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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

A slightly briefer "View" this month, after the excitements of Easter!

Readers may not be aware that parish churches need to hold the equivalent of an Annual General Meeting every year, to approve the church accounts and elect new churchwardens and a new Parochial Church Council. St Mary's will be holding theirs in mid-May, so I just wanted to use this month's column to say a huge thanks to everyone who's contributed to the life of our parish church in the last year. This isn't just regular members of the congregation, although their contributions have been especially appreciated; there are also those of our neighbours who open and close the church every day so that visitors can come in, and of course those fine folk whose quiet work in looking after our churchyard provides such a service to our community. Thank you all.

But I want to say a special "thank you" to Carol Slinn, who's been our churchwarden this past year. Carol has made enormous efforts, often unseen, not just to organise our Sunday worship with me, but just to keep the doors of the church open, as it were. You may have read in the national press about the challenges facing smaller, especially rural, churches in keeping going as volunteer numbers have fallen sharply, and this is as true at St Mary's as anywhere else- it's not just a case of opening up for an hour a week! So, thank you Carol, and all who've given their time, skills and indeed money in the last year.

If the editor allows me (!) I'll talk a bit more in a future month about the very particular role of the parish church in the 21st century. There's lots to reflect upon, and lots that perhaps our readers don't know. In the meantime, please do join us on Sunday May 10th at 11am, when our informal Family Service will celebrate, along with that weekend's exhibition in church, all that's good about art and craft, and those who make it in our village. Refreshments afterwards - hope to see you there!

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

Front Cover pictures : Steve Gledhill

Coffee & Cake Afternoon for anyone 50 and over



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

Please note from now on we will be meeting in the Methodist Chapel
Thursday 28th May

Speaker: - **Clare Deacon** talking about the invaluable work of the
Yorkshire Air Ambulance

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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Playing Fields Boundary Wall

The wall at the top of the Playing Fields has again been pulled down. This will be the third time that volunteers are going to have to rebuild it.

It may have fallen down itself but it is more likely that it has happened either by people climbing over or some budding young wall builders, have pulled it down so they can use the stones to build their own wall.

By the time this magazine is published, the



wall will probably have been repaired again! Please could parents ask their children not to pull it down this time! The whole point of the wall is to keep livestock off the Playing Fields as they are being moved from field to field. Also, some of the top stones are very heavy and could cause injury if they fell on some little toes or fingers!

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Results – April 2026

Position	Number	Winner Name	Prize
 1st	9	Jackie Ferran	£25
 2nd	109	David Jowett	£15
 3rd	10	Rob Wood	£10

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 12.30^{pm}

**CROWNING OF THE MAY QUEEN ESTHER HODGSON & MAY KING JENSON OUTLAW
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Safer Neighbourhood Team covering the Bentham, Ingleton and Settle area, Inspector 1214 Paul Crabtree, PS1006 Paul Evans, 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 42 incidents reported between 17.11.25 & 12.04.26

Reports include - Other police force enquiry, Civil dispute & Safeguarding, found property, Highways - tree down, deceased animal, broken down vehicle A65, abandon calls, planned shoot, suspect torch lights A682 area searched no gain, Suspect male/crime violence, Suspect vehicle - Ribblesdale Estate/Langber Lane, Road Related Offence - manner of driving/documents, Harassment & domestic dispute

6 reports - concern for welfare/safety - joint partnership working

08.12.25 - Theft of bench - Moorfields

17.12.25 - RTC - 2 vehicle - Back Lane

06.01.26 - RTC - damage to vehicle parked on Main Street

13.01.26 - Damage to fence

21.01.26 - Attempt burglary/damaged door & frame

20.02.26 - RTC - 2 vehicles - HGVs - A65

09.04.26 - RTC - 4 vehicles - A682/A65

Crime Prevention Advice for the Spring

Don't let burglars have easy access to your home

As the weather starts to get warmer people are more likely to leave their doors and windows open to ventilate their properties. Walk-in burglaries do increase during this time, so don't be complacent.

If you cannot see the door or window, then it should be shut and locked.

If you are out enjoying your garden, remember to shut and lock all windows on the front of your property.

Enjoy the lighter nights & better weather but make sure your home looks lived in if you go away.

Use timer switches on lights to make your home look occupied in the evenings.

If possible, leave a car in your driveway or ask a neighbour to park their car on your driveway whilst you're away.

