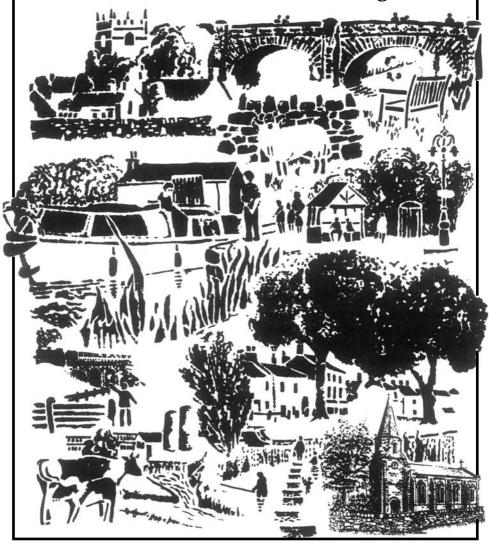
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ROD'S REFLECTIONS

Reflections on the resurrection of Jesus

THE RECENT HOLY WEEK and Easter Day services enable us to focus more sharply on what Jesus' death and resurrection actually mean to all of us.

Perhaps more than any other time of the Christian year, and in the lives of a proportion of the population who celebrate Easter as just another holiday, there is the sharp contrast of life and death, and death and life. It is also a time of tradition and myth, where the full impact of what happened two thousand years ago can be lost.

The events of Easter are the main focus of Christian Faith. The Christian Faith is not about "doing good" or even "loving God and our neighbours as ourselves", it is nothing less than the acceptance of Jesus as God's Son, who died, was buried and rose again to be everywhere present. Jesus himself is the centre.

There are two sayings of Jesus from the Gospels which highlight what this means. In John's Gospel, at the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples that he was going to his Father, to prepare a place for each of them and when he had done that he would return and, as he said,

"take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14: 3)

This has often been taken to mean that Jesus was, some time in the future, going to come back and take the disciples to "heaven", a place where God and he are. The "myth" surrounding this is that it is in the time to come, some time in the unpredictable future. Actually, it was three days after his death!

Jesus' resurrection broke any barrier to being permanently in the presence of God that there might have been in people's imaginations. If heaven was the presence of God, then heaven and earth became one after the resurrection. This is the *"where I am*", as Jesus said.

This isn't a new idea! If we look at some of the crosses in church or in the graveyard, we can see that our distant ancestors firmly believed that there was no division between "Heaven" and "Earth". Celtic and Anglo-Saxon crosses feature knot-work that has no beginning and no end. This symbolises the interconnectedness of "Heaven" and "Earth", that they are one and that there is no place where God is not present.

Often, the counter-argument to this is that Jesus ascended and therefore is NOT present everywhere. The fact that he IS with us, though now in a different state of "being", is an absolutely essential part of the Christian Faith.

The second saying of Jesus concerning the meaning of the Resurrection for us is that he said that he will always be present, that there is no barrier between Heaven and Earth. At the end of Matthew's Gospel he states: *"and surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age"* (Matthew 28: 20b).

THAT is the true meaning of the Resurrection; Jesus is always with us, we are always in the presence of God and the Holy Spirit. We are not alone and never will be.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS HERE AND NOW.

Gargrave...we have a problem!

The problem is with the recycling bins in the churchyard, well actually, it's the people who use them! For years, Rod, Colin and Marie have had to sort the bins out, because people are putting the wrong items in the various coloured bins. Two bins have been labelled with what can and cannot be put in them, with the remaining one for all other, non-recyclable rubbish. AND STILL people are ignoring the notices!!! PLEASE HELP US by putting your rubbish in the appropriate bin.

Yours in Christ, Rod Geddes

DIARY FOR MAY

Gargrave

Sat 30 April	Baking Sale for the Bee Garden, Summer Seat, 10-12noon
Sun 1 Tue 3 Thu 5	Communion 8 am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church Mark the Evangelist; Communion 9am, Church Local Elections, 7am to 10pm, Village Hall
	Gargrave Handbell Ringers in Church 2pm
Sun 8	Communion 8 am; Service of the Word 10 am; Service with prayer for healing 6 pm, Church
Mon 9	Parish Council AGM 7pm, Village Hall, monthly meeting, 7.15pm
Tue 10	Communion 9am, Church
Wed 11	Women's Institute Meeting , 7.30pm, Village Hall
Thurs 12	Phoenix Group 9am-1pm, Anchor Inn
Sat 14	Village clean up 10am, meet at Summer Seat
	Coffee Morning in aid of cancer charity, 10-12noon, Village Hall
Sun 15	Communion 8 am; Sung Eucharist 10 am, Church Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall
Tue 17	Communion 9am, Church
Sat 21	Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, Village Hall Modern Sequence Dance, 7-11pm, Village Hall
Sun 22	Communion 8 am; Morning Prayer 10 am, Church

Tue 24	Communion 9am, Church
Wed 25	Bingo 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Thur 26	Phoenix Group 9am-1pm, Anchor Inn
Fri 27	Ladies Section Dance, 8pm to Midnight, Village Hall
Sat 28	Hats & Handbags Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10-12noon
Sun 29	Communion for All Ages 10.30 am, Church
Tue 31	Communion 9 am, Church
Thu 2 June	Ascension Day; Communion 9 am, Church

Sun 5 June Communion 8 am; Sung Eucharist 10 am, Church

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

Coniston Cold

Sun 1 Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt - Skipton Races, Heslaker Farm, Carleton, BD23 3AB. First race 2pm. Tom Bannister, 748080. Communion 6pm. Church Service of the Word at St. Andrews , Gargrave 10am Sun 8 Sun 15 Morning Prayer 9am, Church Sun 22 Evensong 6pm, Church Mon 23 The Bowland Deanery Mothers Union Service at the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Bolton by Bowland, 7pm Sun 29 Communion 9am, Church Sun 5 June Communion 6pm, Church

Catholic mass times in Broughton and Gargrave

Sundays:9am at Broughton Hall Chapel11.30am Latin Sung Mass first Sunday of monthThursdays & Holydays:9.30am at the Oratory, 3 West Street, Gargrave

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Gargrave and Coniston Cold Mothers Union

Hats and handbags

Veronica Fletcher

Here we are again, hats and handbags, cake-stall and raffle at the Village Hall on Saturday May 28th, 10-12 noon, coffee and biscuits £1.

I would welcome any hats or handbags before the day. Leave them at "The Hollies", 5 Church Street any time. All proceeds go to the work overseas of the Mothers Union. Everyone welcome, young and old – the more the merrier.

Deanery service

Ethne Bannister

Monday 23^{rd} May The Bowland Deanery Service at the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Bolton by Bowland 7pm.

New banner

The Mothers Union at St Peters has a new Banner which we are very thrilled about it. It has been designed and made by Christine Lambert who is a member of the Branch and a expert artist and needlewoman; we are planning to have the dedication of the Banner during the summer.

Bee Garden Baking Sale

On Saturday, 30th April from 10 am-12 noon, there will be a WI bake table at the Summer Seat to raise money for the Bee Garden. Donations of cakes and other baked goods would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact Sylvia Humphreys (748779).

