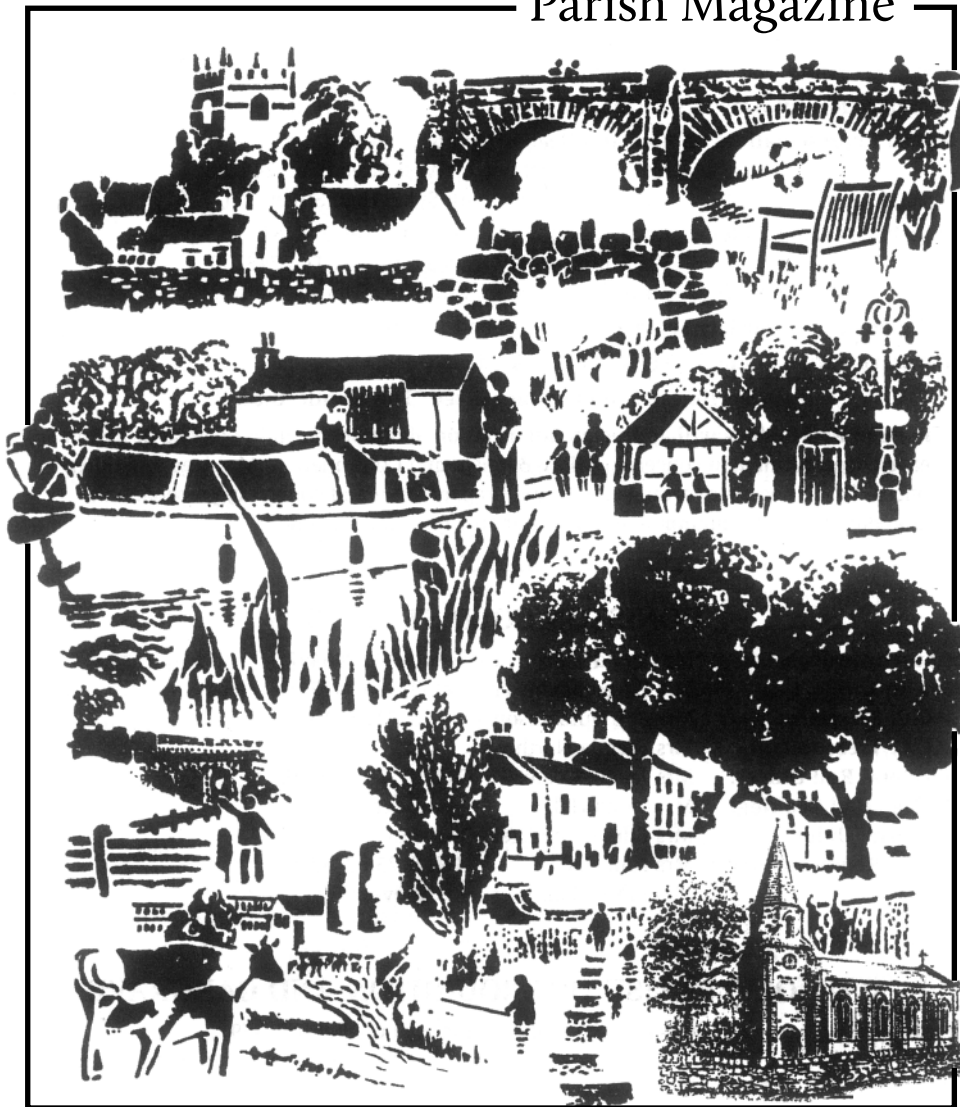


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ROD'S REFLECTIONS

D.I.Y. S.O.S: The Big Build!!

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY of you watch "D.I.Y.S.O.S. The Big Build" on BBC TV. It is one of my favourite programmes. A team consisting of a project manager, builders, electricians, plumbers and designers join local craftspeople and often unskilled volunteers to overhaul property of people who, through no fault of their own, have found themselves in difficulties from which there seems no way out. This gives them the start they need to change their lives.

It's a great concept and one of the strengths of the programme is the way the initially small team involve so many locals in the project at hand.

I'll bet you can see where this is going, can't you??

For a long time, God worked with and through many skilled and unskilled people. Builders such as Noah and Solomon; joiners (or at least "joiners-in"), such as David and Samuel and many others who showed people God's designs for a better world, such as the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Micah.

Somehow, it didn't quite catch on, the message of God's love for the whole of his creation and the part we humans could play in it was rejected so many times that in the end it really was a case for a "Do It Yourself Save Our Souls: The Big Build"!

In modern terms, God decided to be the hands-on "project manager" that had been missing. He came up with the great plan of being born as a human being, in an out-of-the-way place, which was experiencing persecution and foreign dominance. He also had to be born to an ordinary family, like yours and mine.

He knew that he needed the experience that such a life could bring in order that he could lead by example and involve as many people as possible in the great refurbishment of his creation, human beings in particular, that he was offering. Building a new way of living and looking at each other and our place within creation.

So he was born as a baby in a far outpost of the Roman Empire. God sent his messengers, his angels, to let the locals know that he had been born in Bethlehem, but to make absolutely sure that even the "bottom tier" of society knew, the angels were sent to shepherds, ordinary working men and boys who were not best regarded in the society of the time.

So began the great working together of God and humanity through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. offering of an opportunity to work in the building of a better world than we could ever have dreamed of, a new life with God.

