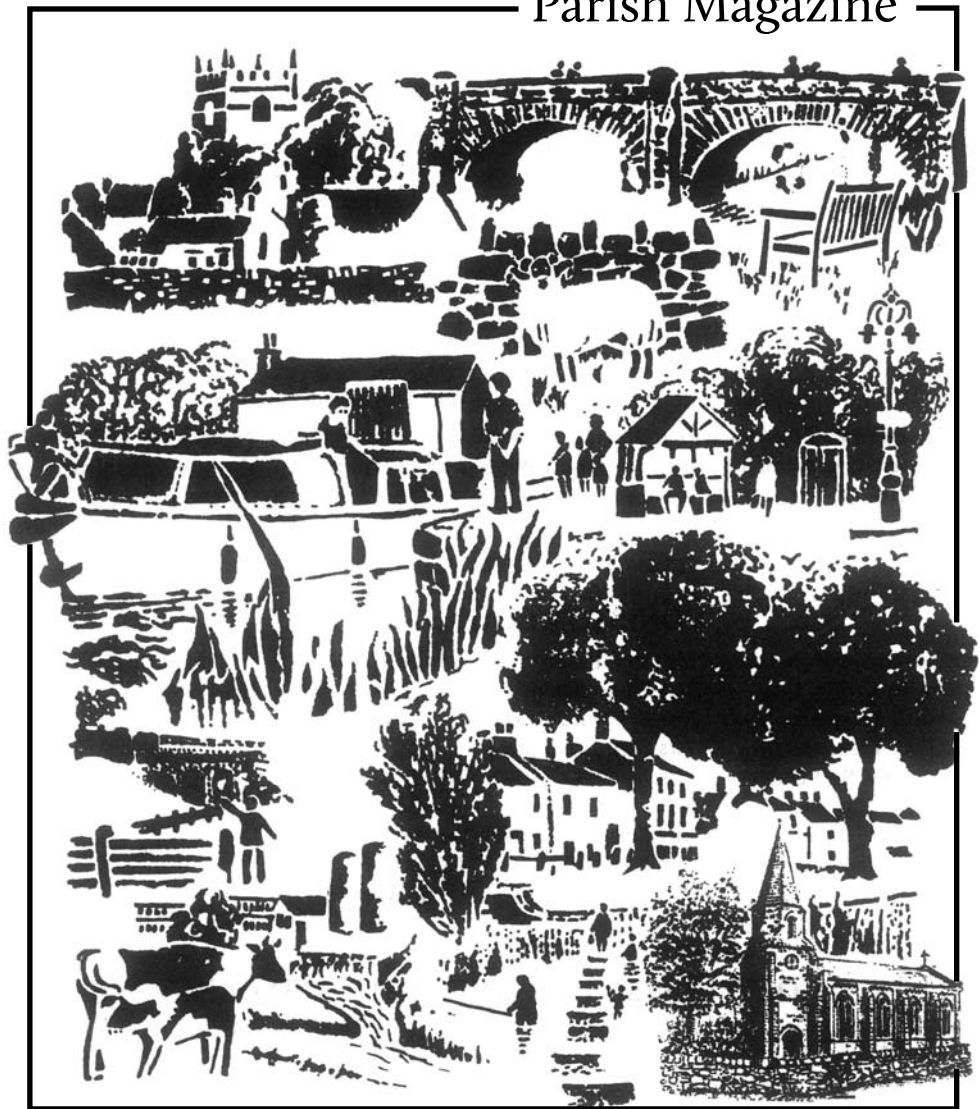


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ROD'S REFLECTIONS

Transformed by God

YESTERDAY, ASH WEDNESDAY, I stood in church before the service and looked around. The men who were cleaning the church, in preparation to its painting, had gone, but the evidence of their work was all around me. Partly cleaned walls, a fresh smell where there had only been damp and dust, the tools of their trade laid aside in preparation for the next day's work.

What a six months it has been since the lead was taken from the side-aisle roofs!

First there was the despair, and let us admit it, a degree of anger, that so much that we were hoping to do to make the building more fit for those who already used it and for those who wanted to begin new things seemed to have been brought to nothing.

What could we do? We were facing an enormous task. What we did was to share our determination that we were going to pursue the vision that we felt God had given us with everyone in the parish and beyond.

What happened has been a transformation, because so many individuals and groups joined in the task of making sure that the building would serve this community now and in future. It became a focus for a parish, and beyond, that was going to make sure that such an important focus of our lives was indeed going to be repaired....and more!

The task of raising the money to repair and refurbish was immense, but thanks to so much effort and support we are now well on our way to not only repairing what was ruined, but to developing the church for more community use, some of which we have already seen happening.

One obvious by-product of the need to raise money has been "Stan Drew's Choir", a very eclectic group of people who got together initially as fund-raisers, and enjoy singing together so much that it appears that it is the beginning of a Community Choir here in Gargrave, for everyone who wants to come along. The Knit and Natter group, which will begin again in some form after the repairs are finished is another example of the building being used as a means of getting together, sharing skills and enjoying the time.

Youth Café is about to expand to a twice-a-week meeting after Easter and there are a lot of ideas being mooted that are inspired by this desire to use the building to get together as a community.

It is not only the building that has been transformed. I think that what has happened is that we are now more aware that we share a common desire to have a welcoming, supportive community here and that we are prepared to work together to ensure this happens.

I think of how Jesus' disciples must have felt when Jesus was arrested, crucified and buried. All their plans and hopes for the future must have seemed crushed for ever. God had other ideas, and the Resurrection at Easter and the

coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost transformed them in to group of people who were empowered to bring God's love to a world that was desperate for it.

I believe that we too have been transformed; that we have been reminded what really matters in life, the power of love, God's love for the whole of creation, God's love for you and me.

May you all have a blessed and joyful Easter.

Rod Geddes

DIARY FOR APRIL

Gargrave

- Sat 2 Chance 2 Dance Show, 10am, Village Hall
- Sun 3 Mothering Sunday: Communion for all 10.30am, Church**
- Mon 4 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Committee Room 1
- Tue 5 Communion 9am, Church
- Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall
- Sun 10 Communion 8am, Service of the Word 10am, Service with Prayer for Healing 6pm, Church**
Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
- Tue 12 Communion 9am, Church
- Wed 13 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall: Cat Kilner speaking on the National Park and its rangers.
- Sat 16 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall
Opening of new playground and stalls on Low Green, 10.30am
Modern Sequence Dance, 7 to 11pm, Village Hall.
- Sun 17 Palm Sunday: Communion 8am, Meet at the Summerseat at 9.45am for procession to Church for Morning Prayer 10am**
- Mon 18 Compline and talk 7pm, Church
- Tue 19 Compline and talk 7pm, Church
- Wed 20 Compline and talk 7pm, Church
- Thu 21 **Maundy Thursday:** Communion 8pm followed by vigil to midnight, Church
- Fri 22 **Good Friday:** Service for all 9.30am, Last hour at the Cross 2pm, Night prayer at the Cross, 7pm, Church
Ladies Section Dance, 8pm to Midnight, Village Hall
- Sat 23 **Easter Saturday:** Decoration of church from 9.30am, Renewal of baptismal vows and lighting of the Paschal Candle, 9pm, Church
Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall

- Sun 24 EASTER DAY: Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10am, Church**
Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
- Mon 25 Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
- Tue 26 Communion 9am, Church
- Wed 27 Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
- Fri 29 *A Right Royal Do* featuring The Beer House Boys, 7.30pm to midnight, Village Hall. £6 entry fee to include supper. There will be a bar and raffle.
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall
- Sun 1 Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10am, Church**
May

Each Sunday: prayer time in church open to all, 9.30-9.50am

Coniston Cold

- Sun 3 Mothering Sunday: Holy Communion 4pm**
- Sun 10 Service of the Word, Gargrave 10am**
- Sat 16 Gargrave & Coniston Cold Mothers Union jumble sale, Coniston Cold Village Hall, 1pm. Produce and cake stall.
- Sun 17 Service for Palm Sunday 4pm**
- Sun 24 EASTER DAY: Holy Communion 9am**
- Sun 1 May Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt – Skipton Races, Heslaker Farm, Carleton, BD23 3AB. First race 2pm. Any queries to Tom Bannister 01756 748080.

