds, many of these local names are obvious but others need a little explaining. Obvious ones include: Blackbird - Blaggy  
Wagtails - Waggies Goldfinches - Goldies Magpies - Maggies

But then there are the more unusual ones: Thrushes - Throllies or Throssels, Sparrows - Spuggies.

The Wood pigeon is locally known as the Stoggy, perhaps a dull sort of name for a rather dull bird who limits its call to 'Coo Coo Cu', over and over again driving you mad if you are trying to concentrate on a task! The Blaggy on the other hand has a sweet tuneful trill and loves to imitate you if you whistle a tune. We have lots of male blackbirds in our garden at present and the black males seem to spend all their waking hours chasing off possible rivals for the affections of available partners. Also prominent around the village are lots of Rooks building their Rookeries high in the tallest trees whilst their close doppelganger, the Crow, is busy scavenging any morsel it can find and is fearless in carrying out this task to get a feed. I wonder how many of you remember the milkman's saying to differentiate between these two ..... 'A Crow in a crowd is a Rook and a Rook on its own is a Crow.'

My last example is saved for the iridescent Starling which looks like it has just got out of the shower with its glistening, jewelled feathers.

These masters of the murmuration are known locally by some as Skemmers and by others, less affectionately, as Stinkers, due to the smell of their collective droppings that gather below their nests around the gutters and ledges of our homes and outbuildings.

Now a challenge for the reader. Yorkshire terms are used in many everyday conversations and one that has passed down the ages is .... when giving a ride to another person on your bike it is known as giving a 'croggy'. Now where did this term come from? Answer in the next issue.

And finally for this issue, a chance to archive and celebrate our collective entry into stage 3 and 4 of the release from the Covid lockdown .... fingers crossed it will go ahead as scheduled with luck and based on scientific evidence and advice. After many, many weeks of isolation and very big efforts by most of society to stick to the safety guidance, we are entering our most normal period yet after 14 months of doing what has been asked of us. It will be strange for many of us of a certain age to take the next step of meeting up with others outside of our own homes. Many people have lost confidence in travelling beyond their own threshold. It's going to be a challenge if and when it happens and there may be many who we need to reassure and support to get things back on a sure footing. But, one thing is for certain, if anyone can overcome this next set of challenges, Dalesfolk can, and we must show that bulldog spirit of the past in rebuilding our lives and communities ...and bit by bit, a new normal will grow through just like in our gardens when green shoots of growth are regenerated after a hard winter, bear fruit and flourish once more...we are all in this together and must help each other through ...trust me I know about these things...or so I tell myself!

That's all for now, enjoy a ramble or two with your new found freedom when you feel confident enough to do so and listen out for the bird songs that will help to brighten your day ...well maybe not the Stoggy's , but you can't have everything all at once can you? Stick with it everyone there is an end in sight!

Chow for now, The Colonel.

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Everyone is most welcome!!

Preachers:-

6th June :- Mr Richard Walls

13<sup>th</sup> June :- Rev Dr Tracey Darling (Sacrament)

20<sup>th</sup> June :- Philip Johnston - Father's Day & Celebrating 50 years of the Johnstons life in Long Preston before they depart for pastures new ....We wish to thank them for all their support with the Methodist Chapel and wish them well in their new home in Ben Rhydding. They will be greatly missed. Everyone is most welcome.

27<sup>th</sup> June :- Mrs Rachel Coombes

4<sup>th</sup> July :- 10.30am - Special Circuit Service live streamed from St Andrew's to welcome Rev Dr Tracey Darling into ordained ministry. She is to be ordained on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June in Birmingham where she trained. As we are unable to be with her on this date, we will be holding this special service to mark her journey into ordained ministry.

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](mailto:tracey.darling@methodist.org.uk)

### **Strong & Steady – run by Jill Eccleston**

The Tuesday session in Long Preston Methodist Church at  
1.30pm – 2.30pm is now full.

