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MAD DOG – For some time past it has been known that several dogs have been bitten by a mad dog in this neighbourhood, and which has caused a considerable amount of uneasiness to be manifested. The dog, a stray one, was, we understand, shot after it became known it was mad, but not before it had bitten other dogs, some of which have been since destroyed, but the owners of others, although it has been known their dogs have been bitten by the rabid animal, refuse to adopt the sensible course suggested to them – to at once destroy them and thus allay all further fear.

Only a few days ago a foal, the property of Mr. Richard Wildman, appeared to be ailing, and on Mr S[obel?], the Veterinary Surgeon being called in, he at once pronounced the animal to be mad and it was at once destroyed. Surely our local authorities will lose no time in adopting the necessary precautionary measures to put a stop to the further spread of this direful disease by ordering all animals known to have been in contact with the mad dog to be destroyed without further delay.



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If you would like to join in helping to lead the singing at this joyful event please get in touch with Carol Bettridge. We would very much welcome some gentlemen to our group.

Tel: 841113 or email: grahambettridge@gmail.com

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All services start at 11am unless otherwise stated,
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Nov 7 th	Canon Graham Bettridge	Holy Communion
14 th	Joint service with the Methodists for Remembrance	
21 st	Colin Blake	Informal Worship
28 th	Canon Ian Greenhalgh	Morning Worship
Dec 5 th	Bishop Helen Ann at St Aidan's, 9.30am	

Sadly we are not yet offering coffee after the service but we will still offer you a very warm welcome.

Midweek BCP Communion services are back in full swing on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 11am.

Wed 10 th	Nov	David Hope
Wed 24 th	Nov	John Holford
Wed 8 th	Dec	David Hope

The **Remembrance Service** on November 14th will this year be at the Methodist Chapel. Please note, the service will start at 10.45 am by the war memorial.

Our next **Joint Parishes Walk** will be on Sat Nov 13th, meeting at Langcliffe car park at 10.30 and walking to Stainforth Force to, hopefully, see the salmon jumping. All welcome, no need to book, no age limit, suitable footwear. Dogs on lead at all times please.

Our service on Dec 5th will be a joint service of Holy Communion with St Aidan's at Hellifield, lead by our **Bishop, Helen Ann**. We will try to go in as few cars as possible, so if you would like a lift, or can offer one, please let me know
contact Janet Wood 01729 840709

Christmas at St Mary's

Dates for your diary;

Sun 19 th	Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service
Sat 25 th	Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day with Canon David Bruno
Sun 26 th	Dec	No service	

St Aidan's at Hellifield will be holding a Crib Service and a Christmas Eve Communion, to which we are all invited. Details next month.

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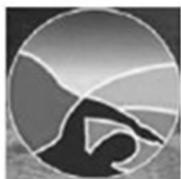
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CHURCHYARD MOWERS

In March we tentatively re-started the mowing groups that included a maximum of 5 volunteers each week, with social distancing. The equipment remains constant with two ride-on mowers, a petrol rotary push mower and two strimmers. The target is to mow the whole area with the ride-ons, mow the areas outside the church with the push mower and any spare team members, to use strimmers.



A few thank you's. Firstly, to the team of 20 volunteers that continue to turn up and keep churchyard looking its best. Secondly, to John who keeps all the bushes and garden around the church clipped to perfection. Thirdly, everyone with a dog that took notice of my call and the PCC's support, in reducing the dog muck left in the churchyard. We now haven't seen any this mowing season; touch wood! The 'keeping dogs on lead in the churchyard' remains in force. The metal bin unfortunately is still being used by a few. Please deposit your dog's pooh bag in the council bin, it's only a few yards away at the lych gate.

Finally, we are looking for a few extra to join the team. I would usually pounce on any unsuspecting person at our coffee mornings to pressgang them to help. This time I'm asking via the media of our amazing village magazine.

This is not just for men; we already have two ladies on the team. If you're a bit of a 'petrol head', like to get involved in village life, and can spare 2 hours per month through the summer, we need you!

Please call Tim on 07850 947278 if you are able to come and join us. We will teach you everything you need to know on the use of the machinery.