Catholic mass times in Broughton and Gargrave

Sunday: 9am at Broughton Hall Chapel
11.30am Latin Sung Mass first Sunday of month

Thursday & Holydays: 9.30am at the Oratory, 3 West Street, Gargrave

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mothers Union Jumble Sale

GARGRAVE & CONISTON COLD Mothers Union jumble sale, Saturday 16 April, Coniston Cold Village Hall, 1pm. Produce and cake stall.

Open Gardens update

GARGRAVE OPEN GARDENS is on Saturday 25 June. Please consider if you can help with this community event: we need lots of people for the catering rota which involves serving lunches and teas in the Village Hall. You don't have to

stay all day so you can still have a chance to look round the gardens. All are welcome to help: please contact Norma Brothers on 748392.

It would also be very handy to have some gardens to open! We are hoping to include a wide variety of gardens: informal haphazard ones as well as formal neat ones; gardens for children as well as for older people; gardens for wildlife as well as for gardeners. There are lots of hidden corners of Gargrave and interesting gardens that people would love the chance to explore for a day.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with selling tickets, plant stall, book stall and publicity. And we would welcome donations of plants for the plant stall and items for the tombola.

Duncan and Bea Faulkner: phone 749443, email duncanbea@btinternet.com

Advance Notice : Gargrave Art Exhibition

CALLING ALL BUDDING ARTISTS...

The Gargrave Art Exhibition is to be held on June 30th to July 3rd 2011 in the Village Hall. If you fancy trying your hand at painting or drawing and feel like earning some extra cash – why not pick up an entry form from the Library or contact Leslie Woodhouse on 749421. We are always eager to embrace new talent and exhibitors that live in Gargrave can enter three pictures for free ! There will be a nominal charge of £2.50 for those living outside the parish boundaries. Entry forms will be available at the beginning of May.

Also this year we will be having 'artists in residence' each day – so if you are under-confident or shy do come along and see how the professionals do it and pick up some tips.

Watch out for more information or visit www.gargravearts.webs.com.

NEWS

A word from the editors

Duncan and Beatrice Faulkner

THANK YOU for all the positive comments we had about our first issue. This month we have added an index of advertisers and a fuller list of village organisations (inside back cover). We have news from the WI, Young Farmers and Thompson's Dance Centre. As well as the regular features we have an article on the Royal Wedding (page 9).

We have a question for readers: how many of you read the Bradford Diocese News (centre pages)? We ask because it costs approximately £230 a year to subscribe to this and print it (it was £380 when printed in colour). If the numbers of readers is small, we could save money by asking the Diocese to provide a smaller number of printed copies which could be made available in our churches for readers to pick up. The money saved could go towards running costs of the churches...the largest part of which is the share that we

pay to the Diocese of Bradford! If you have strong feelings about whether you'd like it to stay or go, please contact us.

Decoration of St Andrew's Church for Easter

The decoration of the Church for Easter will take place from 9.30am on Easter Saturday. Anyone able to help by doing a window or part of the Church is asked to contact Pat Cockshott (tel. 749586). All welcome to make the Church ready for this important festival.

News from Gargrave Village Hall

Tom Gomersall

GAP – GARGRAVE ALTERNATIVE PURSUITS

The GAP group was formed about four years ago, with the intention of exploring the possibility of introducing new activities in the village. Several ideas were introduced, including the Walking Group and a Tai Chi activity. During the summer months, from 29 March onwards (once the clocks have changed) the Walking Group meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7 pm outside Gargrave Village Hall. The walks are usually about 3 or 4 miles long, starting and finishing at the Hall. Weekend walks take place monthly during the winter on an ad hoc basis. Further information is available from Olive Coates at 01756 748379. The Tai Chi group meet weekly on Thursdays at 7.15pm. New members are welcome: contact Ian Cresswell 01756 748540 for more details.

Suggestions for other activities would be welcomed by the GAP Group.

You can become a member of the Village Hall; membership booklets are available either at coffee mornings or from Committee members. The Hall is also available for private hire – contact Sally on 748098 for bookings.

The Towpath project

Tom Gomersall

FOR SOME TIME, Carol Oliver and Tom Gomersall have been trying to obtain support to have the canal towpath between Gargrave and Skipton surfaced. In recent years, this work has progressed from Leeds nearly as far as Skipton, and much has been done in Lancashire as well. There is a particular need for the Gargrave-Skipton section to be done – the A65 road is extremely dangerous for cyclists, as recent accidents only too sadly show. However, it would, in addition, be an undoubted advantage as a tourist attraction, both for Skipton and for Gargrave, remembering that we are on the Pennine Way, the National Cycle network, and the Leeds-Liverpool canal.

We were informed that funding for the project is in place, and that Sustrans is interested, but progress seems to have ceased at the moment. The east of Yorkshire is well provided with traffic free cycleways, but here in the northwest of the County there is not one!. Watch this space!

WI news

Janet Sturgess

IN FEBRUARY, Hannecke Dye spoke to members about her hidden childhood in Holland during the Second World War. She gave many insights into life in an occupied country and the impact it had on herself and her family. Her account gave us all much to reflect upon, especially her final message to fight hatred.

The competition was for a Dutch souvenir. The winner, chosen by Hannecke, was Christine Berry with a mandolin vegetable slicer decorated with two Delft tiles.

In March we had a 'Members' Evening' which was split into two parts. First Anne Yaman and Lynne Barrington from Bentham spoke about the range of services provided 'The Little Red Bus.'

The second part was devoted to Royal Weddings and Marriages. Several members contributed to the evening, speaking about their Royal Wedding souvenirs, which included a commemorative mug dating from 1903 and a signed book by the designers of Princess Diana's wedding dress. The talks were followed by a 'Royal Weddings and Marriages' Quiz devised by Moyra Sonley, which was won by Marguerite Mason. Her prize was to prepare our next quiz!

Our members have now collected seven sacks of footwear to donate to the Save Old Souls campaign to raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We are also busy preparing entries for the local group show which will take place in Kettlewell on 9th April.

At our next meeting, on Wednesday 13 April, Cat Kilner will be speaking about "The National Park and its Rangers". The competition will be "A photograph taken in the National Park".

General Information

We currently have 52 members. Membership provides opportunities to meet, receive monthly federation newsletters and quarterly national publications, participate in local initiatives, and to widen horizons through a dazzling variety of courses and events.

Come and join us for entertaining talks, events and refreshments in the Village Hall annex every second Wednesday in the month. Our meetings begin at 7.30pm. We are always pleased to receive visitors!

Thomson's Dance Centre

Kathy Thompson

THIS IS OUR FIRST report about the Thomson's Dance Centre. We are based in Gargrave Primary School and teach Ballroom and Latin Dancing to children and adults of all ages and all abilities, from newly starting beginners to advanced dancers and British Champions. We hold classes on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

We have had a very busy start to the year. We held an examination day, where we had an independent examiner from the United Kingdom Alliance of

Professional Teachers of Dance, of which Kathy and Graham are fully qualified dance teachers. Every pupil who entered an exam passed with flying colours, the majority receiving an Honours grade and many receiving a Distinction which is the highest grade you can receive. Congratulations to all.

