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In the dreary winter months, it's nice to have something to look forward to and in February there is always Valentine's Day accompanied by the gift of red roses and possibly a card! The trouble with this time of year is that any flowers that are available (including the red roses) are quite expensive so any way of making an arrangement, without using many flowers, is good.

One story of how Valentine's Day began stems from the 2nd Century when Valentine defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from being sent away in the army. As you can imagine this didn't go down well and so it comes as no surprise that he was arrested and then executed. Some say this happened on 14th February, but other accounts relate that there was already a pagan fertility ritual held in February each year which was abolished by a Pope who then proclaimed that the 14th would be St Valentine's Day. The poet Chaucer, in the Middle Ages, was the first to link St Valentine with romantic love.



The instructions of how to make this arrangement appears in a demonstration on YouTube. This is the link https://youtu.be/FBL_bkMiq54 It's a lot easier than it looks and doesn't take too many flowers as quite a lot of greenery is used first to cover the foam block.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 9th March starting at 7.30pm when we will be holding a practical night in Hellifield Village Hall followed by refreshments. In March, our guest demonstrator will be Linda Hardman with a demonstration entitled 'Back to my Roots'. Visitors are always welcome, and you might get to take one of the arrangements home!

For any more information about Flower Club please check out our Facebook and Instagram pages or ring 01729 840331.

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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

A very belated Happy New year to you all. Well, the “view from the vicarage” as I write this (in early January), is damp, gloomy and rather unwelcoming – and that’s not just the winter weather here in Craven! The media seems dominated by a weary inevitability that yet more bad stuff is on the way, and that we seem unable to deal with it: those who we think can deal with it, like politicians, won’t (for whatever reason) and those who can’t must just sit and endure. It’s hardly surprising that many people are struggling to cope, not just economically, but mentally as well. So much of the last 40 years has been a story of “things are going to get better” (if not quite “you’ve never had it so good”- a quote for our older readers, perhaps!) that we can’t be surprised at the psychological fallout once the myths of constant progress and prosperity are shown to be just that. For me, the current headlines of strikes, war and economic gloom remind me very vividly of 1970s Britain in which I grew up- although instead of a health crisis, we then had a profound terrorist threat to contend with instead. And yes, in those days of my childhood, there was indeed gloom and anxiety on every front page (no digital media then, of course). Perhaps the one difference then - and this isn’t, I think, a cliché- was that those of my parents’ age and older had lived through the privations of World War 2 and were able to find some context for their discomforts: much harder to do this, I think, when most folk now have known only peace and a greatly increased standard of living for two generations.

Perhaps, by the time you read this, some pleasant spring weather will have come along at the same time as better news about the life of our nation and world- let’s hope so! But maybe what we all need- young and old alike- is a time of looking both at ourselves, and what’s important in our lives- and trying to find a sense not only of thankfulness for the good things that we have, but also a context for our current situation. Yes, some are indeed struggling to pay the bills and we should be generous towards them, but many of us are so much better off materially, even now, than our parents and grandparents were, despite today’s economic issues. And for

those whose struggles are with things like loneliness, anxiety and depression- well, it costs us nothing (apart from a bit of effort) to help them. Is the best way to overcome the "gloom and doom" of Britain in 2023- at least as portrayed by the media- perhaps to spend more time thinking about others than about ourselves?

*On **Wednesday 22nd February at 7pm**, we will have a service at St Aidan's Hellifield to mark Ash Wednesday. This is the start of Lent, when Christians spend the 40 days before Easter reflecting on our lives and on our relationship with God. Please do join us, especially if you feel there are things in your lives that are separating you from God and your neighbour. Please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729-851709 or jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk*

Revd James Rodley

Priest-in-charge, Hellifield and Long Preston, Diocese of Leeds

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD TREES

We're having some important work done in the churchyard over the next few months, which involves reducing two trees and also the removal of two that have died.

This work has been identified by a tree expert as needing to be done, and it's important for us to follow up this advice to ensure the health and safety of visitors to the churchyard isn't put at risk in the longer term.

Please take extra care in and around the churchyard when the contractors are on-site. There will be some leftover timber available for villagers who'd like to take advantage of it, but please make an appropriate donation to the church if you take any!

Any queries?

