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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

A brief chat this month as I'm about to go away with my family for a week to Derbyshire, to a place we went to 3 years ago. (Aidan, our son, doesn't really care for what we call "holiday houses" at all, but he's hopefully going to be more content with somewhere he's seen before). I will, once more (if rather childishly), be amused at the thought that we are heading **South** to Derbyshire for a holiday. When I was growing up, our usual school-holiday trip from Surrey was also to Derbyshire, to attend to the needs of my great-aunt: wearisome for my parents but great fun for my younger sister and I, this seemed to us a venture into the serious North!

I hope our readers have enjoyed any holidays they may have had this summer. With quite predictable delays and aggravation at airports every year, significant cost regardless of whether you're heading for Barbados or Bridlington, and the usual stresses (for families, at least) of being away from the familiar routine, it's increasingly a wonder that folk don't want to stay at home (and, before you mention the weather, it's going to be warm and sunny in Derbyshire next week-allegedly...). But we all need, if we possibly can, a break from our daily cares and labours, which is why the medieval church was keen to encourage the observation of saints' days and other festivals. In a society long before paid holiday time was ever dreamt of, the Christian church recognised- as did Jesus himself in his own ministry- the need for people to be allowed to rest and recuperate. It's a shame that various columnists have been proposing recently the abolition of some of our bank holidays because of the trend of "working from home"- there are plenty of our readers who can't work from home, I'm sure, and for whom our modest offering (compared to other nations) of public holidays remains valuable. And, of course, most of those holidays have their origin in Christian festivals.

A reminder that on Sunday September 14th, at St Mary's church, we'll be starting our new regular pattern of "informal services". Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 11am (except when we have to move them, for things like Remembrance Sunday) we'll welcome young, old and everyone in between to a relaxed act of worship where we will have activities for younger children, and hopefully something engaging for others. Please do come and give it a try, especially if you used to go to church but have got out of the habit, or are just curious as to what we get up to! Our aim is that this service will evolve over time, so it won't be the same every month. You might want to make a note of our Harvest Festival, which will be on Sunday 12th October.

As always, please get in touch if there's anything you want to know.

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

Coffee & Cake Afternoon for anyone 50 and over



Good Coffee
is a pleasure. ☕
Good Friends
are a treasure.

The next one will be on Thursday 25th September
Speakers :- Tracy & Jane, from Age UK North Craven, who will be talking about the most up-to-date Advice & Information that is available for the 55+.

Make it a date to catch up with friends, have a chat, put the world to rights.

Catch up on what is going on in LP, Settle, the World.
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Calendar 2025***

**Friday 19th September
Pig Racing Night @ The Maypole Inn
6.00pm First Race 6:30pm**

**Sunday 5th October
LP Village Duck Race @ The Beck**

**Sunday 26th October
Halloween Party @ The Village Hall**

**Wed 26th & Thursday 27th November
Christmas Wreath Making Night**

**Sunday 7th December
LP Village Light Switch On**

We hope you can join us when you can.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Australian Crunch

This is a recipe that I have made many times and can remember my Mum making it too. It's quite simple to do, so a good one to make with children. Also have made it using Gluten free cornflakes and Gluten free SR flour using the same quantities.

Makes 24.

Ingredients:

- 225g (8oz) margarine
- 150g (5oz) caster sugar
- 75g (3oz) desiccated coconut
- 75g (3oz) crushed cornflakes
- 1 x 15 ml (1tbsp) cocoa powder
- 150g (5oz) SR flour
- 100g (4oz) melted chocolate (optional)

Method:

1. Heat oven to 180°C, 350°F, Gas Mark 4. Grease and line a swiss roll tin 31 x 21 cm (12 ½ x 8 inch).
2. Melt the margarine over a low heat.
3. Stir in the sugar, coconut, cornflakes, cocoa and flour. Mix well.
4. Turn into the tin and level with a knife. Bake for 20 minutes.
5. Cover with melted chocolate if using.
6. Cut into squares or triangles.

Hope you find it tasty.

Liz Palmer

Do you have a favourite recipe? Email to editor for inclusion in the next edition.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM SETTLE

Safer Neighbourhood Team covering the Bentham, Ingleton and Settle area, Inspector 1214 Paul Crabtree, PS1006 Paul Evans, PS975 John Pepper, PS881 Sohail Tariq, PC188 Jane Carpenter, PCSO5561 Jayne Grace, PCSO5881 Julia Runciman. Who will be keeping you updated on recent crimes and incidents in Long Preston and the surrounding area.