In February, the Dance School held a Charity Evening at the Rolls Royce club in Barnoldswick hosting the Swing City Big Band. We would like to thank many local businesses for their support in donating raffle prizes. We had a super evening, raising £1000 for Martin House Children's Hospice. A representative from Martin House came to the dance school last Saturday to receive the cheque from us. Many thanks to all for supporting this event.

Coniston Cold Young Farmers

Alison Thwaite

DURING MARCH members have enjoyed Aerobics with Sarah Swainson, Ready Steady Cook, Ten Pin Bowling at Skipton, Kick Boxing and Easter Bingo.

There will be no meetings for two weeks over Easter then Judging Stock or Produce by kind permission of Mr & Mrs E Booth at Wigglesworth Hall on Tuesday 26th April, new members welcome.

The Leprosy Mission

Jean Coldwell

I AM HOPING to collect in the money from the Leprosy Mission collecting boxes and phials during April and May. If I am not able to collect it in church I shall be glad if you will drop it in at 6 St Robert Close. This is now an annual collection.

James Greig, the Leprosy Mission's Area Co-ordinator for Yorkshire will be speaking in the morning service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 10 April. This promises to be an interesting talk about James' trip to India. Do come along and help to swell the congregation!

With many thanks for your support of this worthwhile Christian charity.

GET TO KNOW THE CONGREGATION

Ron Humphreys

Date & place of birth I was born in Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield on 6 August 1940. My family was forced to move from Enfield only a few weeks after my birth when our home suffered severe bomb damage. For the next 18 years I lived in Bounds Green, North London.

Work Much of my career was spent working in the USA on various applications of optics, e.g. optical systems for the military, space applications and astronomy. I would describe myself as part physicist and part optical engineer. In 1977 I joined MIT's Lincoln Laboratory as a staff member and later became assistant leader of the High Energy Laser Beam Control and Propagation Group (also known for convenience as Group 54). At its peak the group had about 90 staff, primarily physicists, mathematicians and engineers. I am proud to say that this talented group laid much of the foundation for a

technology known as adaptive optics. Although originally intended for military applications, the technology has proved to be very useful to astronomers. Adaptive optics can alleviate the detrimental effects of atmospheric turbulence on the performance of large ground-based telescopes, i.e. it largely eliminates the "twinkling" of stars and significantly improves the detail in astronomical objects. After returning to England in 1993 I worked part time as a consultant to the Physics Department at Durham University.

Early memories During the Second World War (circa 1942) I can remember sleeping in a prefabricated steel shelter that my father had assembled in our front room. The shelter had a low roof and I recall that occasionally my father would bump his head when sitting up quickly. My mother and I found this event very amusing.

Most embarrassing moment My most embarrassing moment may not be particularly appropriate for a parish magazine so I will avoid the gory details. A few years ago I was in a toilet in Airedale Hospital while recovering from surgery. Unfortunately I developed a problem that caused profuse bleeding. Unable to move very far and needing assistance, I pushed a red button directly in front of me. Within seconds I heard the pounding of many feet and several ashen-faced nurses appeared in the toilet. Evidently they had expected to perform resuscitation and they appeared to be dreading the prospect. After my problem had been corrected I noticed that I should have pulled a cord located behind me! The red button was for the "crash" team.

Who I admire most Some people may find my response surprising as it is my sister-in-law Jean. Over several decades three of her four children and her husband have died, generally in tragic circumstances. Despite these tragedies her faith has never faltered and, quite frankly, she puts my faith to shame.

Spare time I enjoy walking, reading and pottering in our small garden. Unfortunately my visits to the theatre have declined significantly in the last decade and I miss these visits greatly. I like to travel and my carbon footprint leaves much to be desired. Having recently visited three national parks in Tanzania, I became aware that without the income from tourists such parks would be unlikely to survive. Perhaps this is a poor excuse for long distance travel, but one that should be taken into consideration.

Favourite book My favourite book is Bill Bryson's "A Short History of Nearly Everything". He has done a superb job in explaining scientific concepts and theories that I have found difficult to grasp.

Favourite TV programmes I like wildlife documentaries and period dramas. I have enjoyed the US series "Mad Men" even though the main characters are selfish and rather despicable. The scripts are well written and the casting is very good. The series is unlikely to appeal to British viewers unfamiliar with Madison Avenue's days of glory.

Which era I would like to go back to I would like to make a short visit to the Victorian era to view its impressive engineering feats in progress. However I have no desire to remain in that era as I greatly appreciate the comforts of modern life.

ROYAL PROMISES – AND NO ESCAPE CLAUSES!

Parish Pump website

PROBABLY NOT SINCE THE MARRIAGE of Prince Charles and Lady Diana in 1981 will so many people be watching a Christian wedding ceremony as will doubtless be on April 29th. The future heir to the throne, Prince William, will marry Kate Middleton in Westminster Abbey.

The service's solemn, moving words will echo around the world: 'to have and to hold, from this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part'. As one groom - a lawyer, needless to say - remarked, 'Not many escape clauses there!'

The exchanging of rings is equally uncompromising: 'all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you'. All that I am? All that I have? My car, my laptop, my precious handbag . . . and my aching heart? All? It's such a comprehensive word; it leaves nothing outside its limits.

Marriage is, on these terms, the total giving of one person to another, for life. It's both wonderful and awesome. No matter how many weddings you attend, those vows still move you. This is what love, as God understands it, is all about. It's not 'I love you and I want you and I'm going to have you' (which is how modern culture sometimes portrays it) but about the total giving of one human being to another. It mirrors the self-giving love of God as we see it in the life of Jesus - which may be why St Paul compares the love of a husband for his wife to Christ's love for his people (Ephesians 5:25).

You may notice, as the service proceeds, just how often the word 'love' occurs in it. Indeed, the opening words sum it all up: 'God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.' This is the great sacrament of love. On April 29th we can - wherever we are - share in its joy.

Seen in the church of St. Michael and All Angels, Felton, Northumberland

*If ought thou hast to give or lend
This ancient Church befriend.
If poor, but still in spirit willing,
Out with thy purse and give a shilling.
But if its depths should be profound
Think of thy God and give a **Pound**.
Look for no record to be given
But trust for thy receipt to Heaven.*

(£1 at the time this was penned is worth about £100 today!)



"It's the only way we can cope with all the couples who want to get married on the same day as William and Kate."

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Brian Draper, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity



Life to the limit

'THE HUMAN INDIVIDUAL lives usually far within his limits,' according to (the US psychologist) William James. 'It is the habit of inferiority to our full self.'

This week came news of a man who chose not to succumb to such a habit. His name is Rob Hall, a Canadian who heard the call of God, like his hero, Abraham, to 'Go!', without knowing quite where he would end up.

As he and his wife Kate wrote on their blog: 'Our kids can be carried, changed on the grass, happy with a stick as a toy... so we are selling our house, freeing ourselves of clutter and OFF WE GO! ...

'The plan? To learn what it means to be on an adventure with God. Sharing ideas on helping people launch their own adventure and hopefully in some way using our skills to bring justice and mercy to those in need.'

Wow. The journey took them through Britain (where they engaged with a 24-7 prayer conference), to Taize, along a pilgrimage trail in Spain, and then on to Zambia, where they began training students at a Bible college - in theology, agriculture, and 'the biblical basis of business'.

They were also helping literally to build the college itself, when, tragically, last Tuesday Rob died, in an accident while constructing the college's prayer room. It's his funeral tomorrow. Today, it would have been his birthday. And friends have posted this challenge, by way of a tribute to a man who chose to live:

'It would be wonderful to have a day of Random Acts of Kindness in honour of Rob. So, this Friday, take time to perform at least one. Something simple: pick up someone's bill in the coffee line, baby-sit a single mom's children, visit an elderly relative...'