THE RAMBLINGS OF COLONEL CURMUDGEONLY-SAGE (RETIRED)

There has been a lot of intelligent debate over the years about human mood changes brought about by shortening daylight hours in tandem with falling temperatures..... (and there has been a lot of claptrap too!) As Autumn descends and the long, hot, summer days are behind us for another year I know my moods will alter to match these changes now, whether they are hormonal, emotional or transcendental I am not sure...but I know someone who does. Yes, you guessed it Mrs C-S has a very strong view on such matters and is quick to tell me to 'get over my seasonal man flu', 'stop moping about' or 'stir your stumps,' she even once told me to 'stop being a wuss' whatever that particular Americanism is supposed to mean. But seriously, I personally think that humans, as many animals do, enter a state of hibernation and all our actions slow down to match the seasonal weather conditions....but then again what do I know!

As the end of October looms and the Ribble's river water deepens due to the increased rainfall, the salmon start to gather in the deeps and prepare themselves for the combined decathlon that will get the strongest and most resilient of them back to the place of their birth to continue the process of procreation. Our own pride and joy, Long Preston Beck, has in the past been a major player in this annual remake of 'The Salmon Run'. It is said by some that even today if you take a torch out in the depth of night and silently shine it down into the deep points of the beck you may be lucky enough to spot a salmon resting on the bottom. Here they await the arrival of the Autumn rains to swell the beck which will allow them to swim over the weirs, rakes and rocky low points along the course of the waterway to the hatching pools at the foot of Scaleber Force . These magnificent fish have been in the deeps along the Ribble for some weeks already, preparing for the exertions of the ultimate swim and leap against the forces of gravity to reach their final goal, the breeding grounds along the many small tributaries to the main river, where they will play their part in the perpetuation of the species.

A very good friend of mine, now sadly passed away, was born and bred in the village, and loved to tell tales of how back in the 50s and 60s, he and his boyhood mates would go night fishing for salmon at this time of year, aiming to avoid the Bailiffs, employed by the local landowners to keep any undesirables away from the transient, free, rich pickings of 'the Salmon run'. These young lads would work in pairs and prepare their kit weeks in advance, awaiting an evening after a period of heavy rainfall (to boost the water level), that had a clear sky with lots of moonshine. Their kit would consist of yard (metre) lengths of cotton or nylon thread (if they could get it,) a nut/ bolt or heavy washer (to act as a weight) and a flattened piece of tin foil (or silver-

paper) on the end of the line that was dangled in the water. The lads would silently lay down on the bank of the waterway and dangle their line into the deeps, the water flow would make the silver paper spin and reflect in the moonshine, attracting salmon up from the safer riverbed to investigate the arrival of others of the species gathering for the final push. Unbeknown to the salmon, the unseen hand of the poacher was laying still in the water and as the fish rose up and brushed against the spinning dummy, the lad would whip his free arm up and toss the surprised fish on to the bank where it was quickly despatched by his partner in crime.

Well how enterprising was that? Totally illegal of course, however I am reliably informed that the black market for such ill-gotten gains was vibrant throughout the small villages along the feeder becks to the Ribble. Sadly, the greed of the larger professional poachers back in time (who could command high prices at their black markets in the larger towns and cities) ruined things for everyone. These professional gangs, who cast strong nets across the whole width of the river from one of the many bridges over the Ribble, attracted the attention of the Bailiffs and in due course the law, to the point where salmon poaching has become pretty much a topic of folklore as this story implies.

Now that same Tyke who told me this tale was also a bit of a wag with the ladies too...or so legend had it and he passed on to me many snippets of home spun advice over the years that may well have been fortified by a flagon or two of local brew quaffed in one of our local drinking establishments. He advised that in actual fact it is the ladies of our species that are more effected by mood swings with the onset of Autumn than men. His advice often became more exacting with every pint he downed and on one occasion he offered me a raft of dos and don'ts before even contemplating making a proposal of marriage to a member of the fairer sex.....which is not bad from someone who was and stayed a confirmed bachelor all of his life! I treasured my pal's company, his companionship and his considered (if forthright) advice and to this day still reflect on the friendship he showed towards me when I moved to the village eons ago. He also had a saying for everything as is the Yorkshire way. One of his favourite Toasts still sticks with me today and I want to share it with you so that you too can enjoy the beauty of the language and sentiments within.....

***There are long ships and tall ships and ships that sail the sea
But the best ships are our friendships and may this always
be.....slange!***

Well, that's all for this session, except to say, enjoy your rambling when you can, as you can tell I still do.... and as the nights draw in, try to redouble your efforts to keep busy and help others to stay positive as the battle against Covid continues,.....'for a change of mood is simply a shift in an attitude of mind'... as my wise old Tyke friend once advised.

Till the next time around, salutations to all, The Colonel.



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LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP

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There is also a page for local businesses to advertise.