The opportunity is still here with us and we are reminded of it as we once more celebrate, at Christmas, the birth of God's Son, over 2000 years ago, yet also here in our lives, if we want to let Him in.

Yours in Christ, Rod Geddes

DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Gargrave

Sat 3 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall

Sun 4 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church

W.I. Carol Service 2 pm,

Advent Parade from the Summer Seat 6 pm ending in Church

Mon 5 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Committee Room 1

Tue 6 Communion 9am, Church

Slide Show "Yorkshire Relishes", 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 9 "Christmas Recipe" - Production by Gargrave School, 2pm and 6pm, Village Hall

Sat 10 Neville House Christmas Fayre, 11am to 2pm, Village Hall.

Christmas Concert by Pinsuti, 7.30pm, Church

**Sun 11 Communion 8 a.m; Service of the Word 10 a.m, Church
Service with Prayer for Healing 6 p.m, Church**

Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall

Tue 13 Communion 9am, Church

Wed 14 WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex

Fri 16 Ladies Section Dance, 7pm to Midnight, Village Hall

Sat 17 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall

Sun 18 No morning services. Carol Service 5 pm, Church.

Mon 19 Gargrave School Carol Service 6 pm, Church.

Tue 20 Communion 9am, Church

Carol Service at Winterburn 7.30 pm

Wed 21 Carol Singing at Neville House, 6 pm

Sat 24 Christmas Eve; Christingle Service 5 pm; Communion 11.30 pm

Sun 25 Christmas Day; Communion 8 am; Family Communion 10.30 am

January 2012

Sun 1 New Year's Day service 10.30 am, Church

Thurs 5 Walk for Health, meet at the Summer Seat 10 am, followed by refreshments at the Dalesman from 11 am

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

Coniston Cold

Fri 2 Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt Christmas Party, Coniston Hotel.

Sun 4 Holy Communion 9 am, St Peter's

Sun 11 Services at Gargrave

Sun 18 Carol Service 7pm with Settle/Giggleswick Brass Band; Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in Village Hall after the service

Sun 25 Christmas Day; Family Communion 9.15am, St Peter's

January 2012

Sun 1 New Years Day; Morning Service 9 am, St Peter's

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

Gargrave Advent Parade

Claire Cadman Bond

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

We'd like 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 (and bring your grand children!) If you would like any more information please contact Claire on 01756 748527.

Mother's Union Gargrave and Coniston Cold

Ethne Bannister

Meeting with Hellifield, 2pm Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Fayre - stalls available

Kath Sagar

Neville House are holding a Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall on Saturday 10th December from 11am to 2pm. A Brass Band will play carols, there will be stalls and a Pie & Pea lunch. If you are interested in having a stall, please contact Kath Sagar at Neville House on **749349**. *(Sorry, the wrong phone number was printed last month, this is the correct one!)*

Christmas concert in Gargrave by Pinsuti

Duncan Faulkner

Christmas concert in St Andrew's Church by Pinsuti on Saturday 10 December at 7.30pm.

Pinsuti perform a Christmas concert every year and this will be their first in Gargrave. They will be performing a variety of mostly unaccompanied Christmas music from well-known carols to eight-part anthems and from the 17th to the 20th centuries.

Pinsuti is a group of around 20 singers based in Ilkley including two members from Gargrave. Their musical director is Michael Howell, organist of Holy Trinity Skipton. Hear some samples of their music at www.pinsuti.org.uk.

Tea and mince pies will be available in the interval.

Tickets £5 (£4 concessions) in advance from Duncan Faulkner (tel. 749443) or PCC members, or £7 (£6 concessions) on the door. Proceeds, after choir expenses, will go to the church.

New healthy walks for Gargrave and Hellifield

Jean Maxwell

New regular walks are starting in Gargrave and Hellifield in the New Year under the North Craven Strollers "Walking for Health" programme which provides regular free and gentle walks.

Initially the walks will be monthly, meeting on Thursdays at 10 am but it is hoped to increase them to fortnightly or weekly in the future. The first will be in Gargrave on Thursday 5th January when the group will meet at the Summer Seat at 10 am and walk for about an hour finishing up with refreshments at the Dalesman. The next walk will be on 2nd February at Hellifield with another scheduled for 1st March at Gargrave.

Typical walkers include people who were getting over heart surgery and recovering from cancer, as well as carers having chance for an afternoon off and people who had just moved into the area. They are open to all and walkers only need a pair of good walking shoes or boots and weather protection.

Jean Maxwell of Gargrave and Jeff Perris of Hellifield have been trained under the scheme to lead the new walks. Jean said: "The walks make a massive difference to the physical and social health of everyone, and it is very rewarding to see people improve their fitness and well-being over the weeks".

North Craven Strollers already runs weekly walks in Settle. It is run by volunteers under the auspices of Natural England nationally which has over 60,000 registered walkers in more than 5000 groups. Locally, an incentive scheme encourages regular walkers with discount in the two outdoor equipment suppliers in Settle, and walks are often organised to finish at a local tea shop or pub!

As well as the Settle walks meeting at 1.30pm on Wednesdays at the Millennium Garden near Booths car park, other Walking for Health walks in

Craven take place in High Bentham on Monday and Tuesday mornings - contact 015242 62672 - and in Cross Hills and Skipton.

More details about the Gargrave and Hellifield walks are available from Jean Maxwell on 01756 748851. For more information about North Craven Strollers contact 01729 824537 or ncravenstrollers@yahoo.co.uk.