Such an act may help us, in turn, to break 'the habit of inferiority to the full self'. Life is contagious, after all. And even the smallest acts of a life lived to the full may ripple out in ways beyond our knowing.

As Robert F Kennedy said:

'Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.'

WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

Sue Smith, Gargrave, 10 March

*"Dear Gwalia! I know there are
Towns lovelier than ours,
And fairer hills and loftier far,
And groves more full of flowers,*

*And boskier woods more blithe with spring
And bright with birds' adorning,
And sweeter bards than I to sing
Their praise this beauteous morning."*

DYLAN THOMAS in *Under Milk Wood*, in praise of Nature here and now, whilst fully recognising the bigger picture.

Let me first look back to mid-February, when, to my knowledge, the first pheasants to appear this season arrived. I also saw a pair (anyway two, one male, one female) of siskin. Despite the milder weather and the softer ground I've still seen no signs, neither sight nor sound, of our lovely songster, the song thrush. Blackbirds and robins continue to be abundant, and mistle thrushes have been seen by my neighbours.

March has had rather mixed weather. Responding to the milder days, the outer casing of the rowan buds have burst, and one hopes that the night frosts will not be too severe and damage them. This tree continues to attract mixed species of tits and finches, which feed among the branches, and also on the nuts and seeds put out for them. Greenfinches have returned regularly and are pairing.

The story of the month, though, is in the skies. Flocks of starling fly over at dawn and dusk. Frequently duck, both mallard and goosander, with their purposeful direct flight are to be seen singly, or in twos or threes whereas they tended to be unobtrusive earlier. A solitary buzzard soars overhead. The blackheaded gulls, now sporting their summer plumage of black heads, weal about most of the time. The most spectacular are the collared doves, which are full of the joys of Spring. Their courtship flight is a joy. They flap their way upwards, before gliding down in a slow graceful curve. They, at least, believe Spring is here.

REVIEWS

Beatrice Faulkner

I did enjoy the Stan Drew's community choir performance at the Shrovetide Supper, in particular Ciara Parkinson-Jones' solos and the first and last songs where the singers looked so happy. As usual there was a good mix of company and a great variety of food - thank you Norma, Jean, Joyce and Eileen.

BARNYARD BOOGIE 2

Saturday 16th July 2011

The Barns at Garris Lodge, Airton



Live Music from Local Band

'Midlife Crisis'

Disco

Hog Roast

Cash Only Bar

(Last orders 12.30 am)

Tickets £12.50

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Or Contact:

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Tickets will NOT be available to buy on the night

Charity Event with all Proceeds for Kirkby Malham Primary School

OWD BILL



Gargrave in 1943

AH THOWT 'AT sum on yer 'ud 'appen like ter share mi thowts abaat when ah wor 'ere durin' t'waar. 'Appen ye'll 'ev 'eerd tell o' t' WAARAG*. T' farmers raand 'ere reckoned nowt to it, ah can tell ther. Ther were nobbut college kids in an office, tellin' fellas 'at ud bin men o' t' soil all ther lives arr ter do ther jobs. Onnyroad, these 'ere fellas i' t'WAARAG thowt up this idea ter get schooil kids ter 'elp farmers, 'cos ther awn lads wor away nobblin' t' Jerries, thanaws.

We 'ed a camp site at Eshton Grange Farm – up t' road thru 'ere thanaws. Teychers tuk us raand to farms up an' daan t' dale. Ah bet these

'ere farmers thowt we wor a reight lot o' ruffians, ber I 'ev ter say ther kept it to ther sens, an med us varry welcome. Ah fun missen at Newfield 'All Farm, wi owd Tom Foster. Ah've met 'is son and 'is grandson sin' then, an' ther boath on 'em spitten images o' owd Tom, thanaws. Onnyroad, Tom gi' me a scythe, an' said "Tha sees them thistles i' yon cloise agean t' brig?" "will ta cut 'em daan, anent t'soil, thanaws. An' mind at tha dun't cut thissen sharpenin' t' scythe wi' t' stoin". So ah did cut t' thistles, but nooan mi finger! Nah then, when tha're up theer, 'ev a look – tha weeant find at ther's onny thistles at all, naa!

T'other day, ah went daan ter weer we 'ed us camp – it wor reight daan ageean t' beck, thanaws. An' ah thowt ter missen – weer did ger us watter? Ah'm sewer 'at we nivver lugged it all daan through t' farm. An' then it cem to mer – we mun o' got watter aat o' t' beck! Ah thowt on 'at aar Scoutmaster, 'e 'ed this theory 'at yer could sup watter aat on a stream if it wor flowin'. An ah expec yer could if wor boiled fust. But think on aa many farms ther is up t' stream through theer, an all t' stuf 't goas inter t' beck! Onnyroad, ah reckon ah've fun aat why t' scoutmaster wor ta'en ill wi' jaundice, an' wor off schooil for months atafter.

Another thing, an' then ah'll shut up. Tha'll all 'e seen 'at we 'ev sum raand stoins i' t' steppin' stoins i' t' river. Them theer stoins, akcherly med o' concrete thanaws, afoor ther wor steppin' stoins, ther wor a road block, ter stop t' Jerries gerrin' onny further ner Gargrave. Ther wor 'appen fower or five stoins aifway

across t' road, an' another five a bit further on at t' other side. An' if yer look 'ard, ther's some spares liggin' under t'river bank near weer ther wor a brig to a 'ouse at t' other side.

TTFN through Owd Bill!

Translation

It occurred to me that my wartime memories might be of interest. It is just possible that some of you will remember the "WARAG". (War Agriculture Executive Committee). The local farmers held this organisation in the greatest contempt, the WARAG being office boys, and newcomers to farming. They decided to enlist the help of schoolchildren to replace farmers who were fighting the enemy.

We were camped at nearby Eshton, and our teachers took us to the farms in the neighbourhood. One can imagine the sort of opinion the farmers must have had of us, but they were polite and welcoming. I was placed with Thomas Foster at Newfield Hall, and have subsequently enjoyed meeting his sons and grandson, who display a great degree of similarity to Thomas. He produced a scythe, and asked me to eliminate all the thistles in the field by Newfield Bridge. He warned me about the dangers involved in sharpening scythes, I complied with his wishes, so thoroughly that there are now no thistles in that field. I avoided slicing my finger.

Recently, I visited our camp site, which was alongside Eshton Beck. I wondered – where did we obtain our water? I am convinced that we didn't carry it down from the farm. Then I understood – we probably used beck water. Our Scoutmaster, who was in charge of the camp, told me at one time that it was safe to drink from a fast flowing stream. But remember about all the farms upstream, and what exactly went into that water! This was the reason, I am sure, why he was taken ill with jaundice halfway through the camp.

I will shortly terminate this epistle. You may have noticed that some of the stepping stones at Gargrave are cylindrical – and these are made of concrete, not of stone. These stones were originally placed in position across the road to deter foreign troops from making progress beyond Gargrave. Five stones on one side of the road, and five on the other, making what is now known as a chicane. Careful examination of the southern river bank just upstream of the stepping stones will reveal some spare stones for future use.

Au revoir from Elderly William.



* WARAG "War Agricultural Executive Committee"

ALL CREATURES (MOSTLY SMALL)

Helen Pratt B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., G.P. Cert (Small Animal Medicine)



IT IS SO SATISFYING for all involved, to get a fat arthritic dog slimmed down, and to see the joy on the owners faces as they describe how much livelier their pet seems. They have improved their dog's quality of life, as well as lifespan, and reduced their reliance on medication.