*Please contact Revd James on 01729-851709
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Front cover picture :

Sofia Penty and her lovely 4 year old pony Jimmy
Photo courtesy of Rebecca Penty

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

All services start at 11am (unless otherwise stated)

Date	Preacher	Service	Reading	Reader
Feb 5 th	Rev James Rodley	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 2 1-12	Barbara
Feb 12 th	Rev James Rodley	Morning Prayer	Romans 8, v18-25	Adrian
Feb 19 th	Rev James Rodley	Holy Communion	2 Peter 1, v16 to the end	Carol B
Feb 26 th	Rev James Rodley	Morning Prayer	TBC	Andrew
Mar 5 th	Rev James Rodley	Holy Communion	TBC	Glynn

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Thursday 9th Feb Rev James Rodley
Thursday 23rd Feb Rev James Rodley

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The orchestra has developed enormously since those early days, to a large extent thanks to Howard Rogerson's 15 year tenure as conductor. Howard was particularly keen to provide opportunities for youngsters to experience orchestral playing.

In 2017 we developed a partnership with the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM), who recommend each year a conducting student. This season's conductor is Xinjie Yang from China who has already made her mark with an ambitious programme of Schubert and Tchaikovsky. The partnership gives us access to some very talented instrumental and vocal soloists, another way of encouraging young musicians.

We are fortunate in having two very experienced co-principals – Anne Heaton (violin), who has for many years taught in music centres in the region; and Bob Buller (cello), who will be playing Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations at our next concert.

We are always glad to hear from anyone who might like to join Settle Orchestra or write music for us. We particularly welcome young instrumentalists and composers, and currently have vacancies for string and brass players. Rehearsals take place on Friday evenings in Settle. We sometimes need additional players for specific concerts and would be happy to hear from any local professionals interested in playing.

Why not come along to one of our concerts, in Settle or in Skipton, to enjoy an exhilarating evening, support local musicians and help keep music live?

Full details of future concerts and contacts are on our website
www.settleorchestra.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Conductor Xinjie Yang



Spring Concert

Mendelssohn

The Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave)

Mendelssohn

Fair Melusine

Tchaikovsky

Variations on a Rococo Theme

Cello - **Bob Buller**

Beethoven

Symphony No.2

Saturday 11th March

7.30pm

Christ Church, Skipton

Saturday 18th March

7.30pm

Settle Parish Church

Conductor - **Xinjie Yang**

Leader - **Anne Heaton**

Tickets £15, students £7.50, children free

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from orchestra members: or on the door. Cash or card payments on the door.

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THE RAMBLINGS OF COLONEL CURMUDGEONLY-SAGE (RETIRED)

Happy New Year to all, as we settle into a period of the calendar where we are plagued (to put it politely) by mixed weather. The dust has settled on the festivities and if you are like me, most well-intended resolutions have already been broken, abandoned or dismissed to Room 101

January and February have oft been referred to as a special time of year 'when the moon is still high in the day sky at midday to keep the rising sun company'. Some might remark on this Larkin style comment as an over-egged, romantic view of winter time which, when stripped back is basically just cold, wet and windy. Others are more circumspect about this 'maungy' time of year, referring to it as the 'black dog' months when their cup is half empty.... so in an effort to lift your spirits and stave off the talons of depression, join me for a while on a virtual, meandering ramble of escapism along memories golden track, which may a) lift your spirits and put you on until the temperatures buck up and the sun once more warms your back as Mother Nature signals the return of Spring...or conversely b) will help you to pass a fraction of the daylight hours until it is time to climb the wooden hill to your warm bed and revisit the land of nod once more! (Editor's diversity note: Apologies to those who live in bungalows.)

Many of our older readers will remember with mixed feelings, their own post new year, winter experiences from their distant childhoods..... of the days before central heating, of frost on the inside of bedroom windows, acrid smelling paraffin heaters in homes to avoid burst pipes and for some who were around back in the early post-war years, taking the long, shivery walk down an icy backyard to the 'thunder box', the revered outside lavatory. In those days everything in and around the home that was more than 24 inches away from the glowing, 24/7 fireplace seemed to feel damp and it wasn't unusual to get dressed whilst still under the warmth of the eiderdown to avoid the shock of taking one layer of toastie nightwear off to put colder, day-clothes on...I was once sent home with a note from my infant class teacher requesting that, to avoid taunting by other children, I don't come to school still wearing my 'jimjams' under my day clothes. Our 'war years worn' parents told us that these meteorological and environmental challenges were 'character building'...with an endearing rider of 'you're lucky, you could have been born back in my day, when we had to use a potty under the bed and then dig our way through the snow to empty its contents down the yard in the soil toilet'. Such vivid memories remind me of the Monty Python sketch of a set of Yorkshiremen trying to outdo each other with tales of woe..... 'getting up for work before they had gone to bed before eating a lump of coal for breakfast and working 25 hours a day down the pit!' Life was hard back then, but to a degree we were fortunate too, with only the wireless or a crystal radio for entertainment and news bulletins, families were somewhat protected from the greater ills of the world that are graphically visible and laid bare to us today at the press of a mobile button..... so we mustn't complain!