Ask a neighbour to check on your home while you're away and move any post out of sight.

Cancel any regular deliveries such as milk and newspapers.

If you have a lawn cut it before you go away and trim back any bushes or shrubs that burglars could hide behind.

Lock away any valuable items such as pedal cycles - they may be safer in your home than in an outhouse or shed.

How to report speeding concerns - Speed Management Protocol

www.northyorkshire.police.uk/search?q=speeding+concern

North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community. Sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys. To sign up please email Jayne.grace@northyorkshire.police.uk

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

Jayne

PCSO Jayne Grace

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Long Preston's annual
May Day races were run
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• RACE 1 - RECEPTION & PRE SCHOOL

1st OLIVER LAMBERT | 2nd JOSEPH PECKOVER | 3rd MABEL TAYLOR

• RACE 2 - YEAR 1 BOYS

1st NED NEWHOUSE | 2nd BARNEY MELLIN

• RACE 3 - YEAR 1 GIRLS

1st HETTIE HOLGATE | 2nd CALLIE NUTTER

• RACE 4 - YEAR 2 BOYS

1st ZAC JOHNSON | 2nd DEXTER FARADAY | 3rd WILLIAM LAMBERT

• RACE 5 - YEAR 2 GIRLS

1st FRANKIE WOODCOCK | 2nd WILLOW BIBBY | 3rd ROWAN COMBES

• RACE 6 - YEAR 3 BOYS

1st RUPERT HAMMOND | 2nd HENRY HEWARD | 3rd ELIJAH DOCHERTY

• RACE 7 - YEAR 3 GIRLS

1st ELKIE NEWHOUSE | 2nd IONA MACAULAY & LUCY EMMETT

• RACE 8 - YEARS 4 & 5 BOYS

1st HENRY HAMMOND | 2nd HARRIS ALLAN & JENSON OUTLAW

• RACE 9 - YEARS 4 & 5 GIRLS

1st CLOVER MOLYNEUX | 2nd ISLA JOHNSON
3rd BEA MILLER & KLARA HARRISON-WALKER

• RACE 10 - YEARS 6,7 & 8 MIXED (The Rosamond Harker Fell Race Cup*)

1st LUCY HODGSON | 2nd ARYIAH THOMPSON | 3rd HARRIET MILLER

*Thanks to a generous gift from the late Rosamond Harker, who "loved May Day" we were able to acquire the 'Rosamond Harker Fell Race Cup' in her honour.

NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



All you need to know about Sweet Peas!



One of the most well-known of our garden flowers filling our rooms with their wonderful scent in the summer.

Easy to grow and the more you cut the flowers, the more you will get!

It is a native to the coastal region of the Mediterranean including Sicily, southern Italy, Greece and Malta.

The first recording of the flower in England was in 1699, so they have been around for a long time.



Sweet peas are easy to grow from seed, although as the seeds have a hard coating, advice is to soak the seeds first to soften the case. Place on some wet kitchen paper till they swell. You can plant them in the autumn and over winter in a cold greenhouse or cold frame. Seeds can also be planted directly in the soil in March/April. seeds are readily available from Garden Centres.

Once planted out they need to be grown up some kind of support often canes made into the shape of a wigwam.

To have a regular supply, cut the flowers every day so they won't produce seed pods and will need watering in dry weather.

You can also buy seedlings/plug plants from Garden Centres ready to plant out. They will continue to flower until September/October.

Cut flowers can appear in florist shops from as early as February. The sweet pea is no relation to the garden pea and is in fact poisonous.



There is a perennial variety which they say can stand up to temperatures as low as -5C but I can remember them at home in my Mum's garden in Northumberland and the temperatures would be well below that through the winter. They would die back and then come again in the summer. My Mum used to grow them up a south facing wall that she had attached wires to help them climb.

They are best cut either early morning or in the evening when the flowers are fully hydrated. As sweet peas have quite floppy stems, they are best arranged in small vases with tall, narrow necks. As in the picture, you can then group several vases together.

Modern varieties are bigger than the early sweet peas. They are known as Spencer sweet peas and were first developed by Silas Cole while working for the Spencer family in the early 1990s. They were further developed by William Urwin to use as cut flowers for sale in Covent Garden. The National Collection of Sweet Peas is held in Sussex by Roger Parsons, and he has been collecting them since 1985. He now grows over 1,300 different varieties. Although there is an extensive range of colours, as yet there are no yellow ones! The sweet pea is the birth flower for the month of April, along with the daisy.