A villager tells us that she went on one of these walks from Settle, and as she is not a regular "walker" found it very pleasant, good company and not overtiring. Everyone went at their own pace and the group waited for everyone to "catch up" and have a little chat. It lasted about an hour and was "just right" for easy unhurried bit of exercise. It will be good to be able to start from the village without one's car.

NEWS

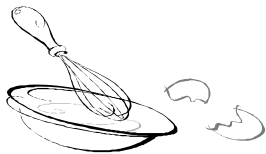
Magazine News

Bea and Duncan Faulkner

This month's magazine includes our first letter to the editors (more welcome), and also a leap from the distant past into very recent history.

We will soon be contacting current advertisers to see if they wish to renew their adverts for 2012/13. Sadly two of the existing adverts are no longer valid - Craven Childcare page A20 has now closed, likewise Dorothy Wards page A6.

Jamie at Home!



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Village Hall News

Sally Thomas

Over 60's - there will be no meetings on either the 21st or 28th December. Normal service will resume in the New Year on 4 January 2012.

Following the success of the Swing Commanders dance at the Village Hall on 4 November the band have been booked to appear again on Friday 9 November 2012. We tried to book them before this date but their diary is choc-a-block until this time next year - just goes to show how popular this band are. If you didn't manage to secure a ticket for this year's dance then make a date in your diary to ensure no disappointment.

The slide show in December will be the last one and it is titled 'Yorkshire Relishes'.

The Children's Society

Sylvia Humphreys

The recent opening of the Children's Society collection boxes, together with other donations, raised a total of £433. My thanks to everyone who contributed to raising this amount.

WI news

Janet Sturgess

NOVEMBER WAS ANOTHER BUSY MONTH for Gargrave WI with outings to the ballet to see 'The Nutcracker' and a social lunch at Halls Tea Rooms, which included a mince pie competition.

The Speaker in November, Terry Frazier, addressed the meeting on 'Housekeeping and Conservation in the National Trust'. Following a brief history of the National Trust, Terry described how causes of decay, prevention and intervention are the areas of focus for its annual cleaning programme.

His talk included many insights. Each room in a National Trust property is assessed for optimum light levels. Blinds are adjusted as required to minimise light damage to fabrics and water colours. 'Conservation heating' is provided with humidity between 50-60% since large variations in temperature have an

adverse impact on furniture. This is a computerised process and one of several utilised by the National Trust. Items of furniture each have labelled, numbered covers. The National Trust rotates their use to preserve upholstery. Furniture is even X-rayed to establish its structure and possible levels of infestation.

Many traditional processes however are still used. Bristle brushes and very fine nozzles are used to clean intricate items. Volunteers remove jewellery, watches and wear gloves and to avoid damage. Some items are too valuable and/or heavy to move so they are cleaned in situ with staff working from portable scaffolds.

He pointed out that National Trust properties experience more wear from visitors than in the past when they were private residences. To reduce this many strategies have been deployed. Three metres of matting at an entrance will eliminate most dirt and grit from visitors' shoes. Placing items 1.5 metres from visitors reduces dust by half.

With regard to preservation every National Trust property has a 'Bits and Pieces' box used by conservators to repair damage. Terry stressed that all conservation is reversible. Though visible to experts, members of the public rarely 'see the joins'. The National Trust now wants the public to see such work in progress and visitors are able to speak to the conservators.

The most impressive information for members was the relative infrequency of some cleaning processes! Wooden floors are cleaned two or three times a year. Ceramics every five to six years; chandeliers every ten years. Are there implications here for our own housekeeping?

The competition was for a tip for cleaning a household item. This was won by Joan Lawrence for her tip for cleaning ovens.

On 4th December Gargrave will be hosting the annual Group Carol Service at St. Andrews at 2pm. **Everyone in Gargrave is welcome. Do please come and join us.**

Coniston Cold Young Farmers

Janet Bolland

During November members have taken part in a mobile phone judging evening, made plans for the 2012 Annual Show, designed a Christmas card and worked in teams to design and dress members in outfits made from recycled materials. They have also taken part in the Settle District Public Speaking competition and Settle District darts competition.

Meetings are held at The Richard Tottie Memorial Hall, Coniston Cold at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated and during December meetings are as follows:-

Tuesday 6th Practice Whist Drive

Tuesday 13th CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

Admission £1.50, Jacobs Join Supper, Everyone Welcome

Tuesday 20th Carol Singing – meet at Rathmell Reading Room 6.30 pm.

For further details please ring Leader Janet Bolland on 01729 830505.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Mr and Mrs Faulkner

Reading Kevin Jackson's excellent pieces on the history of Gargrave reminded me of a little known fact.

People often wonder why there are so few Roman remains in this area. The reason is that they had so much trouble satisfying the demands of the planning department of Craven District Council that they decided that York was a far better bet! There the planning authorities were less averse to contemporary design and building on the greenbelt. The rest is history!

The programme of the Gargrave Village Fayre 1982 notes the following development of the placename Gargrave (no dates or references are attached):

Gheregrau * As spelled in the Domesday Book

Gerigraph

Gayrigrav

Ghergrave

I particularly like the idea of the mag carrying obituaries and hope the idea takes root. So often there are parts of a person's life, who you thought you knew, that only come to life in an obituary.