Such reflections seem to add fuel to the oft spoken adage 'it's grim up north' however these fleeting, 'catch-all' terms are relative...for some bits of the north will always remain grimmer than others! As my old grandad used to quip when he'd had a Stout too many.... 'everybody and everything is relative.....just look at the people in our street, we all resemble each other!' Heralding from the grimmer, naffer end of the Heavy Woollen District, my own family absolutely treasured any opportunity to have a day or two away from the smog, noise and grime of Britain's industrial heartland. Charabancs, trolley buses and steam trains were the transport options available when we could afford it and the locations available were usually selected from copies of well-thumbed periodicals to be found in chemists, doctors, dentists and hospital waiting rooms. These treasures included back copies of such gems as 'The Dalesman', Readers Digest, ancient copies of National Geographic magazine and of course the inevitable pile of the queen of mags Woman's Weekly. Articles and adverts within would woo families with photos of sun-drenched beaches at exotic, coastal panoramas such as Bridlington, Morecambe, Blackpool and Scarborough whilst the temptations of Pontins and Butlins holiday camps, with their wall to wall entertainment across a 'wakes week'or even more challenging, a fortnight of holiday camp fun for the more fortunate! (Discuss)

When the 1970's arrived many of you will remember there was a great shift towards cut price foreign holidays through package flights to sunshine hotels, especially in Spain and Portugal...the mill wakes of Cleckhuddersfax invariably seemed to match those of Glasgow, so if the entertainment on stage was not riveting enough, there was always the alternative of a full-blown family fallout occurring near or at the hotel bar to hold your attention! As memory serves me, we Brits never really understood the power of the Mediterranean sun and the need for copious amounts of suntan lotion at that time resulting in severe sun stroke and associated dodgy tummy upsets which meant that many tenderfoot tourists spent half of their holidays in a cool, dark room within easy reach of a bucket or the bathroom!

In amongst these decades of formative memories I clearly remember in particular enticing articles encouraging visits for fresh air and fun to the hills and dales of North Yorkshire, Cumberland and Westmorland. Writers cleverly whetted our appetites to visit these accessible open spaces through attractive leisure-type facts, helpful pull out maps, well-constructed prose and occasionally evocative poetry with accompanying attractive photos (that never seemed to involve rainfall, floods or howling gales!) My teenage mates and I were drawn to the the Yorkshire Dales, heading out with our tents, hiking boots, anoraks and sleeping bags, each expedition building our confidence to be increasingly more adventurous. Attempting the 'Three Peaks' challenge was an inevitable target, a right of passage for any young Tyke who wanted to prove themselves and very often success in achieving this ambition led to a crack at the 'Pennine Way' being next on the agenda.....and this love of the Dales, Lakes and Pennines remained a scratch that had to be itched as often as possible, so further down the line when

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work opportunities allowed Mrs C-S and I to move up here to the Ribble valley and put down roots, we thought we had won the Lottery...and still do even when (as the children's song goes) 'the rain comes down and the floods come up'.

So, long story short, here we are 60 years later still living in the Dales and discovering new places to walk, visit and eat at on a regular basis, making new friends along the way...but I'll keep these details and locations to myself for I don't want these treasures crowded out or booked up with additional visitors...after all I am from Yorkshire. But then again you probably have done your research and sought out where to go and where to avoid. Bill Bryson, the popular author in his travel books is a master at letting his feelings about a place be known without being overtly offensive. His missives about the Dales and wider afield are most entertaining and at this time of year you need a good book or two to help the hours pass...even the dogs don't want to cross the thresholdroll on Spring.