Time and again I hear the same line, as the dog shaped rather like a coffee table waddles into the consult room, "He hardly eats anything!" However further questioning often reveals the shared piece of toast, the cup of tea and biscuit at brew-time, the extras dropped from the highchair, and the leftovers from the dinner plate. Often weight is gained after neutering, or sneaks on unnoticed as your pet gets older and less active. Some (that I sympathise with), seem to be simply "good-doers".

The latest study into obesity in pets shows that around a third of dogs and a quarter of cats are overweight, leading to potential health issues including diabetes, and orthopaedic, breathing, and urinary problems.

Essentially obesity in animals is caused by the same reason as obesity in people – calories going in exceed calories being used. However in theory it should be easier to control what we put into our pet's dish than what we put into our stomach (well, it is with my willpower anyway...).

Just cutting back on the treats/amount of food given, tends to lead to a hungry pet and a guilty feeling owner, and at worst can unbalance the diet by cutting out essential nutrients. Cat and dog weight-watcher style foods are available, both in commercial "light diets" designed more for animals prone to weight gain, and, on prescription, more restricted calorie diets for those needing to really shift those pounds. These tend to be fairly high in protein and fibre, but low in fat, so that your pet feels full but with a less calorie dense diet. It is important to measure out the food given and feed for the weight your pet should be, not what he is! Twice daily feeding tends to reduce scavenging and begging, and treats aren't banned, but just must be taken from the overall daily ration. Weight loss, especially in cats, needs to be gradual to ensure health is maintained.

So what is ideal? Being able to feel individual ribs as you run hands over your pet's chest wall, without having to push your fingers in to imagine there are bones there, is probably a rough rule. Ask your vet – many surgeries such as ours run weight clinics, and all would be to happy to advise ; just don't look at our waistlines too closely, we don't all practice what we preach.

INTO THE DISTANT PAST

Kevin Jackson

FOLLOWING ON from the previous article covering the Mesolithic period of the Hunter Gatherers we now move forward into the Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

The Neolithic period 3500-2500 B.C was that of the first farmers and evidence of this period is missing in the story of the Gargrave area. This is probably due to the fact that these early farmers couldn't work the heavy glacial soils with primitive ploughing equipment preferring the lighter soils to the East of the County.

The Bronze Age period 2500-500 BC is not directly represented in Gargrave but there have been various sites upon the slopes of Sharphaw now under the forestry. Bronze Age burial mounds have been recorded and of course the famous Flasby Sword now in the Craven Museum is a high-status object that was recovered from Seapteria Gill. There are however two burial mounds remaining that are now Scheduled Ancient Monuments and therefore protected from further disturbance. During the pipeline excavation that took place between the years of 2006-2007 a Bronze Age cairn was recorded at Bank Newton.

The Iron Age period 500 BC-71 AD was evident within Gargrave at two sites. Hut circles at the Kirk Sink Roman Villa site and a cemetery where the houses at Mickie Hill stand. The Mickie Hill site was excavated by the West Yorkshire Archaeological Service and an excavation report resides in the Reference section in Gargrave library. Some information has been published about the cemetery in the Dales Heritage magazine <http://www.ydmt.org/docs/dalesheritageissue6.pdf>

In the next edition we move onto the Roman Period where there is plenty of evidence of settlement.

Funny money

A well-worn five pound note and a similarly distressed twenty-pound note arrived at the Bank of England to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-pound note reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life. I've been to Las Vegas and Monte Carlo, the finest restaurants in Paris, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean. "

"Wow!" said the five-pound note, "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The five pound note replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, and the Anglican Church " The twenty-pound note interrupts, "What's a church?"

Mothering Sunday – 3rd April

THE OLD BIBLE READING for this Sunday was about the feeding of the 5,000 so it was originally called Refreshment Sunday. This Sunday became linked with family reunions and gatherings and became Mothering Sunday.



Mother's Day, which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention started in 1906. Mother's Day is directly connected with the mother of the family but Mothering Sunday is more connected with Mother Church, the family meaning has been added on.

Mother's Day card

NICE CARDS for Mother's Day can be rather expensive so why don't you make your own? You don't have to be an artist to make a lacy card. You will need some coloured card, glue and a paper lace doily.

Cut a piece of card twice as big as the card you want and fold it in half. Cut your decoration from the doily, some have lovely patterns of hearts, flowers and leaves. Put a very small amount of glue on the back of the 'lace' and press it onto the card. Finish by writing a nice message inside.



Why was the Egyptian girl worried?

Because her daddy was a mummy.

What stories do the sailor's children like to hear?

Ferry tales.

Did you hear about the little boy that they named after his father?

They called him dad.

How did your mum know you hadn't washed your face?

I forgot to wet the soap

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

WE ARE NOW LEARNING about animals, their life cycles, habitats and classification. We are again taking part in the rotary clubs butterfly gardens competition. This involves creating a habitat suitable for butterflies. We shall also have some caterpillars in class and watch as they metamorphose into butterflies.

Writing

The fortnightly BIG WRITE is motivating the pupils. They are seeing their successes, better handwriting, sentences and some 'wow' words to engage the reader. Watch out next month when some works will be published in this magazine.

Sporting Success

Swimming news, following the Skipton competitions some pupils went on to represent Skipton at the Craven finals. Robert Harker came second in his individual, Max Dawson first in the breast stroke and Katie Atkinson third, well done to them all in their individuals and relays, we're proud of you all.

Parents & Teachers Association

The parents and staff ran the coffee shop at Skipton Town Hall and made over £1000. Many thanks for the delicious cakes and help on the day.

Sierra Leone

Our partnership with the school is developing, they have sent us clothing and digital pictures. The pupils are amazed to see there is nothing on their school walls and the pupils have bare feet. We are sharing resources on food and agriculture with them, the intention to expand understanding of different climates and the food production there.

Pancakes

Class 3

ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON Class 3 had great fun making and eating pancakes as part of our work in RE. We learned about the history of Pancake Day – which is always held on a Tuesday – and is traditionally called Shrove Tuesday. We discovered that Pancake day marks the start of Christian celebrations of Lent, where Christians give up something for 40 days to empathise with Jesus Christ when he was sent into the wilderness for 40 days and nights and tempted by the Devil. The 40 days now leads up to the celebration of Easter.

Heart dissection

Megan Davies and Joseph Tiplady, Class 4

ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH, Class 4 were engrossed watching and listening to Mrs Kate Davies talking about the heart. She helped us to dissect a lamb's heart ourselves, guiding us on how to carefully use a scalpel. We had a close up look at the different parts of the heart and how they function. Mrs Davies also told us

about the aorta and the colour of blood of different animals and how they vary. As you can imagine, we asked lot of questions and Mrs Davies amazed us by telling us that without your brain, your heart would only beat 30 beats per minute –which isn't enough to keep you alive. For the less squeamish amongst us, the best bit by far was putting our finger up the aorta!

NEWS FROM GARGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL

Janet Bolland and Kathy Thomson

OUR TOPIC for the spring term is Seasons. We are talking about the four different seasons and how our surroundings change. The first season that we are looking at is Spring, looking at and making different flowers that are coming up in the garden for example Snow drops and Daffodils. We have celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making and eating pancakes. We shall be making cards and gifts to celebrate Mother's Day.

On Tuesday 26 April, we shall be celebrating our Pre-School wedding in Church to coincide with the Royal Wedding later in the week. Our wedding will start at 10am, please come along to Gargrave Church and celebrate with us.

On Saturday 30 April, James Roberts, one of our parents, is running in the 57th Annual Three Peaks Fell Race which is a total of 23.3 miles, to raise much needed funds to replace our existing outdoor play surface. He is looking for as much support as possible in sponsorship for this very difficult task for our much loved Pre-School. Please contact Pre-School if you are willing to offer any support, no matter how big or small in sponsoring this very kind gentleman.

