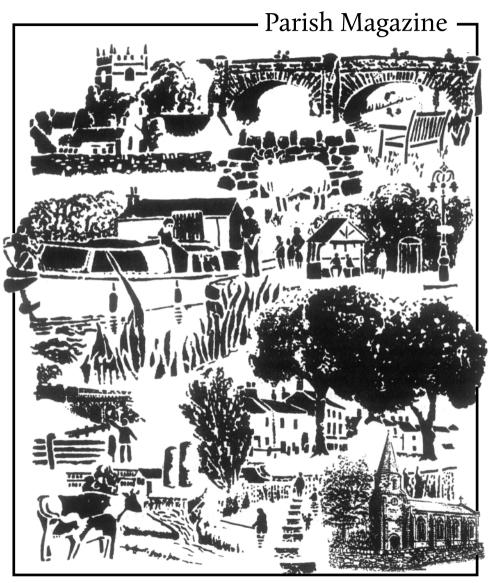
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ROD'S REFLECTIONS

What is there to Harvest?

I WONDER HOW you read the title written above?

Perhaps you read it as: "What IS there to Harvest?"

Or maybe: What is *THERE* to Harvest?" Or again: "WHAT is there to Harvest?"

Of course, what I probably meant was: "What is there to HARVEST?"

It is interesting that one sentence of five words can have such different meanings, depending on which of the words is stressed!

Jesus' disciples might have thought any one of those different meanings when he said to them:

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the harvest field".

Matthew 9: 37 & 38.

Jesus had only recently called those who became his disciples to follow him. They were travelling around towns and villages, as Jesus taught about the good news of the coming of God's Kingdom here on Earth in synagogues, and healing all manner of disease and sickness. In that statement he was saying, in effect:

"Look at the needs in this society, the many ways in which people are suffering. This is what can be done to alleviate so much suffering, but we must ask God to send even more people to take part in this work."

Jesus knew that there was only one approach to alleviate suffering and that was to look at all the causes, not just the effects. He knew that physical and emotional suffering cannot be treated separately, that they are too closely linked. That is why he both healed physical complaints and gave people the promise that there was a better way of living for them, he called it God's Kingdom.

This was a radical departure, because up to then people had believed, and indeed had often been taught, that God's Kingdom was a PLACE that perhaps they could attain AFTER a "good" life. Jesus, using the Scriptures that we call "The Old Testament", showed that God had NEVER intended that - it was in error. God's Kingdom was and always has been a way of life that involves a loving and caring concern for each other, reflecting God's love for us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. "Love your neighbour as yourself", as Jesus put it.

So why was this called a "Harvest"? Jesus was telling his disciples to follow what he was doing, tackling the problems people had in a very specific way and gathering others, including those who had experienced this healing, into this new way of caring.

We are the workers in the harvest field now, we can be healed, we are also being gathered. Dare we live lives where we treat others as we hope others treat us?

Rod Geddes



Of course Vicar, you are most welcome to some harvest milk. Would you like 4% fat, 3.5% fat, 1% fat, pre-treated, post-treated, Homogenised, whole, skimmed, semi-skimmed or flavoured...?

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Gargrave

- Sat 1 Book Fair, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall.
 Grounds Morning 10am to 12noon, Gargrave C of E Primary School
- Sun 2 Harvest Festival and Jacob's Join Lunch, 10am, Church
- Mon 3 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Committee Room 1
- Tue 4 Communion 9am, Church
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall
 NSPCC Dance featuring The Zealots, 7.30 to 11pm, Village Hall
- Sun 9 Communion 8am; Service of the Word 10am, Church; Service with Prayer for Healing 6pm
- Tue 11 Communion 9am, Church
 Slide Show Britain's Best Houses, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
 Craven Accordion Players, 1.30pm, Neville House
- Wed 12 WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
- Sat 15 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall Modern Sequence Dance, 7 to 11pm, Village Hall

| Sun 16 | Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall |
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| Mon 17 | Gargrave C of E Primary School Harvest Festival 2.30pm, Church |
| Tue 18 | St. Luke the Evangelist; Communion 9am, Church |
| Fri 21 | Arts and Crafts, 10am to 6pm, Village Hall |
| Sat 22 | Arts and Crafts, 10am to 6pm, Village Hall |
| Sun 23 | Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10am, Church Arts and Crafts, 10am to 6pm, Village Hall |
| Tuo 25 | Communication Com Church |

Tue 25 Communion 9am, Church Slide Show – Rivers Of Germany, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Wed 26 Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex

Fri 28 Ladies Section Dance, 7pm to Midnight, Village Hall.

Sat 29 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall

Sun 30 Communion for All Ages 10.30am, Church Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall

November

Tue 1 All Saints' Day, Communion 9am, Church

Fri 4 Swing Commanders band, Village Hall

Sun 6 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church

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

Coniston Cold

Sun 2 Holy Communion 6pm, St Peter's
Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt Hunter Trials, Coniston Hall

Sun 9 Coniston Harvest Festival and Dedication of New Mother's Union Banner 6pm. Jacobs Join Supper.

Sun 16 Book of Common Prayer Communion 9am

Thur 20 Gargrave and Coniston Cold Mother's Union, 2pm, Coniston Hall

Sun 23 Evensong 6pm

Sun 30 Holy Communion 6pm

Catholic mass times in Broughton and Gargrave

Sundays: 9am at Broughton Hall Chapel

11.30am Latin Sung Mass first Sunday of month

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Events At Gargrave Village Hall

Sally Thomas

Zumba Classes. These will take place very Thursday evening between 5 & 6pm at the village hall. The classes are designed for everyone and no dance experience is necessary. The first one will be on the 29th September and the entrance fee is £4.50.

NSPCC Dance. Local soul band 'The Zealots' have been booked for this event which will take place on Saturday 8 October at the village hall. The band last played at the hall during March and received an excellent review from the Parish magazine. Tickets are £10 per person and this includes a pie and pea supper (a vegetarian option will be available). There will also be a licensed bar and raffle. All proceeds will be to the NSPCC. Tickets can be reserved by contacting Sally on 01756 748098.

The Swing Commanders. This popular band has been booked to play at the village hall on Friday 4^{th} November. Tickets are £10 per person and can be reserved by contacting Caroline on 01756 749235.

Knit and Natter

Norma Brothers

Knit and Natter are re-starting on Tuesday 4th October, meeting weekly at St Andrew's Church at 2pm.