We have had 26 incidents reported between 16.06.25 & 12.08.25

Reports Include General Admin from other Police force, abandon/hoax call, Sudden Death, Highways disruption – debris in road, cow, broken down vehicle – A65, Road Related Offence – manner of driving area searched, Domestic/concern for safety – joint partnership working & ASB Nuisance

17.06.25 & 12.07.25 – Concern for welfare/safety – checked in order

28.06.25 – RTC – horse box via traffic lights

05.07.25 – RTC – HGV into wall – A65

13.07.25 – RTC – 2 vehicle – A65

02.08.25 & 05.08.25 – RTC – Single vehicle – A65

03.08.25 – RTC – 3 Vehicle – Main Street

Crime Prevention

Be Fire-Aware at Home and in the Garden

Take care when mowing: Striking a stone with a lawnmower or strimmer can create a spark. In dry grass, that's all it takes to ignite a fire. Always clear the area of stones and debris before mowing.

Use barbecues safely: Never use a barbecue on dry grass or near fences, sheds, or trees. Make sure it is fully extinguished before you leave it unattended.

Cigarette safety: Always extinguish cigarettes properly, and never flick them into gardens, plant pots, or from car windows.

Protecting Your Home

Tidy up the garden: Remove dry leaves, grass cuttings, and dead plants. These can act as fuel for fires.

Create a buffer zone: Keep a clear area around your home — trim back overgrown bushes, and don't stack wood or store fuel close to the house.

If You Spot a Fire

- Call 999 immediately

- Provide a clear location — including your postcode or a What3Words reference if available

- Keep people and pets at a safe distance

- Don't try to tackle large fires yourself — wait for the fire service to arrive

How to report speeding concerns - Speed Management Protocol
www.northyorkshire.police.uk/search?q=speeding+concern

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Working to keep North Yorkshire a safe place to live, visit & work please visit www.northyorkshire.police.uk.

Please report & suspect incidents at the time on 101, online or 999 if urgent.

Useful site re Crime and policing in England which allows you to search re incident recorded in your area www.police.uk.

Contact Information:

- 1 Ring 999 in an emergency or to report a crime in progress.
- 2 Ring 101 to report incidents or provide information.
- 3 Ring Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 to remain anonymous.
- 4 E-mail SNACraven@northyorkshire.police.uk

Kind Regards

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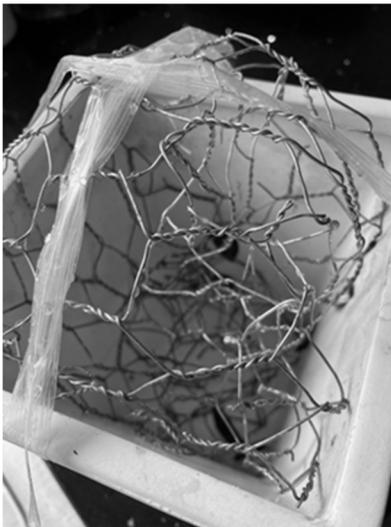


Our July meeting saw us back at Hellifield in the company of demonstrator, Susan Oliver.

Although Susan has done some demonstrations she only started after Covid and is not sure if she wants to keep doing them, so I was very pleased that we have had a chance to enjoy her company as she did some wonderful arrangements. She was full of ideas of how to make arrangements without using floral foam

and many of the containers she used had been bought from Poundland so were then given with the various arrangements.

I was lucky enough to win this one in the raffle. The flowers were all white and included roses, snapdragons, lisianthus and ammi visnaga, which looks like cow parsley and can be grown from seed.



The container she had used was from Poundland and inside she had secured some crumpled up chicken wire with clear florist tape.



This is the arrangement after I have taken the flowers out so you can see the triangular shape she made with the foliage that she then echoed when she added the flowers.

We will be back on September 11th with Susan Fairhurst (who is member of our club) with a demonstration entitled 'From Steptoe's Yard' which we are all looking forward to. Susan has entered and won many competitions, and her arrangements are always lovely to see.

We then have our 50th anniversary celebrations in October followed by our AGM on 6th November and our Open Meeting on 13th November at Gargrave Village Hall. Tickets will be priced at £15 and includes a glass of wine. These will go on sale in October so more details then. The demonstrator will be Vanessa Wellock with a demonstration entitled 'Let's Get Festive'.