Until next time around, I'll say adieu with a final piece of wisdom for you to ponder....if you are unsure about whether to undertake a lengthy wet, winter ramble in your waterproofs against pouring a single-malt 'wee goldie sweetie' and settling down in front of the fire to watch a good afternoon film make sure you use that double-headed coin you got in a lucky bag when you were aged ten, remembering that tails belong on the very wet dogs you are sure to return home with!

Slangy Var for now, The Colonel.

LONG PRESTON AND HELLIFIELD RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES

On Sunday 15th January Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Long Preston and Hellifield with Guides and Brownies from Clapham, travelled to Blackburn Ice Rink for a midday Skating session. All the girls mastered the skating leaving a few parents trailing behind.



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Everyone is most welcome!!

Preachers:- February

- 5th February :- Rev Roger Fox (sacrament)
12th February :- Rev Dr Tracey Darling Chapel Anniversary
19th February :- Mr Richard Waller
26th February :- Mrs Lizz Harpa

March

- 5th March :- Mrs Rachael Coombes

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 Tracey:

Revd Dr Tracey Darling on 01756 752607 or
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Methodist Church Diary 2023

'Little Footsteps' (A Free Baby to under 5's Group)
Term time only. 10 -11.30am every Monday.
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have a snack. Everyone welcome.

Keeping Warm this Winter 2023

Every Monday 1.00pm -3.00pm see opposite for further details.

Health & Well-being' Group

Every 4th Monday of each month. Next meeting 27th February
1pm-3pm . Come and enjoy a free cup of tea/coffee & biscuits,
have your blood pressure checked by a nurse, if you wish, have a
chat about health & well being related issues and pick up
booklets/leaflets which may be of use to you.
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Friday 10.30pm – 12.00pm Craft Therapy - Bring whatever you
are currently working on. Sharing knowledge and learning new
skills over a cup of tea & biscuits. New members are always wel-
come just come along.

Keeping Warm this Winter 2023



At Long Preston Methodist Church We have been opening our building to provide a free, safe warm place every Monday 1.00pm -3.00pm since November with free Coffee & Cake, good company and a range of activities.

So for something new for 2023.

When you read this our new venture will already have started. Every Monday you can be picked up at your doorstep, by the Age UK North Craven Minibus, have homemade soup & sandwich or a dish of hotpot/cottage pie, have an opportunity to keep warm, meet new people, read the papers, crosswords, quizzes, suduko, play dominoes etc... have a coffee & cake then be taken home when you are ready all for FREE.

This will continue until Easter 2023 or later if needed.

Ring Annette on 840096 or Age UK 823066 & ask for Sandra to book your places. This new venture is supported by Age UK North Craven, Craven District Council & Simon Myers our County Councillor, Skipton & Grassington Methodist Circuit.

LONG PRESTON SHOP & POST OFFICE

The shop and post office will close
at the end of business on
Saturday 18th March and
reopen on Wednesday 29th March 2023.

HERITAGE GROUP ARCHIVE

LONG PRESTON INGS, OX HORNS and EMBANKMENTS



In prehistoric times, a great wild ox died in the marshy swamp of the Ribble at Long Preston, known to us as Long Preston Ings, and more recently Long Preston Deeps. In 1934, when Settle District Electric Company was excavating the foundations for their electricity supply, a workman struck with his pick the huge horns of this animal. A shaft seven foot deep had to be dug to unearth the horns and skull. The circumference of the horns at the base was 14 inches and the width of the horns from tip to tip, over a yard across. The skull measures 11 inches across. According to the Yorkshire archaeologist, geologist and writer Dr Arthur

Raistrick, the skull and horns belong to one of the giant wild cattle of late glacial and prehistoric times. These cattle were already extinct in this country prior to the Roman invasion, but although remains have frequently been found in the Thames river gravel, this was a rare discovery in the north of England.

The excavations were begun by Mr T. Lord and Mr E Douglas of Settle, and Mr T. L. Frankland of Langcliffe, seen here on the right. Mr G. J. Moody of the Enfield Cable Company also worked on the excavation. According to an article published in the Craven Herald, when the digging began, the remains of a large forest was found at a depth of about 2 feet and nuts that had fallen from the trees were preserved in a bed of peat. At the time of the excavation, it was thought probable that the complete skeleton might remain to be found.





The Ribble has been overflowing its banks for thousands of years. Before the embankments and drainage cut were constructed it would have overflowed more frequently making the Ings a marshland for most of the year.