Open Gardens update



We now have ten offers of gardens to open on Saturday 25 June and several "maybes". We're finalising our list at the end of the May - if you'd like to offer your garden for opening please let us know by then.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved with this community event. For instance, you could take a turn on the catering rota, provide baking, help with publicity, or give prizes for the tombola or plants for the plant stall...

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

Gentle Hatha yoga?

Polly Leach

Are you interested in coming to a yoga class in Gargrave? I'm arranging a class in the Village Hall on Wednesday mornings, 9.30 - 11.30, starting on June 8^{th} .

I've managed to find an excellent teacher, Corrine Docherty, who has been practicing for over 20 years. Each series of 6 x 2 hour classes will cost £36, payable in advance. They are suitable for both beginners and experienced practitioners of all ages, benefiting body, mind and spirit.

If you are interested in putting your name down for the classes, or finding out more about them, then you can ring me on 01756 748118.

BARNYARD BOOGIE 2

Saturday 16th July 2011

The Barns at Garris Lodge, Airton



Live Music from Local Band

Disco

Hog Roast

Cash Only Bar

(Last orders 12.30 am)

Tickets £12.50

'Midlife Crisis'

ON SALE NOW FROM Town End Farm Shop & Tearoom Airton Or Contact: Liz Barker 01729 830898 (Airton) Jo Booth 01756 748700 (Coniston Cold) jo-anne@suntali.fsnet.co.uk

Tickets will NOT be available to buy on the night

Charity Event with all Proceeds for Kirkby Malham Primary School

NEWS

A word from the editors

Duncan and Beatrice Faulkner

To celebrate the warmer weather we have a sports theme this month, with articles on tennis, croquet, cricket and snooker.

We are very grateful to Jerry Ford who has volunteered to keep the public transport timetables up to date. It's surprising how much changes each month!

After last month's question about the Bradford Diocese News we had just 4 or 5 responses from readers who were keen to see the news retained in the magazine. As this represents approximately 1% of the readership we have decided to remove the Bradford Diocese News pages from June onwards. Instead we have ordered several printed copies from the Diocese and these will be put on the table at the back of St Andrew's Church.

Isaiah Trust

Tim Broughton

The Isaiah Trust was set up by Tim Broughton 10 years ago just before moving to Gargrave. It helps street children in western Kenya. At the time of writing Tim is visiting Kenya. Here is an extract from his blog entry for 10 April...

And so to church. Not just any church though, this is African church. Worship here isn't the reverential singing of a few songs from hundreds of years ago. It's a celebration, a party. It's dancing until you can't dance any more, it's repeated harmonic rhythms sung out from the front and repeated by the congregation. It's jumping and clapping and dancing and singing until you think there is nothing left in you.

And then it is thanksgiving. Not a prayer from the front, not a formal time, but a mass participation event where everyone in the church raises their voice and gives thanks for all the things God is doing in their lives. They may be the poorest of the poor, they may live in the mud and thatch huts that surround the church and our land, but they manage to give thanks for 10 minutes at least. Everyone talking at once, their own personal prayers lost in the melee of voices and left to the beneficiary of the thanksgiving to sort out.

We prayed God's kingdom down upon us and his peace upon all we do. I greeted everyone like old friends. I love it here. I left tired, sweaty and hugely uplifted. One day, just one day to have English worship like they do here!

For more gems on African life and updates on the vital work of the Isaiah Trust, visit http://outofthestreets.blogspot.com/ and http://www.isaiahtrust.org/.

NSPCC Soup lunch

Eileen Holden

On Sat 26 March, this annual event raised £880 for the NSPCC. Thanks to all those who helped and to those who came and dined with us.

News from Gargrave Village Hall

Sally Thomas

A feature of events at the Village Hall for many years has been the illustrated talks given during the Autumn and Spring by the Slide Show Section which has been in existence since at least 1981 when Dennis and Keith French ran the shows, with Frank Laver taking over during 2003.

There are normally six shows before and after the Christmas period and cover a whole range of travel experiences given by people from all over the local area and some from farther away. This year's talks include Germany, Norway, France, Yugoslavia, Italy and Peru and of course the UK. Full details of the talks are posted up at the Village Hall, in the newsagents in the High Street, the Gargrave news section of the Craven Herald and the Parish Magazine.

The entrance price is £1.50 for members and £1.80 for non members, including light refreshments. All non members and visitors are most welcome.

Wl news

Janet Sturgess

Last month our members donated a grand total of 7 sacks of footwear in support of the Save Old Souls campaign for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

On March 31st 4 members, Marguerite Mason, Marie Dexter, Olive Hopkins and Sylvia Humphreys attended Gardeners' Question Time at Alma House, Ripon, after a pleasant lunch at Fountains Abbey. The speaker was Nigel Harrison of BBC Radio York. He gave excellent and practical advice on preparing your garden for Spring.

On April 9th we participated in the Upper Wharfedale Group Show where seven local WIs competed to show their skills in baking, preserving, a variety of crafts (including painting, photography, knitting), flower arranging and the creative use of IT all around the theme of 'A Celebration of New Life'. Gargrave WI maintained its tradition of entering every class. Next month, we will let you know how well we did

In the most recent Federation Newsletter several of our members featured on the back cover where photographs of WI courses and events are recorded. Our particular photograph showed four of our members participating in a very practical First Aid Course practicing CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation).

Our next Social Lunch will be held on May 26th at the Maypole Inn, Long Preston. Members should meet there at 12.15. Some might like to travel by bus to save petrol. Return buses to Gargrave leave at 1.45pm or 2.45pm.

GET TO KNOW THE CONGREGATION

Sarah Curtis

Date and place of birth: I came into the world on the August 6th 1946 at St Luke's Hospital, Bradford.

Early memories: I was the middle child, having an older and younger brother. As the only girl I won't say I was spoilt but I do think I enjoyed special privileges at times!

We lived in Lidget Green in Bradford. My father was an overseer at the post office and like most women at the time my mother stayed at home to look after the family.

I had a very happy childhood and though we didn't have material wealth we had a very loving home life. One of my earliest memories is being on the beach at Scarborough on our annual summer holiday. For some reason my younger brother did not want his ice cream and I ended up having two ice cream cornets, one in each hand! (See what I mean about privileges?)

Work: I trained as a primary school teacher at Sunderland College of Education. My first job was back in Bradford in a very challenging area of the Holmewood estate. It was a steep learning curve with many socially deprived families and problems outside of the classroom. I remember we were part of a pilot scheme for a new method of teaching reading called Initial Teaching Alphabet, ITA. We had to learn a whole new alphabet based on phonetic transcriptions of English sounds. After two years the scheme was dropped. What on earth happened to those children involved in the scheme who then had to learn to read the conventional way? I often wonder about them.

First record: When my older brother started work he used to buy a new single 45rpm record every week. I used to listen to his collection of Chubby Checker, Bill Haley, Elvis and then the Beatles. Later when I was at college I used to make a beeline for the common room to watch "Top of the Pops" and loved all the sixties music but I can't remember buying a record of my own.

