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Sat 21st March, 3.30pm
Settle Parish Church

Sun 29th March, 3.30pm
Christ Church, Skipton

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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

There's been much spoken and written about A.I. ("Artificial Intelligence") recently. And I have to admit, first up, that I'm perhaps the least likely person to be passing comment on it: I'm not so much a "techno-phobe" as a "techno-fool" for whom any piece of equipment or apparatus will tend to fail or break if I even come near it, let alone touch it. Even my serious and (as it seemed at the time) unforgiving chemistry teacher admitted to my Dad years later, when they became teaching colleagues in Surrey, that "if anything was going to go wrong in the lab, it would happen to James!", and for test tubes and Bunsen burners 45 years ago, now read cars and computers….

But A.I. is undoubtedly both exciting and worrying people in equal measure right now. It's exciting those who see its potential to make major advances in medicine and technology for the benefit of humankind, and worrying others who sense its potential not only to put untold millions out of work, but even to threaten human existence itself. For my part, I'm thinking back to previous great changes in human society powered by technology and reflecting that the same division of opinion was present then; with the iron and steel Industrial Revolution that brought us railways and consumer goods, but created huge cities in which people struggled for livelihood and dignity. Of the "second industrial revolution" in the early 20th century that brought us cars, planes and modern medicine, but also brought industrialised warfare and weapons powerful enough to destroy the planet. And then the more recent digital revolution, bringing information and entertainment to our fingertips that was the stuff of sci-fi when I was young (think "The Hitch -Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy!") but has left so many folk isolated and seemingly dependent on their screens for everything. Perhaps A.I. will prove the same, with the real challenge, as before, being whether we have the wisdom to use it well.

But fears of A.I. somehow threatening our human existence need, I think, to be put in context. Yes, of course, there's the danger of automated warfare getting out of control, but human flourishing can never, say Christians, be replaced by something mechanical. Christians, together with some from other faiths, believe that humans were made in God's image and that the world is a fundamentally good place. For all that our patterns of work and our relationships with each other might be changed by technology, we remain "God's children" in a fundamental way, and God continues to call for us to work together for the flourishing of all: continues page 5

Front Cover pictures :

Ronnie Allen / Mags Wood / Long Preston Heritage Group

Coffee & Cake Afternoon for anyone 50 and over

Please note from now on we will be meeting in the Methodist Chapel

Thursday 26th March 1.30pm -3.30pm

Speaker :- Dr Colin Renwick - 'Life as a Country Doctor'.
Make it a date to catch up with friends, have a chat, put the world to rights.
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as Jesus said, in words even Christians too often forget, *"I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness." (John 10.10)*

We're now in the time of Lent, a time of preparation for Easter. Christians are called in Lent to examine themselves seriously before God, own up to the things we've messed up, and try to do God's will (in the knowledge of God's forgiveness). But maybe, as we fret- understandably- about A.I and so much that's unfamiliar and disturbing in our world right now, we can all take some strength and comfort from this Christian belief: that our humanity is not lost or found by what we've created, but is rooted in the Creator himself, who cares for us still, however foolish we end up being with our inventions.

Please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729-851709 or jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

February 2026			
1st	72	**Rob Wood**	£25
2nd	158	**Jean Rodgers**	£15
3rd	74	**Robert Hodgkiss**	£10

Settle Orchestra & Langcliffe Singers – Spring Concert Series 2026

Settle Orchestra and Langcliffe Singers join forces this spring for an inspiring programme of choral and orchestral masterworks filled with drama and emotion. Beethoven's *Egmont Overture* opens the concert with heroic intensity, followed by Mendelssohn's moving chorale *O Haupt voll Blut*. The performance culminates in Beethoven's magnificent *Mass in C* – a work of profound beauty and spirit.

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Saturday 21 March, 3.30pm – Settle Parish Church
Sunday 29 March, 3.30pm – Christ Church, Skipton (please note this is a Sunday performance).

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For more information, visit **www.settleorchestra.org.uk** or follow Settle Orchestra on social media for updates.