In 1799 an Act was obtained to allow the enclosures of parts of Long Preston. The Act, in addition to the usual provisions, included some unusual clauses relating to the drainage of the lower riverside meadows and pastures and the embankment of the River Ribble and streams. The conditions imposed were that meetings to discuss the award were to be held after notice in writing had been placed on the Church door and had been read out before divine service prior to the 24th June 1799.

The award and map were to be kept in a proper box provided for the purpose by the governors of the Long Preston Hospital.

It took until 1815 before the Commissioners signed the award and delivered up their commission to John Tennant, W and T Holgate, John Proctor and John Wray on the 25th of May at the Boar's Head Inn, Long Preston. John Wray was appointed by the Cut Committee to superintend over the Cut and to levy a tax to defray expenses in repairing banks, bridges and sludging the Cut which was 2 miles 183 yards long.



The gravel banks to the north of Cow Bridge near Long Preston Beck, had to be removed in 1853 because they were obstructing the course of the river. By 1856 it was clear that more work needed to be done on the main banks of the River Ribble, resulting in raising the embankments in stages from 1856 to 1859.

In 1858, the decision was made to have the open drainage cut covered in. The stone flags and throughs for the cover support were quarried from Hunter Bark on Long Preston Moor. Up to that date, the cut had been an open ditch with stone covers and flagged bridges for cart roads. Labour costs were 3 shillings and 6 pence per day for workmen. To celebrate the laying of the foundations and cut covers and also as a reward for working overtime on a Saturday, rum and ale were supplied and the workmen's wage rose to 4 shillings per day.

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The cost of conversion from cut to covered culvert cost thirty-two shillings per rood. Accounts from the years when the cut was being constructed give details of the cost of the tools and materials used. A shovel cost 3s 6d and was made of wood with the front edge of the blade bound with sheet iron; a wheelbarrow cost 7 shillings; a spade 3s 6d; hire of a horse and cart 4s 6d a day; carting 12 loads of throughs from Hunter Bark Quarry (3 miles) £1.4.0. Wood planks with the carriage from Skipton 5s 6d, no mention of how many or size. The greatest expense after the making of the cut which had been paid for under the enclosure Act was the regular cleaning out of the open cut. An entry in the accounts shows that on 29th July 1815, Kidd & CO were paid £42.10.0 for sludging the cut.



The aqueduct carrying Long Preston Beck over the drainage culvert to the River Ribble, photographed in 1992

The work of the culvert which runs from Skirbeck to south of Cow Bridge and the river embankments was very effective at the time, as all the land was recovered from the marsh to make good meadow land and useful pasture. More recently Long Preston Deeps was designated a SSSI and work was done to manage the land for agriculture as well as protecting it as an important wetland habitat. Thanks to a grant in 2021 from the Government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund, work is continuing on drainage and wetland management. Eight information boards outlining the current project have been strategically placed at viewpoints covering the whole area. One of the closest boards for those living in the village can be found by the bench near the top of the hill between Moor Lane and the Edge.

Excerpt from the Craven Herald dated 4th of February 1910

INCIDENTS OF THE STORM – Last Saturday presented such depths of even snow on the ground as apparently none seems to remember having seen in this part before. The postman from Long Preston to Tosside was unable to win through to his destination and had perforce to turn back. The snow plough sent round by the Rural District Council made a passable lane in the roads with banks from 3 to six feet high. It was a novelty to see a doctor going his round on a sleigh, and both children and adults were indulging in tobogganing on the field hill sides. Some sheep were drifted over in various places but safely rescued.

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CRAVEN RURAL SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD TEAM SETTLE

Safer Neighbourhood Team covering the Bentham, Ingleton and Settle area, PS1006 Paul Evans, PCSO 5561 Jayne Grace, PCSO5881 Julia Runciman, PC781 Ian Hunt, & PC188 Jane Carpenter, who will be keeping you updated on recent crimes and incidents in Long Preston and the surrounding area.