What do I do in my spare time? Now I am retired there should be plenty of spare time but somehow there seems to be very little ! Gargrave is such a vibrant place and has so much going on. I once counted that I belonged to 14 different societies or clubs in or around the village! I do enjoy gardening and walking and attend a weekly yoga class. I also like baking, reading and trips to the theatre.

Favourite TV Programme: I enjoy documentaries about our planet and the diversity of plant and animal life in it. My sense of humour is of the Morecambe and Wise type and I used to look forward to their special Christmas shows. I enjoy "Outnumbered" as I can identify with some of the parent/child dialogue and I think the children actors are great. Gardening programmes are a must and Friday night has me glued to the telly to watch "Gardener's World".

GARGRAVE VILLAGE HALL SNOOKER CLUB

Stewart Smith

THE VILLAGE HALL SNOOKER CLUB has 3 full size tables in an annex to the side of the main building. Members of the club enjoy both competitive and social games of snooker, billiards and table bowls. Cues etc are available on loan from the club. New members are welcome: applications for club membership are available from the Village Hall notice-board or from members of the club. The annual membership is £15 per year for adults or £8 per year for OAPs and juniors. If you'd like to have a look around or to ask any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members: Stewart Smith (749320), Ian Brook (749942) or Colin Paterson (748664).

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Beth Whitley

CRAVEN LAWN TENNIS CLUB, based in Gargrave, operates all year round on our two hard courts, and between May & late September on our 5 grass courts. Memberships run from 1st April - 31st March. For 2011 our subscriptions are: Family £150, Adult Single £95, Student/Junior (11+) £40, Croquet £45.

Junior coaching commences on Saturday mornings on 30th April for a block of 9 weeks @ £4 per session (£36 for the block) with 10am (10-13 yrs, members only), 11am (older teenagers, members only) & Noon (under 10s members & non-members) groups. The Monday evening coaching sessions for members & non-members commences on Monday 9th May for a block of 10 weeks: 4-5pm (under 11s @ £4 per session) and 5-7pm (11+ @ £6 per session). To book a place please contact Beth Whitley on 749664. There is yearround adult coaching on Tuesday mornings (from 10.15am) with Ji Mukherjee @ £5 per session for members.

We also have Social Tennis sessions on Tuesday evenings (6pm from early May), Thursday mornings (10.15am year round), and Sunday afternoons (from 1.30pm year round). Members & visitors/guests welcome at all times.

The Teenage Tournament will be held on Monday 25th July and the Junior Fun Day on Wednesday 27th July. Regular monthly tournaments will be held on 22 May, 19 June, 23 July & 14 August for adults & older teenagers (£5 adults, £3 students from 1pm). President's Day will be held on Sunday 4th September. The Club operates 3 teams (2 mid-week Mixed Doubles and 1 Saturday Mens Doubles) and new members are welcome to join these.

The club website is www.craventennis.org.uk. New members are always welcome at any stage of the season, please contact Beth Whitley the Secretary.

... OR ANYONE FOR CROQUET?

Roy Berry

HAVE YOU EVER fancied playing a game of croquet? Well now's your chance.

The Croquet section of the Craven Lawn Tennis Club in Gargrave is looking for new members for the new season starting in May.

It's a fascinating game, combining skill and tactics played in a pleasant outdoor setting. Often likened to outdoor snooker it is easy to pick up. Players hit coloured balls through a series of wire hoops on a grass lawn with a wooden mallet. First one round the course wins. Simple! It's not the most energetic of sports - in fact physically you'll hardly notice you're playing! It's a sport where size, sex, age and to some extent, ability are no handicap. Games can be played where the weaker player is given extra turns to even the odds of winning. However, here in Gargrave we tend not to take it too seriously, it's more of a social afternoon (with tea and biscuits at half time!)

All required equipment is provided and players only need to bring flatsoled shoes, a modicum of competitive spirit and some social appetite !

Sessions are on Tuesday afternoon 2pm to 6pm. If you would like more information please contact either Roy Berry (01756 748065) or Doreen Johnson (01756 748406) or visit the excellent CLTC website at www.craventennis.org.uk.

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Antony Billington, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity

The Godless Book

LAST MONTH SAW THE PUBLICATION of **The Good Book: A Secular Bible** by AC Grayling, professor of philosophy at Birkbeck College, London. In an interview with The Guardian, Grayling refers to it as 'a distillation of the best that has been thought and said by people who've experienced life, and thought about it', but with 'not one occurrence of the word God, or afterlife, or anything like that'. Philosophers from ancient Greece rub shoulders with Confucian sages and medieval poets, as Grayling takes 'secular' texts from western and eastern traditions and weaves together their insights about 'the good life'.

This secular alternative to the Bible consciously mimics the design of Bibles with short chapters divided into verses. Organised in fourteen sections, it begins with Genesis and ends with The Good, taking in Wisdom, Parables, Lamentations, Songs, Histories, Proverbs, and Epistles along the way. Grayling's decalogue, the 'ten injunctions', can be found in the final chapter: 'Love well, seek the good in all things, harm no others, think for yourself, take responsibility, respect nature, do your utmost, be informed, be kind, be courageous: at least, sincerely try' (The Good 8:11).

It's unlikely that Christians will be thrown by this compilation. Indeed, believing in the 'common grace' of a God who sends rain and sun on all, there will be much to affirm about the virtue of friendship, wisdom for life, value of liberty, and more besides.

But perhaps most tellingly of all, Grayling's Bible lacks a connecting narrative from beginning to end - which is what you might expect if there is no God. So, a 'secular' Bible has laws, but no redemption; it has sagely wisdom, but no God who calls us to live wisely in his world; it has lamentation, but no hope of restoration from the one whose mercies are new every morning.

For Christians, the Bible doesn't simply **tell** the story of God's covenant with his people, but **is itself** the covenant document, the ratification of his promise and of our relationship with him - a good book indeed.

WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

Sue Smith, Gargrave, 31 March

"Daffodils that come before the swallow dares and take the winds of March with beauty." William Shakespeare, A Winter's Tale

IT SAYS IT ALL, doesn't it? Delight in the familiar rhythm of the season.

The daffodils are such a welcome sight, and illustrate the landscape turning greener with flashes of yellow. There are also primroses and celandines, and the flutter of yellow on the greenfinches' wings and tails in their territorial and courtship displays.

Indeed, the pairing season is in full swing. Long tailed tits, for instance, now appear in twos rather than parties. A pair of swans have flown past.

Since writing about the aftermath of the deep freeze, there is better news. I have now seen one solitary wren, and frequently several nuthatches, which have survived the cold weather. I have twice seen a pair of bullfinches, which seemed to disappear after their welcome presence last summer.

The most exciting story of the month, though, is the sound. A song thrush, herald of the dawn, starts singing his solo just before first light, and we can now listen to the swelling of the dawn chorus. Visitors from overseas will hopefully soon join the throng, that is, if they can brave the natural and man-made hazards that beset them.

REVIEWS

Helen Stanley

The Zealots, Gargrave Village Hall, Sat 12th March.