Many thanks

David Handley (by email, 11th November)



"...don't cry darling!
The man with the
white beard and pointed hat
who might be resigning
is the Archbishop of Canterbury -
NOT Father Christmas!"

WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

Sue Smith, Gargrave, November 9th

*"Nature does not hurry
- yet everything is accomplished."*

Lao Tzu

IT'S TIME TO SLOW DOWN. The summer visitors have all migrated, and we hope they have weathered the guns of the Mediterranean on their journeys south. Some mammals have gone into hibernation or semi-hibernation. Most deciduous trees are almost bare, and where they have not been mutilated, their lovely natural shapes are easier to appreciate than in summer, when they are clothed with leaves. The occasional remaining gold leaf is beautiful in the sunshine. The early hoar frost of November picked out the sculptural shapes so well and they were stunning in the early morning sunlight.

It is therefore easier to see our resident birds. There are plenty of blackbirds and I am noticing more robins; finches are much in evidence.

Tits, blue, great and coal abound, and one day among their party, there was a treecreeper climbing up the trunk of a tall hawthorn; then they all flew into the conifers, where he or she climbed up the trunk. I have not seen one for years, so this is a small item of good news in a world where there are daily reports on the World Service and Radio 4 of extinctions, or creatures on the verge of it.

Goldcrests, those enchanting little birds have again explored the conifers.

Collared doves, often in pairs, grace the roof tops and lamp posts, and mallard and goosander fly across the skyline. An occasional magpie flies among the trees. These birds have an undeservedly bad reputation, but do very little harm if there are only a few of them.

The rowan, now bare of leaves, attracts birds to its branches. On its tips are small well formed buds, and we must wait patiently for them to burst into leaf next year.

THE DECEMBER GARDEN

Barbara Walker Sharp

*"A real gardener is not a man who cultivates flowers,
he cultivates the soil"*

AND DECEMBER IS A GOOD TIME to do it if you can lay your hands on some good compost, home made and including leaf mould or well rotted farmyard manure. Spread it over herbaceous beds and vegetable plots and the cold winter weather will do the rest for you. In spring it will be easy to fork in lightly if necessary.

It is tempting to think December is a time to be indoors. In some winters the weather is often not bad at all - 2009 and 2010 being the dramatic

exception. Walk around your garden on fine days. How much winter colour do you have?

There are some wonderful shrubs which will provide winter colour. Mahonias have bright yellow flowers as does winter flowering jasmine. Elaeagnus x ebbingei has wonderful shiny dark green leaves edged with yellow. Then there are the Cotoneasters, with their red and yellow berries which will eventually be eaten by the birds. Pyracanthas too produce huge crops of brilliant berries, golden yellow or rich orange red.

Less popular these days, the winter flowering heathers are very colourful and many do not require acid soil and grow happily in most gardens in shades of pink, mauve, purple and white. In addition they provide good ground cover.

Jobs to do in December

- Half prune roses to prevent them rocking around in the wind. Other tall-stemmed shrubs may need a little pruning.
- As soon as their leaves have fallen, deciduous trees can be pruned and shaped and their size reduced if necessary, in small gardens.
- Plant lily bulbs for next year. Put grit, gravel or broken crocks at the bottom of each 8" pot and cover with 2-3" of soil based compost. Place 3 or 5 bulbs according to size and fill pot almost to the brim with compost and protect from frost by overwintering in greenhouse or cold frame.
- Treat your greenhouse to a thorough clean.

*"Tonight the winds begin to rise
And roar from yonder dripping day
The last red leaf is whirled away
The rooks are blown about the skies."*

Tennyson

INTO THE RECENT PAST

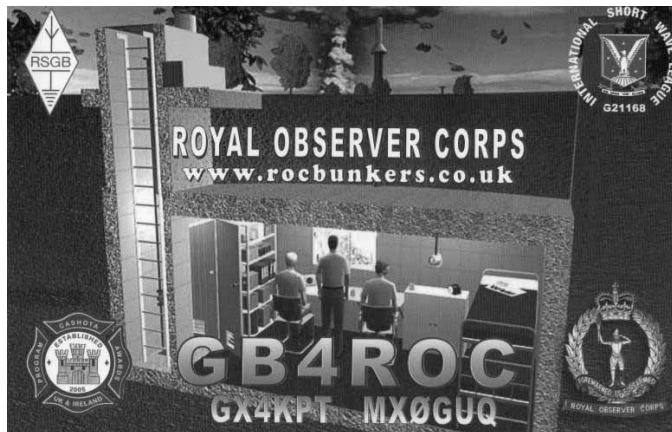
Kevin Jackson

The Cold-War hidden history of Gargrave

I HAVE RECENTLY BEEN taking part in the 20th anniversary of the commemoration of the disbandment of the Royal Observer Corps (ROC) who were stood down in the September of 1991. The ROC role in WWII was to observe the skies looking for enemy aircraft and when the UK moved into the Cold-War they then took on the role of monitoring the threat of nuclear war. This is where the hidden history of Gargrave comes in.

On the summit of Butterhaugh Hill lies the site of the Gargrave ROC monitoring post No.43 in the York cluster. The underground bunker was opened in the May of 1962 and closed in Sept 1991. The bunker was then filled in during 1998 and the cellphone repeater mast built upon it.