SPRING QUIZ

1. When does Spring officially begin in the UK?
2. What is the name of the full moon that appears in April.
3. What is the weather phenomenon that is most associated with April?
4. Which famous English playwright was born and died in April?
5. What is the traditional symbol of Easter?
6. Which Flower is commonly associated with the arrival of spring?
7. What is the process called when a caterpillar turns into a butterfly?
8. Baby sheep are called what?
9. In the UK, which bird is often seen returning in spring after wintering in Africa?
10. What is the name for animals that sleep through the winter and wake up in spring?
11. What do people traditionally do on Shrove Tuesday in the UK?
12. What is name of the Sunday before Easter?
13. Why do people eat chocolate eggs at Easter?
14. What type of bun is traditionally eaten on Good Friday?
15. In the Easter story, who betrayed Jesus?
16. Which country is famous for its cherry blossoms in spring?
17. What is Holi, the famous Indian spring festival, also known as?
18. Which European country hosts the world's largest tulip festival?
19. In the USA, what happens on the first Sunday in March?
20. What ancient site in England is aligned with the rising sun on the spring equinox?

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Sunday 22nd March @ LP Village Hall from 10-12

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Saturday 21st March 2026

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NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB

Twice a year the club has practical meetings whereby the members are given a theme and they bring their own flowers and mechanics to the meeting and do an arrangement. This is followed by cakes made by the committee and a chance to see how others have interpreted the theme.
The theme for this February's meeting was 'Spring Chicken'.

This picture shows the mechanics I used for my arrangement ie a wooden log with holes cut in the top to hold empty spice jars, The log was then covered in moss.

I then added some Silver Birch twigs from my garden – a couple of twigs in each jar

Roses, small narcissus and tulips in four different heights. Finally, I added some eucalyptus to partially cover the jars and hung some chickens that we made at Rainbows many moons ago!

Here are a few examples of other members interpretations.

So, as you can see, lots of different ideas. You can find more on our Instagram page which might give you ideas for your Easter arrangements.

Our next meeting will be on 12th March when our guest will be Rachel Kirkwood with a demonstration entitled 'A Floral Wonderland'. This meeting will be held in Hellifield Village Hall starting at 2pm.

All Rachel's arrangements will be raffled at the end of the afternoon, and some lucky people get to take the arrangements home. Visitors are always welcome so come along and get some flower arranging tips.

LONG PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission is to Love God

& Love our Neighbour

Services start at 10.30am unless stated.
Everyone is most welcome!!

March Preachers: -

1st March :- Mrs Jane Jolly
8th March :- Mr Archie McAdam
15th March :- Rev Michael Houston Mothering Sunday Service
22nd March :- Rev Roger Fox (Sacrament)
29th March :- Rev Susan McIvor Cafe Style Crumpets, Croissants, Coffee, Hot Chocolate

April

5th April :- Rev Michael Houston Easter Sunday Service (Sacrament)

For Pastoral Support, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact: Rev Susan McIvor on 07938 711263 or ministerskiptonandgrassington@gmail.com

Methodist Church Diary March 2026

Mondays

Little Footsteps Group (10.00–11.30am, term time): Free under-5s playgroup with stories, songs and refreshments.
No session on 30th March or 6th April (Easter). **Reopens 13th April**

Warm Space/Lunch Club (1.00pm): Homemade lunch for £3, with takeaways available. Booking required.
No meal on 6th April (Easter Monday). **Reopens 13th April**

Tuesdays

Strong & Steady (1.30–3.00pm): Chair-based exercise class to improve strength and balance, run by Jo Wulf, a fully qualified tutor, followed by refreshments.
No sessions on 31st March nor 7th April. **(Easter Holidays)**

Thursday 5th March
Community Café (1.30–3.30pm): Free coffee and cakes, games or if you wish we can have a sing-a-long.

Thursday 5th March

Parish Council Meeting (7.30pm): Held in Chapel; all parishioners welcome.

Thursday 26th March

Coffee & Cake (1.30pm): Guest Speaker :- Dr Colin Renwick – Life as a Country Doctor.

Fridays

- *Craft Group* (10.30am–12.00pm): Bring your own craft, share skills, and enjoy tea and biscuits. £2 per session.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The term 'Honeymoon' comes from medieval times when newly married couples were given a supply of mead, a wine made from honey, to drink. Honey symbolized the sweetness of a new marriage as well as promoting fertility and good fortune. A months supply would be provided to last the moon's cycle.