ADVERTISED AS SKIPTON'S HOTTEST soul band, the Zealots didn't disappoint the eager crowd at the village hall on Saturday 12th March. The lights were dimmed, the village hall laid out with tables and the stage set promised an exciting evening. The nine-piece band led by singer Joanne Barrett, belted out some fabulous old(ish) numbers, such as "Gonna wait till the midnight hour", "Son of a Preacher Man" and "Sitting in the Dock of the Bay". Renditions of Curtis Mayfield's "Move on up" and Aretha Franklin's "Rescue Me" got some people (and children!) up dancing.

After the interval, the second set really upped the volume and opened with a gutsy rendition of Duffy's "Mercy", with singer Joanne's voice really coming into its own on this number. The pace then slowed a little for "Streetlife" which opened with a superb tenor sax solo from Kate Maddison, neat work from bassist Geoff Garrett and some impressive keyboards from Ermysteds pupil Jacky Naylor – all very capable musicians. Other accomplished band members were Ruth Austin from SGHS on trumpet, Ermysteds' Will Phillips on drums, Helen Wray (alto sax), Robert Phillips (trombone) and Andy Solloway (guitar).

"Brown-eyed girl" got everyone clapping along and superb jazz number "Pick up the Pieces" opened with a drum roll, funky sax playing and effortless improvising from Jacky on keyboards, Ruth on trumpet and sax solo from Helen Wray all very impressive. The last two numbers "Dancing in the Street" and the encore "Gimme some Lovin" got loads of the audience up dancing. With a feel good factor pretty much ten out of ten, we hope to welcome back the Zealots soon!



Will Stanley

Just pretend...

Although the married couple enjoyed their new fishing boat together, it was the husband who always took the wheel. But then he became concerned about what might happen in an emergency. So one day out on the lake he said to his wife, "Please take the wheel, dear. Pretend that I am having a heart attack. You must get the boat safely to shore and dock it." So she drove the boat to shore. Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room where her husband was watching television. She sat down next to him, switched the TV channel, and said to him, "Please go into the kitchen, dear. Pretend I'm having a heart attack and set the table, cook dinner and wash the dishes."

OWD BILL

A bit o' 'istry!

WEN AH WOR A KID mi muther an' father lernt mi ter speyk posh-like. Mindster, they nivver stopped mi goin' aat ter laik wi't' uther kids wen ah wor owd enew, an it worn't long afoar ah wor speykin as broad as t' rest on 'em. Wi ewsed ter run up an' daan t' streets an' threw t' ginnels laikin' at Relievo an' 'Arrycockadore, an' we'd bait t' owd wimmin bi goin on t' top o' ther closits.

Wun neet, wun o' t' owder kids gorrod o' me an' locked mi in a closet. Ah yelled an' bawled, burr ah couldn't mak nubdy 'ear. They mun o' bin ewsed ter t' kids screamin' aat. Soa ah put mi feet up through t' closet winder, an' did a 'anstand o' t' closet seat, an' managed to worm mi way aat. It wor fair grand ter be aat, ah can tell thi; an' tha sud o' seen t' look o' t'other kid's face wen 'e saw mer later – 'e wor fair capt!

Anuther neet, t' big lads wor chasin' us little uns. We'd gi'en 'em t' slip (or sooa we thowt) an mi mate, 'e wor copt short, like, an' went behind a corn stook ter relieve 'issen. Then t' big lads cum up , all on a sudden like, an' theer 'e wor, runnin' like 'ell wi' 'is britches daan.

Ah 'ev sum 'appy memories o' t' schooil we went ter. Teycher theer wor a reight card. 'E ewsed ter laik at tors wi' t' kids I' t' playgraand, an wen it wor frosty, 'e'd goa daan t' slides like wun on us. But thanaws, that didn't stop im lettin' welt wen 'e needed ter, an' we wor allus flaid on 'im.

'E ewsed ter eng 'is engkitch o' t' pipes ter dry, an' even naa ah can see steam risin' through it.

Aye, them wor reight good days. T' kids terday doan't speyk Yorkshire proper – ther've fergetten mooast o' t' owd words. Soa it's up ter us owd uns ter keep t'owd Yorkshire alive wun way or t' uther, but ah dooan't think ther'll be monny werds I' use in anuther fotty year.

Na, 'appen ther'll be sum on yer 'at thinks this is a load o' codswallop – an' 'appen it is. Ne'er 'eed!

A Little History

As a child, my parents preferred me to speak in a manner appropriate to which they thought I should be aspiring. However, they took no steps to prevent me from associating with common children, and thereby before long, I had picked up this dreadful Yorkshire dialect about which you may have heard. It was our practice to proceed in an unseemly manner around the thoroughfares, playing rowdy games, and annoying elderly ladies by playing on the roofs of the toilets which were outside their houses.

One evening, an older youth locked me inside one of the toilets. I was horrified, but I was unable to attract attention. I escaped by inverting myself on the WC seat and squeezing through the window. I enjoyed the feeling of freedom – my persecutor was exceedingly surprised when he saw me later.

On a later occasion, we were being sought by some older ruffians. We were under the impression that they knew not where we were. My friend needed to absent himself for personal reasons, at which point, our adversaries appeared, and it was necessary for him to proceed in some haste encumbered by a pair of nether garments.

I remember with quiet satisfaction the good times we had at our kindergarten. The headmaster was an interesting personality. It was his custom to play at marbles with the youngsters. If there was an extensive hoar frost, he used the icy slides just as well as we did. You will understand, however, that he could dispense punishment when necessary, as a result, we lived in fear of him.

It was his custom to place his handkerchief on the pipes in the central heating system in order to allow it to dry, and consequently, steam came forth.

Yes, they were good days. Today's children are not aware of the rich heritage of our Yorkshire tongue. We must endeavour nevertheless to preserve it, but it is unlikely that it will survive beyond another forty years.

GARGRAVE CRICKET CLUB – A SHORT HISTORY

Martin Thompson

THE CLUB WAS FORMED, like several Yorkshire village clubs, by the local industrialists for the benefit of all connected with the works. Indeed in one Yorkshire village in the mid 19th century, an advertisement for labour made it a condition that the applicants were cricketers!

Known originally as "Gargrave Airebank", the Gargrave Cricket Club was formed in 1852. The first ground adjoined the present Systagenix factory (previously Johnson & Johnson). In 1885 the club was renamed "Gargrave St Andrew's"; for a short time it occupied a field in Coniston Road. It was in 1888 that the tenancy of the present ground began.

It was the new Vicar the Rev JR Leigh, himself a keen cricketer, who carried out the negotiations with Sir Matthew Wilson, who made the field available at a nominal rent. The ground was formally opened in 1890 with a match between Gargrave and the Rest (presumably a side drawn from the rest of Craven).

Rev Leigh played a notable part in setting the club firmly on its feet. Himself a versatile wicketkeeper-batsman, on one occasion he entered his pulpit on Sunday with 2 black eyes – the result of his Saturday afternoon behind the sticks.

In those days Gargrave had a professional, who also acted as a groundsman. The first was F Ward of Derbyshire, who was followed by H Owen of Barnard Castle.

The excellence of the Gargrave ground and its amenities caused the original Craven Gentlemans Club to select it as its headquarters. Matches were played midweek and were usually augmented by a Yorkshire player or two for their big games.