DOROTHY WARD

The Barn, Gargrave, 01756 749275

CLOSING DOWN SALE

We have taken the difficult decision to cease trading after 60 years in business.

Our closing down sale started on 19th September, so now is the time to grab a bargain, treat yourself or shop early for Christmas.

Many items will be individually labelled at tiny prices and reductions on all stock will increase as the sale progresses so the later you leave it, the less choice there will be...

26th September to 1st October - 25% off 3rd October to 8th October - 40 % off 10th October to 15th October - 50 % off Final week, 17th October to 22nd October - 75% OFF EVERYTHING

Many thanks for your loyalty, support and custom over the years - it's been fun! The Gledhill Family. Have you heard?

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Don't miss it!

There's something universal about telling stories. People may not appreciate modern art, but we all experience sharing a story across the table. We don't need qualifications to listen to a story. We all, no matter how old we are enjoy a damn good yarn.

This year's programme features a mix of performances from cosy bedtime storytelling with Taffy Thomas, the UK's Storytelling Laureate, to fireside tales of daring do with the Yarnsmith of Norwich, Dave Tong. There's an evening of spine-chilling ghost stories and Hugh Lupton tells a gripping tale about his great uncle Arthur Ransome.

There are also artists from India, Japan and Guyana. As if that wasn't enough, Grant Gordon from The Divine Comedy will perform *Century* - a sensational, uplifting and unforgettable music and storytelling piece with a 10 piece band.

Sita Brand

Neville House Open Events

Kath Sagar

On Friday 30^{th} September 6.30 pm we will be holding a **Bingo evening** for anyone to come along to.

Craven Accordion Players are returning on 11th October at 1:30 pm, again for anyone to come and listen to.

On 7th November a young singer called **Leanne King** will be entertaining us. All welcome.

Mother's Union Gargrave and Coniston Cold

Ethne Bannister

Meeting together Thursday 20th October, at Coniston Hall 2pm.

Meeting with Hellifield Mother's Union Wednesday 2nd November 2pm in the Institute, Hellifield. Speaker Chris Bibby from Bibby's Travel "The History of Bibby's Travel".

Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt

Ethne Bannister

Sunday 2nd October

Hunter Trials at Coniston Hall

Jamie at Home!



Jamie Oliver tableware, cookware, linen and more, all exclusive to 'Jamie at Home' parties [not available in shops]

Hold a party for your friends, neighbours or workmates in your home. All you need to do is invite people and leave the rest to me! It's a fun evening!

You will get a fantastic 20% commission

[on a very average party, that equates to £50 worth of products!!] and superb host offers PLUS access to the exclusive host website!

Give Sheila Blacksbaw a call on

01729 830389 to talk it through or for more information

Forward planning for November

Ethne Bannister

Christmas Coffee morning at Swinden Hall by kind permission of Sue Hutchinson Tuesday 15th November 10.30am - 12noon. All proceeds to St Peter's Church, Coniston Cold.

Gargrave Advent Parade

Claire Cadman Bond

St Andrews' Church, The Caterpillar Club and Gargrave Pre-school are having an Advent Parade on Sunday 4th December at 6pm.

We want children of all ages to dress up as any Nativity character and meet at the Summer Seat at 6pm, from there we will walk to the Mason's Arms to see if they have any rooms and then on to St Andrew's Church where we will light the first Advent candle, have a short service and sing carols. There will be refreshments available after the service.

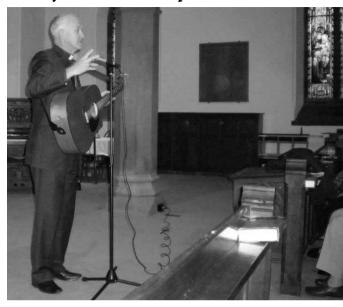
Please come along and support this village event. If you would like any more information please contact Claire on 01756 748527.

Isaiah Trust

Many thanks to all those who sponsored Tim and Jerry in the Great North Run to raise money for the Isaiah Trust. (You can sponsor after the event via www.justgiving.com/JustJerryFord.) Look out for a race report next month.

Bowland Deanery welcomes Bishop Nick

Rod Geddes



Around 200 people of all ages and from all parts of the Deanery, came at 7.30pm, to St. Andrew's Church, Gargrave, for the Bowland Deanery Welcoming Party for Bishop Nick Baines on Thursday evening, 21st July.

After a welcome from Stan Drew's Scratch Choir, who performed a song written especially for and about him, Bishop Nick gave a short talk and held a question and answer session.

Topics ranged from the Diocese Commission's report to whether he liked Liverpool airport being named after John Lennon! He also gave us all a very frank account of the problems of being in the media spotlight and also the opportunities that it gave him to put the concerns of local people to those who could perhaps take action to address them.

Between this, he bantered with a group of youngsters from Gargrave C.E. Primary school, who had come because he had greatly impressed so many youngsters and adults alike during a visit to the school a fortnight before.

Then he took out his guitar and played a few songs, one of which had a particularly moving theme and then teaching us all "In my Liverpool Home". After a request for a Beatles' song, he finished with "I've just seen a face."

Stan Drew's Choir sang a song "Let there be peace on earth", which all joined in, humming if we didn't know the words. Nick had recorded their first song and then he interviewed some of the youngsters, both for Radio 4.

The rest of the evening was taken up by the party, which had been prepared by ladies from St. Andrew's Church and was a veritable feast! This gave the opportunity for Bishop Nick and those who were there to get to know more about each other. Scheduled to finish at 9pm, Bishop Nick didn't leave until much later, after what was a very informal evening.

He took with him the well wishes and prayers of all there and left us with a distinct impression that here was a Bishop who was very prepared to travel the journey of Faith with us all and to talk with us openly and enthusiastically on the way!



... Ive moved with the times - Ive got a solar-powered microphone...

Moving house

Rev'd Martin Bull and Angela have recently moved. Their new address is: 21 Magdalen's Close, Ripon, N. Yorks HG4 1HH Tel: 01765 601 422 We wish them well in their new home.

Neville House News

Kath Sagar

Thank you to all who came to the Garden Party - it was a great success, raising just short of £600 for the amenity fund. The Royal British Legion band played, Vicki did a hula hooping workshop and eventually the sun came out.

A lovely day out was had by our residents at Morecambe in August.

