

PARISH NEWSLETTER

July & August 2015

for the villages of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith,
Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton

LETTER FROM CARMEL GITTENS



Gazza 'prays' he won't go back to drink

Former footballer Paul Gascoigne has said he **prays** that he will not pick up another drink. The ex-England player has struggled with mental illness, drugs and alcohol addiction for more than 15 years. He recently said: "I just pray I don't pick up another drink, I don't want to but I just stay strong for you guys."

"I love the world, I love the people in it and the most important bit, you know, today I love myself."

Gascoigne, said he was now **"in a good place"**, just weeks after he won victory in the High Court and was awarded damages for phone hacking by Mirror Group Newspapers. But he added that he suspected he had been hacked again "a few weeks ago".

"I don't look for perfection, I look for progress," he said. "I'm happy and I'm enjoying life, may it continue, but sometimes I find it hard when I wake up in the morning and there's lies written about us again."

By Antony Bushfield

The above article is a brave and honest admission by Paul Gascoigne. His decline and desperation was well documented and reported in the media, and many felt deeply saddened by his apparent waste of talent and ability, to drink and drugs. Many others felt little pity saying he had more money than sense, but the real issue is how he suffered with self-doubt and paranoia compounded by the media hacking his phone and making him and his family believe that he was going insane. His private conversations reported and

blown up in the national papers! Who could he trust? No wonder he felt paranoid!

We build up these young footballers to celebrity status, give them and other celebrities more money than they know what to do with, want to know every detail of their lives, and buy newspapers that run stories that we constantly yearn to read, whether they are true or not. And the sad thing is that many young people today when asked what they want to do when they grow up, will reply that they want to be famous. Fame and fortune seems to be all that is aspired to, with the famous earning immoral amounts of cash for little or no work or skills.

It is immoral to pay people millions for their salary. Who needs more than to live comfortably? There is more to life than flash cars, extravagant homes, and exotic holidays. Paul Gascoigne has had to pay the hard way for his return to health. He has lost so much along the way, and in a recent TV interview, he said that the thing he missed the most was the banter and fun he had enjoyed with the friends he left behind when he left football. Not the extravagant way of life and all the temporary pleasures he had been able to get, but the love and care and trust of those he had loved. His life was ruined by money, hangs on, and our desire to know every intimate detail of his life. How wonderful that now he seems well on the road to getting his life back on track. And that he believes that prayer will help to get him through.

But really were we not complicit in his demise? How many other people will meet the same fate; when we worship them beyond reason, pay them silly money, and lead these young and vulnerable people to believe that they are superhuman, beyond the law and not accountable for their behaviour?

The power of prayer is amazing.

You may have noticed some buses round the York diocese with TRY PRAYING on the sides or back. This has been accompanied by some little booklets that we are encouraged to “use and lose” i.e. read ourselves and then give away. I have a number of these booklets, if anyone would like to have one let me know, or if you would like prayer again let me know. Prayer achieves the most wonderful things...just ask Gazza!

Blessings Carmel Gittens
Minister Aine and Brafferton Benefice

Rev Chris Park Sabbatical

Rev Chris Park will be away on sabbatical until August 23rd 2015.

During this time his land line will not be answered and his email will be suspended. For church related business please contact either:

Carmel Gittens on 01423 360702 carmel-gittens@live.co.uk, or
Roy Wadsworth on 01904 471645 roy.wadsworth@btinternet.com

NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH

Street Fayre

The church was very lively this year thanks in part to four excellent musicians from the 'Garland of Flutes' who played during the afternoon. As well as various items and stalls at the church. The 'Youth Bus', manned by Carmel Gittens' team, was parked in Church Wind and received many interested visitors.

We offer a big 'thank you' to all who helped and supported these events.

During the Street Fayre, Caroline Triffitt ran a Book & Bric-a-Brac stall, raising £210 for a charity supporting Christians suffering persecution in the Middle East and North Africa – well done Caroline!

Gift Day

We also thank all those who have contributed to the Gift Day this year. The amount raised will cover most of the cost of the repairs to the belfry floor beam. We now await planning permission!