FUN FACTS

There is no English word that rhymes perfectly with 'month', 'orange', 'silver' or 'purple'.
Dreamt is the only English word which ends with'mt'.
The word 'facetious' contains all the vowels (a,e,I,o,u) in order.
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LONG PRESTON MAY DAY

On Saturday 2nd May 2026 we once again welcome the Yorkshire Dales community to share their skills, talents and creations in the May Day handicrafts tent. Whether you are a newbie, trying things for the first time, or have decades of experience, everyone is welcome. We love to see entrants old and new. We have included some new categories for you to have some fun with, alongside our old faithful classes that will never leave the schedule.

This year we have introduced a theme to keep things interesting. We've chosen 'Local Pride', an inward look at the village of 'L.P.' We hark back to old traditions and local legends, but also look to the future inspired by the progress made at Long Preston's wetlands project over at Horseshoe Bends, a nationally important Site of Special Scientific Interest that has seen nature thrive in the flood plains and the stunning scenery that surrounds us

In all of our classes, we encourage you to reuse, recycle, upcycle, salvage and to use your resources wisely. This schedule should provide you with all the details you need, from how to enter, to the answers on some commonly asked questions. If not, feel free to ask us a question, just email the team at:

lpmaydayhandicrafts@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 show!

Entry forms may be filled individually or per household.

They should be completed via one of the below methods by **Sunday 26th April 2026.**

Online - https://forms.gle/7eP5queH92hiy4jQ7

Email your name, age and entries to **lpmaydayhandicrafts@gmail.com**

Pick up and entry form, complete and post it in the box in Long Preston Post Office

All entries should be to be brought to the handicraft tent on the playing field on the morning of May Day. Saturday 2nd May 2026 between 9am and 10am. The Handicraft Tent will be closed to public 10.30am - 2pm for judging.

Awards presented 3.30pm at the Fête on The Field

	CHILDREN'S CLASSES ; AGE 7 AND UNDER ONLY
1	**COLOURING PAGE - Our New Logo:** To celebrate our new MayDay logo, please colour in and cut out. **(Paper copies available fromn the post office)**
2	**ART - Hey Diddle Diddle:** A paper plate decorated with a cow jumping over the moon like our famous Long Preston themed nursery rhyme.
3	**BAKING - Cake for Breakfast:** 4 portions/slices of a cake or bake made with your favourite breakfast cereal, presented on a plate.
4	**CRAFT - Cress grown in an unexpected object. :** Because growing cress makes everything better. Use Lego, duplo or toys, create a scene.
5	**PHOTOGRAPHY - Funny Animal :** A funny photo, of an animal; pet or farm that you might see in Long Preston.
	CHILDREN'S CLASSES ; AGE 12 AND UNDER ONLY
6	**CRAFT - An Animal Made From Fruit Or Vegetables* :** A classic category, back by popular demand. *Fear not, entries in this category need not be home-grown.
7	**ART - Horseshoe Bends :** A drawing or painting or map of the River Ribble as it meanders through the watery flood plains of LP to Rathmell or Wigglesworth.
8	**BAKING - Farmyard Fancies :** 4 Buns or Cupcakes decorated with farm animals, machinery or local characters.
9	**FLORAL - Garden flowers arranged in a decorated jar:** Upcycle an empty jar and fill it with flowers from your garden that are perfect for pollinators.
10	**CRAFT - A 'Bug Hotel' made from junk. :** A bug hotel made from natural materials like twigs, leaves, pinecones, and using recycled items like cardboard to create cozy nooks for insects.
11	**PHOTOGRAPHY - Watch the birdy! :** A picture taken of a bird on a phone or camera. The rarer the bird, the better.
12	**MAYDAY 2027 PROGRAMME COVER :** A drawing that celebrates May Day traditions to be used on the cover of next year's programme. A4 please.
13	**THE LONGEST DANDELION IN LP! :** A village tradition, the longest dandy you can find, taped down straight to some paper (no roots) ready for measuring.