Before the 1914-18 war Gargrave played friendly matches. The team invariably consisted of 6 bowlers (2 fast, 2 medium, 2 slow) and 5 batsmen. The star fast bowler was T Wane, who won the bowling prize on 30 occasions, including a sequence of 21 successive seasons.

During the war, cricket was suspended but the ground was not neglected. After the resumption of activities in 1919 the club had a lean spell, being able to field only one team, whereas previously it had run 3 sides. Eventually the club's fortunes were restored and it joined the Craven League, in which it has had a distinguished record.

In 1952 the ground was purchased by the Coulthurst Trust, which ensures that it will be available for village sport for all time. The original pavilion was erected in 1892 and was regarded as being one of the best in Yorkshire at that time. The pavilion which had done its duty for over 60 years was dismantled in 1956 and the present pavilion was then erected through the generosity of the same trust.

On Saturday 18 May 1957 the new pavilion was officially opened by JRS Raper and the opening match was JRS Raper's XI against a Gargrave XI. The club continued to play in the Craven League until 1959 but then joined the Aire-Wharfe League before rejoining the Craven League in 1979.

At the present time, the club fields two senior sides and three junior teams, players being drawn mainly from the village and surrounding area.

In retrospect, over the past 159 years, Gargrave Cricket Club acknowledges its indebtedness to the scores of villagers, players and supporters and may this long continue.

INTO THE DISTANT PAST

Kevin Jackson

WELL WE HAVE ARRIVED in the time of the Romans and in Gargrave there is evidence of real settlement for the first time.

Many of you will know that a Roman villa is situated at Kirk Sink. There is information online about this villa at www.outofoblivion.org.uk. and within the scant dig reports from the early 1970's which are in Gargrave Library. This building was quite substantial by the 4th Ct with an associated field system. The air photographs taken by Cambridge University show extensive ditches and two unmentioned enclosures. One is circular and one is kite-shaped. The circular feature lies to the SE of the site by the river and the kite-shaped enclosure which is likely to be a Romano-British stock enclosure is near the villa.

The field system and enclosures remain unrecorded. Only a few of the ditches immediately by the main villa site have been recorded and there is much work still needed to be done. A community archaeological project?

There is another Roman site in the village and evidence of this was found whilst an archaeological dig was undertaken prior to the development at Old Hall Croft. The archaeological report resides in Gargrave Library. I was personally involved in this dig and Roman material was not expected but it did turn up in quite a reasonable quantities. Many Roman coins of the 3rd/4th Ct were found along with brooches of the 2nd/3rd Ct. The main concentration of these finds were just outside of the main dig towards the fencing of the lawn tennis club. This may indicate that the centre of Roman activity may be under the lawn tennis courts. Roman coins have been found in the field across Chew lane when a pipeline was put in and a solitary penannular brooch was found in a garden on Eshton road. This would seem to indicate a spread of unknown Roman activity centred upon the periphery of Old Hall Croft. As I was directly involved I would suggest that the site represents a market type of activity at a Roman crossroads.

The extensive Romano-British site at Grassington can be seen from Old Hall Croft and there must have been some connection by road to Gargrave villa which would entail a river crossing. A Roman road is likely to have come along the Aire valley and would most certainly have kept above the flood plain. You can see the Roman road from Ilkley dropping into Skipton from this location. So it would make the ideal spot for a temporary stop prior to crossing the river to head for the villa and Elslack where there was a Roman fort.

There would of course be flooding in the valley bottom which would need a location for a stopover at times and when you stand at Old Hall Croft you can just imagine that this would be that ideal location. Information on the Roman roads in the area have been researched by Mr Trevor Batchelor on behalf of the Gargrave Civic Society in 2004/06 in the document titled 'Ancient River Aire Crossings At Gargrave'. A copy of which resides in Gargrave Library.

The story of Roman Gargrave shows evidence for quite extensive activity on both sides of the river and hopefully further finds in the future will help to enhance our knowledge of this period.

Nine

I was meeting a friend in a restaurant and as I went in, I noticed two pretty girls looking at me. "Nine," I heard one whisper as I passed. Feeling pleased with myself, I swaggered over to my buddy and told him a girl had just rated me a nine out of ten. "I don't want to ruin it for you," he said, "but when I walked in, they were speaking German."

When technology goes wrong

The father of a family - who was a big-time techie - got his oldest daughter an iPhone for her birthday. He also got an iPad for his son. Later he bought an iPod for the youngest daughter. Then, when his wedding anniversary rolled around, he got his wife an iRon. That's when the fight began.

SCHOOL NEWS, REVIEWS & STORIES

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

Open day

We are having an open school in the summer, we would like as many of the village to call in, have a cup of tea or coffee and see our facilities. The date will be in next month's magazine when we have confirmation.

Lunch Times

Could you spare an hour on a Thursday or a Friday lunchtime? If you could, we would love you to call school as we need a lunchtime supervisor. No experience necessary, just an interest in our young children.

Writing

As promised last month we are sharing some of the writing from different ages with you. The pupils are working hard to improve their own compositions, trying to make the next step each time they write.

Our School Garden

Megan Ellison, Class 1

One week ago we went to the school garden. It was incredibly windy but very dry. The plants were so pretty, I couldn't believe they were so pretty. There were loads of plastic bottles in a box. We saw blueberries and strawberries.

Wallace and Gromit's Grand Day Out

Sophia Witek, Class 3

An adventure is coming near you...

It's Wallace and Gromit's Grand Day Out! With adventures, explosions and laughter. Wallace and Gromit have found another grand idea...

Going to the moon for cheese!

Ozzy Osbourne is going crazy with his acting and voice-over whilst Matt Lucas is making fantastic models. What could be better?

This film is jam-packed with fun and adventures, also it has been awarded the funniest adventure of the year.

The Daily News say: a wonderful, exciting, mission impossible idea.

Come on you've got to see it, because you will be the only person in the universe who won't have seen it.

How Erik and his men were turned to stone

Jasmine Aldous, Class 4

It was dark when Erik and his men eventually hurled the poor Golden Dragon onto shore preventing them from having a proper look around this land. So the next morning they would go exploring instead. "Crew, I want you all out at Dawn looking for some food", was Erik's last words before they fell into a restless sleep. When Erik woke, he found his men were already out of the boat! There were leaves tossed everywhere and mud all over the boat, but mysteriously some blood too! After his eyes adjusted in the light, he saw a cave just a few metres from the boat. Erik frowned (because his crew were not back yet) and got up. Then, to his surprise, he saw his crew trudging towards him! Erik was really glad to see them, but they were looking worried. "Erik, we couldn't find anything we could live on or even drink, but we lost Thorkild!" Erik was furious but let them carry on. "We went in this gloomy cave to check it out, but we heard him scream and we well... ran away". "Where is this cave, is it that one?" Erik pointed at the cave he had seen earlier. His crew muttered among themselves and said to Erik "yes, erm, it was!"

Before he could stop himself, Erik was running towards the suspicious cave. He had Blueblade ready in his left hand and a rope in the other. He was ready for anything to come to him and try anything to kill him. Back on the boat, the crew looked at each other and followed poor Erik. Each one of them had either a sword or a shield. Suddenly, the men stopped and heard a cry. A cry like a mouse's squeal! All of a sudden they realised that Erik was not coming out of the cave! They got worried because a horrible audible silence fell upon them, but it broke when another scream was heard.