We would like to open another session 2.30pm – 3.30pm we  
already have 3 potential members, we would like another one or  
two to join them .

If you are interested the will cost £4 per session,  
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# MONTHLY GARDEN FEATURE

## **Hanging Baskets**

Although I have opted to write about hanging baskets for the month of June, a basket can be filled with plants suitable for any season. Hanging baskets can help disguise something, brighten up an area or just be used to display some beautiful plants.

A house in Coniston Cold used to have masses of hanging baskets on the front and side of the building, this always made me smile when driving past. A basket outside the front door is a welcoming, beautiful adornment.

### Constructing a hanging basket

1. Choose a basket: wire frame, wicker or ceramic.

2. Add a liner if the basket doesn't have one built in: coconut fibre (coir), sphagnum moss or plastic.

Because we are all trying to be more environmentally minded plastic may not be the best choice, however a cane basket with a built-in plastic lining can be reused for many years.

3. Add water reservoir, if using moss or coir adding a saucer to the bottom of the basket will act as a water reservoir. Alternatively add "Crystal Rain", this is a crystal that, when soaked in water, forms a jelly like substance that can be added to the compost to help it to retain moisture.

4. Cut slits in the side of the liner to allow plants to be slotted through.

5. Add a base layer of compost (use compost with added nutrients).

6. Add plants. Select plants that are suitable for the position-shade or sun. If you plan to be away for more than a very short break you may need to consider plants that can tolerate drought. Plants with a silver or grey-green leaf tend to tolerate drier conditions; lavender can look stunning if combined with silver leaved trailing plants like *Helicrysum Petiolar Silver* or *Nepeta Variegata*.

7. Pack more compost around the root balls of the plants and top up the basket.

After care: water baskets regularly, feed once a week with all-purpose fertiliser and dead head regularly to encourage more flowers.

Hanging baskets can also be used very effectively for fruit and vegetables. Tumbling tomatoes and strawberries look fantastic cascading over a basket side and it has the advantage of keeping fruits away from the ground and slugs.

Hanging baskets are a blooming good idea provided they aren't placed too low near a door - where they could be even more cracking!



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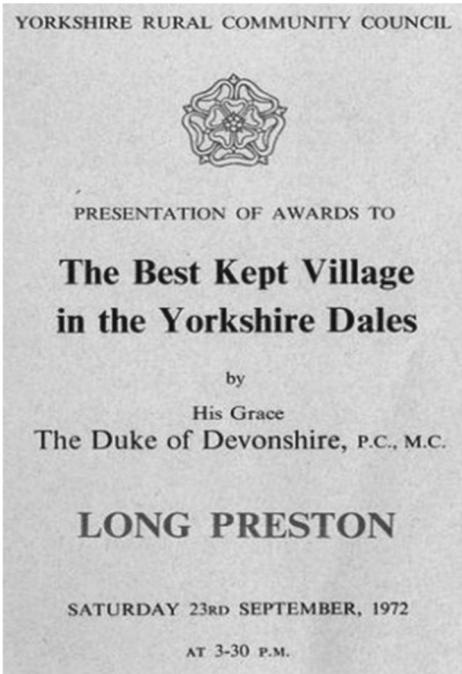
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# HERITAGE GROUP ARCHIVE

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE



In 1972, Long Preston won the Yorkshire Rural Community Council award for the Best Kept Village in the Yorkshire Dales.

The programme cover is pictured left.

The purpose and value of the competition is explained on the reverse of the cover and reproduced below:

"Each one of us, in however small a way, can do something to make the place in which we live more attractive to the eye. We should do this for our own sake – both for the delight it gives us to live in well-kept surroundings, and for the satisfaction of presenting to visitors a picture of which we can properly feel proud.

A village is small enough for each one of us to see, almost at a glance, and to appreciate the combined efforts of all. For this reason a competition of this kind among villages comes home to all the people in a way which would be impossible in a town or city.

