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Sinfonietta

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Anne Heaton

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Settle Parish Church

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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

April this year is a month of Notable Dates in the Rodley household. Both Nicky and I celebrate a birthday (mine being a Significant one), and we also have our first Significant wedding anniversary: on 28th April I shall remember the best day of my life with renewed pleasure! And Easter Sunday also marks four years since we moved to this wonderful part of the world from the rather different environs of Harlow- I think I saw more sheep on that first day here in 2022 than I'd done in eight years in Essex...

OK, so you might be wondering what's so special about having been here 4 years (as opposed to any other number, like 3 or indeed 33- although I'll be really quite old by the time I get to the latter, and I suspect the Bishop will have made me retire long before then!) But two thoughts have occurred to me as I prepare for Holy Week and Easter once more. Firstly, the old cliché that "times flies when you're enjoying yourself" has, in my years of being a Christian minister, never been truer for me than here; it remains, every day, a pleasure and a privilege to serve our communities of Hellifield and Long Preston as best I can. And secondly, it struck me that moving on, as a parish priest, is quite different from most other jobs or "professions" in that I really can't be looking back once I've gone. There can be no equivalent for me of "meeting up with old work colleagues" because my energies and attention must be completely focused on where I am now, rather than on the people of Harlow and indeed of Bournemouth before it. Yes, there are folk I miss from previous parishes (and, dare I say it, some I don't miss at all!) but even if I had the time to look back, and re-engage with these places and people, it wouldn't be right. Others now have care of those churches, and it's for them to bring their own skills and talents to bear, probably in a rather different way from what I could do.

The extraordinary Easter story, which Christians will be telling once more as you read this, is also about "not looking back." Those who wrote down the story in the Bible so long ago knew that, after Jesus' resurrection, they and their friends were called to go forward into new places and responsibilities, not to go back to the life they'd known before. And there's a sense in Christian teaching that God calls us all to do this- to be thankful for what has been, whilst embracing what the future holds. But I'm conscious too that this is often very hard, for those who are bereaved, sick or lonely, in a world where old certainties have been disappearing on each one of the 1,400 or so days that I've lived in North Yorkshire. So, if you're struggling to find hope for the future this Easter, be assured of the prayers of the community at St Mary's. To all our readers, may you have a happy and blessed Eastertide.

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

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Coffee & Cake Afternoon for anyone 50 and over



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

Thursday 23rd April

Speaker :- Alice Michelmores Brown – Public Safety Officer for Settle area.

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

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to the wild thousands of sick, injured and orphaned wild animals since launching in 2019. Most of the charity's patients are endangered or species facing conservation challenges.

"We have a strong relationship with Long Preston," says **Jane Carpenter, Co-Founder**. "We have cared for many animals from the area, returning them later to live out their wild life. This name change shows not only how much we have grown, but acknowledges the vital role we now play in this special part of the UK. The Yorkshire Dales is a protected, living landscape, vital for biodiversity, and we are honoured to be one of the organisations at the forefront of protecting that."

"When we started, Craven was our patch," adds **Penny Hunt, Co-Founder**. "However, we now run a professional wildlife hospital, with some of the best release rates in the UK, caring for the full range of Yorkshire Dales wildlife from right across the region. Now seems the perfect time to recognise this and launch our new name."

www.yorkshiredaleswildliferescue.com

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Results – March 2026

Position	Number	Winner Name	Prize
 1st	66	John Blakeley	£25
 2nd	134	Ian Evans	£15
 3rd	19	Carol Lupton	£10

Festival Bowland

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Wednesday 8th April, Browsholme

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Wednesday 15th April, Gisburn Forest

Meet at the pay machine, Gisburn Forest Hub car park, Hole House Lane, Slaidburn, BB7 4TS.

Wednesday 22nd April, Sabden

Meet in the pay and display car park, Padiham Road, Sabden, BB7 9EB.

Wednesday 29th April, Barley

Meet in the pay car park, The Avenue, Barley, BB12 9JX.

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SETTLE ORCHESTRA

Settle Orchestra Concludes the Season with French Flair and Classical Brilliance

Settle Orchestra brings its 2026 concert season to a sparkling close this June with a vibrant programme celebrating French elegance and classical vitality. Under the baton of conductor Andre Chan, the orchestra presents an afternoon of colour, charm and wit, performed in two beautiful Yorkshire venues: Christ Church, Skipton on Saturday 20 June at 3.30pm and Settle Parish Church on Saturday 27 June at 3.30pm.

The programme opens with Claude Debussy's Sarabande, heard in the luminous orchestral arrangement by Maurice Ravel. Originally written for piano, the work unfolds with quiet dignity and impressionistic beauty, its gentle harmonies and subtle colours setting a reflective tone for the afternoon.

From French impressionism, the orchestra turns to classical exuberance with Mozart's Symphony No. 31 in D major, "Paris." Written during Mozart's time in the French capital, the symphony brims with energy, elegance and theatrical flair. Its bold opening, graceful slow movement and dazzling finale capture the excitement of an 18th-century Parisian audience.