Here is a picture of last year's Open Meeting when Nick Grounds did some wonderful arrangements. So put a date in your diary when I'm sure Vanessa's arrangements will be equally spectacular!



LONG PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH



Our Mission is to Love God

& Love our Neighbour



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

Preachers:-

September

7th September :- Rev Susan McIvor (Sacrament)

14th September :- Rev Stephen Dawes

21st September :- Mrs Jane Jolly (Harvest Festival)

28th September:- Rev Roger Fox

October

5th October :- Mrs Angela Walls (R)

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

Methodist Church Diary September 2025

Monday **Little Footsteps Group** 10 – 11.30am (Term time only) A free under 5's group for Mums/Dads/ Grandparents - Come and find out what it is all about. Drop in, stay for a play, listen to a story & sing some rhymes/songs, have a coffee and chat. Everyone welcome. Starts again Monday 8th September. Our 3rd Birthday party is on 22nd September.

Tuesday **Strong & Steady** 1.30pm – 3pm, run by Jo Wulf (qualified instructor). Sessions start again on 2nd September. There will be no session on 23rd September. Gentle chair based exercises to improve your strength, balance & co-ordination, making you stronger, more confident & more independent. Each session is followed by coffee & biscuits. A Free minibus is available to pick you up & return you to your door. £5 per session. Tel 840096 to book your transport. Come on why not give it a try.
Supported by Long Preston Helping Hands Community Group & Age UK North Craven.

The next **Community Cafe** will be on Thursday 4th September at 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Come & enjoy homemade cake & coffee or tea in a warm, cosy & safe environment. An opportunity for everyone who needs the support of a friend/partner or to get out of the house, have a change of scenery, meet new people, choose from a variety of activities. Free

car park. Everyone welcome.

Friday **Craft Group** 10.30pm – 12.00pm - Bring whatever you are currently making, knitting, sewing, patchwork, card making, crochet, etc...Sharing knowledge and learning new skills over a cup of tea & biscuits. New members are always welcome just come along. £2 per session.

On Sunday 21st September at 10.30am

Followed by Cake & Coffee

Everyone is very Welcome



All tinned & packets of food donated will be given to Skipton Food Bank. Please either bring to Chapel on Friday morning or to the Service on the Sunday morning.

IT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER

02.09.1666	Great Fire of London begins in Pudding Lane and rages for 5 days but kills only 9 people.
04.09.1962	The Beatles start their first recording session at Abbey Road Studios, London.
11.09.1915	Britain's first Womens Institute opens in Wales.
13.09.1902	Harry Jackson becomes the first person in Britain to be convicted on fingerprint evidence.
18.09.1709	Birth of Samuel Johnson, compiler of the first English Dictionary.
23.09.1848	Chewing gum is produced commercially for the first time.
24.09.1776	The first St. Leger horserace is run at Doncaster.
25.09.1818	First successful transfusion of human blood is performed at Guy's hospital, London.
27.09.1888	First use of the name, 'Jack the Ripper' in an anonymous letter to the central news agency.
28.09.1745	'God Save the King' is sung for the first time at London's Drury Lane Theatre.

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SETTLE ORCHESTRA 2025-2026 SEASON

Settle Orchestra are looking forward to another enjoyable season, including a further collaboration with Langcliffe Singers after our very successful performance of Brahms' Requiem in 2023.

The conductor for this season will be Andre Chan, another graduate student of the Masters course at Manchester's Royal Northern College of Music. A native of Hong Kong, Andre has already assisted various world-class orchestras like the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and the BBC Philharmonic, and also conducted the Hallé, Manchester Camerata, and MAV Symphony (Budapest) in masterclasses. He is excited to be bringing music close to his heart to audiences in the Yorkshire Dales.

For the joint concert Andre has chosen Beethoven's Mass in C, a wonderfully tender and personal interpretation of the Latin mass which is not performed nearly as often as it should be. Other highlights for the year include Dvorak's lyrical and nostalgic cello concerto, with the orchestra's own Bob Buller as soloist, and a French-inspired concert with music by Debussy, Ravel, Poulenc – and Mozart. (OK, so Mozart wasn't French but he had a happy association with Paris and we are playing his Paris Symphony!)



We always welcome applications to join the orchestra, especially from younger players and from string and brass players. We would also be very interested to hear from any composers who would like to write music for the orchestra.