The important thing in this contest is not this ceremony, nor the victory of the winner, but the work that everybody has done to clean up and improve the appearance of his or her village.

The Yorkshire Rural Community Council, therefore, offers warm congratulations, not only to the winners of prizes and awards in this closely fought contest, but to all the villages which have set their hands and minds to the task. They hope that villages which have not entered on this occasion will be inspired by what has been done to come in next time."



*Presentation by the Duke of Devonshire of the  
Best Kept Village Plaque and Bench.*

### **Order of Proceedings**

The Duke of Devonshire was welcomed by Alderman J. Digby Cooke, Chairman of the Rural Community Council.

The awards - a plaque and a seat - were presented by the Duke of Devonshire.

Mr Martin Beecroft, Chairman of Long Preston Parish Council, gave the reply.

A vote of thanks to the Duke of Devonshire was moved by Mr F. Clark, Chairman of Langcliffe Parish Council.

The event took place on what is now known as Millennium Green with the Old School House in the background.

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The description below of the Trophies and Prizes is also included in the souvenir programme:

'The sign which the winning village will keep till the next competition is an example of the traditional craft of hand wrought iron work made in Kirbymoorside by the late Mr W. Dowson. It is set on a post of oak timber presented by Mr George Howard of Castle Howard and shaped by Robert Thompson's (Craftsmen) Ltd., of Kilburn.

The generosity of the Dalesman Publishing Co. Ltd., has also provided a permanent souvenir for the winner in the shape of an oak seat made by Mr H Carter of Swainby.

Mt George Howard of Castle Howard has offered a tree to each of the other villages which were finalists. These were: Austwick, Cotherstone, Langcliffe and Thornton-in-Craven.

Long Preston is also listed in the 1972 programme as a previous winner in 1969.



Pictured above Alderman Major J.H. Hudson is speaking from the platform before presenting the awards for the 1969 competition.

What can you do?

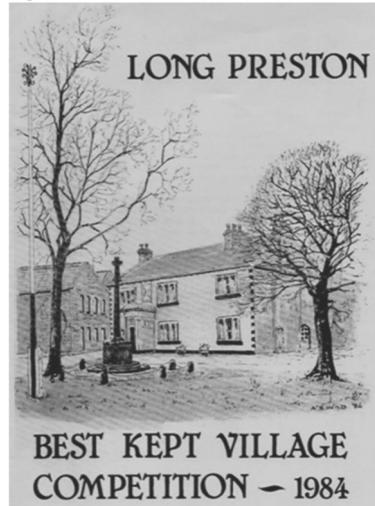
1. Please try to keep your walls and fences in good order.
2. If possible, trim back bushes and shrubs which overhang footpaths.
3. Keep garden sheds, outhouses and their surroundings tidy.
4. Try to keep gardens tidy with plenty of colour.
5. Pick up and take home for disposal, any litter that you see in the village.
6. Keep building sites in good order.

If you have any ideas or wish to give further assistance please contact :-

Rev. G. Hoyland  
Mrs. M. Bowker  
Mrs. M. Farrington  
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Joint 3rd  
with Austwick

In 1984, Long Preston was  
joint 3rd with Austwick



The back page of the 1984 programme listed what could be done to prepare the village for judging: **'What can you do'**

Please try to keep your walls and fences in good order.

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Keep garden sheds, outhouses and their surroundings tidy

Try to keep gardens tidy with plenty of colour.

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The aim is to support the school, both financially and through bursaries to ex pupils.

If you would like to know more please contact Gilly Guy at email [clerkhef@icloud.com](mailto:clerkhef@icloud.com).

# NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



Looking around the garden our lilac tree is about to flower with its delicately fragranced blossoms. Lilac can vary in colour ranging from purple, blue, pink, white and yellow. Lilac or *Syringa vulgaris* is deciduous and is a member of the olive family. In Greek mythology, Pan fell in love with the nymph Syringa. However, she was afraid of him and as he chased her through the forest, she

changed into a fragrant, flowering bush so that she could escape from him. The lilac still remains a symbol of love and perhaps this is why the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge chose the lilac as one of their wedding flowers in 2011.