In the cave, Erik was battling. Battling through traps. First, he had to get past a sixty legged octopus. Erik was terrified at this, but he screamed the second time when he just got past it – a ghastly figure appeared. A VERY familiar figure. The Enchantress. After his first visit, she looked like his mum, but now she was a ghastly green colour with blue hair. As he took a step towards her, she turned to the side to let Erik see Thorkild turned to STONE.

"Move!" she laughed a wicked laugh. "I see you found me again Erik, but you will never see anything again. You see in just a few moments you will be just like this man here – STONE FOR LIFE!" Before he could even take another breath she had pulled out her wand and attempted to turn him to stone. Luckily, he dove behind a stone. "Ah, I see you refuse to die!" Erik growled under his breath and quickly dived again to the entrance. To his horror, the cave entrance had sealed itself up. "You have no chance of escaping Erik - now you can die!" She threw another spell at him and

Erik's crew were one by one making their way past the octopus (the entrance was a one way barrier) and towards the Enchantress. They hoped they were in time to help Erik, but their hearts sank when He was turned to stone.

"Noooooo!" the crew cried altogether (this was unexpected). Their brave and bold leader of the Golden Dragon was no longer alive. Their sorrow had to freeze when the horrible Enchantress called out to them.... "Your turn!" Before they knew it, a spell hit them......

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Ron Humphreys

SUNDAY, 27th MARCH 2011

The meeting opened after a short service. Rod Geddes served as chairman and Ron Humphreys as secretary. Pat Cockshott and Jerry Ford were confirmed as the two chosen Churchwardens for the coming year. The minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 21st March 2010 were approved unanimously. Rod expressed his gratitude to all those who have held office and helped with the many routine tasks in the parish during the past year.

Janet and Hugh Turner will serve as the Deanery Synod Representatives. Despite Rod's valiant efforts to find a nominee for the third vacancy, the position remained unfilled. Rod emphasised the need for strong representation at a time when significant changes to the Diocese were approaching.

Rod announced that there were eight vacancies for elected representatives of the laity. He encouraged volunteers to come forward at this exciting and challenging time for the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Retiring members were Norma Brothers, Hugh Turner and Tim Warner. (Hugh will continue to serve on the PCC but as a Deanery Synod Representative). Nominees for the PCC were Alison Ford and Janie Kennerdale: their nominations were accepted in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

Phillip Murgatroyd was appointed as the Independent Examiner for the ensuing year. Rod gave thanks for the numerous years of service provided to the parish by Mr. Murgatroyd.

Ten reports were presented:

PCC Report

The report addressed the various activities of the PCC including the conflict between maintaining an open church and limiting damage; repairs and maintenance; re-ordering the church to make it more welcoming for wider use.

Financial Statement

This was presented by Jerry Ford. He acknowledged that questions on the Financial Statement might arise due to its considerable length and detail, and he would be pleased to answer these questions upon request. Jerry thanked everyone who had contributed to church funds with special thanks to Beatrice and Duncan Faulkner for their highly successful Open Gardens.

Church Wardens

Jerry Ford read the annual report by the churchwardens which primarily addressed the fabric and contents of the church buildings. The report covered various subjects including the theft of lead, the heating and electrical systems, the CCTV system, re-ordering and the churchyard's wildlife area.

Electoral Roll

There were 109 names on the roll at 11th March 2011. Over the past year 7 names were removed.

Deanery Synod

Rod read the Synod Representatives' report and added comments. He stated that there was a powerful urban lobby of Bradford parishes that had a poor understanding of rural ministry. Rod was concerned that rural churches such as ours were vulnerable to closure. Unfortunately most urban parishes appeared unaware of the large areas covered by the rural parishes and the difficulties that would arise from the closures of rural churches, e.g. travelling long distances over hilly terrain to reach another church. He also commented on the reluctance of ministers to serve in parishes in the North. He anticipated that there will be far greater reliance on Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

Pastoral Team

The report read by Valerie Geddes covered the Fellowship Group, the Contacting Team, the Prayer Team and the Baptism Follow Up Team. The contributors to these reports were Beatrice & Duncan Faulkner, Michael Bland, Valerie Geddes, and Helen Lindley & Janie Kennerdale respectively.

Caterpillar Club

This year the Club will be celebrating its 6th birthday. The report described the Club's numerous and varied activities over the past year. Last September, Jo Ball decided to step down from her role due to other commitments and she is sadly missed.

Parish Magazine

Ruth Abbott presented the report. The profit of £3,301 for 2010 was just over double that for the year 2009, thanks primarily to Stanley Preston's ability and hard work in selling advertising space. Ruth complimented Beatrice and Duncan Faulkner on the appearance and content of their first magazine.

Mothers Union

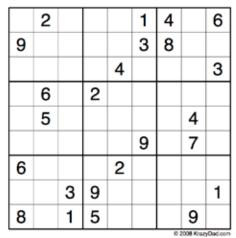
Rod read the report by Ethne Banister. In addition to their usual meetings there was the special thrill of a visit to Coniston Hall by the Archbishop of York.

Incumbent's Report

The Revd Rod Geddes presented his report. He surmised that most people would remember 2010 as the year that the lead was stolen from the church roof. Despite the initial reactions of despair and admittedly some degree of anger, the outcome was remarkable and highly encouraging. The theft became a focus for the parish with many groups and individuals joining in the task of making sure the church building would serve this community now and in the future. The "Stan Drew's" choir has been an extremely successful by-product of the fund raising effort. With the demise of the 11.30am Family Worship service, the emphasis for family work is concentrated on the monthly "Messy Time". The Knit and Natter group will meet again in some form when the repairs are finished; Rod said that there are several young people who want to learn how to knit.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Rod.

PUZZLE PART-PAGE



Answers to last month's crossword

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting 7.15 pm, Monday 4 April 2011

Prior to the meeting Stephen Brown, Principal Planning Officer at Craven District Council (CDC), gave a presentation to the Parish Council to bring Members up to date on the new Localism Bill, currently going through Parliament.

Apologies

Cllrs Roland Thomas & Mark Carruthers and Police Community Support Officer Gary Battison.

Public participation

Alan Simpson and Cty Cllr Shelagh Marshall kindly gave an update on the work which they have been doing with the volunteer team to maintain a library presence in the village. North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) has set £650,000 aside from the book fund to maintain the status quo until May to allow pressure groups to formulate their plans.

County Councillor's Report

Shelagh Marshall provided information about the Annual meeting of NYCC at which all the future cuts are to be announced. On a brighter note she was able to explain about the NYCC share of additional money provided by the Government for road repairs.

Possible bonfire

Costs of insurance ϑ fireworks, and issues as to the provision of a suitable site preclude one this November.

The river

Various members reported on their meeting with Mark Garforth of the Environment Agency regarding the movement of the River Aire through the village. He had provided valuable advice, suggestions and contact details. The Council is to act on certain of his suggestions during the drier part of the year.

District Councillor's report

David Crawford attended his last meeting before he retires as a District Councillor in May. He was presented with a card of thanks, good wishes and flowers. He was first elected in 1983.