We give two concerts each term, one in Settle and one in Skipton; this year the dates are 22nd and 29th November 2025 and 21st and 29th March and 20th and 27th June 2026. Full details are on our website, <http://www.settleorchestra.org.uk/>. Do please come and support us and keep music live in the Dales!

CAN YOU HELP?

Long Preston Heritage Group query

Can anyone help us with these photos please?



One is of Mayday and shows the May Queen on the left and the retiring Queen on the right. But when was this and who are the girls?

The other seems to be a Children's Day event but when was this? We know who 2 of the men are but does anyone recognize anyone else?

The photos and any information will then go into our archives.

If you can help, please email Gill:



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LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP

Hay time in Long Preston

Continuing with the autumn hay time theme from last year, here are five more pictures from our archive. Just photos this year to do justice to the images- and still more to come in 2026!



The photograph above of haymaking in the park in front of Mearbeck House is dated 1905.

Below is a Harvest group at Mearbeck- the Cook family with Jack Nixon (2nd left) and an Irishman (right)- date unknown). Irishmen were hired each year to help at lambing and harvest time. Often the same man would be hired each year.



The Bamford's Strawer in the fields below Sour Dale Lane. Could this be a demonstration of new agricultural equipment?



FOREST OF BOWLAND

NATIONAL LANDSCAPE CALLS FOR "BEST OF BOWLAND" PHOTOGRAPHS



**Forest of
Bowland
National
Landscape**

The team behind the Forest of Bowland Diamond Anniversary Photography competition are encouraging people to get out and about with their cameras once again this summer.

Tony Lund, Partnership Manager with the National Landscape Unit explained, *"This is an important year for the Forest of Bowland. Work has begun on renewing the multi-year plan which guides how the National Landscape is managed, we want people to have the opportunity to contribute their thoughts about what makes this unique area so special . There will be a formal consultation later in the year when people will be able to comment on the draft plan.*

Tony continued, "Before that and to help us with our thinking about what makes the Forest of Bowland so special, we're encouraging people to submit a photograph which sums up the essence of Bowland for them – their "Best of Bowland". An image often captures far more than words on their own and it gives you a great excuse to explore the area or revisit a spot you already love to take a picture you want to share. Although we won't be judging images, we'll be entering all submissions into a prize draw as a thank you for taking part. And, if you can't get out with your camera over the summer, you can enter an image you already have."

Photographs can be submitted online via the Forest of Bowland National Landscape Partnership website (<https://www.forestofbowland.com/best-bowland-photographs-news>) where full details are available.

Closing date for submissions is Monday 15th September 2025.

Prizes for the draw have been kindly donated by members of the Forest of Bowland Sustainable Tourism Business Network and the Forest of Bowland National Landscape Partnership, and include:

Gift voucher from Orchard Glamping - <https://orchardglamping.com/>

Gelato shop voucher from Farm on the Fell - <https://armonthefell.co.uk/>

Herbal Medicine Books from Pendle Plant Craft - www.pendleplantcraft.co.uk

Pack of nature-inspired greetings cards by Helen Briggs - www.helenbriggsdesign.com

Forest of Bowland Champion Species products – www.forestofbowland.com/champion-species-badges

Yorkshire Dales charity extends its support for woodlands in the Forest of Bowland

Local charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has extended its grant scheme to support the creation of new native broadleaf woodlands, hedgerow and landscape trees in the Forest of Bowland National Landscape.

Working with community volunteers, YDMT has already helped Angela Kilburn achieve her dream of creating a woodland area consisting of 350 trees and 415m hedgerow on her land near Bentham.

Angela, who wanted to encourage biodiversity in the uplands and create variety in the landscape, said: "We have really enjoyed working with YDMT, its staff and volunteers. Only a few months later and we're already seeing an improvement in biodiversity. We're looking forward to seeing how it develops over the years and to continuing our collaboration with YDMT."

YDMT has now partnered with the Forest of Bowland National Landscape to help more landowners create woodland and breathing spaces everyone can enjoy, through an innovative grant scheme.

A range of support is on offer, including advice on woodland planting, design and specification, identify funding opportunities and recommend contractors to carry out the work.

Tony Lund, Partnership Manager for Forest of Bowland National Landscape added: `

Working in partnership with local people and volunteers, YDMT has helped landowners plant more than 1.6million trees since 1997, and last winter a total of 10,659 trees were planted across 8.43 hectares. In addition, just over 4 km of new hedgerow was created involving the planting of 22,268 shrubs and 85 landscape trees were planted and protected.