Tennis News Beth Whitley

Craven Lawn Tennis Club rounded off a successful season with their first ever win in the final of the Molly Fawcett Cup, the knockout competition for all clubs in the Airedale/Wharfedale League. The winning Mixed Doubles "A" team of Carolyn Butt, Stuart Harrison, Emma Bancroft, Ben Chambers, Penny Crisfield and Ben Taylor won an extremely tight match by 2 games to prevail over Beckfoot "A". The winning game was secured by Emma Bancroft and Ben Chambers who were unaware of its significance until after they had finished.

Penny Crisfield with another tennis partner, Graeme Southam, also combined to win the President's Day event at the Club on Sunday 4th September.

All of the above follows the magnificent effort of the Craven "B" team in winning the 3rd Division outright and securing promotion for the first time since 1997 to the 2nd Division, where they will come up against the Craven "A" team next season.

The Men's team finished mid-table in their Saturday League.

The John Hill Cup was won by Chris Tate (Gargrave) and the Vera Fell Trophy was won by Liz Newsholme (Airton) for the Club's season-long event.

The Teenage Tournament held in July was won by Tommy Richardson (Malham) and the Runner-Up was Jack Tarrant (Gargrave) in the 11-14 years group. The 15-18 years group was won by Will Stanley (Gargrave) and the Runner-Up was Michael Sanderson (Grassington). All apart from Michael are members of Craven LTC so it was nearly a "clean sweep" for the Club.

The Junior Fun Day was a great success with many local children participating; several have now joined the Saturday morning coaching sessions.

The Croquet Section has continued to flourish under the guidance of Doreen Johnson with several new players this season.

So, all in all, a very successful season for the Club. Social tennis is continuing on Tuesday θ Thursday mornings as well as Sunday afternoons over the winter months.

Anyone requiring further information about the Club is asked to contact Beth Whitley on 01756 749664 or email secretary@craventennis.org.uk.

Bowling - outside and in

Gargrave Bowling Club has just over 60 members, with a varying standard of play from the very good, happy to play in teams in all weathers, to the "more mature" who want to play one game only, for fun, and only in fine weather! This social bowling is normally in the afternoon and anyone who would like to try is always welcome. Where else can you get unlimited access to a beautiful site, for £30 from April to October, which includes exercise, fun, friendship and a cup of tea?

We currently have four teams, three in the Skipton League and one in the Worth Valley League, who have had a good season - (that does not mean to say that the weather has been wonderful!) - and we have our own Club tournaments, mainly on Sunday afternoons.

Remember, fresh air is good for you so come and join us in what might look an easy game but oh! that crown in the middle can be so frustrating!

Ruth Abbott 748483

Indoor Bowling at the Village Hall will resume once the weather turns and is no longer suitable for outdoor play. It will probably start again on Tuesday $11^{\rm th}$ and Thursday $13^{\rm th}$ October, 2pm...depending on the weather.

Doreen Lambert 749495

Sticks

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.





The 107th Gargrave Show held on Saturday 20th September went like a dream for Chairman John Tennant and the members of the committee. We have received many compliments and few adverse comments on the day's proceedings. We were blessed with an excellent day weatherwise (up to 4 o'clock), with the best gate receipts ever, having admitted approximately 3,500 people plus exhibitors and people holding pre-purchased Vice Presidents tickets.

Our President this year, Brian Carlos was well satisfied with the day and congratulated the committee on the running of the Show at our 'debriefing' meeting on 5th September. Entries in many classes were up on last year, and entries in the sheep classes were the best on record. There were activities throughout the day in the Main Ring with the 'Dressed Shire Horse' being particularly popular. We had a marvellous display of Vintage and Classic vehicles in a section which is almost a show in itself.

Unfortunately the heavens opened at about 4 o'clock which put a bit of a damper on the late proceedings, however the Terrier racing was just as exciting as ever, the terriers not noticing the dwindling spectator numbers!

Gargrave Show Committee would like to thank all who attended on the day, and also our many helpers and sponsors, the main sponsor Michael Cook of TN Cook pronouncing himself very happy with the day's proceedings.

Next year's Show will be held on Saturday 18th August, and President Elect Clifford Lawson – another long serving committee member and exchairman of the Show – extends a warm welcome to all our supporters for the 2012 Show.

Magazine News

Bea and Duncan Faulkner

This month we welcome another new contributor, our agony aunt and uncle team "Sheila and Ted" (page 17). Please send in your problems! Also on page 15 you will find what may be the first ever story written by a retired church kneeler.

We are planning to start a section on births, deaths and marriages. We will rely on our readers sending in contributions for this. So please let us know if you have recently been born or died and would like to tell our readers... We will also consider publishing (short) obituaries for people with Gargrave connections - again, please let us know (tel 749443).

WI news Janet Sturgess

At our July meeting, Vicky Fattorini kindly stepped in to give our members a most lively and interesting talk about Military Uniforms, entitled 'DRESSED TO KILL'.

She gave a brief history of the medieval origins of different elements of military accourrements and went on to describe their purpose in modern uniforms. Using actual examples from a wide ranging display of both ceremonial and utility wear, including a red jacket from the Welsh Guards, a dress sword, epaulettes, collars to fix gorgettes (to protect the throat), lariats and camouflage wear, Vicky explained how the items combine both pomp and practicality. She demonstrated some of the utility wear used by our troops in Afghanistan and described how each and every item has to satisfy stringent regulations in order to save soldiers' lives.

The company Wyedean, was established in 1862 but moved first from Coventry to the Forest of Dean and the Wye Valley, and in the 1960's to Haworth where skilled workers were available. The company takes an ethical approach and no one under the age of eighteen is employed. It does not have to advertise since its products are viewed globally at such ceremonies as The Trooping of the Colour. Today a staff of 22, using computers, design military ribbons, braids and items by request, although the manufacture takes place in Asia. Only ribbons for the Victoria Cross are made of pure silk nowadays.

Vicky described how military uniforms changed following the American War of Independence when many British officers and troops became obvious targets with their red jackets for American backwoodsmen. Khaki became the chosen colour to improve camouflage.

The patterns for uniforms have not changed for many years but they have been adapted for film production. The company works to detailed specifications and provided much of the braided work for 'Master and Commander'. Apparently elements of Russell Crowe's costume had to be replaced quite often after frequent dousing in sea water.

We were told very senior officers now value antique accoutrements more than their modern equivalents. Our members were amazed by the production costs of ceremonial items which can contain up to 2% gold. Vicky kindly distributed samples of some gold braid for our members to take home. It was an evening that will long be remembered.