Any volunteer or community group is welcome to advertise themselves or their events free of charge on the website. All you need to is contact

secretary@longprestonheritage.org.uk

We would appreciate if any contributions could be in a 'copy & paste' format so we do not have to spend time editing it before putting it on the website.

We also run a village email list and anyone is welcome to sign up for this.

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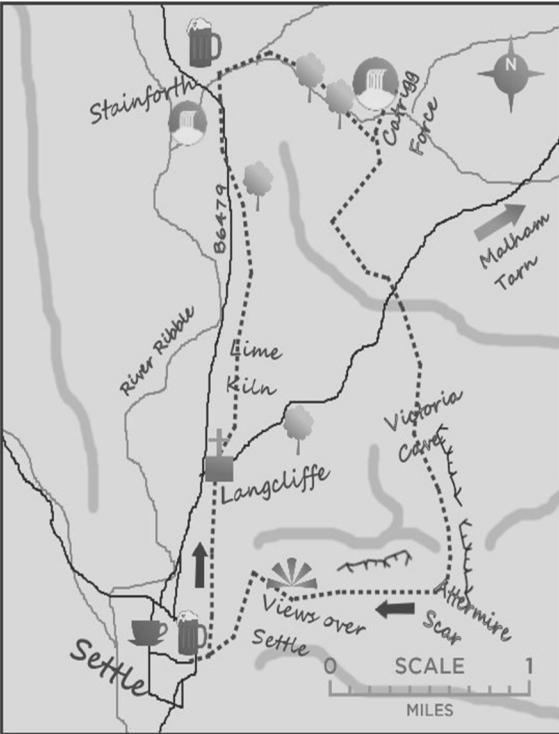
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2. From Stackhouses take the path heading back to the river down the side of a house which has an impressive weather stone. On meeting the river do not cross the footbridge but keep to the riverside path. It is a muddy path that passes through some woodland and 3 awkward stiles. As Stainforth caravan park appears on the left hand side, keep to the river and meet the spectacular Stainforth Falls.

3. From the road bridge just beyond the falls, cross the river and take the path to your right just before reaching the main road. The path crosses the train line, under the road and in to Stainforth.

4. Walk through the village turning left at the Craven Heifer and then left again to climb a farm lane steeply up hill for 1 mile. Before a closed gate a path leads left to Catrigger Force. Visit and then continue up the farm track towards the Malham road. On arrival at the road turn right briefly, cross the cattle grid and take to the grass path on your left heading uphill.

5.The remainder of the walk is through classic limestone scenery. Cross the fields, over a stile and through a kissing gate to the scar on your right. A small path on your left climbs to Victoria Cave.

6.The path under the scar continues south from the cave for half a mile before dropping downhill between two limestone scars to Attermire. Before reaching an obvious wall turn right, cross a ladder stile and climb up to a gap in the cliffs. Settle is in view below, follow the grassy path and farm track in to the village.

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



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LONG PRESTON ENDOWED VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School news update

Our beautiful village school has undergone a facelift over the holidays, with our dedicated team of teachers and support staff giving generously of their time during the summer break to redesign each classroom, creating bespoke learning spaces suited to the age and stage of the children we teach. With new furniture and resources, our three-class structure offers our small teaching groups all they need to thrive in school.

Robins Class caters for our youngest pupils, with indoor and outdoor learning planned to support children in Reception and Year 1:



Our Maths area



Our Message centre



Our Construction area

Starlings Class is the place our Year 2, 3 and 4 pupils call their own. With a wonderful reflection area and some new maths and construction equipment it's a calming space for learning and having fun!



Our Reflection Area



Our Reading Corner



Our Maths Resources

Owls Class hosts our older pupils, with Years 5 and 6 enjoying their independence and extra responsibilities as our role models in school.



Our new bookshelves and writing development wall



Part of our maths area



Some of our art resources

To add to all the excitement that change often brings, we have new outdoor play equipment being constructed on our field. This will allow all our pupils to exercise their agility and strength, not to mention coordination and cooperation skills, each playtime as they share the latest in climbing frame designs. We have plans for our whole outdoor learning space to be nurtured and transformed, so it is ready to use for Forest Schools activities and more. We will share pictures next time!

We can't wait to welcome our local community back through our doors and will be planning safe opportunities to do this over the coming months.

Should you wish to visit our school, please call to make an appointment and we would be delighted to show you around.

Miss Ward and staff at Long Preston Primary School.