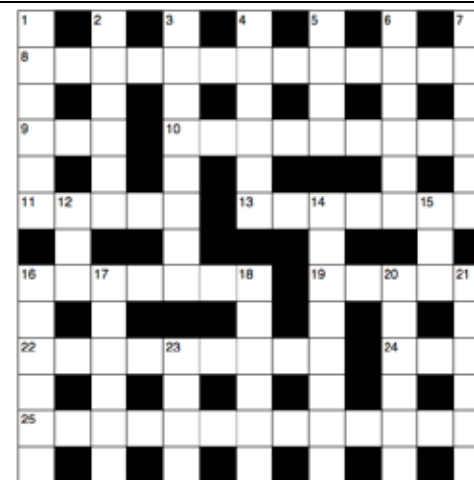
Praying for wheels

A boy kept praying for a bicycle, and the priest told him to persevere, as prayer could do anything. Later he saw the boy with a bike, and said that confirmed his belief that prayer could do anything. The boy replied, "I stole the bike and now I'm praying for forgiveness".



...er... the good news is the youth-group have made a great start by pressure-washing the west window...

BIBLE CROSSWORD



Answers to last month's

ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. 9, Passover. 11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot. 15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane. 20, Own house. 21, Lisa. 22, Flogging. 23, Sty. DOWN: 1, Wrong act. 2, Nazarene. 4, Health. 5, Assemblies. 6, Envy. 7, Turn. 10, Before long. 12, Iscariot. 13, Take care. 16, The Son. 18, Loaf. 19, Unto.

All Bible clues use the New International Version.

Please ask the Editors if you would like answers to last month's Sudoku.

Across

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
 10 Comes between Galatians and Philipians (9)
 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
 13 Muslim holy month (7)
 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

Down

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
 7 'But Christ is faithful — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Monthly meeting 7.15 pm, Monday 7 March 2011

1. *Apologies.* Councillor Janet Sugden, District Councillor David Crawford and County Councillor Shelagh Marshall.
2. *Public participation.* There was a series of questions and answers regarding the proposals to respond to problems with gypsies and travellers on the greens in May and June between the members of the public present and members of the Council. The Council then voted against the erection of a 2½ foot post and rail fence around the greens with gaps for pedestrian access and voted in favour of erecting posts.

Councillors reported on the other measures proposed in order to enforce the existing by-laws dating from 1972.

Nine new temporary signs including both written and pictorial information are to be installed on the greens.

The council is sending an e-mail to Eden Valley District Council via Craven District Council, setting out the intentions of the Council for the coming season and its views on the behaviour which occurred last year.

The process of using the civil courts to enforce the rules and secure evictions has been established and the Council intends to use it where appropriate.

The council is contacting a list of agencies to inform them of its contingency plans for the spring and summer.

3. *Matters arising.* A report was given on the meeting arranged with the Environment Agency on the river bank to examine the flow of water.

It was decided to award this year's grass cutting contract to Horton Landscaping Limited.

4. *Opening of the updated Playground.* All the village is invited to the Playground at 10.30 am on Saturday 16 April for the official opening of the new equipment.

Afterwards until 2.00 pm on Low Green voluntary bodies are invited to set up stalls including refreshments. Members of the Council will be on hand to point out the intended location of the Memorial Walk for which the saplings are due to arrive this week.

To book a stall please contact the Clerk, Helen Carruthers, on 01756 668209 at the Village Hall.

5. *Next meeting.* Monday 4 April 2011 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.



A church-backed campaign has succeeded in convincing retailers to stock the Real Easter Egg, the UK's first and only Fairtrade charity egg to mention Jesus on the box.

Morrison's, Waitrose and the Co-op are stocking a limited 'trial listing' of the Real Easter Egg and sell it in their biggest stores. All Booths stores are selling it.

The price of The Real Easter Egg is £3.99. It is made from high quality Fairtrade chocolate. Two charities benefit from the sale of the egg: Traidcraft Exchange receives 30 pence from every egg sold and Baby Lifeline will receive 10% from net profits.

Despite selling over 80 million Easter eggs a year, supermarkets initially turned down The Real Easter Egg, unsure if there was a place for a charity-faith egg in their Easter range. The Rt Revd, Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Manchester, said; "It is great news that for the first time people will have the chance of buying an Easter egg from a shop that explains the significance of the festival on the box. Through the charitable donation and its Fairtrade chocolate the egg brings to light the Easter themes of hope and new life. I believe there will be widespread support for the product from the faith community with many others likely to be interested."

INFORMATION

Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship	
3 Apr	<i>4th Sunday of Lent:</i> 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41. Or for <i>Mothering Sunday:</i> Exodus 2: 1-10 or Samuel 1: 20-end; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:33-35 or John 19: 25b-27
10 Apr	<i>5th Sunday of Lent:</i> Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
17 Apr	<i>Palm Sunday:</i> Liturgy of the Psalms; Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm. 118: 1-2. 19-end
24 Apr	<i>Easter Day:</i> Acts 10: 34-43; or Jeremiah 31: 1-6; Colossians 3:1-4; or Acts as above; John 20: 1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
1 May	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 2:14a,22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19- end

Sidesmen	8 am	10 am	
03-Apr	Marion Scarborough	Stanley Preston	Sarah Curtis
10-Apr	Kay Craven	Tim Warner	Kenneth Burgess
17-Apr	Janet Sturgess	Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell
24-Apr	Colin Chapman	John Bailey	Stanley Preston
01-May	Marion Scarborough	Sarah Curtis	Tim Warner
Readings		Offertory procession	
03-Apr	John Bailey	Pat Cockshott	Eileen Hoskin
10-Apr	Ruth Abbott		
17-Apr	Carole Ballard	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
24-Apr	Hugh Turner		
01-May	Thelma Ellison	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey
Church cleaning			
28 March	to 8 April	Eileen Holden	Eileen Hoskin
11-Apr	to 22-Apr	Joyce Brotherton	Sarah Curtis
		Sylvia	Ronald
25-Apr	to 06-May	Humphreys	Humphreys

If you are unable to carry out any of the above duties please swap with someone.

Refuse and recycling collection days

	Gargrave – Mon and Tue collections	Coniston Cold – Mon
4/5 Apr	Blue bag	Blue bin and blue bag
11/12 Apr	Green bin	Green bin
18/19 Apr	Blue bin and blue bag	Blue bag
25/26 Apr	Green bin	Green bin
2/3 May	Blue bag	Blue bin and blue bag
Brown bin (garden waste) collection days:		
	Gargrave: 5 and 19 April; 3 May	Coniston Cold: 11 and 25 April

Gargrave Library - West Street BD23 3RD, 0845 034 9535

Mon 4-7pm; Wed & Fri 2-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm

Doctors – Gargrave Branch Surgery, Higherlands Close BD23 3RF, 749226

Mon 8.10-10.40am, Tues 7.50-10.20am, Wed 8.30-11am, Thurs 8.10-10.40am, Fri 8.00-10.50am & 3.10-5.40pm. *For Pharmacy opening times see page A3.*

Public transport

Trains from Gargrave to...	
Leeds:	Mon-Fri 0746 0814 1204 1345 1452 1730 1814 2029 2131
Sat	0746 0928 1204 1345 1452 1740 1814 2029 2131
Sun	1121 1352 (from 24 Apr), 1547 (to 17 Apr), 1557 (from 24 Apr), 1907 2124
Morecambe:	Mon-Fri 0545 0905 1105 1439 1730
Sat	0645 0905 1105 1439 1733
Sun	1541 1805
Carlisle:	Mon-Fri 0932 1331 1846 2006
Sat	0932 1331 1840 2006
Sun	0951 1400

Buses from Gargrave to...	
Skipton	Mon-Fri 0706 0756 0825 0841 0956, then every hour until 1756
Sat	0956 1110 1156 1325 1356 1455 1556 1710 1756
Sun and Bank Hols (from 24 Apr)	1208 1508 1653 1813
Settle	Mon-Fri 0750 0859 ...then every hour until... 1659 1804 2129
Sat	0740 (school term only) 0859 1059 1259 1459 1659
Malham	Mon-Fri 0725 1000 1300 1610
<i>Times in italics are Mon, Wed and Fri only (Little Red Bus)</i>	
Sat	1015 1230 1400 1615
Sun and Bank Hols (from 24 Apr)	0942 1102 1242 1542
Coaches from Gargrave to...	
Glasgow via Carlisle	Daily approximately 1325
Lincoln via Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Newark	Daily approximately 1515
<i>Coaches need to be booked in advance with National Express.</i>	

Please do not hold us responsible if any of these times are wrong. Do let us know of any corrections needed. The editors are still hoping for a volunteer to update these!