Beth Brewster addressed a full room of members and visitors at our August meeting. The theme of her talk was 'A PILGRIMAGE TO COMPOSTELLA'. She described in detail her experiences and adventures as she walked over 600 km across northern Spain to the cathedral of Santiago de Compostella, a centre of pilgrimage for hundreds of years.

She gave members insights into the practicalities of long distance walking: the need to keep rucksack weight to a minimum, with only three items of basic clothes. Her descriptions of the hostels (albergues or refugios) in which she stayed and the challenges they presented with their mixed dormitories and washing arrangements raised both gasps of astonishment and laughter.

Beth explained that most pilgrims walk alone during the day but come together to share meals each night. Gradually during the course of the walk, pilgrim families develop, with members each supporting the other when things get tough. The route is marked with yellow arrows and is generally accurate, though on one occasion she inadvertently took a 6km detour which had been deliberately set to attract walkers to a remote place of refreshment!

As pilgrims progress they receive an 'authorisation' stamp at each stop over, so by the time they reach Compostella they have a record of their journey and are eligible to receive a certificate to confirm their pilgrimage. Many Spaniards consider such a certificate an essential component of their CV Apparently anyone completing the last 100 km is eligible for certification and members were surprised to learn that the last stretch of the pilgrimage becomes very crowded and that some 'pilgrims' set off on foot early in the day and then take a taxi to the next stopping point!

Beth met many other pilgrims and it was a truly international experience. Besides improving her fluency in Spanish she also learned the words for 'blister' and 'cheers' in numerous languages.

The main point that Beth stressed was how little she needed to be truly happy during her pilgrimage. Upon arrival at Compostella pilgrims were queuing for up to three hours to enter the cathedral, however, she was able to join a special evening service attended only by 15 people. The experience has had a real impact upon Beth. She raised over £2000 for charity during her month long pilgrimage and intends to do it again using the Portuguese route from the south!

Tom Gomersall



It is with regret that we advise that the recent old man's expedition into the river was not totally successful – a small bush of Himalayan Balsam has managed to survive. Watch this space!

Illustrated by Chris Faulkner

What's the problem? Himalayan Balsam has rapidly become one of the UK's most invasive weed - it has no natural British predators and loves our climate. It is commonly found along river banks and streams, grows up to 3 metres high, and is reputed to be the tallest annual plant found in the UK.

It spreads quickly as it can project its seeds up to four metres. Many seeds drop into the water and contaminate land and riverbanks downstream, but the explosive nature of its seed release means it can spread upstream too.

It successfully competes with native plant species for space, light, nutrients and pollinators and excludes other plant growth, thereby reducing native biodiversity. It dies back in the winter - this can leave river banks bare of vegetation and liable to erosion. Dead plant material can also enter the river, increasing the risk of flooding.

(www.cabi.org & www.plantlife.org.uk).

No men

An elderly woman died - having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead".

Generally, the picture in Gargrave as regards litter is much better than some places. The worst problem here continues to be the dog poo bags, particularly along the canal. Please try harder. Otherwise, conventional litter surrounds the summer seat and adjacent greens. Some of our younger people have not yet learnt to take their sweet wrappers home with them. Some of us regularly clear rubbish away – please help us. We have a lovely village – let's keep it that way.

WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

Sue Smith, Gargrave, September 1

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness!...

And fell all fruit with ripeness to the core"

John Keats, "To Autumn"

AUTUMN HAS COME unseasonally soon this year. The early morning mists have sometimes been stunningly beautiful with sunlight filtering through the trees. The air is chill and there are heavy dews. No leaf fall yet, but the berries have cropped early. The blackbirds have harvested the rowan berries, and are busily eating the remaining brambles. They, together with tits and finches, are taking the haws. The elderberries though are still green.

The days have recently been mainly cold, cloudy or wet, but this has enabled the honey suckle to continue flowering for longer. The buddlea flowers are now over, but in the occasional sunshine, they at first attracted red admirals, and unusually afterwards, rather than at the same time, the peacock butterflies made their delightful appearance; I have seen only a few tortoise shells.

After their summer moult, the birds have been more in evidence. Blackbirds have had a very good year, and I have seen many tits - great, blue, coal, and longtails - also chaffinches and greenfinches, and a few warblers. Ducks are flying around more freely. The house martins still fill the skies, but the swifts have departed on their long southward migration, and the oystercatchers have gone to the coast. Buzzards have appeared, sometimes singly, but one day I had an exciting sighing of two soaring buzzards circling with the tips of their wing primaries upcurved, tails widely spread, and making their characteristic mewing calls.

The willow herbs have provided a lovely show of pinkish purple colour. The rosebay, also known as fireweed, recalls the aftermath of wartime, where it appeared in force in the cracks of the bomb sites, reminding us that nature will emerge out of devastation, if only we let it.

REFLECTIONS OF A RETIRED KNEELER

A. Kneeler

I HAVE TO SAY when I first heard the news I was very upset. Having served the knees of the congregation of St. Andrew's for more years than I care to admit, I, along with many of my colleagues, was being summarily dismissed. Downsizing is the modern idiom I believe, but whatever term is used it means the same – unwanted, surplus to requirements, redundant. I wasn't the only one to comment on the fact that the tapestry kneelers were being kept on, another example of the modern obsession with glamour and celebrity. Well, looks aren't everything, I can tell you! Old fashioned values like hard work and endurance still count for something. To add to the insult, I was to be sold off at a knockdown price of £1, admittedly the minimum asking price. Now I am all for avoiding waste, didn't Jesus command his disciples to collect all the left over food from the loaves and fishes, but still a paltry sum for someone with my patella supporting expertise.

So there I sat in a pile awaiting my fate. And then I started to think. Perhaps retirement wouldn't be so bad after all. No more lying on cold floor boards being kicked by unruly children or having to listen to the sermons. (Don't let the clergy know I said that!) I dreamed of being bought by a genteel professional lady and spending my days on a plush carpet by a warm fire with only a pair of well – turned ankles to support at the end of the day.

Imagine my shock when I was scooped up and thrown unceremoniously into the boot of a car and transported some 30 miles away to my new "home". And what an alien home it was. No deep pile carpet or cosy fire. Not even the comforting hues of an oak floor board or pew. No, this environment was squeaky clean and clinical with the distinct smell of antiseptic in the air. I was in a doctor's surgery!! What on earth, I wondered, was I going to do here?