I have been using my amateur radio station in October 2011 as part of a nationwide commemoration of the 20th anniversary by making contact with other amateur radio stations in the UK who were also activating other ROC bunker locations. It was an amazing month with 120 ROC bunkers on the air by over 45 amateur radio operators. A fantastic commemoration of our hidden history. Find more information at www.rocbunkers.co.uk



The card shown is one received confirming my contact with the Special-Callsign of GB4ROC.

The cut-away depicted shows the inside of a monitoring post and the Gargrave post would have been the same.

The Gargrave ROC monitoring post No.43 was controlled from the York HQ Group 20 at Acomb. This HQ bunker is now a museum owned by English Heritage and looks as it was at stand down in 1991. It is also the most modern museum that English Heritage own.

I have certainly been educated by reading all about the ROC on the internet and it has a fascinating history. A new book has just been published in time for the 20th anniversary, 'ROC Underground Monitoring Posts' by Mark Dalton. It looks like it will be an interesting read.

Have any of you who are reading this been involved with the Gargrave ROC post as an observer or any of your family? If so I would be interested to read any information that you may have such as stories, leaflets, books, photographs or even the building of the post.

I have one further request. Looking back to WWII, do any of you have any information regarding the searchlight battery that was located in the field across the A65 from the Anchor Inn. It was on the 1945 aerial photographs and I have failed to find out anything further.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading about part of our history that is often overlooked. I for one have found it truly fascinating learning about Gargrave and its role in the Cold-War.

Kevin Jackson, 7 River Place, Gargrave, Skipton, BD23 3RY.

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Paul Valler, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity



Christmas is on the Cards

Will it be a LeapPad, a Lightsaber or a Lego Fire Temple? All 'must have' toys for this Christmas. Despite rapidly rising prices for basics like food, energy and petrol, the season of shopping on credit cards is with us again - leaving debts that will contribute to a national day of gloom in January when the statements come through.

Personal debt, excluding mortgages, now averages around £9,000 per household in Britain. It's frightening and makes people feel trapped, driven and despairing. To escape from debt we must honestly face up to it and make some tough choices.

I'm not talking about people whose life situations put them on, or even below, the breadline, with agonizing decisions to make every day. Such people deserve our support and the help and advice of charities like Christians Against Poverty. No, I'm talking about the majority of us who are in a position to make some simpler choices about what we spend.

My mobile is looking old, the battery is not what it was, but to change it I would have to move to a more expensive contract. I want a new one, but I don't need it. I would love to give my kids some big presents, but if I'm really honest they don't need them either. The pressure is coming from a culture which says 'I am what I have', and perhaps from my own covetousness and insecurity.

In Scripture we read, 'I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation' (Philippians 4:12). Yes, contentment! A mighty weapon in the fight against covetousness and materialism! This may well be the battle to be fought in many a heart and mind in the lead up to Christmas. If we can learn to be content with less 'stuff', we may discover an increased freedom to make work and lifestyle changes and adapt to reduced income.

Far be it from me to stifle generosity - especially as giving can be a language of love. But Scripture also says that 'if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have' (2 Corinthians 8:12). In the midst of our giving let's hold on to the freedom of a low debt lifestyle.

'Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another' (Romans 13:8).

(Nb People struggling with personal debt can get free help at the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) debt counselling centre in Skipton - visit capuk.org or call CAP helpline 0800 328 0006.)

ASK SHEILA AND TED

Dear Ted and Sheila,

We have a family problem: for most of the last year nearly every time we arrange to see my wife's parents they manage to put us off. Either the date isn't convenient, if we suggest going to see them; or if they are planning on coming to us they mostly cancel at the last minute, as they aren't feeling too well. We're not that close to them but would like to see them a bit more, particularly as we now have a baby and would like him to see his grandparents. Can you help?

Clive Wood

Dear Clive,

Often people don't want to see the inlaws, but perhaps they don't want to see you? Have you annoyed them, or upset them? Perhaps they don't feel able to explain what has gone wrong. Perhaps they don't want to be a babysitting service. Some gentle probing might reveal the cause of their reticence. Meeting somewhere other than your homes - a neutral venue - might help. If that doesn't work you need to confront them: ask what the issue is and sort it out! But it does appear that you won't be seeing much of them until you have got to the root of the problem and addressed it. You can't force people to be friends.

Yours truly
Sheila

Dear Clive,

Gently gently would be my thought: it may all just feel too much for them. They may be the same with other people. Even normal life feels a challenge, as you get older: you and a baby may be way too much. Try being kind to them from a distance: send them post cards, a thoughtful present from holiday, a nice phone call. Take an interest in what they are doing. Don't give up if it often doesn't work out: keep on trying to meet up. God loves us a bit like that: he doesn't force his affection on us. The famous picture 'The Light of the World' by Holman Hunt is based upon a verse in the Bible where Jesus says: 'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me.' But it is up to us to open the door for ourselves. You could try applying the oil of kindness to your inlaws and see if that helps the door open. Persistent knocking may also help.

Blessings
Ted

Ref: The Bible, New International Version, 1984. Revelation chapter 3 verse 20



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GAS LEET AN' T' SET POT

When ah wor a young un', ah ewsed ter goa wi' mi dad ter call on 'is cousin Jack. 'E lived wi' mi Great Aunt Everella (she wor sister ter mi grandmother, thasees), and wi' 'im 'at ah called Uncle Willie. Ah reckon 'at 'e worn't mi real uncle, thanaws; ah reckon 'at they wor livin' ower t' brush! But nub'd'y ivver telled me owt abaat that – ah wor too young to know abaat these 'eer things!