We have had 34 incidents reported between 15.11.22 & 14.01.23

Reports include – General Admin from other Police force, General Admin from other agencies, Safeguarding, Broken down vehicle – A65, general patrols, Suspect noise – Main Street, Civil/fraud & Neighbour dispute

23.11.22 – Concern for safety/welfare – Ambulance dealt
West End

01.12.22 – Suspect vehicle – Anley Crag

02.12.22 & 19.12.22 – Concern/Domestic Incident

06.12.22 – Stolen Quad – The Green – recovered & arrests made

06.12.22 & 07.12.22 – Burglary – Outbuildings entered
New House Lane

18.12.22 - Road related offence – manner of driving – stopped
checked – in order

19.12.22 - Concern for safety/welfare – Ambulance dealt

21.12.22 - Concern for safety/welfare – Flooding

26.12.22 - Road related offence – suspect drink driver

26.12.22 & 27.12.22 – Anti Social Behaviour/Violence

27.12.22 – Harassment/Theft

03.01.23 – Road Traffic Collision – Single Vehicle – A65

05.01.22 – Anti Social Behaviour Nuisance – Station Road

Police in rural Dales communities are inviting residents to join them for a chat.

A number of drop-in sessions have been arranged for upper Craven, with more to follow.

There's no need to book – residents are encouraged to just turn up for a chat or to discuss any concerns with the Craven Neighbourhood Policing Team.

More will be announced on the North Yorkshire Police – Craven Facebook page and advertised locally. The locations will also be signposted on the day.

Neighbourhood Policing Constable Ian Hunt said: "We'd encourage any many people as possible to drop in and say hello.

"It's an opportunity for residents and local businesses to meet us and share anything that's important to them and their community.

"These sort of chats are invaluable for us as local police officers, as they help us get to know our communities even better, and identify how we can make them even safer.

Free Coffee & Cake Afternoon for anyone 50 and over



Continuing our 4th Birthday Celebrations the next meeting will be in the

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LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Long Preston Parish Council would like to invite you to a Public Consultation Meeting to discuss its Report on Parking on Thursday, 23rd February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1. Introduction.

1.1 Due to a number of issues that have arisen in the village the Long Preston Parish Council (LPPC) decided to explore the parking issues within the parish.

1.2 To examine the areas which cause the main complaints within the parish and submit a report for open discussion on possible short, medium and long-term options.

1.3 The Council's main concern is for road safety and access for emergency vehicles at all times to all of our village roads and streets

2. Working Group and methodology.

2.1 The Council undertook the review with the remit to explore any possible solutions to the parking needs of the parish, which would also encompass the options, and alternatives which are both currently available and/or options which are reasonably within the scope of the agencies responsible for our land and highways.

2.2 Some of the matters that will be raised in the report may be contentious to both interested parties, businesses, village groups and individuals. The issue of rights of access and rights of way may arise and impinge on what is now 'accepted' as the norm and what may have to change, hopefully with the co-operation of these groups and individuals to have a harmonious and acceptable solution to the problems.

2.3 To visit at several times of the week to establish the main issues.

2.4 To examine the Parish Council records of what are the actual responsibilities of the LPPC in relation to the provision of parking. Maintaining the provisions of Land and Greens that are the responsibility of the LPPC.

2.5 To liaise with Highways Authority with short term issues.

2.6 To Liaise with Yorkshire Dales National Park where appropriate.

2.7 To explore possible solutions for discussion.

3. Historical events.

3.1 The parish has expanded in recent years with the addition of new housing, conversion of older properties and barns from commercial and agricultural use to provide additional housing.

3.2 The last major road works within the main village area was in the 1960s when the busy A65 road was widened and straightened along Main Street, with no provision for street parking on the major thoroughfare.

3.3 New housing developments have had the provision of some parking as an essential part of the planning process but the conversion of many properties to housing has not.

3.4 Increasingly the modern trend for families to have two (or more) vehicles per household has meant an increased burden on the little space available to park vehicles.

3.5 This has led to numerous cases of vehicles being parked on the curtilage of houses, footpaths, 'green space' including parts of village greens and with this has increased the disputes and issues about parking.

3.6 There may also be issues of mobility of some vehicle owners or the reluctance of vehicle owners to walk more than a few metres from their home to the vehicle.

4. Specific areas of concern.

4.1 The Main Green - issues are the general lack of available spaces for street parking, parking on the track within the green, parking at the 'pinch' point near to the Village Hall. There is a grave concern for the overall safety of children using the Green often passing between parked vehicles to go to and from the Green to go into the Village Hall.

4.2 Church Street - The 'pinch' point when leaving Main Street where vehicles are parked at the junction and then both on the footpath and on the street. This is an issue for both vehicles accessing the road and pedestrians who cannot use the footpath and are then forced to go into the street. A particular concern for the elderly who use walking aids or younger families who use prams. This often has specific concerns when the Church is in use for services; particularly funerals.