I soon found out. First, I held up the arms of people having blood tests and goodness how I was needed. Some were so nervous their arms were shaking, but drawing on all my years of supporting experience I managed to get them through the ordeal. Then an elderly lady rested her foot on me as she had a wound on her leg redressed and later a little boy sat on me whilst his baby brother was vaccinated. I listened enthralled to the conversations between the nurse and the patients. Some of the medical jargon was a bit difficult to understand, but I'm sure I'll get the hang of it. At midday I supported the nurse's feet as she relaxed between sessions then it was off again on a hectic round of helping and supporting people. I really proved my worth when, after seeing a particularly fractious lady, the nurse knelt down on me and prayed for patience.

When all the patients had been seen I rested overnight in a warm store cupboard until starting again the next day.

Retirement - what retirement!

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

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Shaking Still

WHEN PJ HARVEY won her second Mercury Music Prize recently for her album *Let England Shake* - the first artist to win twice - an unsettling symmetry emerged.

It was on September 11th, 2001, that the musician from Dorset won her first award. But she was unable to collect it, confined, as she was, to a hotel room in Washington D.C., watching smoke rise from the Pentagon; grounded, along with the rest of the US, and shaken, like the rest of the world.

We had all wondered how the new century - and millennium - would begin, and this was our answer; one we didn't dare imagine. A decade later, and we are still reaping the bitter fruits of that fateful September day.

Let England Shake is PJ Harvey's coming-to-terms with this bewildering time; a period when global events we struggled to comprehend then hit home hard

A thread of coffins latterly has weaved its way through Wootton Bassett, where shopkeepers and war veterans and lollipop ladies have borne our dead back with grace. The injured, it seems, limp home more covertly, their wounds weeping reminders that war's victims cannot always be smoothed over with a flag. Let England Shake, indeed.

Harvey researched her album of war songs meticulously, speaking to soldiers who served in the so-called 9/11 conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. She crafted this collection of songs to bear witness, as a war musician, and to explore the broken, emotional humanity of all conflict.

We got up early,
washed our faces,
walked the fields
and put up crosses.
Passed through
the damned mountains,
went hellwards,
and some of us returned,
and some of us did not.

It's hard to know how to respond personally, whether to her music, or this decade. We can, at least, mourn with those who mourn. But next time we suffer any kind of attack - an assault on our personal pride perhaps, or a

wounding, literal or metaphorical, trivial or catastrophic - we can pray, hard, for resolve: to remember those who have fallen; and for God's sake, and theirs, and ours, to shake this world of escalating hate and respond - imagine - in love, as love, as Christ.

ASK SHEILA AND TED

By a local writer, not called Sheila or Ted

Dear Sheila and Ted

My husband and I spend all our time working: we just see each other one evening a week. One of us is usually catching up with emails at weekends and when we go on holiday we often get ill as soon as we relax. We both love our work but would enjoy less of it. Any suggestions? T. Ired.

Dear Mrs T. Ired

I sympathise; it's difficult: Brits work the longest hours in Europe and have some of the least holiday. The world of work has become increasingly intensive and we have to achieve more in less time. Many of us would like to work less; but we worry about losing our job, or our bonus. But as the saying goes: at the end of their life no one says they wished they had spent more time in the office. Can you do a good, perhaps not perfect job, in fewer hours? Stand in front of the mirror and practice the following (with a pleasant smile):

- I don't think I can do that, because....
- Sorry, but I'm already busy.
- I have to go now, but I could help you tomorrow. (For the 4.50pm questions.)

Sometimes feeling overloaded is only a couple of hours a week different from feeling that things are manageable, and remember to SWITCH OFF THE BLACKBERRY! Sheila.

Dear Mrs Ired,

It seems to me you both work too hard: take a stand! Do you love your work more than each other? [I would hope the answer is no – but work demands can shout louder than an understanding spouse.] Get a grip on your priorities. You can't do everything: people who are very successful in work often sacrifice other areas of their lives. But there is a balance: too little work and you can feel unfulfilled. Too much work and we forfeit our relationships, hobbies and sometimes our health.

The book of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes in the Bible have much to say about work-life balance:

- Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth;
- Diligent hands will rule but laziness ends in slave labour;

- All hard work brings a profit but mere talk leads only to poverty;
- Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint;
- Whoever loves money never has money enough.

At the end of the day if your work is your life, it will take over your life. The Bible says you can't serve two masters, but if you commit to God whatever you do your plans will succeed. It also says that we can trust God to provide for us.

Yours (whilst working late on a bank holiday weekend), Ted.

Sources: Bible quotations: New International Version, 1986

Stats on working in Britain: Willing Slaves, how the overwork culture is ruling our lives, Madeleine Bunting, 2005.

Write in to Sheila and Ted with your dilemmas and problems (an answer is not guaranteed).

THE GARDEN IN OCTOBER

Barbara Walker-Sharp

SADLY THE SUMMER has gone for another year yet there is much to enjoy before the arrival of winter. Autumn leaves make a wonderful pageant of colour from now until they finally fall. If you have room to gather and store them, leaves take 18 months to rot down after which they make a wonderful soil improver. Collect in a simple wire cage or black polythene bags with a few holes pierced in the sides.

A wonderful garden to visit for autumn colour is Thorpe Perrow in Bedale. Even more wonderful is Westonbirt Arboretum but is much further away - in Gloucestershire.

Jobs for October:

- Take hardwood cuttings from shrubs such as berberis, forsythia , pheladelphus, jasmine, box and roses.
- Prune blackcurrants.
- Plant deciduous trees and shrubs between now and early Spring.
- Using frost proof containers (made of clay, stone or wood) plant pots up for winter colour. Good drainage - provide by pebbles or broken clay pots in base of the pot. Wrapping pots in bubble wrap will give extra winter protection from freezing temperatures.
- Plant lily bulbs in pots in cold green house and move in there frost tender plants and shrubs which have been outside in pots during summer.
- Lift, divide and re-pot old clumps of rhubarb.
- Plant out tulip bulbs.

The Vagabond

Give to me the life I love
Let the love go by me.
Give the jolly heaven above
And the byway nigh me.
Bed in the bush with stars to see,
Bread I dip in the river There's the life for a man like me,
There's the life forever.

Let the blow fall soon or late
Let what will be o'er me
Give the face of earth around
And the road before me.
Wealth I seek not, hope nor love,
Nor a friend to know me;
All I seek, the heaven above
And the road below me.