He reported that CDC's move into Belle Vue Mills has been put back to July and that, sadly, there are further redundancies to come at CDC. He had spoken to Chris Craven of NYCC Highways and it was agreed that the flooding on the A65 near Systagenix would be monitored.

Elections on 5 May

Candidates for the CDC seat will be: Andrew Rankine – Liberal Democrat, Mark Taylor – Labour and Simon Myers – Conservative.

Finance

Changing to the scheme under which electricity for the street lights is purchased through a pooled system through NYCC has resulted in a bill for £2,238 for the year. Previously the Council was paying almost as much every quarter!

Village Clean Up

This will take place on Saturday 14 May. Meet at the Summer Seat at 10 am. Message to all parishioners: BE THERE OR BE DIRTY!!!

Next meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM at 7.00 pm on Monday 9 May 2011 followed by the regular monthly meeting at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

INFORMATION

Refuse and recycling collection days

Collections	Gargrave – Mon & Tue	Coniston Cold – Mon
2/3 May	Blue bag & brown bin (3 rd)	Blue bin & blue bag
9/10 May	Green bin	Green bin & brown bin
16/17 May	Blue bin, blue bag & brown bin (17 th)	Blue bag
23/24 May	Green bin	Green bin & brown bin
30/31 May	Blue bag & brown bin (31 st)	Blue bin & blue bag

Doctors – Gargrave Branch Surgery, Higherlands Close BD23 3RF Tel 749226 from 8 am. Open Mon-Fri mornings and Fri afternoon.

Gargrave Library - West Street BD23 3RD, 0845 034 9535 Mon 4-7pm; Wed & Fri 2-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm

Public transport

Northern Rail's timetable will be republished on May 21st; please note that there may be some changes!

Trains from Gargrave to:									
Leeds									
Mon - Fri	0746	0814	1204	1345	1452	1730	1814	2029	2131 ¹
Saturday	0746	0928	1204	1345	1452	1740	1814	2029	2131 ¹
Sunday			1121	1352	1557		1907		2124
Morecamb	e								
Mon - Fri	0545 ²	0905	1105		1439 ²	1730			
Saturday	0645 ²	0905	1105		1439	1733			
Sunday		0931	1135		1541		1805		
Carlisle									
Mon- Fri	0545 ²	0931	1105 ³	1331	1439 ⁴	1730 ²	1846		
Saturday	0645 ⁴	0931	1105 ³	1331	1439 ³		1840		
Sunday		0951	1400		1541 ²		1805 ³		
Buses from Gargrave to:									
Skipton									
Mon - Fri	0706	0756	0820	0841	0956	then e	every ho	ur 'til	1756
Saturday	0956	1110	1156	1325	1356	1445	1556	1710	1756
Sun/BH				1208		1508		1653	
Settle				•		•			•
Mon - Fri		0740	0859	then e	every ho	ur until	1659	1804	2129
Saturday		0740 ⁵	0859	then e	every 2 h	ours 'til	1659		
Sun/BH		0931	0942	1102 ⁶	1242 ⁶	1542 ⁶			
Malham									
Mon- Fri	0725		1000 ⁷		1300 ⁷			1610	
Saturday			1015		1230			1840	
Sun/BH		1	0942		1102	1242	1542	1	

Notes 1.Change at Skipton 2.Change at Lancaster 3.Change at Hellifield 4.Change at Lancaster or Hellifield5.Saturdays during term time only6.Change at Malham, Buck Inn7. Monday, Wednesday & Friday only

Coaches from Gargrave to:			
Glasgow via Carlisle			
Daily at approximately 1325. You must book in advance with National Express			
Lincoln via Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Newark			
Daily at approximately 1515. You must book in advance with National Express			

Rotas for St Andrew's Church

If you cannot carry out any of duties please arrange a swap.

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Sidesmen	8 am	1	10 am		
1 May	Marion Scarbor	ough Sarah Curtis			
8 May	Kay Craven	Kenneth Burgess	John Bailey		
15 May	Janet Sturgess	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey		
22 May	Colin Chapman	Stanley Preston	Sarah Curtis		
29 May	No 8am service	Tim Warner	Kenneth Burgess		
5 June	Marion Scarbor	ough Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell		
Readings		Offertor	y procession		
1 May	Thelma Ellison	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey		
8 May	Valerie Geddes	n/a			
15 May	Pauline Barnes	Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell		
22 May	John Bailey	n/a			
29 May	Carole Ballard	Pat Cockshott	Eileen Hoskin		
5 June	Ruth Abbott	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas		
Church cle	aning				
25 Apr to 6 J	-	Sylvia Humphreys, Ron Humphreys			
9 May to 20		Judith Douglas, Nancy Harrison, Susan Lupton			
	•	anks, Carole Ballard	•		

Reading	gs for worship
1 May	2nd Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:14a,22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19- end
8 May	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> : Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-25
15 May	4th Sunday of Easter: Acts 2: 42-end; 1 Peter 2: 19-end; John 10: 1-10
22 May	5th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7: 55-end; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14
29 May	6th Sunday of Easter: Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-end; John 14: 15-21
5 June	7th Sunday of Easter. Sunday after Ascension Day:
	Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14-5:6-11; John 17: 1-11

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Organisations

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 (see diary, p. 2) 9am-1pm, 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 Croquet – Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Gargrave, Tues 2-6 pm, Rob Berry 748065 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 Saturday (see diary, p.2), 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+, 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 7.30pm, Joan Philip 749468 **Dog training –** Village Hall, Wed 5-10pm, Helen & Brian Coates 751816 Fuschia & Geranium Club, V.Hall, 1st Wed of month 7.30pm Paula Jackson 752175 Mothers Union – Ethne Bannister, 749551 **Parish Council Meeting** – Village Hall side room, 1st Mon of mth, or 2nd on bank hols Snooker Club - Village Hall Snooker Annex, every day, Stewart Smith 749340 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 7.30pm, Jan Sturgess 749734

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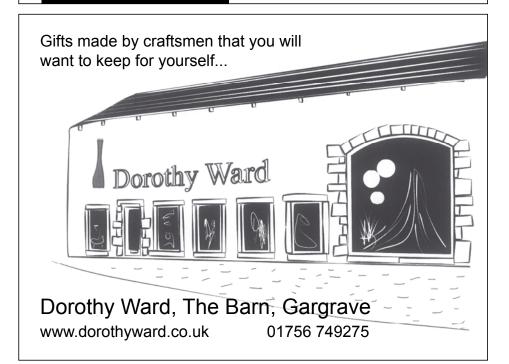
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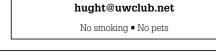
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The Revd Canon Sam Randall Bishop's Officer for Church in the World

The World Council of Churches' Decade to Overcome Violence will be concluded this May at an Assembly in Kingston, Jamaica, when individuals and churches will be encouraged to renew their commitment to nonviolence, peace and justice.

Violence can take a variety of forms but on a broad level violence has been defined as 'the attempt of an individual or group to impose its will on others through any nonverbal, verbal, or physical means that inflict psychological or physical injury.' It is important to remember that the line between actual killing and verbal, symbolic or imaginary violence is thin and permeable. Any use of force or coercion that involves some kind of hurt or injury - whether this coercion is physical or not, personal or institutional, incidental or structural, is a form of violence.