4.3 Church Street near the Church - the Church has in the past sold off land for housing development close to the church and failed to leave a parking area for church use.

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Funerals corteges are a particular problem not only with the larger vehicles but also with the attendees who have no-where to park during the services, often blocking access points and narrowing access for other vehicles.

4.4 School Lane - two issues are the number of staff vehicles that outnumber the allotted spaces within the school grounds and at school starting and leaving times the number of vehicles on School Lane/Maypole Green. The Parish Council own the Playing Field and is allowing vehicles to park there as a overspill car park at the cost of £1, as there is inadequate parking at the school. To be fair to the parents, children of people who live within the village usually walk to deliver/collect the children and those who use vehicles park for short periods around available spots on Maypole Green or within the Maypole Inn carpark for the short periods of time.

4.5 Maypole Green - used as described in 4.4 but also by walkers who leave the vehicles for several hours whilst walking the area. Customers of both the Maypole Inn and Rohan shop whilst visiting the premises. The main triangular junction near Maypole Cottage, reducing the width for this busy part of the village for agricultural vehicles and larger delivery vehicles, who seem to use this as a turning point for the main road.

4.6 Main Street - vehicles parking on the footpath, principally north side between Maypole Inn and West End. There are a number of vehicles which regularly park on the curtilage of the cottages and footpath. In the main regular users know of the issues with younger families and prams and elderly parishioners who use walking aides and try to leave enough space but visitors are not usually so considerate.

4.7 West End - vehicles parking on the kerbside green areas and on designated greens and on the narrow Moor Lane.

4.8 Station Road - close to the entrance to the Railway Station cars park on the bend close to the entrance but a more specific problem has been to the parking of one or two large motor homes.

4.9 Back Green and Greenbank - vehicles parking on the one of the triangular portions of roadway, blocking the road for both pedestrian and vehicular access. Vehicles parking on the designated Greens and right of ways.

The above may not be the only ones of concern to Parishioners and others may come to light during discussion but these are seen as the ones that are both contentious and cause problems or issues in the majority of cases.

5. Options General.

5.1 Request the provision of parking restrictions in all of the areas of concern - This has an issue both in evidencing the need for such prescription action and would have issues with enforcement. This would be a 'last resort' action for any of the areas of concern. It is felt that this would detract from the village friendly nature and the overall village ambience

5.2 Request the provision of white lines in the more problematic area. These are advisory parking restrictions but have the effect of identifying the local problems in specific area and would support any enforcement in the event of more prescriptive action to be considered.

5.3 Consider the removal of trees or hedging in some areas to create parking spaces for general use.

5.4 Ask specific Land owners to either sell/lease land specific for the creation of village parking.

5.5 Ask specific Land owners to grant access either by right of way or by right of access for neighbours to access land to be used to park their vehicles.

LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES VOTING RESULTS

Voting Results

We asked you in the last edition (December 2022/January 2023) to vote for or against the inclusion of the Parish Council minutes.

Results:

For: 23

Against: 34

Therefore, we will not be continuing to include the minutes.

If you would like to continue to keep up to date with the Parish Council but can't attend the meetings, you will find all copies of the minutes at www.longpretonparishcouncil.co.uk and in Documents and then Minutes you will find all past minutes.

They are also available to read on the Parish Council Notice Board beside the bus shelter, the notice board at West End and the notice board by the Post Office.

WHERE 2 WALK

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2. Cross the stile at field end, cross a small muddy stream and turn right. Follow the far bank of the river till it bends right, continue across the field to a gate on to a lane, (Haw Lane).
3. Turn left and follow the lane, turning in to a path uphill. After 3/4 mile pick up a farm track, just before arriving at a large wooded area. Pass through a gate and join a significant farm track and follow for nearly 1 mile, mainly downhill, to the village of Otterburn.
4. Turn left at the road and follow it through the small village to the pack horse bridge. Just after the bridge turn left and carry on next to a stream (on your left). Pass through some imposing wrought iron gates (it is the path), through the farm and join the farm track next to the stream, usually with horses.
5. After 1/3 of a mile take the track heading a little uphill. Head for some woodland and not the track heading all the way uphill. At the top of the woods head due north over two stiles till the very faint path meets the Airton Settle quiet road. Turn left and after 250 metres join the track on your left (at a sign that says NOT Scaleber Force!)
6. Follow the tarmacked track for nearly 2 miles to Crake Moor farm. Walk past the buildings and go through a gate and a faint path that tops the brow of a hill before arriving at a stile. From the stile head for a track downhill to your left. This path will now lead to Bookilber Barn on Langber Lane. Take the path opposite and follow it over 5 stiles downhill to the reservoir above Long Preston Beck. Cross the footbridge and return to the village.