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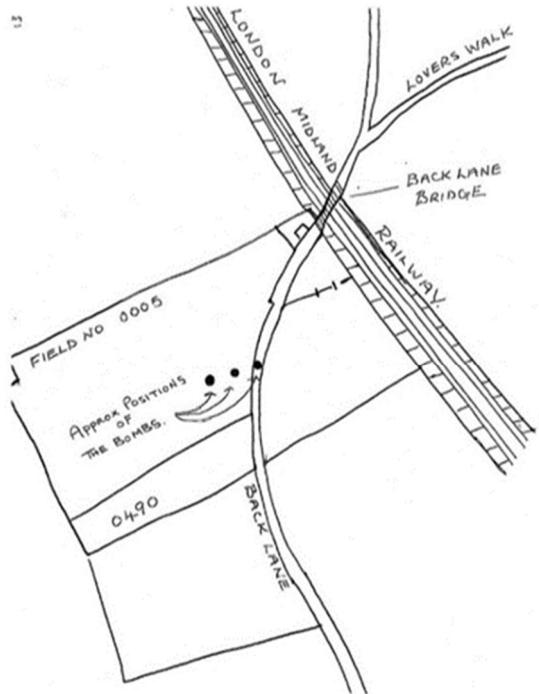
HERITAGE GROUP ARCHIVE

Bombers over Long Preston – extracts from the Robert Slater Archive.

Spring 1941, saw a lone enemy aircraft at night drop three bombs in the Back Lane area of the village, one exploding and bursting in the main village sewer line, and the other two exploded harmlessly in the cow pasture field of the late William Whitehead of Kirkmangate Farm. The field is marked 0005 on the O/S map of the village. The craters were found early next morning by Arthur Rowlett (Police War Reserve) while going to feed his hens in the Back Lane. Mr William Pye, Mr Whitehead's farm man, had to make a detour via other fields to bring the cows in for morning milking at the shippon on the green. There was a lot of activity for over a week in Back Lane repairing the sewer and making good the road. The work was carried out by Settle District Council and West Riding County Council. Many bits of shrapnel became treasured possessions of the village people and children for many years.



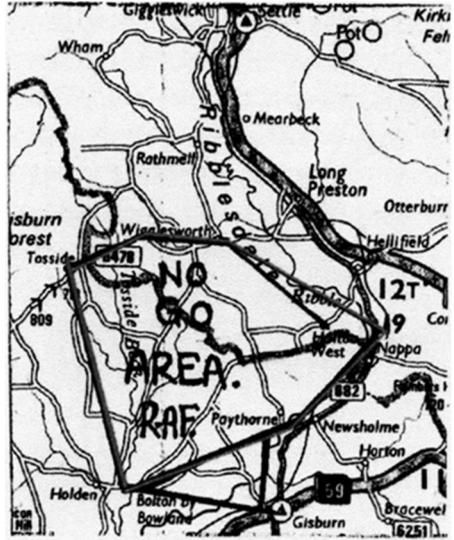
The map on the right shows where the bombs exploded. The exact position where the bomb in Back Lane exploded is marked with a square type sewer manhole cover.



The two bombs that exploded in the field 0005 were just over the wall in line with the manhole cover.

1942 brought the 291 R.A.F. Maintenance Unit to the Settle area. Many personnel were billeted in private houses in Long Preston, many houses with two and three airmen to a family, but by 1944, most of the airmen had left the village and were living in 'The Ashfield' and 'Falcon' Hotels in Settle, which had been taken over by the RAF for barrack accommodation.

During the following years the whole area out to Bolton by Bowland, Tosside, Gisburn and Paythorne became a bomb and ammunition dump. Bombs and ammunition were brought from the munitions factories by rail to Gisburn and Hellifield stations and then transported to the rural dump sites by the RAF personnel stationed here and civilian transport contractors. The RAF stayed in the area until 1946. Many of the airmen married local girls and made their homes in the small villages they had come to know as home.



The airmen were here to unload bombs from Hellifield and Gisburn stations and to store them on hard standing sites that had been made for them in Bolton by Bowland, Paythorne, Halton West and Tosside areas.

As a boy, Robert Slater saw both German and our own RAF aircraft over the village. Below, in his own words, he records his experiences.

'Easter Monday in the early afternoon a German Heinkel HE111 flew very low down the Scaleber Beck Gill. I was playing with my friends in Sinking Sand Wood in our hideout and we all waved as the German Bomber flew over. It was said that this aircraft crash landed or was shot down in the Cowling area. It had been a long way off course for an aircraft of this type with only a medium fuel load.'