Ther lived in a wun daan an' wun an' a bit up. Ther wor a door at t' bottom o' t' chamber steps, an' a curtain ower t' aatside door ter keep t' draught aat, thanaws. I't' far corner, ther wor a stoin sink, an' a cowl watter tap (ther didn't use much 'ot watter) – but ther wor a black-leeaded range, an' ther'd put kettle o't fire for cups o' teea an' that. Ah reckon ther didn't need baths i'them days – not like that theer Queen Elizabeth, 'oo 'ad a bath ivvery year, whether she needed it or not. 'Owd on thoa - Ah doan't mean aar Queen Elizabeth (bless 'er) – ah bet she 'es a bath ivvery week!

Ther 'ed a set pot I' t' cellar, an' ther'd fill it wi' watter (wi' buckets) o' weshin' day, an' leet a fire under it. Then. ther'd 'ev ter teem t'watter aat on it wi' a ladin' can, inter a peggy tub. Ther 'ed a rubbin' booard ter rub t'muck aat o' t' clo's wi', an' a posser – like a gert big taty masher. An' moor watter ter rinse wi', an' then ther'd 'ev ter wind 'em through t' mangle, 'afoor 'engin' 'em aat ter dry. Aw aye, an' if it wor rainin', ther'd 'ev ter 'eng 'em raand t'fire o' t'

wintredge. It wor easy I' them days – noa buttons ter press ner nowt – mangles nivver brok daan! 'Appen ther'd 'ev sooar 'ands, thoa!

Ah've just thowt on. Ther 'ed a big kitchen table wi' polished fancy legs, an' ivvery leg 'ed an owd sock on it. They reckon 'at this 'ere wor a throwback ter't Victorian times, when it wor not seemly for lasses to show bits o' leg; an' this cum ter meean 'at onny soort o' leg 'ed ter be covered up. 'Appen soa – burr, ageean, 'appen ther wor nobbut theer cos ther thowt 'at socks o' t' table leg 'ud stop 'em gerrin' scratched.

It wor a posh 'ouse – ther 'ed gas leets. Sum on yer 'ull 'appen remember 'at ye 'ed ter 'ev a mantle for ivvery leet, an' these 'eer mantles wor reight flimsy – if yer touched 'em, ther'd fall ter bits. Well, one day, ah wor theer, an' they got ter be fratchin' among thersens. One on em' let weng wi' a dish claat, burr it missed, an' hit t' mantle i'steead! Ther wor 'ell ter pay, ah can tell ther!

Ah reckon that's enew thru' me fer naa. God bless!

GAS LIGHT AND THE INSTALLED CAULDRON

When I was a youngster, I went with father to visit his cousin Jack. He lived with my great-aunt Everella (she was grandmother's sister), and with him whom I referred as Uncle Willie. It occurred to me subsequently that to call him "uncle" was something of a misnomer; I believe they were living in sin! But I was kept in ignorance of such things – I was considered too young!

They lived in a one up, one down, with a small extra bedroom. A door closed off the bottom of the staircase, with a curtain over the outside door in order to prevent the ingress of cold air. In the corner there was a sink made of stone, and a cold water tap (they used very little hot water) – but there was a range which required regular polishing with graphite solution, and they would put the kettle on the fire for cups of tea and so forth. It seems to me that they didn't need baths in that era – not like Queen Elizabeth, who had a bath every year, whether she needed it or not. Oh – just in case of any misunderstanding, I must make it clear that I am not referring to our own Queen Elizabeth II (God bless her) – it is a reasonable assumption to make that she takes a bath weekly.

They had in the cellar an installed cauldron; they would fill it with water using buckets on washing day, and under it they would light a fire. Afterwards, they would transfer the hot water by means of an enamelled half-gallon container into a washing tub. They had a rubbing board on which garments were vigorously scrubbed in order to remove soiling. They also had a posser, which is similar in shape to a very large potato masher. After a further rinse, they would have to pass them through the wringing machine, before hanging them out to dry. Oh yes – and if it was raining, they would have to hang them round the fire on a clothes drier (Etymological note: winterhedge – instead of hanging clothes on a garden hedge as they would in summer, in winter, they used a "winterhedge"). Things were easy in those days – no buttons to press, or anything. Wringers never broke down! Perhaps they would have sore hands, though!

I've just remembered. They had a big kitchen table with polished intricately carved legs, and every leg had on it an old sock. This is supposed to have originated in Victorian times, when it was not done for young ladies to expose their lower limbs, and the outcome of this was that any sort of leg must be covered. Perhaps – but again, but it may be that the socks on the table leg were there to prevent it becoming scratched.

It was a sophisticated dwelling – illumination was by way of gas lights. Some of you will remember that it was that every light required a mantle, and that these mantles were extremely fragile – if they were touched, they collapsed. Well, one day when I was present, they started arguing. One person threw a dishcloth across the room, which missed, and hit the mantle. Strong words were to be heard!

In my opinion, that is quite sufficient from me. God bless!

GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

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Sierra Leone: We have been successful at obtaining funding from the Global Schools Partnership, for a member of staff to visit our link school in Sierra Leone for a week in February, and for one of their staff to visit us for a week in May.