Our meeting in May is on 14th May in Hellifield Village Hall starting at 2pm. Our guest demonstrator will be Janine Gray with a demonstration entitled 'Blooming Trends'. Visitors are always welcome and you could get to take one of the arrangements home!

FUN FACTS

Your stomach grows a new lining every 3 to 4 days so it doesn't digest itself

You have the same number of neck bones as a giraffe – seven

Octopuses have three hearts and their blood is blue

Your brain uses up 20% of your body's energy supply

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Services start at 10.30am unless stated.

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May

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10th :- Maj Marie Hickman

17th :- Rev Michael Houston

24th :- Mr Richard Waller

31st :- Rev Stephen Dawes

June

7th :- tba

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Rev Susan McIvor on 07938 711263 or
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Methodist Church Diary May 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.

No sessions on Monday 4th May or 25th May (Bank holidays).

Reopens Monday 1st June.

Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.00pm **Strong & Steady** run by Jo Wulf (qualified instructor). Chair based exercises to improve your strength, balance & co-ordination, making you stronger, more confident & more independent. No meeting on 26th May. Followed by coffee & biscuits.

Community Cafe will be on Thursday 7th May 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 7th May at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come.

Coffee & Cake will be on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next one will be on Thursday 28th May at 1.30pm – 3.30pm. The Speaker will be Clare Deacon – talking about the invaluable Service of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

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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PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

Many of you will have been inconvenienced by the local bus service over Easter.

There has been confusion from Lonsdale Bus Company when myself and others have contacted them with regard to their Easter bus service. I was informed that for this 2 week period due to school holidays there would be a Saturday timetable, which did raise concerns of this being the norm in future for Christmas, Easter and summer holidays.

I asked for information to be placed on the buses asap. This didn't happen.

Another passenger was informed that it's a normal service apart from bank holidays.

I then called again with regard to conflicting information and advised that there were drivers not turning up to work, it would be ok for the second week of Easter, it wasn't.

Another passenger asked a regular driver if everything is returning to normal after the holiday only to be told that due to a petrol shortage it won't be improving!!

The latter should concern everyone as buses along with other essential services are to be prioritised in the case of petrol shortages. With regard to buses there would be an increase in passengers on public transport should petrol be rationed, hence the need to keep the buses running, not reducing etc.

I will have to take the matter to North Yorkshire Council via Simon Myers, he has been helpful in keeping me informed of the promised improved bus service from the Mayors fund. I have been informed that NYC are having difficulty accessing the money to do this and I believe this issue with NYC and the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire is subject to ongoing discussions.

We need to ensure that Lonsdale Bus Company are committed to a full service at least.

Sorry I can't give you any positive news and if anyone hears anything which would be of interest please contact me: jeanmworthington66@gmail.com

Tel: 07877992364 for those not connected to the internet.

For Hellifield residents Trevor Metcalf ; trevnet@hotmail.co.uk

Jean Worthington.(aka Bunty)



The choir led by our accomplished Music Director Elaine Dave and accompanied by Geoffrey Woollatt, Organist and Director of Music at Bradford Cathedral, will be performing two concerts this summer as follows:

Friday 12th June 2026:

**Summer Concert with 'Libertas',
St Andrew's Gargrave, 7-30pm
Admission £12 cash on the door.**

Saturday 11th July 2026:

**Summer Concert with Mezzo Soprano 'Faye Milbourn'
St Michael's Kirkby Malham, 7pm
Admission £12 cash on the door.**

You can find us on our website voicesofcraven.org,
Facebook or email at voicesofcraven2024@gmail.com

VILLAGE MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION TEAM

Many thanks to Marti Brisbane who has been the Team Co-ordinator for several years but has now regretfully advised she can no longer continue, your support has been much appreciated.

We are very grateful to Elizabeth Witt who has volunteered to take on this role, ensuring door to door deliveries continue, thank you.

However, we are in need of a few more people to join the team, a couple have left, Marti took on their distribution areas herself and a couple of people cover large areas, some help along Main Street would be great. Many hands make light work!

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YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH

As we move into May, it is quite literally moving season here on the nursery. All of the young plants that we have planted are now needing more space to grow, the seedlings are getting moved into their own pots to fill out and we are spacing all of our bedding plants to give them the room that they need.