Mrs Jean Worker died this month and her funeral was in Somerset on the 22nd June. Jean left Alne to live in Somerset more than twenty years ago. We offer our condolences to members of her family and friends.

St. Mary's Church Restoration Appeal

Alne Primary School Afternoon Tea Party

The children of Alne Primary School are holding an Afternoon Tea Party on **Thursday, 9th July 1.30p.m. – 2.45p.m. in Alne Village Hall**. Everybody welcome! There will be a selection of cakes, tea and coffee. A raffle will be held and a choir will sing.

All money raised will go to help the St. Mary's Church Restoration Appeal. Please contact the school office to let us know if you are coming: tel. 838427 or e-mail admin@alne.n-yorks.sch.uk

Flower Festival

We are proposing to hold a Flower Festival to coincide with harvest celebrations over the week-end of **4th-6th October** and would be pleased to hear from flower arrangers, cake bakers and anyone wishing to support this fund raising event for the St. Mary's Church Restoration Appeal. The theme will be 'Creation'. Please contact Carol Glen 838016 or Ann Whiteley 830109

Workaid

Whilst looking for a new home for my old sewing machine, I have been in contact with WORKAID (www.workaid.org). WORKAID tackles poverty by providing disadvantaged people with the tools they need to learn a skilled trade and earn a living. I have already collected a few more items, kindly donated by friends, and in July will be making the journey to Leyburn where the local co-ordinator is based.

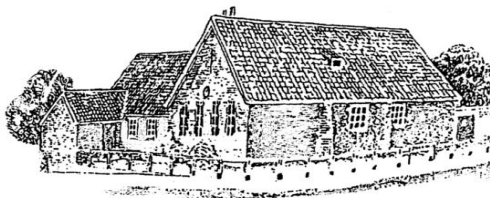
The list of what they collect is extensive, and can be found on their website (<http://workaid.org/donatetools/default.html>). This includes: haberdashery, all kinds of sewing machines (incl. electrical), wools, yarns and fabrics, electrical tools, knitting machines, hand tools etc., bicycles, carpentry and plumbing tools, agricultural and masonry tools. If you want me to collect or arrange a drop off, please call me on 838864. Thank you – Gudrun

Closure of Forest Lane Railway Bridge

Advance information that Forest Lane railway bridge will be fully or partially closed from **27th July to 23rd October 2015**. More info can be found at <http://roadworks.org/?tm31748>

Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:

Alne Local and Fairtrade Market 26th September 10.00 to 12.00 noon. Come and join us for a browse, a natter and a bacon buttie.



The Village Hall

Ceilidh 26th September 2015.

Don't forget this very popular event. Tickets will be available shortly. The evening will be great fun, a band, dancing, a fish and chip supper and a bar. Places are limited due to space, so to pre-order tickets contact either Gudrun on 838864 or Mark on 838633. Alternatively you can e-mail us at the address below.

Alne Local and Fairtrade Market 28th November 2015.

Alnestock 2015

Back by popular demand, Alnestock 2015 will be on **Saturday, 28th November at 7.45 p.m.** in the Village Hall. Four bands are so far confirmed and the real ale requirement quota has been noted! Tickets are limited, so please contact Pete Hall by e-mail - phall19528@aol.com to reserve yours. Proceeds will be towards the Village Hall and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Refurbishment Update

We are receiving fantastic feedback from the community following the recent work on the main hall. Painting is ongoing and we will be holding a further painting day on **Saturday, 4th July starting at 8.00a.m.** Please come along and help for as long as you can spare. Contact Gudrun on 838864 for more information.

Please continue to support us. Why not organise an event yourself. Send us your ideas at alnevillagehall@gmail.com or post an idea on our Facebook page. You can check our webpage on www.alnevillage.co.uk for more information on the hall and upcoming events or follow us on Facebook.

2015 Alne Street Fayre

A brilliant sunny day ensured another great success for Alne Street Fayre. 2,300 people (close to an all-time record) poured through the gates to enjoy four great music stages together with teas, BBQ, and, of course, the ever-popular bar.