There are many varieties with the most fragrant varieties usually being medium to dark purple in colour. Lilac can grow up to nine metres making it a useful tree to have in the garden to provide some shade. The dwarf varieties will grow to about eight feet tall making them more suitable for the smaller garden. Originally from South-eastern Europe and Eastern Asia, lilac will thrive in a sunny position and although it grows in a range of soils, it does best in a well-

drained, humus-rich soil. Normally it does not need pruning until it reaches 6 to 8 feet. You can keep it to this height by pruning as soon as it has finished flowering; pruning it later will affect the numbers of blooms the following year. The best time of the year to plant a new lilac is in the spring or autumn. This means it will have started to get established before any periods of dry weather in the summer (should there be any!!).



Lilac looks and smells wonderful when cut for the house. I think it looks best just in a simple jug with the blooms cascading down. The blooms will last longer when placed immediately in lukewarm water after cutting. You can also ensure they last longer by selecting blooms that are not yet fully open when you cut them. Also don't cut during in the heat of the day as this could result in the blooms wilting.

The flowers are edible and can be used in jams, jellies and liqueurs. In folk medicine, the lilac blooms were used to treat kidney diseases.

As we emerge from lockdown, the RHS has several flower shows planned for this year. Information about tickets can be found on their website. The nearest show to us will be RHS Harlow Carr Summer Garden Show which takes place 24 – 27 June and the Tatton Flower Show takes place on 21 -25 July.

If you would like to know more about flower arranging you can subscribe to NAFAS 's The Flower Arranger magazine, which is published quarterly. This is available from large magazine sellers for £4.60 per issue or can be ordered online via the NAFAS website which will cost £22 for an annual subscription. You can also subscribe to a digital version (annual subscription £9.99) via [www.pocketmags.com](http://www.pocketmags.com).



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# ST MARY'S CHURCH

## June 2021 services

6th June Canon Graham Bettridge Holy Communion

June 13<sup>th</sup> Philip Johnston Morning Worship

June 20<sup>th</sup> Janet Wood Informal Worship

June 27<sup>th</sup> Archdeacon Jonathan Morning Worship

Please note June 13<sup>th</sup> will be the last service our Licensed Lay Minister, Philip Johnston, will be taking for us before he leaves for pastures new.

After the service that day there will be, Covid permitting, coffee and cake and an opportunity to say goodbye to Philip and Cynthia and to thank them both for all their hard work for the church and the parish.

As always, if anything has to change there will be a notice outside church.

Do please feel free to ring either of the wardens for up to date information;

Janet 840709 or Andrew 840154

## LONG PRESTON PLAYGROUP AND PRE-SCHOOL

A huge thank you to all those who supported our Easter fundraisers by buying tickets and trail packs or giving generous donations.

The raffle and Easter trail were a great success and we raised a whopping £760 to go towards new equipment for Playgroup!

Thankyou!!

We are looking for committee members for Playgroup. If you would like to get involved, make new friends and make a difference to Playgroup, please get in touch.

We would love your support!