It will be similar in your own garden, yard or window boxes. Moving tomatoes into grow bags, transplanting salad leaves to bigger pots etc.

If you are new to growing your own crops, trust your eyes. For example, if a young seedling's leaves start to turn yellow, it has used up all the nutrients in its little starter pot, so it is ready for the move.

Now is the time to cut back Buddleia (the butterfly bush). Don't be timid with it, you can go back to ground level if you would like to keep it compact.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Our Nursery Manager, Gavin's choice this month is:

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Last month Long Preston and Hellifield Rainbow, Brownies and Guides joined with other Rainbow Brownies and Guides from Skipton, South Craven and North Craven in a cinema take over of Skipton Plaza cinema to watch "Trolls".

With over 180 girls there it was a noisy excitable showing of the film but a great experience enjoyed by all.

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 Flapijack

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.

GARGRAVE ART EXHIBITION

The Gargrave Art Exhibition, held annually on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales, continues to celebrate local creativity at every level — and in 2025, visitors spoke clearly with their votes. The People’s Favourite Award was won by Shelley Sheridan for her striking oil and acrylic painting *Break Free*, a powerful portrait of a grey stallion.

The Exhibition runs from Thursday 9 July until Sunday 12 July, 10am until 7pm, closing at 4.30 on Sunday. It is held at Gargrave Village Hall, West Street, Gargrave BD23 3RD. Entry is free, there is ample parking and delicious home- made snacks and cakes are available.

www.gargraveart.uk exhibition@gargraveart.uk 07971 162901

LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP

Capronnier Stained Glass Windows in St Mary's Church



In 1892, Revd J. E. Coulson wrote: - *'There were no painted windows in the Church when I came here. At the time I make this note, there are ten. All are by Capronnier (Rue Rogier, Bruxelles). And I beg my successor in the living to allow no other windows to be placed in the Church except Capronnier's, lest the harmony which is so beautiful should be destroyed.'*

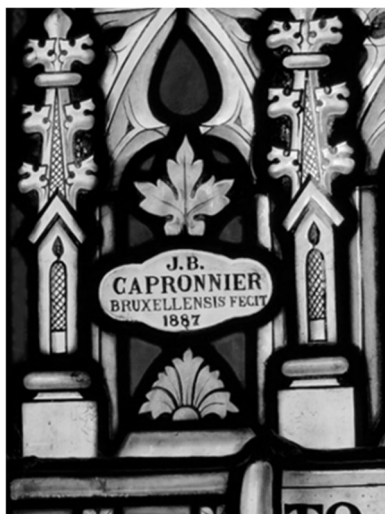
These 10 stained glass windows are still in St Mary's Church today, restored to their former glory after the Parochial Church Council, with the help of English Heritage, was awarded Lottery funding of £41,000 in February 2013 when the Revd. Stuart Stobart was the incumbent. The image above is a detail from the bottom left of what is known as 'The Christmas Window', one of three stained glass windows facing north. The full left-hand panel

depicts the appearance of the Angels to the shepherds.

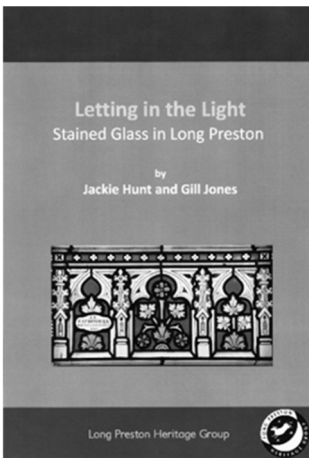
Jean-Baptiste Capronnier (1814–1891) was a notable Belgian stained-glass painter whose works were highly sought after across Europe. His work was known for high-quality and detailed artistry resulting in a high-end price. Every window bears his name and the date of production, as in the small panel (right) from the Baptistry window, which is inscribed 'To God's Glory The Gift of Robert Morley.

The East window, seen from the outside in the image on the right, is the largest of the ten. It was installed in 1859, just a year after the Revd. Coulson took up his position as vicar in Long Preston. According to the churchwarden's accounts, this window was funded by the parishioners who raised £120.