Or let autumn fall on me
Where afield I linger
Silencing the bird on tree;
Biting the blue finger.
White as meal the frosty field Warm the fire-side haven Not to autumn will I yield,
Not to winter even!

Let the blow fall soon or late, Let what well be o'er Give the face of earth around, An the road before me. Wealth I ask not, hope nor love, Nor a friend to know me; All I ask, the heaven above And the road below me.

Robert Louis Stevenson

ALL CREATURES (MOSTLY SMALL)

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

I SOMETIMES THINK I have the best job in the world. Much of my day seems to be spent fussing animals. Cute puppies, wanting love and cuddles, get them aplenty as soon as they come through the door from everyone - receptionists, other clients, then from vets in the consult room. Occasionally we have the luxury of a health check, which gets them used to being on the table and being poked and prodded without an injection; mostly they are in for their first vaccination. Many start quite nervous on the table, but usually a few treats bring them round. And that's what we need to reassure these (hopefully) lifelong clients that coming to see us isn't too much of an ordeal. Then hopefully they are also going to be nice to us vets.

It is unfortunate that you become a vet because you have a love of animals and then after injections and temperature taking, many generally have a fairly dim view of vets in general. It amazes me how tolerant most of our patients are, but we do have a warning system (an image of a snapping crocodile) that flashes onto our screen with a known assailant, and very few owners mind when we suggest a muzzle to allow an examination with these, or an obviously grumpy pet. Some catch you unawares, because you've touched something painful, they have a sudden fearful panic, or they are not feeling tiptop (or they wouldn't be there in the first place).

I almost considered starting to wear specs recently, after a very near miss on my eye, only thwarted by the fact that the dogs rather large snout went into the socket of my eye, rather than grabbing my eyebrow. I had a shiner for a day or two, but the memory of feeling an eye wet with dog saliva lasted considerably longer.

My most memorable bite has been deep on my thumb from a hamster that took weeks to heal. The hamster seems to have the amazing ability to turn itself inside out and reappear facing the other way round attached to a digit. It is testament to five years of training to not fulfil the reflex your body is telling you to do - of trying to flick it away from you as hard as you can (little Jimmy won't be too happy with his vet if you do that). Unfortunately the hamster isn't quite as bribable with treats as the doggie patients.

By the way, any top tips on hamster handling to prevent this from happening again gratefully received.



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Broad

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

OWD BILL'S QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Carr daan. Get down and hide. Schooil's lowsin' The schoolchildren are emerging from school. Ahm fast for a bit o' I am unable to make progress unless I obtain a

hand. piece of string.

Nay, ah didn't awn tha. I apologise, I'm afraid I did not recognise you.

Although I have no doubt that I can afford it, on

no account am I prepared to pay that price.

6 Mindster On the other hand....

Ah'll warm thi backsid. I will cane you.

Ah can't thoil it.

Put t'wood I't oil. Kindly close the door. Tak' thi 'ook. Please leave immediately.

Saar 'oil 10 Drain ie "sour hole"

Ah'm fair flummoxed. I am extremely puzzled. 11

Odd thi gob. Kindly remain silent. It's knockin' on. It is becoming late.

Let's gerr agate. Shall we proceed?

Good shutness Good riddance

Ah did it bi rack o' t' e'e. I did it without any sophisticated instruments.

Ah reckon nowt ter that. I have no enthusiasm for that suggestion.

Ah mak ner wonder. I am not surprised.

Tha mun be doitin'. You must be showing symptoms of elderly

mental deterioration.

Tha gets o' mi wick. You annoy me.

21 Termorn Tomorrow

That theer's not much That object is of very poor quality.

cop.

It's up t' chimla. It is up the chimney. Sither 'ere. Now look here, my man.

Ah've takken it through I have dismantled it.

ter bits.

Ah wor fair suited. It pleased me immensely. Ah wor fair capt. I was extremely surprised.

He was very rich, & made sure everyone knew it. 'E wor brussen wi' brass.

Are ter paid? Do you accept defeat?

30 Ar kid My brother

Bonny ter marra As similar as twins.

Choose how In any case / whatever happens

GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

'Every Child Counts: Every Child Contributes'

New Starters - we welcome to our school: Jessie Allen, Callum Barker, Thomas Cadman-Bond, Jonny Gore, Charley Holland, Elle Honeyman, Cerys Jones, William Jose, Madeline Moorhouse-Smith, Archie Shackleton, Ella Swift, Brandon Taylor, Lewis Varey, Jenny Whitaker, Maisy Whitworth. They have quickly settled in and are making friends and learning. We are excited about seeing them flourish in their own unique ways over the coming weeks, months and years.

WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE? - we being the school in Gargrave. As it is the 200th anniversary of the National Society who established Church Schools we are studying the history of schooling at local and national level. We have useful log books in school which the children will investigate.

If you have any photographs or personal recollections which will be of interest to the pupils, please contact the school. This will help the pupils to understand learning in the past.

Our Harvest Festival is on Monday 17th October. We shall collect fruit and vegetables and then distribute to the care homes and to other nominated needy people. The church service will be at 2.30pm. Please come along, all welcome. If you know of someone who would appreciate a gift ring the school office and we shall endeavour to include them on our list.

Diary of William Brown, Age 11

Ewan Hudson, Class 4

Monday 11th January 1892 I really need to get used to the rules in the workhouse. I was late up today again. Tom was urging me awake at quarter to six but I was in a deep sleep. I was dreaming about my old life, working on my dad's farm. All that sunshine and fresh air. How I miss it. I wish the landlord hadn't chucked us out for not paying the rent. I suppose you can't blame him, it's his job.

Finally, Matron doused me with a pitcher of water and started screaming about how lazy I was. I knew the punishment, no supper. No point in arguing, I'd miss breakfast too.

Tuesday 12th January 1892 I'm shattered! All this hard work, its making me ill. I'm starting with a cold. I've been working in the frosty garden for five whole hours. Imagine it? We are given no gloves, no winter coat, no nothing! I only have the clothes they gave me the day I arrived. It's the same with everyone. All we wear are rags made out of hessian sacks, all scratchy and itchy. I had a good coat before I arrived but that was burnt on my first day.

I had an hour for lunch, which isn't enough time to rest your limbs. I've school this afternoon, but there's no time to write about that now. Will try tomorrow.