Jonathan runs Where2walk, a walking company based in Long Preston (google the website). He also runs Navigation Courses from the village, has a guiding service and organizes self-guided holidays.

He has written 3 walking books: The Dales 30 (mountains), the Yorkshire 3 Peaks and 'Walks without Stiles for those who dislike awkward stiles on their walks. Available via Where2walk website or the Post Office.

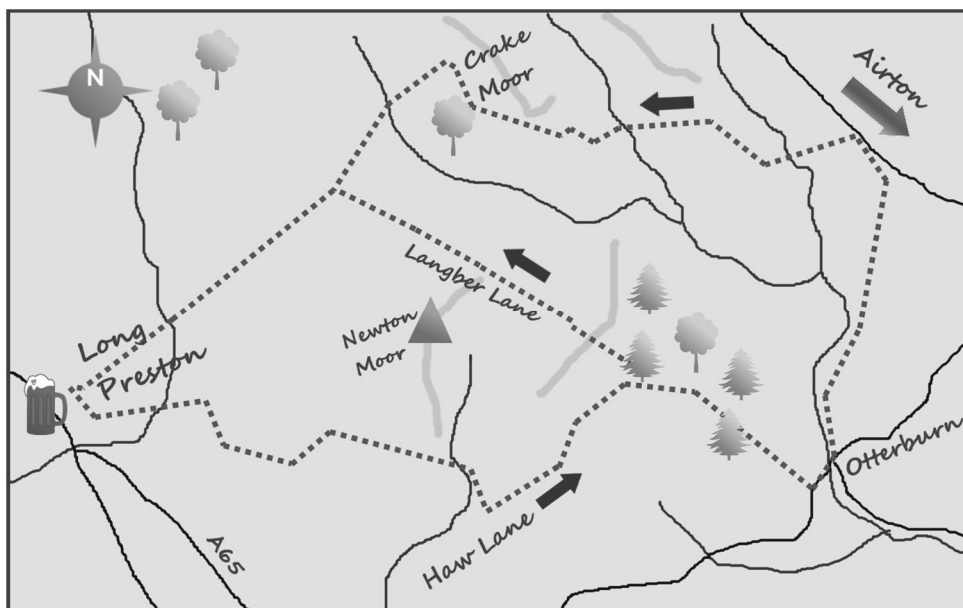


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Digital Talk: Plastic Free Woodlands

Wednesday 1 February 2023, 4.30pm

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Digital Talk: Raptor Persecution

Wednesday 22 February 2023, 4.30pm

Investigations Officer for the RSPB, Howard Jones will bring to life the cases and day to day work of fighting wildlife crime, with a focus on North Yorkshire – the worst place in the UK for bird of prey persecution.

Both these talks are free and by Zoom, to book your place email victoria.benn@friendsofthedailes.org.uk

Social Stroll

Wednesday 22 March 2023, 9.30am – 1pm

The first of our Social Strolls, created for people who want to walk over less arduous terrain with time to chat and socialise. This walk promotes the benefit of using buses to get out into the Yorkshire landscape, this one incorporating a linear route back. After meeting at Skipton Bus Station, walkers will take the bus to Gargrave, returning to Skipton by the Leeds Liverpool canal tow path.

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February 2023

1st Overs 70s Lunch

2nd Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

4th Churchyard Mowers Bacon Butties Coffee Morning from 10am

8th Warm Spaces 10am - 1pm

Woman's Institute meeting 7.30pm-Yorkshire Air Ambulance

9th AgeUK Luncheon Club 11.30am for 12 noon

15th Warm Spaces 10am - 1pm

Weekly activities:

Monday Cantores-Salicium Choir 7.30pm

Tuesday Art Class 10.00am - 12noon (Tim 07850 947278)

Pilates 2.45pm - 3.30pm (Annette 01729 840096)

Rainbows/Brownies/Guides 4.30pm onwards

Thursday Art Class 10.00am - 12noon (Paul 07708 042648)

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