The main contributors were Richard Hardacre Esq.; Mr Thomas Holgate; a donation from the James Knowles Fund; the Revd. Coulson, Mrs Coulson and their friends. The sum of £73 was paid to Jean-Baptiste Capronnier for the window; the balance was used to fund the installation and general improvements to the church.



The booklet 'Letting in the Light', written by Gill Jones of the Heritage Group and Jackie Hunt, a stained-glass artist, explains the images in each panel of the 10 windows in the church. It gives a detailed account of stained-glass production through history, including the methods used by the Capronnier family.



There is also a beautifully illustrated account of the Heritage Group project to involve the community in the design of a stained-glass window now installed in the Village Hall. A successful bid for Heritage Lottery funding covered the cost of this window. The final design by Jackie Hunt, reflects ideas and impressions gleaned from villagers and community groups involved in glass painting workshops. All proceeds from the sale of the booklet went to support the renovation of the church windows.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fascinating facts about Left- handed People

Only 10% of the population are left-handed, it's rare by nature.

Lefties process emotions differently, often feeling things more intensely.

More likely to be creative and artistic, right brain dominance.

More prone to anxiety, mood swings and higher risk of insomnia.

Left- handed people react faster making them good at combat and sports.

Historically being left handed was considered evil and many were forced to switch hands.

Lefties are more likely to recover quicker from a brain injury due to brain wiring.

EXCERPT FROM THE CRAVEN HERALD

Excerpt from the Craven Herald dated 20th May 1892.

LONG PRESTON

Lost, on Wednesday 11th, a rough-haired CUR: white behind neck: answers to the name of "Dash." Name on collar, "R. Moorby, Long Preston." - Anyone bringing the same to R. Moorby, who has removed to Ram Inn, Holme, Cliviger, will be rewarded. Anyone detaining the same after this date will be prosecuted.

Churchyard Mowing Group

The mowing team would like to thank everyone who came to our recent 'coffee and bacon butty' mornings

Through your generosity we made around £1,000 over the two mornings – much needed funds to fuel, repair, maintain and when necessary, upgrade and replace our mowing equipment

Special thanks also to those who baked cakes, delivered the flyers and volunteered on the day to help make the events a success

Thanks again

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Layby near the Maypole Inn

Wednesday 20th May 2026 14.30 – 15.30
Wednesday 17th June 2026 14.30 – 15.30
Wednesday 15th July 2026 14.30 – 15.30
Wednesday 12th August 2026 14.30 – 15.30
Wednesday 9th Sept 2026 14.30 – 15.30
Wednesday 7th Oct 2026 14.30 – 15.30
Wednesday 4th Nov 2026 14.30 – 15.30
Wednesday 2nd Dec 2026 14.30 – 15.30



From Monday, 27 April, residents will need to register their name, address and vehicle before visiting any of the county's 20 household waste recycling centres.

The move will help to ensure the sites are used by North Yorkshire residents who fund the service, and reduce visits from those outside the county, which currently accounts for about one in six users and costs the taxpayer up to £400,000 a year.

Registration is free, takes a couple of minutes, and lasts for three years.

Residents can register online from 27 April and use the centres straight away. Nothing will be sent in the post, and staff will check number plates on arrival.

Follow the QR code or link below for more information

<https://tinyurl.com/3ym5kyzk>

Those without internet access can call us on 0300 131 2 131, or visit a library or council office for help.



HELLIFIELD BEER FESTIVAL 19th and 20th June 2026

The 12th Hellifield Beer Festival will once again be held in the Village Hall.

The last 11 festivals have raised over £44,000 to support local organisations, groups and events in Hellifield and close surrounding areas. Our 11th festival was the most successful ever, enabling over £6,000 to be distributed.

The relaxed and informal event runs from **lunchtime until 11pm** on both Friday and Saturday. No advance ticketing – just pay on the day. Entrance fee includes programme, commemorative glass, and your 1st two drinks. The almost 50 beers and ciders on offer are purchased via a token system. Food will also be available to purchase.

If you have never been before, come along and have some fun; you will be made to feel welcome and hopefully you will enjoy it. If you are a regular – we can't wait to see you again.

Hellifield Beer Festival committee.