	ADULT CLASSES AGE 13 AND OVER
14	**ART - A Long Preston Walk :** An illustrated map of your favourite Long Preston village walk, featuring landscapes and attractions you might see along the way- drawn, painted or CADed any medium, any style.
15	**PHOTOGRAPHY - Feathered Friends :** A printed picture of one of the 212 different species of birdlife spotted on the wetlands of LP.
16	**ART- Portrait of a Milk Man :** A (serious) painting or sketch of our Allan Harker!
17	**PAPERCRAFT - Local Rag :** Use an old copy of The Craven Herald to create a decorative item. Could be a card, or a papier maché Curlew or a paper flower arrangement, make sure it makes the local headlines.
18	**HANDICRAFT - Two Metres of Bunting :** 2m of decorative bunting made from scraps, to be donated to MayDay to decorate the event next year. It could use our maypole ribbon colours or be decorated to fit our theme?
19	**SEWING - LP for Life! :** Use our village initial letters of L and P, to create a decorative object or upcycle something old. Embroider, applique, embellish, or quilt… it could be letter shaped cushions or an embroidered handkerchief, get creative.
20	**KNITTING :** A knitted or crocheted hat and/or scarf, for staying warm on the windy moors.
21	**FLORAL :** A floral arrangement displayed in a Wellington boot.
22	**MADE BY ME - An Open Category :** Time to show off! Any other crafted item made/prepared/created by you, celebrating this year's theme of Local Pride.
23	**SAVORY - Quiche of the Year :** Shortcrust pastry, presented complete in a round dish, flavour as you like.
24	**ACCOMPANIMENT - Say Cheese! :** A jar of homemade pickles, chutney, relish or sauce made to accompany Cheese & Crackers (not included)
25	**BAKING - A Signature Tray Bake :** Four slices of your signature tray bake displayed on a plate.
26	**BAKING - A Technical Bread Bake :** A farmhouse loaf, baked to perfection. Handshakes not included.

27	**BAKING - A Showstopper Celebration Cake :** The theme is May Day, celebrating our village traditions of maypole dancing, handicraft shows or the fete on the field. Go wild!
28	**BAKE OFF - Elpie's Flapjack :** This year's recipe was provided by former Long Preston resident and Maypole landlady Elspeth Palmer, affectionately known as Elpie (another LP!) Follow it to the tee, best effort wins, recipe below.

Class 28 Bake Off - Elpie's Flapjack

Ingredients

8oz | 225g Butter

4oz | 100g Soft Brown Sugar

2 tbsp Golden Syrup

12oz | 350g Mixed Oats (some jumbo)

1 tsp Ginger

Method

1. Melt together butter, sugar & golden syrup in a saucepan.
2. Allow to cook a little while, until it starts to thicken. Cool slightly.
3. Stir in the oats & ginger, mix well.
4. Allow to cool then press into a lined tin.
5. Cook at 160C | Gas Mark 4 for 25-30mins until an even golden brown, careful not to overcook.

Cut into even pieces when cold.

MAY DAY RACES

Friday 17th April 5.30pm Prompt

@ LP playing fields

ALL VILLAGE CHILDREN WELCOME

Free Entry, Age-appropriate races

Medals to be given out at the Mayday Event

LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP

The River Ribble meets Long Preston Beck

Alice Irene Constantine, Irene, as she liked to be known, was born in Long Preston and lived at Moorfield View until she moved to Knowles Cottages – the Almshouses, to spend her latter years. She did not waste her time in retirement, she spent them learning to use a computer to write, children's books, poetry and a biography written as a diary, often humorous, but also reflecting on the tougher times as well. Long Preston Heritage Group's website, in oral histories, records several of her poems of which 'Beloved Waters,' is one. The poem follows the River Ribble from source to mouth.

Above: One of the Ribble's sequences of Ox-Bows in Long Preston Deeps. Below: Cow Bridge. Long Preston Beck joins the Ribble here.

The Ribble rises at Ribblehead, formed where Gayle Beck and Cam Beck join near the Ribblehead Viaduct. After seventy miles it flows into the sea at Preston.