Funding can be provided to cover the costs involved in establishing a new woodland, restoring hedgerow or planting and protecting individual trees. YDMT can also support landowners in developing a management plan for small woodlands and provide funding to help undertake management work.

[If you would like to do something amazing for the people, landscape and wildlife of the area, and have either existing woodland or space to plant some trees then please get in touch via the YDMT website – <https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/grants/woodland-grants>.](https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/grants/woodland-grants)

Applications need to be completed by 30 September 2025. For further details contact woodlands@ydmt.org or call 015242 51002.

VJ 80TH ANNIVERSARY REVIEW



When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us
And Say For Your Tomorrow,
We Gave Our Today.

Thank you to all those who took part in our commemorations and those who have expressed their thanks for the time and effort taken when so many surrounding villages did nothing to mark this occasion.

Over 50 people, including families, gathered around the memorial late morning for a short service to remember those who continued fighting for peace after Victory in Europe had been declared. The Last Post was sounded, two minutes silence observed and a wreath layed. The Union Jack was raised and we sang the National Anthem.

Commemorations continued with a Service of Thanksgiving in the Methodist Chapel and in the evening our 'Lamp of Peace' was lit and the memorial illuminated with tea lights in red holders, one for each Long Preston serviceman who gave his life in the two World Wars.

Thanks primarily to Annette Metcalf and Rob & Mags Wood. Specific thanks to Chris Moorby for the loan of his sound system, Steve Gledhill for playing the organ and Craig for the tea lights and holders for the memorial. Thanks to Sarah Lister of Settle Graveyard Project for some local War Hero histories, LPHG for some village information, the posts to display the histories and Rob for spending hours expanding information on our village heros and the war in general.



Front cover picture: Mags Wood

LONG PRESTON & HELLIFIELD RAINBOWS



Long Preston and Hellifield Rainbow wish to congratulate Lucy Emmett on achieving her Gold Award at Rainbows, she has completed all theme awards and interest badges to get her award. Congratulations also go to the three Guides who have also achieved their Gold Award in Guides.

Rainbows and Brownies meet on a Tuesday during term time 6-7pm at the Village Hall followed by Guides 7.15-8.45pm new members always welcome.

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

July 2025 Draw

1st	36	Colin Ward	£25
2nd	143	John Cressey	£15
3rd	93	Sharon Rodgers	£10

Aug 2025 Draw

1st	43	Shiela Grant	£25
2nd	78	Karen Boothman	£15
3rd	85	Elizabeth Robertshaw	£10

MAYPOLE MUSIC SESSIONS

May I introduce you to a new music session at the Maypole in Long Preston.

This music session involves all musicians and singers of all ages joining together to share songs and tunes. There is no pressure to play or sing. You can join in by coming to listen and having a drink or a meal. There is no entrance fee. All ages and abilities welcome.

The sessions are on alternating Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. The dates for your diary are: 4th, 18th September and 2nd, 16th, 30th October

Be lovely to see you there

Frank Birkett

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

All services start at 11am unless otherwise stated.

Date	Preacher	Service
Sept 7 th	Rev James Rodley	Holy Communion
Sept 14 th	Rev James Rodley	Family Service
Sept 21 st	Rev Colin Blake	Holy Communion
Sept 28 th	Rev James Rodley	Morning Prayer
Oct 5 th	Rev James Rodley	Holy Communion

Mid-week Holy Communion will be held on the following days at 11am.

Thursday Sept 11th Rev James Rodley
 Thursday Sept 25th Rev James Rodley
 Thursday Oct 9th Rev James Rodley

Don't forget you can always check our services on the noticeboards in the porch and lych gate, or find us on Facebook (Hellifield and Long Preston Parish Churches) and send us a message, or email Carol Slinn ,
 c.slinn19@googlemail.com

Monthly Prayer Walks

Did you know that a group of us, from both churches, St Aidan's and St Mary's, hold a monthly prayer walk, alternating between the 2 villages? We walk, and talk, and pray. We pray for our schools, our churches, our businesses, our residents, and anything or anybody else we think of. September's Prayer Walk will be around Long Preston. Meet at church at 1.30. Anybody is most welcome to join us, or if you see us, come and say "Hello!" Feel free to ask us to pray for you, or someone you know, either at the time in person, or by email or Facebook messenger as above. Keep an eye out on social media and on the notice boards, or contact Carol Slinn as above, to let you know.