The project aims to share learning and resources on food and farming, with the outcomes of opening minds to global issues. We shall be focussing on the need for clean water and local food. We shall be collecting items to take over to the link school. They really need pencils so we aim to collect 500 as that is how many they have in their school. As we develop our links with the Baptist School we hope that it will become everlasting, something Millicent, their link teacher has written to us about... We have already shared a poster prepared by the children about a view from their window, pen portraits and written work. If you have ideas on resources to share or want to know more, or become involved yourself please contact school.

Residential at East Barnby: At the time of writing the year 6s are on their residential. They have been gorge walking and kayaking, the feedback has been 'fantastic' and the pupils are making new friends with the children from Thornton-in-Craven. More detail in January's magazine.

Christmas Production "A Christmas Recipe", Friday 9th December 2pm and 6pm, in the village hall The whole school is involved and the youngest pupils take the lead.

Please come along. The afternoon performances are usually less crowded! We make no charge but donations are gratefully received and the money goes to the cost of items used; any extra will go to Alzheimer's Society, the year 6 chosen charity for this year.

Carol Service in Church Monday 19th December 6pm. We hope you will be able to join us. There will be traditional carols and the youngest pupils forming a tableau of the nativity scene.

Finally we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Pictures by Class 2: Christmas Tree by Emma Cadman Bond; Sleigh & Rudolph by Andrew Papai; Santa by Cameron Whitelock; Angels by Lily Clarke

What goes red white red white red white?
Santa rolling down a hill.

For weeks, a six-year old lad kept telling his nursery teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mummy ate it!"

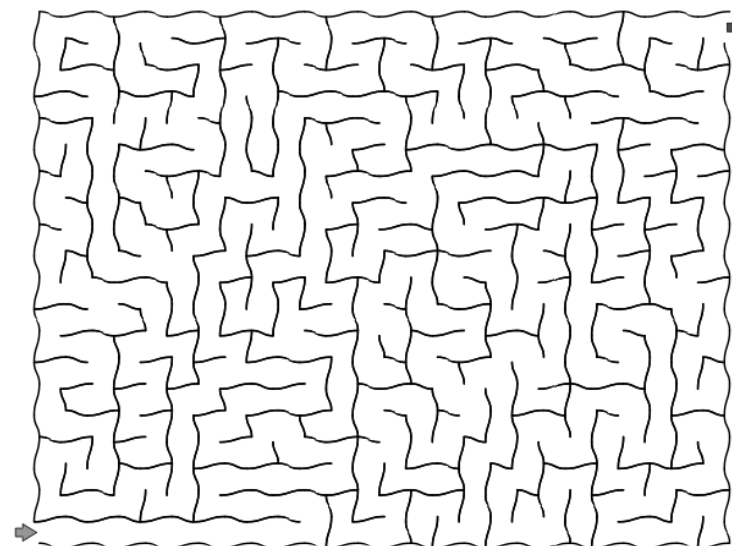
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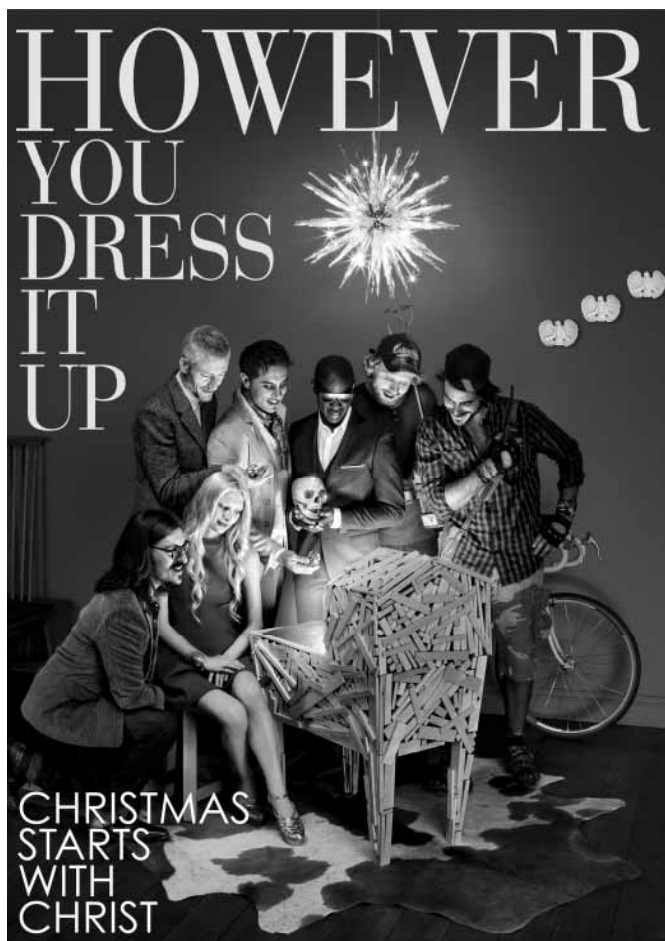
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Maze



I've just got home and found all the windows and doors open and everything has gone.

What kind of sick twisted person does that to someone's advent calendar?



GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting, 7 November 2011

Bernadette Atkinson

Apologies were received from Clls. Turner, Smales, Thomas, Perls. Dist. Counc. Myers was also unable to attend. Cll. Perls has tendered his resignation due to family reasons.