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Organisations

Each week a lot happens in our parishes. This list shows some of the regular events. Please contact us if you'd like your entry amending or your organisation adding.

Caterpillar Club (0+) – St Andrew's, Wed 10-11.30am, Claire Cadman-Bond 748527
Rainbows (5+) – School Hall, Tues 5.15-6.30pm, Debbie Gomersall 01729 830589
Brownies (7+) – School Hall, Tues 6.15-7.45pm, Rose Turner 01729 825886
Youth café – St Andrew's, Thur 6pm, Leanne 799343, 07846 655203
Young Farmers Club - Coniston Cold, Tues 7.30pm, Janet Bolland 01729 830505

Over 60s - Village Hall Annex, Wed 1.30-3.30pm, Veronica Fletcher 749347
Phoenix Group (over 65s) – The Anchor Inn, alternate Thursdays 9am-1pm, (Thurs 14 and 28 April), Jean McHale 01729 850329, 07775 880557
Meals on Wheels – Mon & Wed, £1.10 each, Brenda Longbottom 749883

Bowling - Gargrave Bowling Club, Marton Road, Ruth Abbott, 748483
Cricket - Gargrave Cricket Club, Tony Cockshott, 07788 100199
Cycling - Gargrave Tuesday Club, Dalesman Café, Tues 9.30 for 10am start, Thurs 10 for 10.30am start, Trevor Pickles 01282 844788
Football - Gargrave AFC (over 16s) – Tues eve training, Sat games www.gargraveafc.co.uk, Caroline Thompson 749235
Golf - Mason's Arms Golf Society, www.masonsarmsgolfsociety.com, 749304
Tennis - Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Beth Whitley 749664, www.craventennis.org.uk
Tai Chi – Village Hall Annex, Thur 7.15-8.45pm, Ian Cresswell 748540
Walking – GAP Group, start outside Village Hall, Tues 7pm, Olive Coates 748379

Modern sequence dance – Village Hall, Mon 7.45-10pm & a monthly Sat: Sat 16 April 7.30-10.30pm, John Stephenson 01535 632935
Chance 2 dance – Village Hall Annex, Tap (3-18, adult) Tues 4.15-7.30pm Ballet (3-18) Sat 9am-2.30pm, Theatre craft Thur 5-6pm Jaki Prescott 0758 2086345 chance2dance@hotmail.co.uk
Thomson's Dance Centre – (3 & over, teens & adults) School Hall, Wed 5.30pm, Sat am, Kathy Thomson 748003, 07912 441913

Bell ringing - St Andrew's, Mon 7.30pm Sun 9.30am David Cockshott 07772 179561
Bingo – Village Hall Annex, 4th Wed of month (27 April) 7.30pm, Joan Philip 749468
Fuschia & Geranium Club, V.Hall, 1st Wed of month 7.30pm Paula Jackson 752175
Dog training – Village Hall, Wed 5-10pm, Helen & Brian Coates 751816
Mothers Union – Ethne Bannister, 749551
Snooker Club – V.Hall, everyday, Stewart Smith 749340, *new members welcome*
Stan Drew's Community Choir – Ruth Abbott, 748483
Weight watchers – School, Mon 5.30pm, Karen Mashiter 01535 648430
WI – Village Hall Annex, 2nd Wed of month (Wed 13 April) 7.30pm, Jan 749734

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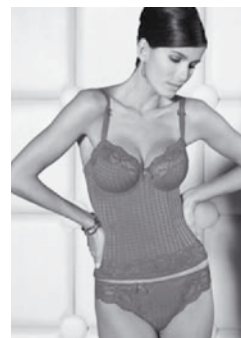
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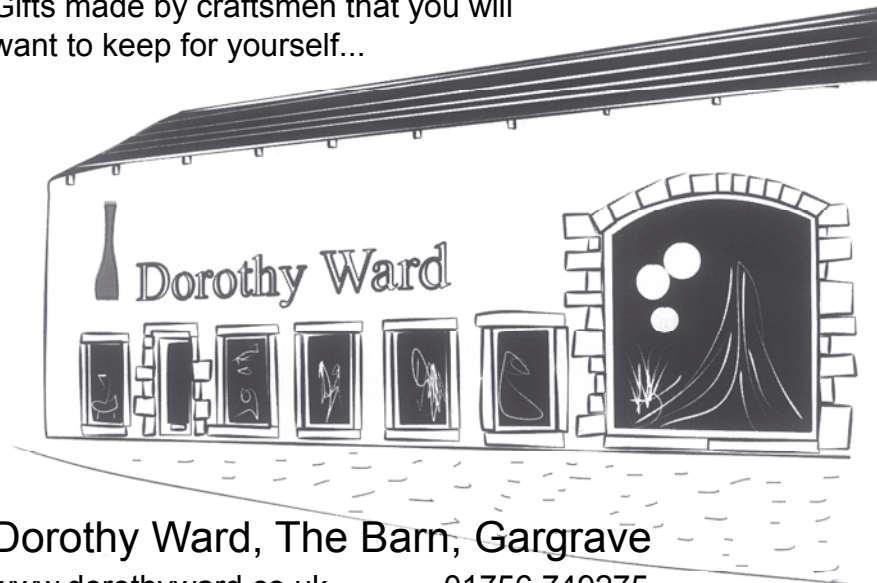
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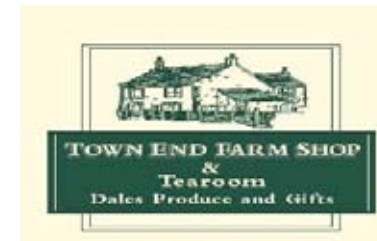
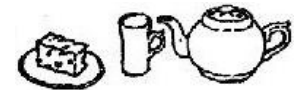


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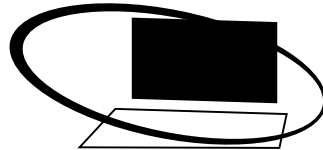
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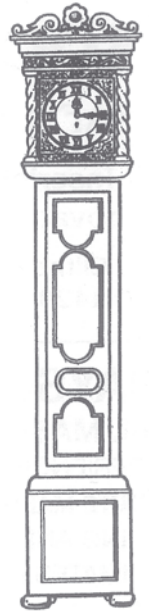
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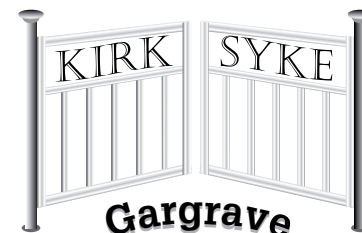
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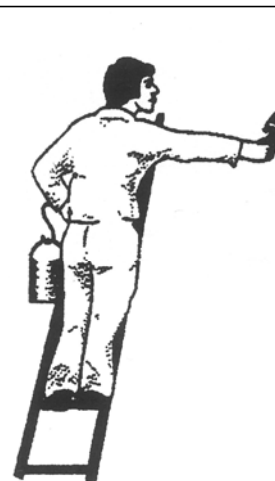
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"The Last Laugh"

**The Ven Paul Slater
Archdeacon of Craven**

For the last few years we have attacked some of our family Christmas present buying by purchasing the entire Man Booker Shortlist of novels for the year, just after the judges have decided on the winner, usually in November. A cursory glance through each book enables us to have a bash at deciding which person or couple *might* enjoy which book and then sending them it with an invitation to go out somewhere for lunch together at a date the following April. We ask people to turn up for lunch prepared to say something about the book they were gifted with and whether they liked it.