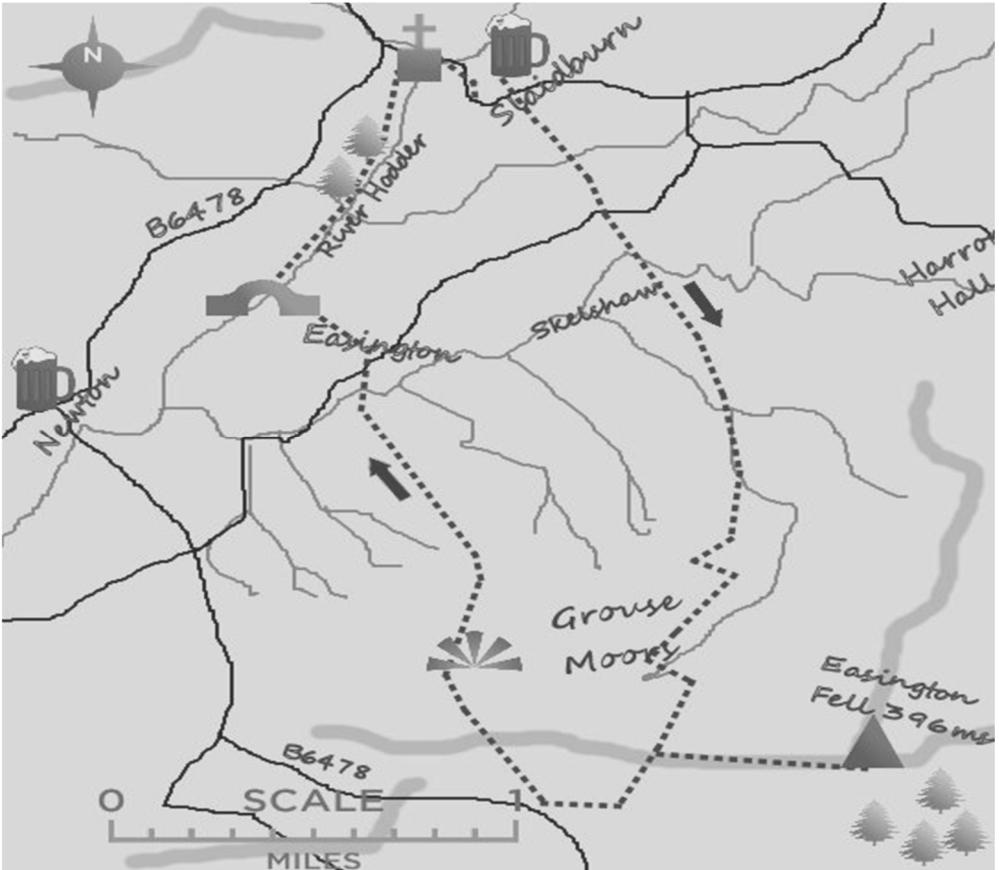
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## WHERE 2 WALK

### **The Moors above Slaidburn**

*7 miles. There are some quiet, picturesque moors south of Slaidburn which makes for a lovely walk exploring an area most will never have visited. Slaidburn is a pretty village, just 10 miles away in the Forest of Bowland.*

1. From the small car park near the river walk up the zig zagging road that you probably arrived on. At the top of the road a footpath heads on to the open fields on your right, heading roughly south. Follow this for ½ a mile to a minor road, cross the road and head up a lane to Broadhead Farm.
2. For the next mile follow a footpath that heads south, gradually climbing through farming fields. After the first large field make sure you fork right. On arrival at some farm buildings cross in to the moors, access land.
3. An obvious shooting tack climbs steeply at first on to the moors before levelling out. Here the views are excellent and the walking a real pleasure. It is possible to leave the track on your left and climb to the summit of Easington Fell, the highest point around. Return to the main track.
4. Where the track arrives at a T junction, turn right and follow it for 300 metres (just before arriving at a road) and turn right again along a footpath in the moors. The path, heading south, winds its way across the moors for ½ a mile before dropping steeply to the exit of the moors.
5. Just after exiting the moors there is a choice of path. I prefer the left hand path through Smelfthwaites and Meanley Woods (great name). Initially a path, then a track soon arrives at a minor road. Here turn right and walk for ½ a mile I to the hamlet of Easington.
6. Near the main buildings (before the hall) take a footpath on your left and follow it downhill to the River Hodder. Cross the river and turn right, following the footpath back in to Slaidburn.



**Jonathan runs Where2walk, a walking company based in Long Preston (google the website). He also runs Navigation Courses from the village, you can hire him as a guide for the day and or book a self-guided holiday.**

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