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'At 7.30a.m. on the 24th April 1942 an Armstrong Whitworth Whitley Bomber returning from a leaflet raid over Germany ran out of fuel and the pilot made a belly landing (not a crash) in Spindlebar Field, Arnford, near Long Preston. The pilot and crew were uninjured after the aircraft had flown under a 33,000 volt power line. The plane was put under guard as soon as possible. The guard being made up of the Hellifield Home Guard. They stayed with the plane until the RAF salvage crew dismantled the Whitley and took it back to its base. I have no idea where the plane was stationed. One of the salvage crew was called Hargreaves and was a native of Accrington before joining the RAF.

Long Preston School log book records that "the Headteacher took standards 2 to 6 to see the Whitley bomber aircraft that had landed about a mile from the school at Arnford. The pilot had landed the aircraft and done little damage to the plane. The children were out of school from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., the day was fine and mild". I was one of the children, I was 13 years old at the time and I still remember it well. After the aircraft had been dismantled and taken away on Queen Mary transporters, a few of us village boys walked to the field to see if we could find a few souvenirs for our wartime collections, but there was nothing to pick up, the cupboard was bare – not even a nut and bolt. The boys all had war time collections e.g., bits of barrage balloon canvas and bits of shrapnel from the bombs that had exploded in the Back Lane. I still have my bit and it is now the year 2009.'



Armstrong Whitley English Bomber



Heinkel 111 German Bomber

LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on the 7th October in the Village Hall, Councillors and members of the public attended.

Concerns were raised about the condition of the footpath around Devonshire Place, the council said it would raise the issue with the correct Authorities

The Council is further along the path of independence once more with new Councillors in various stages of the process of Co-option. Thanks to those who have come forward.

The Council received a report about the North Yorkshire local government reorganisation, it seems Long Preston may well end up in a large area with the likes of Hellifield, Gargrave, and the smaller communities to the north of the A65.

The work towards the refurbishment of the Pavilion is still progressing and will move along as soon as possible.

The Long Preston Heritage Group is once again renewing its endeavours to refurbish the Phone Box.

Speeding issues were again raised and we now have a VAS sign near the Bungalows at West End another site is in preparation near the Village centre. Others traffic problems were discussed and its a work in progress.

A quiet meeting overall then.

Since the meeting I have been informed of a couple of plots suitable for veggie production around the village , if you are interested please contact me and I can arrange to connect householder with potential grower.

The next meeting is on the 11th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Mary Brierley

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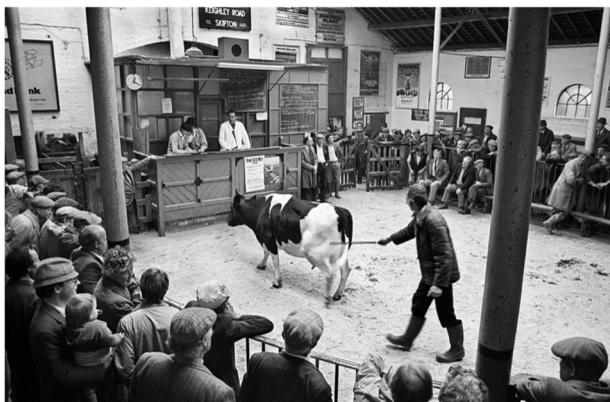
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An exhibition of photographs of livestock markets, 1970s-Present, by Settle-based photographer John Bentley. John focuses on the human participants and traces the paths from long-gone markets right up to present day auction marts. Exhibition at The Folly, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 9EY, 5th October - 23rd December 2021.

<https://www.thefolly.org.uk/>

John Bentley first photographed a livestock market at Penistone in 1976, wandering in to the somewhat dilapidated brick and tin sheds where cattle were being auctioned. There were plenty of interesting 'characters' to photograph - this was really the end of the era where farmers dressed in characteristic long coats and cloth caps and buying agents dressed in smart waistcoats and trilby hats or bowlers. Nowadays it's more likely that they'll be dressed in logoed rugby shirts, jeans and baseball caps.

Over the next ten years he photographed several more markets, unaware that within twenty years most of them would be gone. However, two of the marts photographed have successfully moved to large new edge of town sites (Skipton and Bakewell). Over the past decade John has visited many present-day markets to record what they are like in the 21st Century.



Skipton livestock
Market 1986

The exhibition contains a mix of vintage black and white and present era colour photographs, mostly covering markets in Yorkshire, Cumbria and Derbyshire. The pictures record the vibrant goings-on, featuring the buyers, sellers and onlookers, as well as the market buildings and livestock.