Long Preston beck is formed where Scaleber Beck and Bookil Gill join, north of the village near New Pasture Plantation. The beck joins the Ribble at Cow Bridge.

Beloved Waters

By: ***Alice Irene Constantine***

Born in White Rose country,
Ribble flows onward into red.
Through lovely verdant pastures
Her flooding waters have fled.

Torturing herself, forming horseshoes,
Down here is often a lake.
Not a path I would choose,
River, why this route take?

Mysterious waters, darkly deep.
Migrant salmon, eel, and pike.
Does she here a secret keep?
Nowhere have I seen the like.

Raindrops falling from the sky,
Pooling together one early morn.
Where below, the black hills lie,
A little crystal beck is born.

Water tumbling down the hill.
Playground of my childhood.
I love you, I always will.
My heart my bone, my blood.

Bullheads, catfish, minnows, crayfish,
Hunted by heron and mink.
Both enjoy a tasty dish.
Dippers play, cows come to drink.

Long Preston Beck near the bridge at Newhouse Lane.

Rhubarb leaves and monkey flowers,
Was a time when water cress grew.
Gifted by nature, gentle showers.
Grassy banks, flowers of every hue.

A frozen beck, diamond white,
Many little feet, sliding along.
You truly are a bonny sight
When you sing a silent song.

Little sister greets big sister,
Hand in hand, for a while.
They go to sea together,
And kiss the emerald isle.

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Wednesday 18 March, **5:30pm - 7:00pm**

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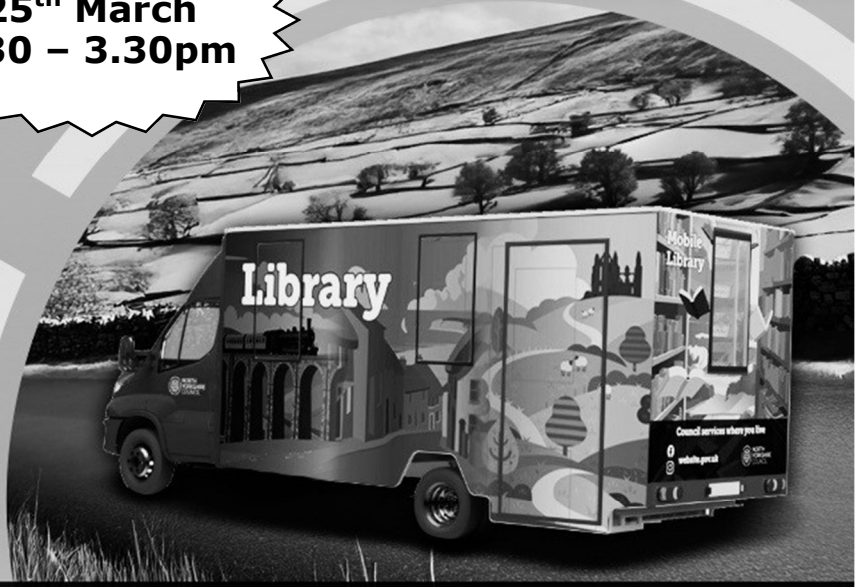

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ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday March 1st	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Genesis 12.1–4a John 3: 1 -17	"God so loved the world…"- the most famous passage in the Bible?
Sunday March 8th	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Exodus 17: 1-7, John 4: 5 -42	A woman meets Jesus at a well, and finds her life changed
Sunday March 15th	**INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE** for Mothering Sunday	Revd James Rodley and Mrs Janet Wood	1 Samuel 1.20– end, John 19.25b – 27	A celebration of Mothering Sun-day!
PASSION SUNDAY March 22nd	Morning Prayer	Revd Michael Houston	Ezekiel 37.1–14, John 11.1–45	Jesus raises Lazarus- and the authorities in Jerusalem agree that Jesus himself must now die.
PALM SUNDAY March 29th	Holy Communion with Dramatic Reading of St Matthew's Passion Story	Revd James Rodley	Matthew 21: 1-11, Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Passion accord-ing to St Matthew	We hear how Jesus enters Jerusalem at the start of the last week of his life, and then what happens next….