Some of us take it very seriously and produce typed out scripts of what we want to say, others are very casual and some are still trying to read it the night before we meet. It doesn't really

matter – it's just a good excuse to get together at a time of year other than Christmas and people have been known to swap books on the strength of the recommendations and bring them back the following year.

So we are coming round to that time of year and I have been assigned to read the winner of last year's prize: The Finkler Question by Howard Jacobson. I have got to page 70 but it is the first book which has had me laughing out loud in a long while. It is poignant and yet funny at the same time as the central character confronts the difficult sides of himself by laughing at others around him, at the absurdity of his own situation but above all at himself. As someone once said: "Mirth, like charity, begins at home."

I am reminded of the last chapter of Harry Williams' small but perceptive book: Tensions, which a group of clergy in the Craven Archdeaconry have been reading together. He writes: "God we believe accepts us, accepts all *men*, unconditionally, warts and all. Laughter is the purest form of our response to God's acceptance of us. For when I laugh at myself I accept myself and when I laugh at other people in genuine mirth I accept them."

So when you can see the funny side of your own situation or your own circumstances, however grim, thank God.

Williams goes on to develop the theme of laughter in the context of the Easter story. Jesus turned all the seriousness of religiosity on its head – all the things which made religious people take themselves too seriously and allowed them to frown at and judge others with knowing looks. He poked fun at those who congratulated themselves on how much they gift-aided (or at least slipped it into the conversation). On the other side, he celebrated those who got a day's pay for doing the short evening shift or welcomed those who returned home in debt having squandered their student loan. No wonder he had to be stopped – he was taking the proverbial out of serious religion. He had to be crucified.

But the resurrection is the last laugh of all: "...behind their backs, without them having the slightest inkling of what is going on, the fool has popped up again like a Jack-in-the-box and is dancing about...and everywhere people are falling under his spell."

And if heaven is about anything then it must be about laughing at how over-seriously and earnestly we have taken ourselves – especially those of us up to our necks in church polity. So when we are able to laugh at ourselves then we can be sure that we are not far from the kingdom of God.

Paul



THE RESOURCES CENTRE

The Resources Centre at Kadugli House lends books (including all the ones pictured here, written by members or soon-to-be members of Bradford's clergy), DVDs and magazines. These can be for study, research and worship preparation, or to develop one's own spirituality.

The material is mainly focused on theological reading for degree students, Ordinands and Readers, pre-ordination selection reading, individual prayer and spirituality, youth and children's resources, group study materials, major festivals materials (but don't leave it too late!) and Godly Play books and kits.

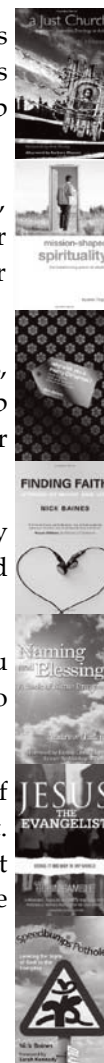
The centre also lends TV and video equipment, data projectors and screens, DVD players, sound equipment, play parachutes, 3 inflatable globes, worship labyrinth kits, Sunday School teacher training materials and all sorts of other things!

Parish materials such as Confirmation and Baptism Registers, Church Property Registers, AGM Packs, Banns of Marriage and Baptism Certificates and Godparent cards are also available to buy.

If you would like to advertise the Diocese while you're out and about, you could buy items from the 'Diocesan Collection', such as sweatshirts, polo shirts, fleeces, golfing umbrellas and baseball caps.

The centre is open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, though not always staffed. If you need personal advice or help with selection, please phone first. Alternatively, the Library is available online, directly at <http://heritage.kadugli.org.uk> or through the Bradford Diocesan website (www.bradford.anglican.org, then Information/Resource Centre/Library).

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DISABILITY TASK GROUP

Disability Training - especially suitable for new parish disability reps and church members interested in disability issues. Saturday 7 May, 10.00am-1.00pm at Kadugli House. To book, contact the Diocesan Office on (01535) 650555 or margaret.beatham@bradford.anglican.org

Service led by people with Learning Disabilities at St John's Church, Ben Rhydding. Sunday 10 April at 3.00pm. Further information from St John's Parish Office on (01943) 601430 or margaret.beatham@bradford.anglican.org

PARISH EVENTS

SHIPLEY ST PAUL

Aire Valley Singers perform Requiem by John Rutter and the Crucifixion by John Stainer. Saturday 9 April, 7.30pm. The audience is invited to join in with the hymns in The Crucifixion so please bring music if you have a score (words will be provided). Tickets (£8/£6 concs) from St Paul's Church. (01274) 584787 or 595416.

BOLTON ABBEY

Peter Franks Jazz Band perform anything from New Orleans Jazz to Big Band numbers by Duke Ellington and Count Basie. Friday 29 April, 7.30pm. Guests are invited to picnic beforehand within the Priory ruins. A glass of wine will be served at the interval. Tickets £10 from the Church Office. (01756) 710238

GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL CHAPEL

Langcliffe Singers perform the St John Passion by JS Bach. Sunday 10 April, 7.00pm. Tickets £10. Contact Frances Flitcroft on (01729) 851358.

CULLINGWORTH ST JOHN

"Wedding Anniversaries in Flowers" display in celebration of Prince William's marriage to Kate Middleton to be held in the church on Saturday 30 April, Sunday 1 and Monday 2 May, 11.00am-4.00pm. Entrance £3 at the door to include tea and homemade cake. Do come and join us.

AUSTWICK THE EPIPHANY

A display of the history of the King James Version of the Bible to celebrate the 400th Anniversary. The church will be open 28-30 May, 1.00-4.00pm. Flower arrangements related to verses from the Bible.

THE CATHEDRAL

The Bradford Chorale will present a concert on The Glories of Venice (Vivaldi, Lotti, Gabrieli and others) on 9 April, 7.30pm, accompanied by Leeds Baroque with Crispian Steele-Perkins. Tickets £12 in advance, £14 on door from (01274) 594659 or www.bradfordchorale.org.uk

THE CATHEDRAL

Illumination - the King James Bible Exhibition

With an original 1611 version on loan from Lichfield, the exhibition also includes a 1616 copy recently discovered in the Cathedral alongside a 1605 Geneva Bible kindly loaned by the parish of Tong and Holmewood. The exhibition opens with a reception at 6.00pm on Monday 18 April following which is the first of three Holy Week Meditations with Bishop David Smith during the 7.30pm Eucharist Service. All welcome - free entry.

The **Good Friday Choir Concert** features Faure's Requiem and movements from Pergolesi's Stabat Mater. Free entry, donations towards the work of the Choir.

For more details about either of these events, please contact the Cathedral Office on (01274) 777723 or e-mail info@bradfordcathedral.org

ILKLEY ST MARGARET

Ilkley Choral Society with Otley Choral Society performing the St Matthew Passion by JS Bach. Saturday 16 April, 6.30pm Tickets (£12/£11 concs) available on the door, from the Grove bookshop in Ilkley, from choir members or by phoning (01943) 602724.