Bentham
2020



John is also currently working on a project to document northern hill farming, which includes photographing farmers at work, agricultural and sheep shows, sheepdog trials and the hill farming landscape through the seasons. In 2016/17 he was a contributor to the 'Voices from the Land' project and exhibition, which focussed on interviewing, documenting and photographing farmers in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Earlier this year, John's exhibition 'A Year in Hill Farming' was staged at The Gallery on the Green in Settle. Two of John's articles on hill farming have featured in recent editions of 'The Dalesman' magazine and his market pictures have also recently been used in The Prince's Countryside Fund's publication 'More than a Mart'.

More of John's market photographs can be seen on his Flickr site-
https://www.flickr.com/photos/john_arc-images/collections/72157659872542003/

John would like to gratefully acknowledge the support and sponsorship of the following markets in staging this exhibition:
*Bagshaws Auctioneers, Bakewell Market, Derbyshire
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John's exhibition, 'Going to Market', can be seen at The Folly in Settle, North Yorkshire, from 5th October – 23rd December 2021. The museum is open 11am-4pm Tuesdays- Saturday.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOORBY

Unitary Authority

The proposal is to replace the Hellifield and Long Preston ward with a ward comprising Hellifield, Long Preston, Gargrave and Malhamdale and called The Gargrave and Malhamdale. It looks like we have already been forgotten, with one Councillor in place to represent 4,414 people at the present. As I have said before:- The Elections that are due in May 2022 will be to elect Councillors who will run the County Council for the first year and will then sit on the new unitary authority for the following four years. Civil servants have given a clear steer that the maximum number of councillors for the new authority would be 90. In order to deliver this it would need to include proposed Wards for the new council. It is understood from the Boundary Commission that it could not carry out a full boundary review prior to the Elections in 2022, however it would be able to carry out a full boundary review prior to the next Elections in 2027. Therefore it is proposed to submit proposed Wards for the first term of the unitary councillors that equates to 89 and that the new council would commit to submitting itself for a boundary review prior to the next set of Elections. All the District Councillor's will be in place until 1st April 2023 to see that the changeover goes (possibly) smoothly.

Planning

I have commented about the Planning Department before with regard to the peer review. Things are now being implemented and things are improving. With regard to the Flashes, nothing seems to be happening at the moment regarding the planning application going before the planning committee. I can assure you that I continue to ask questions about this matter, perhaps the developer is waiting to see what happens with regard to the new authority. There are also plans in for the Granary and Keepers Cottage at Hellifield Peel.

Grants

I have recently given £280 of my £1,000 grant allocation to Hellifield Herald, there are quite a number in the pipeline for both Hellifield and Long Preston. The County Councillor, David Staveley has grant money allocated to him for his ward, therefore it might be an idea to see if he has any available for any projects there may be.

Licensing

Date set by Craven District Council to make CCTV in taxis mandatory Councillors have now set a deadline by which all taxi and private hire drivers in the district must have installed CCTV inside their vehicles. The policy was first agreed in 2018 but its official implementation has been delayed following consultation with the licensed trade and the effect of the coronavirus pandemic. All new vehicles have already been required to meet this requirement since January 2021. The Council's Licensing Committee last night determined to mandate taxi cameras in all vehicles from January 1, 2022. This follows Department for Transport advice that CCTV increases public safety. Cllr Simon Myers, chairman of the Licensing Committee,

commented: “Craven is the first council in North Yorkshire to make cameras inside taxis mandatory.” Taxi cameras should provide an additional deterrence to prevent risks to both passengers and drivers, and they can also add investigative value when the Council or the police are required to look into incidents or complaints against drivers or passengers. “The use of taxi cameras will provide a safer environment for the benefit of drivers and the public.” The costs of installation are to be paid by the vehicle owner and are estimated to be between £450 - £630. It was agreed that a hardship scheme would be launched to assist drivers who cannot afford to purchase them immediately and allow them to apply to delay installation. Councillors also agreed to amend its Taxi Policy to meet the new Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards where it currently doesn't. The Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy adopted in 2018 already met the majority of the recommendations but there are now new guidelines that increase the amount of time that must pass following certain convictions before a driver can be licensed by the Authority. The new standards will also see new conditions for private hire operators, such as a requirement for operators to carry out checks and keep records on booking and dispatch staff. Councillors also agreed to adopt the use of the national register of taxi and private hire vehicle driver licence refusals and revocations. Currently, if drivers do not disclose information about a previous revocation or refusal to grant a licence, there is often no way for the Council to know otherwise. This means that vital intelligence about an applicant's past behaviour can be missed and an individual may be able to be licensed in another area despite having a previous licence revoked or an application refused. The register is developed and hosted by the National Anti-Fraud Network (NAFN).