The second half returns to the refined world of French orchestral music. Ravel's beloved Pavane Pour Une Infante Défunte offers a moment of poised nostalgia, its flowing melodies and delicate orchestration evoking the grace of a distant courtly past.

To conclude the season, Francis Poulenc's lively Sinfonietta bursts onto the stage with playful rhythms, bright orchestral colour and irresistible charm. Written in the mid-20th century, the work perfectly balances wit and sophistication, providing a jubilant finale to the orchestra's summer programme.

With music that ranges from shimmering impressionism to sparkling classical brilliance, this final concert of the 2026 season with Andre Chan promises a joyful and uplifting celebration of orchestral colour to round off the season in style.

For more information visit <https://www.settleorchestra.org.uk/>

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Long Preston Village Hall

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 1st April

Starting 7.00pm

Main Hall

Come along and hear what has been happening over the last year. This is your opportunity to say what you would like to see happen with the Village Hall moving forward.

Help protect this valuable village asset.



NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



We had the pleasure of welcoming Rachel Kirkwood to our March meeting with a demonstration entitled 'A Floral Wonderland' which was based around the story of Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. Both Rachel and her sister-in-law Lucy, were dressed as characters from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Rachel was Alice and Lucy was the Queen of Hearts!

Most of Rachel's arrangements were designed around different parts of the story.

This first arrangement depicts the white rabbit that Alice followed. The phormium leaves, one straight and one bent, the rabbit's ears and the twisted bamboo the rabbit hole that the Alice fell down!



This arrangement used bottle clips which depicted the part of the story where Alice found a bottle labelled 'drink me' which she did, and she then shrank small enough to go through one of the tiny doors. Shame she left the key on the table and was now unable to reach it!



This was one of my favourites. Wonder if you can guess which character this depicts?

The ginger fur (orange alstroemeria) of the Cheshire cat lying up in a tree and it's wide grin made out of pink roses.

This arrangement depicts the Mad Hatter's tea party and is a very large tea pot.

This was a foam free arrangement and Rachel showed how she made a framework out of oasis wire bent into the shape of several figures of 8 before being squashed and pushed into the top of the vase. This provided a framework to hold the flowers in position as she added them to the arrangement.



This is an example of the bent wire used in the top of the vase. Very easy to do and very effective. Using a coloured wire makes it part of the arrangement.

Our next meeting will be on 9th April when our guest will be Nicola Robson with a demonstration entitled 'The County Show'. It will be in Hellifield Village Hall starting at 2pm with tea and cakes afterwards. Visitors are always welcome and you might win one of Nicola's arrangements to take home!

LONG PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH



Our Mission is to Love God

& Love our Neighbour



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

April

Preachers:-

- 5th | :- Rev Michael Houston Easter Sunday Service
(Sacrament) Followed by refreshments.
12th :- Mr David Allison
19th :- Mrs Angela Walls (Reader)
26th :- Breakfast Cafe Come & sing your favourite hymns &
have a bacon buttie (No preaching)

May

- 3rd May :- Rev Susan McIvor (Sacrament)

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

Methodist Church Diary April 2026

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. Reopens Monday 13th April. No session on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May.

Monday **Warm Space/Lunch Club**- 1pm. Homemade Cottage pie & peas, followed by apple crumble & custard. Still only £3 per person. Fantastic value. Everyone welcome! Come & give it a try. Good food, in a warm environment with pleasant company. Please Tel Annette on 07968094027 to book your meal. Takeaways are available on request. Restarts 13th April. Last meal this Winter will be on Monday 27th April.

Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.00pm **Strong & Steady** run by Jo Wulf (qualified instructor). Gentle chair based exercises to improve your strength, balance & co-ordination, making you stronger, more confident & more independent. Followed by coffee & biscuits.

The next **Community Cafe** will be on Thursday 2nd April 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Come for free coffee & cakes, in a warm cosy environment to have a chat, do jigsaws/play dominoes & bring a friend.

Long Preston Parish Council

now meets in Chapel on the 1st Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on 2nd April at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come.

Coffee & Cake will now be meeting in Chapel on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next one will be on Thursday 23rd April at 1.30pm. Speaker Alice Mitchelmore- Brown on Home Safety..

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.

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Disturbing origins of common phrases still in use

Saved by the bell - came from safety bells installed in coffins to prevent premature burial.

Caught red- handed – used when someone was literally found with blood on their hands after a crime.

Bite the bullet – soldiers would literally bit on a bullet during surgery when there was no anesthesia.

Sleep tight – beds used to have ropes under mattresses tightened nightly to prevent sagging.

Deadline – originally referred to a line in prisons, crossing it meant you'd be shot dead.

Graveyard shift – working overnight when the risk of premature burials being discovered was highest.

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As the season changes from winter to spring, the garden comes back into focus.

If the rain relents for a few days, it gives you a chance to get in there and remove last year's spent growth and debris. It can make the garden a little bare, but this is also an opportunity to mulch, getting some precious nutrients back into the soil. It also allows you to see where you have gaps that need filling.