Wednesday 13th January 1892 Just finished my supper. Its half past six and I have about an hour before bedtime. Let me tell you about school. It's very different from my old one. We still learn to read and write but the teachers are very strict and unkind. First there is register, then hand inspection when the teachers and matron inspect our hands to see if they are dirty. If they are you get the cane, so we take care to clean in the morning! Next we have handwriting practice which is so boring. You sit in silence for ages just copying out words. If they're not neat, guess what? You get the cane. My handwriting isn't very neat. I can't tell you how many times I've got the cane for it. School is a boy's worst nightmare.

Thursday 14th January 1892 Guess what? I was allowed to spend some time with my mum today. She's not been well and they thought seeing me might do her good. Lately she's been doing the laundry. My sister Annabel gets to stay with her, which is totally unfair, why can't I? I do miss her. I even miss her nagging me!! Dad's not looking too good either. He looks in pain and I'm sure he was limping. He crushes stones for building roads. Poor Dad. Last time I saw him he tried to talk to me but was caught and I'm sure he was punished. Fancy having a rule where you can't even talk to your own Dad?

Friday 15th January 1892 I'm shattered! I didn't get much sleep last night and this time it wasn't the mice! I'm only covered by a grubby sack and it's so hard on the stone floor. I just couldn't get warm, even when me and my friends were huddled together. The food they give us is always the same. Bread and cheese all day and the bread is always stale. If we have anything different its tasteless gloop. Hey, here's Jim. He looks excited— I wonder what he's got to say? He says there's a rumour going round that some boys might be hired out to the factory next week. I wonder if it's true.....?

Saturday 16th January 1892.....It's true! It's true! We're hired! Mr Harker, the textile factory owner came for some boys yesterday to start on Monday. Jim says it's called being a pauper apprentice whatever that is. I don't really care. All I care about is getting out of here! Not only that, no more school – a dream come true!

We have to go in a minute to sign a contract. Then we become the property of Mr Harker. Jim reckons that's not good because Mr Harker works the children hard and beats them. I'm sure he doesn't.

Since I'll earn some money I might be able to get the family out of the workhouse, then everyone is happy.

Sunday 17th January 1892 I'm just about to set off for church. I usually hate church because all the other children tease us for what we wear and for being poor. It's so humiliating. I remember once when this lady shouted something at me about being a disgrace to the town and no help to society. We have to sit at the back of the church and can't mix with others from the town, or talk to our friends. I enjoy the singing though, it makes me happy.

And today none of this will matter. I'm getting hired out tomorrow. A brand new start. Hello factory, cheerio workhouse!!

Monthly meeting, 5 September 2011

lanet Turner

Apologies: Cty. Cllr Shelagh Marshall and Cllr. Peter Perls.

Public participation: There was a general discussion of traffic control issues including various suggestions as to the regulation of parking within the village. It was agreed to include transport issues as an agenda item for the October meeting.

Planning: There was much discussion about an application which has been made to erect an anaerobic digester at Kelber Hill Farm on Church Street. District Councillor Simon Myers confirmed that the application has been called in for consideration by the full Planning Committee of Craven District Council as opposed to being dealt with by Officers under delegated authority.

This was followed by the advertised presentation on the Localism Bill and its impact on planning procedures by Stephen Brown, Chief Planning Officer at Craven District Council.

Remembrance Sunday: Cllr. David Syms, the Deputy Chairman, agreed to attend the ceremony at the War memorial in the village and to lay a wreath on behalf of the village. As usual, Mrs. Ethne Bannister will procure the wreath from the British Legion and the Council will make a donation to the British Legion.

Christmas lights: It was decided not to supply Christmas trees this year but to consult the electrician about how to increase the number of lights used on the village Christmas tree near the War Memorial and around the Summer Seat as compared to last year

Next meeting: Monday 3 October at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

New International Bible for Cats

On the first day of creation, God created the cat.

On the second day, God created man to serve the cat.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as food for the cat.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labour for the good of the cat.

On the fifth day, God created expensive furniture so that the cat would have objects whereon to sharpen its claws.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but He had to scoop out the litter tray.



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INFORMATION

Rotas for St Andrew's Church

| Reading | Readings for worship | | |
|---------|---|--|--|
| 2 Oct | 15th Sun after Trinity - Harvest Thanksgiving. Deuter. 8:7-18 or | | |
| | Deuter. 28:1-14; 2 Corinthians 9:: 6-end; Luke 12: 16-30 or Luke 17: 11-19 | | |
| 9 Oct | 16th Sun after Trinity: Exodus 32: 1-14; Philemon 4: 1-9; Matt. 22: 1-14 | | |
| 16 Oct | 17th Sun after Trinity: Exodus 33:12-end; 1 Thess. 1: 1-10; Matt. 22:15-22 | | |
| 23 Oct | Last Sun after Trinity: Deuter. 34: 1-12; 1 Thess. 2: 1-8; Matt. 22: 34-end | | |
| 30 Oct | 4 th Sun before Advent: Micah 3:5-end; 1 Thess.s 2: 9-13; Matt. 24: 1-14 | | |
| 6 Nov | 3 rd Sun before Advent: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thess. 4: 13-end; Matt. 25: 1-13 | | |

| Sidesmen | 8am | | 10am |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Oct | Marion Scarborough | Joyce Brotherto | on Isobel Lacey |
| 9 Oct | Kay Craven | Eileen Holden | Jean Coldwell |
| 16 Oct | Janet Sturgess | Stanley Preston | John Bailey |
| 23 Oct | Colin Chapman | Sarah Curtis | Tim Warner |
| 30 Oct | Marion Scarborough | Joyce Brotherto | on Isobel Lacey |
| 6 Nov | Kay Craven | Kenneth Burges | ss Jean Coldwell |
| Readings Offertor | | | tory procession |
| 2 Oct | Hugh Turner | Pat Cockshott | Eileen Hoskin |
| 9 Oct | Carole Ballard | | |
| 16 Oct | Pauline Barnes | Norma Brothers | Judith Douglas |
| 23 Oct | Thelma Ellison | | |
| 30 Oct | Ruth Abbott | Eileen Holden | Jean Coldwell |
| 6 Nov | Valerie Geddes | Joyce Brotherto | on Isobel Lacey |
| Church cleaning | | If you can't carry out | |
| 26 Sept to 7 Oct Eileens: Hoskin and Ho | | nd Holden | any of these duties, |
| 10 to 21 Oct | 10 to 21 Oct Humphreys: Ron and S | | please arrange a swap. |
| 24 Oct to 4 | Nov Joyce Brothertor | n and Sarah Curtis | |