GOOD FRIDAY April 3rd at **2.15pm**	A service of readings and prayers, jointly with Long Preston Methodist Church	Revd James Rodley	Isaiah 52:13-end of 53 Passion according to St John	Followed by our "walk of witness": we carry the cross from Maypole Green to the Edge on Long Preston Moor, pausing to pray and sing as we go. Meet on Maypole Green at **3.15pm**
EASTER DAY April 5th at **7am**	Dawn service at the Edge on Long Preston Moor	Revd James Rodley		Join us on Long Preston Moor as we greet Easter Day (but wrap up warm!)
EASTER DAY April 5th at **11am**	Holy Communion for Easter Day	Revd James Rodley	Acts 10: 34-43, Matthew 28: 1-10	Jesus is risen! The day that changed the world for ever
Sunday April 12th	**INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE** for Easter	Revd James Rodley	Acts 2.14a , 22–32, John 20: 19-end	We continue our celebration of Easter at this service for all ages.

All services start at 11am unless otherwise stated.

There will be an extra service of Holy Communion at 7pm on Wednesday 1st April, and also the traditional Maundy Thursday Communion service at St Aidan's Hellifield on Thursday April 2nd (7pm)

Also- all are welcome to our service of Holy Communion according to the traditional Book of Common Prayer. In March, these will be at 11am on Thursdays 12th and 26th. We use the centuries-old words to offer up the needs of our village in prayer; this quiet and reflective service lasts around 45 minutes.

Any queries? Please contact Revd. James Rodley on 01729-851709, or ***jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk***

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Smiling is infectious
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When someone smiled at me today
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I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realized
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile
And then realized its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

Spike Milligan

Spring Quiz Answers

1. Around March 20th – 21st
2. The Pink Moon.
3. April showers.
4. William Shakespeare.
5. Easter egg.
6. Daffodil.
7. Metamorphosis
8. Lambs.
9. Swallow.
10. Hibernators
11. Make and eat pancakes.
12. Palm Sunday.
13. They symbolise new life and rebirth.
14. Hot cross buns.
15. Judas Iscariot
16. Japan.
17. Festival of Colours
18. The Netherlands.
19. Daylight Saving Time begins.
20. Stonehenge

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VILLAGE HALL DIARY MARCH

	Event	Time
Wed 11th	WI	19.30-22:00
Thurs 12th	Age Uk Luncheon Club	12:30-15:00
Sat 21st	Churchyard Mowers Coffee Morning	10.00-12.30
Sun 22nd	Mayday King and Queen Selection—Bacon Butties	10.00-12.30

Weekly Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Monday	**Tiny Hands Big adventure**	9:30-12:30 term time only	Amanda Belt 07957972308
Tuesday	**Art Class** **Rainbows, Brownies, Guides**	10:00– 12:00 18:00 onwards	Tim (07850947278) Term time only
Wednesday	**Pilates**	9:30 to 10:30 ; 10:45 to 11.45	Susie (07712131980)
	Tiny Hands Big Adventure	1pm-4pm term time only	Amanda Belt 07957972308
Thursday	**Art Class**	10:00—12:00	Paul (07708042648)
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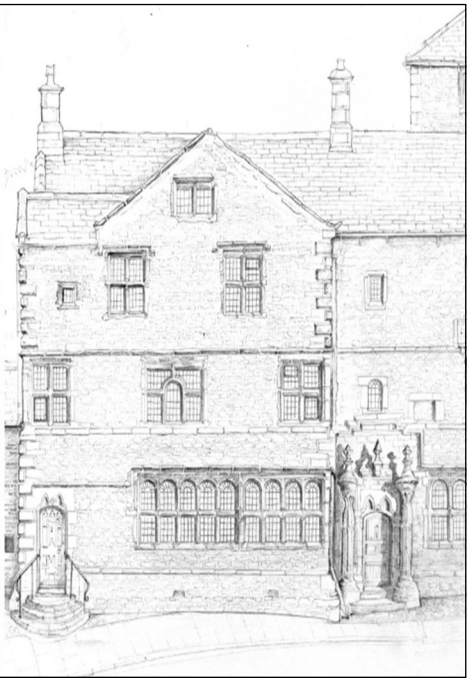

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