The wide-ranging selection of trade and craft stalls sold everything from antique books through baskets and bird boxes to jewellery and toffee, with a few dog biscuits, gifts, plants and soaps in between.

Children were catered for with excellent rides, including a massive giant slide which had even the *aficionados* nervously clutching their stomachs. The usual range of competitions was supplemented by tennis and cricket speed gun trials which had the adults queuing up and attempting (usually in vain) to beat the juniors. Nature-lovers could enjoy the Birds of Prey and the Reptile House.

Many, many favourable comments were received both on social media and verbally and the 2015 Street Fayre fully lived up to its position as one of *The Times'* Top 20 UK Family Days Out.

Alne Street Fayre is the annual fund-raising activity for Alne Parish Leisure Association (APLA, registered charity no 516566) which runs the sports, leisure and play facilities on the Alne recreation field. While these facilities cost a lot to maintain, insure and improve each and every year, APLA has also been able to make a substantial grant last year to Alne Cricket Club for their new nets project and is planning a significant grant this year to Alne Village Hall's renovation project.

Alne Street Fayre in 2016 is on Sunday, 12th June.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Tollerton

Please support our coffee morning at St Michael's Church, Tollerton on **Saturday, 19th September 10a.m. to 12 noon**. Come along for Coffee & Cake and stalls. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Why? So people facing cancer can have the support they need to feel more in control of their life, from the moment they're diagnosed, through treatment and afterwards.

Tollerton Cake Sale – Proceeds towards The Dogs Trust

The cake sale etc. for The Dogs' Trust on Saturday 6th June in Tollerton exceeded the £250 target and raised a whopping £453.80!

We were completely overwhelmed by people's generosity in baking, donating and buying cakes, biscuits, children's sweets and dog treats. There was a palpable sense of community spirit and warmth between people and dogs! The weather didn't stop us, adding extra challenge to 'hook a duck' and clearing the cake crumbs in an instant!

Special thanks to Jo Goodwin and Nicki Clay for wrapping, presenting, setting up, selling and tidying away. Sincere thanks to all kind-hearted individuals including friends, neighbours, Tollerton villagers and Dog Tired customers/staff: your support will make a huge difference to dogs that need help from The Dogs' Trust in finding love with their forever family.

Nic Spencer

Helperby Beer Festival

We are a team of young local dads that want the best for our children as much as we enjoy a good pint.

On **Saturday, 26th September 2015**, there will be a Beer Festival in Helperby. The Helperby charity Beer Festival will be held in aid of a children's/youth play area in the village. The date is set outside of school holidays and at the end of the cricket season. The 'Helperby Beer Festival' is new and very likely to be a big event with many sponsors already lining up. With your help, it will hopefully continue into the future. It will be a family friendly event with entertainment for all ages. If you would like to help on the day/sponsor our village beer festival or indeed make a donation towards the play area it would be most appreciated.



We would like to welcome everyone on **Saturday, 26th September** between the hours of **1p.m. and 11p.m.**

For further information or if you have anything to contribute, please get in contact. Visit our website: www.helperbybeerfestival.co.uk
Many thanks, Matthias van Leijen

Aldwark Area Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report to the Parish Assembly on 14th May 2015

The chair, Colin Stroud welcomed new members to the Council following the May election, namely Gemma Boddy and Andy Follington for Aldwark and John Topliss for Flawith. He thanked the retiring members, Henry Dean, Roland Crooke and Allan Boddy for their long service and achievements. Contact details for parish councillors can be found on the parish website at www.aldwarkparish.co.uk He also thanked Aldwark Manor Hotel for kindly providing a room for parish meetings free of charge.

Parish Clerk

Since the clerk's salary was the main expenditure on the council's small precept, when the clerk resigned in July, to keep costs down, the parish council decided not to have a paid clerk, and instead the jobs previously carried out by the clerk were shared amongst the other councillors in an unpaid capacity. This arrangement has worked well and will be continued by the new council.