Church service

A vicar, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the vicar asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the vicar, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

[&]quot;Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

Public transport

| TRAINS FROM GARGRAVE TO: | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Leeds | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon - Fri | 0747 | 0814 | 1204 | 1349 | 1452 | 1730 | 1814 | 2029 | 2131 |
| Saturday | 0746 | 0928 | 1204 | 1345 | 1452 | 1744 | 1814 | 2029 | 2131 ¹ |
| Sunday | | | 1121 | 1352 | 1547 | 1557 | 1909 | | 2124 |
| Morecami | be | | | | | | | | |
| Mon - Fri | 0545 ² | 0905 | 1105 | | 1439 | 1730 | | | |
| Saturday | 0645 ² | 0905 | 1105 | | 1439 | 1730 | | | |
| Sunday | | 0931 | 1135 | | 1541 | | 1805 | | |
| Carlisle | | | _ | | | | _ | | |
| Mon- Fri | 0545 ² | 0932 | 1105 ³ | 1331 | 1439 ² | 1730° | 1846 | | |
| Saturday | 0645³ | 0932 | 1105 ³ | 1331 | 1439 ² | | 1840 | | |
| Sunday⁴ | | 0953 | 1135 ² | 1400 | 1541 ² | | 1805 | 3 | |
| BUSES FRO | OM GAR | GRAVE T | O: | | | | | | |
| Skipton | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon - Fri | 0706 | 0756 | 0820 | 0841 | 0956 | then e | every hr | until | 1756 |
| Saturday | 0956 | 1110 | 1156 | 1325 | 1356 | 1445 | 1556 | 1705 | 1756 |
| Sun/BH* | | | | 1208 | | 1508 | | 1653 | 1813 |
| Settle | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon - Fri | | 0740 | 0859 | then e | very ho | ur until | 1659 | 1804 | 2129 |
| Saturday | | 0740 ⁵ | 0859 | | | ırs until | 1659 | | |
| Sun/BH* | | 0931 | 0942 | 1102 ⁵ | | | | | |
| Malham | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon- Fri | 0725 | | 1000 ⁷ | | 1300 ⁶ | i | | 1610 | |
| Saturday | | | 1015 | | 1230 | 1400 | 1615 | | |
| Sun/BH* | | | 0942 | 1102 | 1242 | | 1542 | | |
| Notes | 1. Chan | ge at Ski | nton | | 4. Saturo | days duri | na term | time or | nlv |
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| | | ge at He | | | | ay, Wedi | | | only |
| | * Pleas | se note | that Su | nday bi | us servi | ices are | due to | chang | e from |

* Please note that Sunday bus services are due to change from 24th October, but details are not available at the time of going to press.

Dial-a-Ride service to Skipton on Tuesdays: This is an additional service offered by the Little Red Bus, leaving Eshton, Newfield, Airton, Bell Busk, Coniston Cold and Gargrave between 9.45am & 10.15am, and returning from Skipton at approximately 12.45pm. The bus is equipped with lifts for passengers using wheelchairs, and those unable to manage steps. Please phone a day in advance - 01756 795666 - to book your place and pick up location.

Refuse and recycling collection days

| Collections | Gargrave – Mon & Tue | Coniston Cold - Mon |
|--------------|---|-------------------------|
| 3/4 Oct | Blue bin, blue bag and brown bin (4 th) | Blue bag |
| 10/11 Oct | Green bin | Green bin and brown bin |
| 17/18 Oct | Blue bag and brown bin (18 th) | Blue bin & blue bag |
| 24/25 Oct | Green bin | Green bin and brown bin |
| 31 Oct/1 Nov | Blue bin, blue bag and brown bin (1st) | Blue bag |

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Gargrave Branch Surgery, Higherlands Close BD23 3RF Tel 749226 from 8am. 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

Gargrave C of E Primary School & Pre-School holiday dates

| | School Closes | School Opens |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Half term (Autumn) | Friday 21 October 2011 | Monday 31 October 2011 |
| Christmas | Tuesday 20 December 2011 | Monday 9 January 2012 |
| Half term (Spring) | Friday 10 February 2012 | Monday 20 February 2012 |
| Easter | Thursday 29 March 2012 | Monday 16 April 2012 |
| May Day | Friday 4 May 2012 | Tuesday 8 May 2012 |
| Half term (Summer) | Thursday 31 May 2012 | Monday 11 June 2012 |
| Summer | Friday 20 July 2012 | |

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A man walked into a bar...

^{...} and said "Ow!"

Organisations

This list shows some of the regular events in our village. Some of them are school term time only - see the information section p27 for school holiday dates.

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 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

Bowling - Indoor Bowls, Village Hall, Tues & Thurs 2pm, Doreen Lambert 749495

Cricket - Gargrave Cricket Club (over 13s) Tony Cockshott, 07788 100199

Croquet - Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Gargrave, Tues 2-6pm, Roy 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 7.30-8.30pm, Ian Cresswell 748540

Walking - GAP Group, start outside V Hall, 2nd Sun of mth 10am Olive Coates 748379

Yoga - Village Hall Annex, Wednesdays 9.30-11.30 am, Polly Leach 748118

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

Knit and Natter - St Andrew's, Tues 2pm, Norma Brothers 748392

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

WI - Village Hall Annex, 2nd Wed of month 7.30pm, Jan Sturgess 749734

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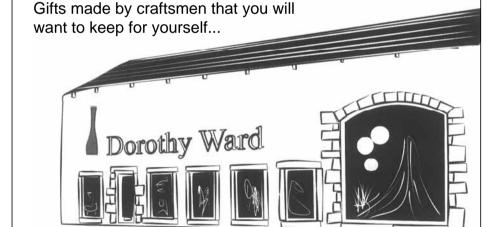
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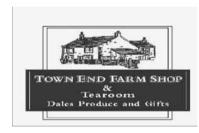






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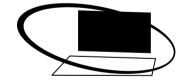
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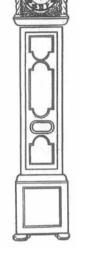
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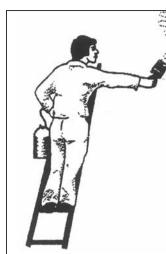
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