Most gardeners are aware of the peat debate; we don't take sides. We split our stock of bagged composts between products from Garden of Eden, a passionately peat free company in Cumbria and Growmore, who do use peat sourced from Ireland. Both are tried and tested on site.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Our Nursery Manager, Gavin, is very passionate about his plants and this month's choice is:

Pulmonaria – great for early colour in your garden. There are many varieties, but our favourite this year is Blue Ensign with gorgeous deep blue flowers.

Please check our Socials for his video piece on it.

As this is our first ever column in the Village Magazine, I am going to give a one time only second plant of the month. For me it's the Daffodil. I love driving around the villages and towns and seeing all the waves of these beauties. Plus, it's an opportunity to shout out to all those folk who take the time to fill these spaces in the autumn months. Your efforts are much appreciated – thank you!



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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 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

	<u>CHILDREN'S CLASSES ; AGE 7 AND UNDER ONLY</u>
1	COLOURING PAGE - Our New Logo: To celebrate our new MayDay logo, please colour in and cut out. (Paper copies available from 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.
	<u>CHILDREN'S CLASSES ; AGE 12 AND UNDER ONLY</u>
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.

	<u>ADULT CLASSES AGE 13 AND OVER</u>
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	SAVOURY - 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

St Mary's Church Organ



In this photograph of St. Mary's Church in 1904, it is just possible to see the organ pipes on the left-hand side in the North Chancel. There was an earlier organ, purchased in 1804 at a cost of 60 guineas. This earlier one was powered by turning a handle and played by Thomas Atkinson, the village Blacksmith. The balcony on the left, which had been moved from its former position at the back of the church, became unsafe and was pulled down in 1934 when the church was re-seated and the Hammerton Chapel refurbished.

The Reverend John Edmond Coulson M.A. was the Vicar at St Mary's Church from the 29th January 1858, to 1893, resigning his position after 35 years.

During his incumbency, he organised the purchase, repair, and installation of the new organ still in use today. He also replaced the clear glass windows with Capronnier stained glass. (The windows deserve an article of their own which will appear in due course).

What follows is the Revd. Coulson's own account of his purchase and renovation of the new organ.

"When I came to long Preston in 1857 -58, there was a small organ (which we afterwards sold for £20) in use in the West Gallery. When the Chancel was rebuilt in 1867 to 68, I was fortunate enough to purchase the old organ belonging to St Alban's Abbey (which was being replaced by the present new organ) and had it packed, brought here, and set up in the North Chancel aisle by Hill of London. It was a fine old instrument of the last century, with two manuals and 18 stops of an exceptionable mellowness and sweetness, but the mechanism was old and noisy. We used this organ as it was, until the year 1890, when it was taken to York and entirely reconstructed and much enlarged by Mell and Denman & Son, at a cost of £400, and re-opened on Sunday April 26th 1891. It is now a very valuable and beautiful instrument, and second to none in tone and quality, and the old-fashioned richness of its case."

*{ J. E. Coulson. Vicar.
Charles Wildbore. Curate.*

Today St Mary's Church has two organists, Steve Gledhill and Adrian Harwood, who share duties. Steve has reviewed the Revd. Coulson's account and adds the following details, which, as someone who knows and loves this instrument, are best reported in his own words:

"The improvements made in 1891 are probably understated, as the Revd. Coulson states that the organ had two manuals, but following the enlargement in York it now has three manuals, for swell, great and choir organs, all of which have different characteristics from their varied stops, to cater for different musical styles. Having three manuals does set it in to a higher "league" than many similar size churches whose organs may only have one or two manuals.

Although the instrument does have some quirks, as do most organs, it is a pleasure to play and feels part of quite an illustrious history.....I must admit to wondering if Handel did play it whenever I start playing!" (Handel is known to have performed in England, mainly in London and the time frame is accurate.)

EXCERPT FROM THE CRAVEN HERALD

17th March 1903. LONG PRESTON

MR. JOHN SCOTT'S CIRCUS visited this place on Wednesday, pitching the tent in the Maypole Field, where it was well patronised at night. Besides the usual horseback acts, one of the most interesting parts of the show was the jumping of Mr. J. Hastings (a clergyman's son), who, in standing jumps cleared 3 chairs in succession, placed 21 feet apart, and concluded by jumping over a horse in the same style. The programme included a bioscope, with which some remarkably clear pictures were shown, there being a clear absence of the irritating flicker so often common in cinematographs. The clowns and Miss Flora Viola, the rough rider, were also worth seeing.

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GOOD FRIDAY April 3 rd 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 5 th 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 5 th 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 12 th	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.
Sunday April 19 th	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Acts 2.14a , 36 -41 , Luke 24.13-35	Jesus' friends on the road to Emmaus. Just who is the mysterious stranger walking with them?



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	Event	Time
Wed 1st	Village Hall AGM	19:00
Wed 8 th	WI	19.30-22:00
Thurs 9 th	Age Uk Luncheon Club	12:30-15:00
Tuesday 14th	North craven heritage trust	14:00—16:00

Weekly Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Monday	Tiny Hands Big adventure	9:30-12:30 term time only	Amanda Belt 07957972308
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)
	Tiny Hands Big Adventure	1pm-4pm term time only	Amanda Belt 07957972308
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