Waste Spreading

Since the waste spreading agreement with Coast to Coast Recycling Ltd was reached last year no major problems have been reported.

Superfast Broadband North Yorkshire

As a result of the council's efforts during the year, LN Communications has provided Superfast Broadband to residents of Aldwark using modern radio technology. Despite a grant from Hambleton DC plans to provide a similar service to Flawith and Youlton, this was eventually abandoned due to technical difficulties. However, BT is now planning to extend its own service to Flawith by the end of 2016 though sadly not to Youlton.

Roads, pavements, footpaths and grass verges

At long last the worst parts of the road from Aldwark village to Aldwark Bridge have been repaired. We are again grateful to Cllr Boddy and others for their generous personal efforts to keep our verges in good order during the year.

Grass- Cutting

Due to budget cuts within North Yorkshire County Council the PC has lost a grant of about £500 for amenity grass-cutting in 2015. Consequently the PC has asked all householders to cut their own verges wherever possible. This will be closely monitored and due to savings made during the year, the PC has sufficient reserves to pay for grass-cutting where it is needed.

Speeding

Measures to reduce traffic speeding through our villages are being explored.

Cllr. Colin Stroud, Chairman/Clerk

Opportunities for Prayer

Every **Tuesday** at 1 Holly Garth in Brafferton 9.00a.m.

Every **Wednesday** at Tholthorpe Methodist Chapel 8.45a.m.

METHODIST SERVICES

July/ August 2015

The Revd Elizabeth Cushion is the Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold. Elizabeth can be contacted on 01347 821460. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below.

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
5th July	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Mr Ken Hopwood
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	D Mason
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Mrs Lis Johnstone
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
12th July	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	M Onyett
	6.30p.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	10.30p.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	L Hassall, Holy Communion
	3.00p.m.	Alne	Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Mr Ralph Frankland
19th July	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Mrs Sylvia Bunting
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Graham Haslam, Holy Communion
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Revd David Priestnall
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Revd Philip Turner, Café Service

	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	J Freeman
26th July	10.30a.m. 6.30p.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion Revd David Priestnall
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	J Kidman
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
2nd August	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	R Andrew
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Mrs Lis Johnstone
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Mrs Adelaide Morley
9th August	10.30a.m. 6.30p.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church Easingwold Methodist Church	Mrs Adelaide Morley Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	10.30p.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Revd G Kidman, Holy Communion
	3.00p.m.	Alne Hall	Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	B Latto
16th August	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	F Taylor
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	G Newton, Café Service
23rd August	6.30p.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	I Hill
	4.00p.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion Café Service
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
30th August	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	K Marshall

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
JULY 2015**

Wednesday 1st July

Brafferton	9.30a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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5th July – Hidden Gardens

Aldwark	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Ale	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carol Glen
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Rhodes

12th July

Ale	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	6.30 p.m.	Compline	Carmel Gittens
Myton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship	US Team/Tim Adams

19th July

Aldwark	10.30 a.m.	Baptism	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Ale	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 a.m.	Methodist Baptism	Rev Elizabeth Cushion
Thormanby	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Mike Fildes
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Eli Spiller/ Warden

26th July

Ale	10.30 a.m.	Methodist Communion	TBC
Brafferton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth

**ANGLICAN SERVICES
AUGUST 2015**

2nd August

Aldwark	9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Alne	10.30a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carol Glen
Brafferton	9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00a.m.	Morning Prayer	Terry Croarkin
Thormanby	10.30a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion	John Rhodes

Wednesday - 5th August

Brafferton	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
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9th August

Alne	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	6.30 p.m.	Compline	Carmel Gittens
Myton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens

16th August

Aldwark	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Alne	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 a.m.	Methodist	Prof Edward Royle
Thormanby	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Mike Fildes
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	TBC	Mike Darnell

23rd August

Alne	10.30 a.m.	Anglican Service	Carol Glen
Brafferton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Baptism	Rev Roy Wadsworth

30th August

Thormanby	10.30 a.m.	Joint Service	Rev Chris Park
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