Globally, women between the ages of 15-44 are more likely to be maimed or die due to male violence than through malaria, cancer, traffic accidents and war combined. (Source: UN 2007). In the UK, 1 in 4 women will suffer violence in her lifetime (it's 1 in 3 globally) and 2 women a week still die due to domestic violence. A woman is abused in her home every 6 seconds in the UK (Source: Data Count 2000), and there will be those who read this who are aware of domestic violence in their own families.

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MAY 2011

On Monday 21st March 2011, Tearfund, Restored, Christian Aid and the Anglican Communion came together at Lambeth Palace, hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to launch the report 'Silent No More' which seeks to address issues of genderbased violence. The Archbishops of Canterbury, DR Congo & Burundi all spoke passionately about the church's need to engage in speaking out on sexual violence. Dr Rowan Williams stated, 'It is of the first importance that churches and all communities of faith continue to hold before the world's eyes the absolute priority for justice and dignity for all. We need to equip people to become agents of change and of hope. I hope this is the beginning of the church being what it ought and should be.'

Tearfund and its partner 'Restored' have launched a report which acknowledges the endemic and hidden nature of sexual violence. The report encourages churches to speak out, to challenge genderbased violence and to provide appropriate care for any who are affected. They have also produced a pledge for individuals to sign to oppose sexual violence which you could sign:

http://www.wewillspeakout.org/

You could also join with the global church in making Sunday 22 May a special service for peace.

Please also support a young Libyan lawyer, Iman al-Obeidi, who had been detained, beaten and raped by Qaddafi's men before escaping. She

The Cathedral

Kai Euthos

Join The Revd Paul Booth in examining some of Mark's stories, followed by Holy Communion at 12.30pm for St Mark's Day. **Tuesday 3 May, 11.00am**. Free entry.

1611 - The Word

An historic review, specially written for the Cathedral by Nigel Schofield, and performed by Follow the Fleece theatre company. Friday 6 and Saturday 7 May, 7.30pm. Tickets £8/£6 concessions.

Candlelit Cathedral

An opportunity for an hour of restful peace and quiet in the Cathedral pondering a theme with Caroline Moore. Wednesday 11 May, 7.30pm. Free entry.

Presence

An exhibition by Eva Mileusnic of a 'family' group of six white plaster cast prayer books and prayer kneelers set on raw steel stands. Opening Reception **Friday 13 May, 6.30pm**, the exhibition continues until Saturday 25 June. Free entry, donations appreciated.

A short film on Bradford Cathedral has been put on YouTube. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxrTul-gGmQ Vacancy for Education and Visitors Officer See www.bradfordcathedral.co.uk/vacancies/ education/educjob.html for further details

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said other women were still being held by the regime. Iman was dragged away by Libyan agents and has not been seen since. To support Iman go to: <u>http://www.avaaz.org/en/</u> free iman al obeidi/?vl

The Diocese, through Church in the World, is seeking to address these issues through a variety of projects including anti-forced marriage and an anti-sex grooming project. We are also members of the Bradford Violence Against Women Forum; but there is much more to do.

Dona nobis pacem Give us peace, we pray.



PARISH NEWS

THORNTON ST JAMES

Book Sale and Bacon Butties. Every third Saturday of the month during the year, 10.00am-12noon.

The church is also open every Saturday morning, 10.00am-12noon. All welcome to view the church with its Brontë display and Morris window, and also visit the Bell Chapel and graveyard.

SHIPLEY ST PETER

Always Making Things Art Exhibition, based on Stewart Henderson's poem of the same name, in conjunction with the Zephaniah Trust. Launch concert featuring Stewart and singer-songwriter John Froud. Friday 13 May, 7.30pm. Tickets £8 (concessions £4). (01274) 533732 or office@zephaniah.org.uk

WINDOWS ON THE APOCALYPSE 2 - RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY 18 JUNE

Prophets, mystics, radical reformers and cult leaders have all found inspiration in the last book of the Bible - Revelation. On Saturday 18 June, 10.00am-2.30pm at Kadugli House, Gerald Mack will lead a seminar on this most confusing of Bible books. This event is a follow-up to the much appreciated seminar held in October last year and will be suitable both for those who attended that event and those who didn't. There is no charge for this event but booking is essential. Contact Steve Allen at 48 Toller Grove, BD9 5NP or on (01274) 482059 or steve.allen@bradford.anglican.org. Drinks provided, bring your own lunch. **This event was previously scheduled for May 21**.

PARISH EVENTS

BOLTON ABBEY

Aireborough Gilbert and Sullivan Society perform the delightful music of W S Gilbert and the beautiful melodies by Sir Arthur Sullivan. Friday 27 May, 7.30pm. Prior to performances, guests are invited to picnic within the Priory ruins or take advantage of the 'Early Bird Supper' at the Devonshire Arms. A glass of wine will be served in the interval. Tickets £10 from the Church Office. (01756) 710238

BOLTON ABBEY

The Bingley Julian Group is again hosting a Quiet Day at Bolton Abbey, Thursday 19 May, led by Fr Nicholas Clews, to which all are welcome. To book a place or for further details, please contact The Revd Marion Bamford on (01274) 564925.

HAWORTH ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

"Your Church Needs You" Spring Fayre. Saturday 14 May 2011 (40s Weekend), 10.00am-4.00pm. Stalls, Refreshments, Children's Corner.

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.

ADDINGHAM ST PETER

Friends of St Peter's Addingham are serving their afternoon teas every Sunday between from 22 May to 2 October 2011, between 2.00 and 5.00pm.



ILKLEY ST MARGARET

Singing Day with the choir of St Margaret's, under the direction of Opera North chorus-master Tim Burke and with accompaniment from resident organist Christopher Rathbone. Saturday 18 June, rehearsal from 11.00am, choral evensong at 4.00pm. £5 charge includes lunch (students free). Please book in advance with John Brown (01943 430781) or Christopher Rathbone (01943 874827) or e-mail rathbone.c@btinternet.com

BUTTERSHAW ST PAUL

Ladies Fellowship Group Charity Coffee Morning. Saturday 7 May, 10.00am-12noon in St Paul's School Hall. Cake Stall, Raffle, Bring and Buy Stall, Tombola. Coffee & biscuits 50p. Charity for the year is the Royal British Legion.

Table Top Sale. Saturday 21 May, 10.00am-1.00pm in St Paul's School Hall. Various stalls selling hand-made jewellery, cup cakes, hair/nail accessories, arts/crafts/gifts and a wide range of second-hand items. Hot refreshments and cakes available.

SKIPTON CHRIST CHURCH

Organ Recitals. Monday 2 May, 11.00am featuring Andrew Cantrill from Croydon Parish Church. Monday 30 May, 11.00am featuring James Lonsdale from Clitheroe Parish Church. Tea and coffee will be served. Retiring collection.

GIGGLESWICK ST ALKELDA

The Hermitage Ensemble - soloists from St Petersburg present a concert of Russian sacred hymns and folk music. Wednesday 4 May, 7.30pm. Admission £10 (concessions £8, under 16s free). Refreshments included. (01729) 823493.

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