Caravan Sites Holiday Homes

At the same meeting caravan parks were discussed. Although the Licensing department has a hand in what goes on regarding Holiday homes it also falls to environmental health and the most important, the planning department. There has been a great deal of concern regarding holiday lodges and static caravans being used as permanent residences, it does depend on the planning permission as whether they can be used like this, but we have to remember that there are sites for this to happen and some are also mixed use sites. One of the biggest concerns is the fact that when they are used for whatever period the occupiers or the owners do not pay council tax, but the services are supplied ie. bin emptying and everything else. This means it is rather unfair on the people that actually live in the Craven District. The licensing committee along with the other departments are looking into how this issue can be resolved.

Remember I am always available.

Regards Chris Moorby

Email: Cllr.CMoorby@cravenc.gov.uk

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OVER 50'S COFFEE & CAKE AFTERNOON

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Many thanks for all those who supported this event and welcomed the Officers and members of The Royal British Legion (Skipton Branch) who came to talk to us about their memories.

Many thanks for the donations of cakes and raffle prizes.

The date for November is Thursday 25th 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Come and join us and make time to chill out from your busy life!
It would be lovely to see you!

We will be adhering to all the current Covid rules and regulations.

Annette Metcalf & Friends supported by Age UK Settle

METHODIST CHAPEL DIARY

November 2021

Every Tuesday

Strong & Steady 1.30pm – 2.30pm
followed by Tea and biscuits.

Bums and Tums 2.45pm – 3.30pm

Every Wednesday

Nordic Walking
please meet in the Chapel car park
1.30pm short walk followed by tea & biscuits £3
Nordic Walking 2.30pm – 3.30pm
longer walk £5

Friday 5th & 19th

Craft Therapy 10.30am -12pm Crafters getting together to enjoy each other's company, learn or develop new skills over a cup of tea & biscuits. £1 (This may change to pm)

LONG PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH



Long Preston Methodist Church November 2021 Services Most Services start at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.



Please wear your face mask during the services if you feel more comfortable; masks are still required whilst singing at the moment. Thank you.

Preachers:-November

7th November : - Mrs Angela Walls

14th November :- Rev Dr Tracey Darling - Remembrance Sunday please meet **10.45am** at the Cenotaph followed by a service at the Methodist Church. If you wish to place a wreath or poppy at the Cenotaph during the Service then please let Annette Metcalf know prior to the Day.

21st November :- Mrs Glennis Hobbs

28th November :- Mrs Jane Jolly

5th December :- Rev Stephen Dawes (Holy Communion)

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

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

The Remembrance Service on November 14th will be at the Methodist Chapel this year. Please note the Service will start at 10.45am by the Cenotaph and then afterwards in the Chapel. To make this a special event, to mark the Centenary, (100 years) of the Royal British Legion, we are asking everyone young and not so young to make a poppy. It doesn't matter what materials you use, please put it onto a stick and from 1st Nov place it round the Cenotaph. You can either write your own name on it or dedicate it to a family member. The knitted poppies will once again be placed on the Holgate Fountain by the Rohan Shop. If you could spare an hour on Saturday 30th October to help clear the leaves away from the Cenotaph area of the Maypole Green and /or help put the poppy frame onto the Holgate Fountain we would really appreciate this. Many hands make light work.

Thank you to all those who have knitted poppies so far and particular thanks to all those who have continued to pop them through my letterbox. (Annette)

NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



Our visiting demonstrator in October was Catharine Baines from Preston with a demonstration entitled 'Tree-mendous'. Catharine has been a demonstrator for 5 years but has enjoyed flower arranging for many years before that, as a way to relax after a busy time at the hospital, where she worked as a physio.

She also competed in the designer of the year competition, where she represented the North West Area of NAFAS. This is a competition that takes place over 2 days where the competitor has to do several arrangements of their own choosing and at least one that is using materials and flowers supplied by the competition organisers.

Flower arrangers are being encouraged to limit the amount of floral foam they use as it takes hundreds of years to biodegrade. Many are returning to chicken wire which when scrunched up provides a frame that when stems are pushed through the holes, holds them in position.