As most of our readers will know, our lovely parish church of St Mary's (which has been in Long Preston for 800 years!) is maintained, inside and out, by a band of volunteers, to whom the Parochial Church Council and I are always very grateful.

Right now, we would really value some help in the following ways:

The inside of the church is cleaned on the first Saturday morning of the month at 10am. Please could you think about offering some time- no more than an hour- to help with this, so that we can have a really welcoming environment for visitors? Jobs shared out according to capacity to do them - everyone's contribution is welcome. Please contact our churchwarden, Carol Slinn.

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD MOWERS

A big thank you to those who responded to our posters asking for additional volunteers, your assistance is greatly appreciated, many thanks.

Our village is lucky to have a core of volunteers happy to make things happen in our community, for everyone's benefit. The Mowers are one such dedicated team but how would you like, while strimming, to suddenly have dog poo on your face, in your hair and all over your clothes? Or arrive to leave flowers on a loved one's grave to find a pile of poo by the headstone? This issue has been raised before, and, as with any anti-social behaviour, it's the small minority that affect us all but is unacceptable. The legal requirement for dog owners to clear up after their pet in public spaces is nothing new. There are signs requesting that you keep your dog on a lead inside the churchyard and there is a green council bin which can be used for the disposal of bags.

Please, please think where you are, churchyards are special places. Show some respect for other visitors and be a responsible dog owner.

Thank you

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD GRAVESTONE

Are you, or do you know anybody who is, a descendant of the Gifford family? There is a headstone in the churchyard, Grave A31 in Section A Part 1 on the graveyard plans, which is crumbling away; a whole chunk of the facing has come away and more is likely to follow. The names on the graves are William Gifford, who died at Long Preston, his wife Elizabeth, died Aug 1894 and his niece Jane Todd, died Jan 1894. If there are any remaining members of the family who would be willing to organise the refurbishing of the headstone, we at church would like to hear from you.

The piece that has fallen off is being kept safely in church for now, but as this is likely to be happening to more headstones in the future we cannot hold onto such pieces indefinitely!

If you are able to help, please get in touch with the churchwarden, Carol Slinn



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IT HAPPENED TO ME

We set off straight after work to drive to Hull, as we had tickets to see a John Godber play, April in Paris, at Hull Truck Theatre. We were looking forward to it as he is our favourite playwright, plenty of northern humour ! Wherever possible we included, Mavis, my mother-in-law, in our theatre outings and had arranged to meet her in the bar of the theatre. We arrived and spotted her sat at a table in close conversation with a man and approached. ' It looks as though your company has arrived ' he said to Mavis, ' I'll leave you together, I've enjoyed talking to you.' ' Oh, thank you. What a lovely man, 'said Mavis turning to us,' he asked me all about my wartime memories of Hull. ' 'Do you know who he is ?' Mavis shook her head, ' you're just about to see one of his plays...that was John Godber.'

Do you have a experience to share ? Do drop us a few lines at editorial.long.preston.pmag@gmail.com. Thanks

FUTURE EVENTS

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VILLAGE HALL DIARY SEPTEMBER

September	Event	Time
Mon 1 st	Cantoris Salicium	19:30
Thurs 4 th	Parish Council Meeting	19:30
Fri 5 th	Police Drop-In — Upstairs meeting room	10:00-12:00
Wed 10 th	WI	19.30-22:00
Thurs 11 th	Age Uk luncheon club	12:30-15:00
Sat 20th	Lino print workshop Sean Willis (seanwillisprints@gmail.com)	10:00-17:00
Thurs 25th	Coffee and Cake	13.30-15.30

Weekly Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Monday	Baby Group Messy Monkeys	9:00-12:30 term time only	amandabelt@icloud.com
Tuesday	Art Class	10:00– 12:00	Tim (07850947278)
	Rainbows, Brownies/ Guides	18:00 onwards	Term time only
Wednesday	Pilates	9:30 to 10:30 ; 10:45 to 11.45	Susie (07712131980)
Thursday	Art Class	10:00–12:00	Paul (07708042648)
Friday	Pilates	9:30-10:30	Susie (07712131980)
	Boogie Babes	10:45–11.45 term time only	sophie@boogiebabes.biz



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Women's Institute	Elaine Simpson - President 07989 912482	2nd Weds Village Hall 7:30pm New members always welcome.
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