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

DAY	SERVICE	TAKEN BY:	READINGS	THEME
Sunday April 26 th	Morning Prayer	Revd Michael Houston	Acts 2.42– end, John 10.1–10	Jesus, the “Good Shepherd”
Sunday May 3 rd	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Acts 7.55– end, John 14.1–14	Jesus, “the Way, the Truth and the Life”
Sunday May 10 th	INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE	Revd James Rodley	Acts 17.22 –31, John 14.15–21	The promise of the Spirit.
Sunday May 17 ^h	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Acts 1.6– 14 , John 17.1–11	Jesus’ friends await the coming of the Holy Spirit
Sunday May 24 th	Holy Communion	Revd Mi- chael Houston	Acts 2.1– 21, John 20.19–23	PENTECOST/ WHIT SUNDAY: the birthday of the church!
Sunday May 31 st	Morning Prayer	Revd James Rodley	Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end, Matthew 28.16–end	TRINITY SUNDAY- God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How does that work?

Sunday June 7 th	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Hosea 5.15—6.6, Matthew 9.9 —13, 18–26	Jesus calls the apostle Matthew and heals a little girl
Sunday June 14 th	INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE	Revd James Rodley	Matthew 9.35—10.8	Jesus' 12 disciples- who were they?

Also- all are welcome to our service of Holy Communion according to the traditional Book of Common Prayer. In May, this will be at 11am on Thursday 28th. 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. On May 14th all are welcome to celebrate Ascension Day at St Aidan's in Hellifield at 7pm.

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS - ST MARY'S

St Mary's Church Long Preston is having an exhibition of Arts and Crafts 9th and 10th May 2026 1 – 4 pm each day, come and look at the arts and crafts and enjoy refreshments.

There will be artwork from the Tuesday and Thursday Art group plus some local artists, and crafts from the Friday Craft Club displaying the work they have done for May Day, and Remembrance Day.

We are also looking at some May Day entries plus other local crafts displaying quilting, memory bear and glass work.

Our informal morning service on 10th (11am) will celebrate Art and Craft. Please come along and join us.





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Ben says: "I always aim to delight and enthral audiences with a unique mix of classical, jazz, dance and popular music. I've been fortunate to have performed in many countries and made recordings conducting choirs and playing the organ. Having spent most of my life leading cathedral music in England, it's just as thrilling to share entertaining and varied concerts with new audiences in local village churches. As well as playing the organ, I bring along a classical accordion, a more intimate instrument that is both mesmerising in its complexity and incredibly expressive."

All proceeds are for church funds. Ben is keen to meet members of the audience over a glass of wine at the end of his performance. Do come!

Further details: www.kirkbymalhamchurch.org

and see the News from St Michael's page in the Malhamdale Parish Magazine



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Eyes on the Skies Campaign

Yorkshire Dales environmental charity Friends of the Dales runs regular events to support its campaigning work. The following – free but donations welcome – events form part of its Eyes on the Skies campaign, speaking out about the ongoing criminal killing of birds of prey and petitioning for vital legal reforms.

Head over to its website at www.friendsofthedales.org to find out more about the petition and add your name.

Events:

Birding for Beginners: Saturday 9 May, 10am – 4pm

Friends of the Dales has teamed up with Upper Wharfedale Field Society to offer Birding for Beginners – a friendly, no-pressure introduction designed especially for 18–35s. Following an informal morning session near Grassington to get you clued up on what to look (and listen!) for, there is a three mile walk, spotting birds along the way and learning how different species use the landscape throughout the year.

To book email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Online Talk – Talking Raptor Persecution with Dr Ruth Tingay

Wednesday 20 May, 5.30pm – 7pm

A unique opportunity to hear from wildlife conservationist Dr Ruth Tingay, who has worked in the field of raptor research and conservation for more than 30 years. A former President of the international Raptor Research Foundation, Ruth now focuses on campaigning against the illegal killing of birds of prey in the UK through the blog Raptor Persecution UK.

Book at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events

Birds and Nature Walk at Malham Wednesday 17 June 10am - 4pm

Ian Court, Wildlife Conservation Officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park will lead a two mile guided walk to Malham Cove offering a rare chance to look out for one of the Yorkshire Dales' most majestic birds of prey, the Peregrine Falcon. In the afternoon Friends of the Dales Trustee and Chair of Malhamdale Environmental Group, Jane Smart will lead a two mile circular walk to Janet's Foss to explore the area's fauna and flora.

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Thurs 14 th	Long Preston Luncheon Club	12:30-15:00
Thurs 21st	Moraig Craft Class	18:45 – 21:00

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
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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