Another method Catharine used was tying test tubes to a frame made out of wood and contorted Hazel. Into each test tube she placed a bright orange Gerbera, Gloriosa Lilly, (which was flame red with yellow edges) and a piece of Asparagus fern. Simple but very effective.

Her designs used foliage from her garden including hellebore leaves, Bergenia, Elaeagnus, Fatsia, Himalayan honeysuckle (Leycesteria), and Euonymus to name a few that provided a varied green background for the flowers that she used.

Holly and Ivy have long been associated with Christmas; we even have a carol that names the two species. But here are a few facts that you may not know about these two festive pieces of foliage.

The holly most frequently seen in our hedgerows is *Ilex aquifolium* (European) and English ivy is *Hedera helix*. This is not the same as the American poisonous ivy although it is mildly poisonous if eaten and some people may develop a rash if they touch it.

Being evergreen, they have both been valued as foliage to have in the house since medieval times as symbols of life during the winter months. In the Christmas carol the holly, sometimes known as Christ's thorn, represents Jesus and the ivy the Virgin Mary. The Druids believed that the holly offered protection from evil and would wear holly in their hair. In more modern times, Harry Potter's wand was made from holly wood presumably for the same reason.

Both are used in floral arrangements at Christmas time as their dark green leaves provide a good background to the reds, gold and silver that are typical of the traditional Christmas. They are also readily available in the hedgerows although not all holly bushes bear the berries. That is because Holly is dioecious meaning that there are male and female flowers, and it is only the bushes that have the female flowers that then go on to have berries.



They are long lasting once cut and are ideal to use in wreaths and table decorations. The longer fronds of ivy can be left to trail from the arrangements and wreaths to add a flowing look. Variegated forms also add a contrast. Ivy also has a flower in the Autumn which can be used in arrangements to give a different texture and these later turn to deep purple berries.

We are currently selling tickets for our Open Meeting that is to take place at Gargrave Village Hall on 11th November. Our guest demonstrator is John Dalton and tickets cost £10. His demonstration is entitled Christmas Greetings and all his arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. There will also be a Festive stall which will be selling plants, decorations, homemade jams and jellies and flower arranging supplies.

Tickets are available by ringing Jean Kayley on 01729 840303. Our annual Open Meeting has always been a very festive way to start off Christmas with the added bonus that you might get to take an arrangement home!



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From The Walled Barn and Greystones Cottage.

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Early this year we saw that the condition of the wall in many locations was deteriorating, bulging and mortar loosening and stone falling out.

In the summer we got in a structural engineer to look at the wall, his report told us in no uncertain terms that the wall, the full length of it, was in very poor condition. The age and construction of the wall means it is not up to the pounding it takes from current traffic and the damage from tree roots. He proposed a solution, but repairing the wall could not be done with the trees left in place.

Initially we were looking at felling just one tree. We then got a tree surgeons assessment to see if it would be possible to do the work and save the tree, but that report too said the tree was contributing in a large part to the problem and that if the wall had to be repaired the tree could not be saved.

We contacted the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority as the tree has a TPO on it and eventually, after ten weeks, they sent somebody to look. This was their tree specialist and he said that in his opinion ALL the trees in the group would have to come down to repair the wall and make it safe. Subsequently the Dales have sent another structural engineer along for a second opinion. This has only confirmed the condition of the wall, and thrown more light on its weak structure and the damage the trees are causing.

So the trees above the road will have to come down, the Park has granted a felling order, it's a shame, a real shame, but the safety of people using the road and pavements, including the School buses, are our first priority. The wall will be reinforced and will eventually look largely as it does now, but will have a concrete underground inner structure on our gardens side which will take all the pressure, this will not be visible from the road.

We will plant replacement trees, but know the view will be forever changed. Its not something we have agreed to lightly, nor has the National Park, the cost will run into 10's of thousands of pounds for us, but we have duty to keep the public safe and make the wall able to stand up to the demands of the heavy traffic on the road.

Hope everybody understands, the road will most likely have traffic control on it for periods of time when the work starts.

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Thursday 11th Age UK Luncheon Club 11.00am
Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Saturday 20th Christmas Fair 12 noon - 4pm
Thursday 25th Over 50's Coffee and Cakes 1.30pm
Saturday 27th Christmas Lights Switch On

DECEMBER 2021

Saturday 4th W.I. Festive Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon
Tuesdays Termtime Guides 7pm

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11:00am	Church Warden	Janet Wood 840709
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	Gift Aid Sec.	Helen Cressey 840654
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