Four members of the Library Support Committee attended to report on the current situation in the fight to save Gargrave Library. The group is waiting to hear if the proposals for the community to manage the library will be accepted by NYCC Executive but there is serious concern that volunteers to go on the Management Committee or to provide assistance in the library itself have not

been forthcoming. The cost of providing an RFID system to self-issue items will be £1,700 and the group will also have to fund the costs of CRB checks for all volunteers. Thanks were offered to the Parish Council for their financial assistance and to members of Gargrave WI who are hoping to organise a "Friends" scheme. Members are due to address the school PTA next week.

The Parish Council website should be up and running soon – details will be placed in the Parish Magazine and the Craven Herald village news.

New lights are to be placed on the village Christmas tree this year at a cost of £1,985 but these will remain there throughout the year and should not need replacing for at least 3 years. Concern was expressed about the planted beds at the village's entry and exit which need trimming and tidying.

The ROSPA inspection of the playground has taken place and the contract to service St Andrews clock was approved. A resident has expressed concern about the condition of the tow path between Higherlands and the Anchor locks. The possibility of acquiring land for allotments is to be discussed at next month's meeting. Council is still waiting for signage to the doctor's surgery. Planning applications were considered for Paget Hall which includes walls, gates and a horse walking area. The missing stones on the greens are to be replaced and the plans for the Memorial Garden path are to be marked out.

The non-emergency telephone number for the police is to be changed from December 12th to 101 instead of the current 0845 60 60 247.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th December at 7.15 pm.



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Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship

4 Dec	<i>2nd Sun of Advent</i> Isa. 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
11 Dec	<i>3rd Sun of Advent</i> Isaiah 61:1-4,8-end; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28
18 Dec	<i>4th Sun of Advent</i> 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Romans 16:25-end; Luke 1:26-38
25 Dec	<i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i> Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-4(5-12); John 1:1-14
1 Jan	<i>The Naming and Circumcision of Christ/2nd Sun of Christmas</i> Numbers 6: 22-end; Galatians. 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21. Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians:4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21



"Nice idea, Amelia, but I don't think the Angel of the Lord texting the shepherds would have the same dramatic effect."

Sidesmen	4 Dec	8 am	Marion Scarborough	
		10 am	Sarah Curtis	Tim Warner
	11 Dec	8 am	Kay Craven	
		10 am	Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell
	18 Dec	8 am	Janet Sturgess	
		10 am	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey
	24 Dec	5pm	Eileen Holden	Norma Brothers
			Ruth Abbott	Judith Douglas
		11.30 pm	Pat Cockshott	Eileen Hoskin
	25 Dec	8 am	Colin Chapman	
		10.30 am	Stanley Preston	Judith Robinson
	1 Jan	8 am	Marion Scarborough	
		10 am	Sarah Curtis	Tim Warner
Readings		Offertory procession		
4 Dec	Valerie Geddes	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey	
11 Dec	John Bailey			
18 Dec	Hugh Turner	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas	
24 Dec	Valerie Geddes	Pat Cockshott	Eileen Hoskin	
1 Jan	Pauline Barnes	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas	

Church cleaning		<i>If you can't carry out any of these duties, please arrange a swap.</i>
21 Nov to 2 Dec	Jean Banks and Carole Ballard	
5 to 16 Dec	Faulkners: Beatrice and Annie	
19 to 30 Dec	Eileens: Holden and Hoskin	
2 to 18 Jan	Humphreys: Ron and Sylvia	

Public transport

Please note that the **Train Timetables change on December 10th** and the details below may then be unreliable.

Trains from Gargrave to:									
Leeds									
Mon - Fri	0747	0814	1204	1349	1452	1730	1814	2029	2131
Saturday	0746	0928	1204	134 ⁵	1452	1744	1814	2029	2131 ¹
Sunday			1121	1352	1547	1557	1909		2124
Morecambe									
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 ²	1846		
Saturday	0645 ³	0932	1105 ³	1331	1439 ²		1840		
Sunday		0953	1135 ²	1400	1541 ²		1805 ³		
Buses from Gargrave to:									
Skipton									
Mon - Fri	0706	0756	0820	0841	0956	then every hr until 1756			
Saturday	0956	1110	1156	1325	1356	1455	1556	1710	1756
Sunday				1208 ⁶		1508 ⁶			1658 ⁶
Settle									
Mon - Fri		0740	0859	then every hour until			1659	1804	2129
Saturday		0740 ⁴	0859	then every 2 hrs until			1659		
Sunday									
Malham									
Mon - Fri	0725		1000 ⁵		1300 ⁵				1610
Saturday			1015		1230	1400	1615		
Sunday				1102 ⁶	1242 ⁶		1242 ⁶		
Notes									
	1. Change at Skipton			4. Saturdays during term time only					
	2. Change at Lancaster			5. Monday, Wednesday & Friday only					
	3. Change at Hellifield			6. 27 th December only					

Please note that the Winter Timetable does not offer a Sunday bus service to Settle, and there is just one Sunday in December when buses run to Malham.

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Refuse and recycling collection days

Collections	Gargrave – Mon & Tue	Coniston Cold – Mon
5/6 Dec	Green bin	Green bin & brown bin
12/13 Dec	Blue bag & brown bin (12 th)	Blue bin & blue bag
19/20 Dec	Green bin	Green bin
27 Dec	Blue bin & blue bag (all on Tue 27 th)	Blue bag (Tue 27 th)

No brown bin collections from mid December until end of February.

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	School Closes	School Opens
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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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 Thurs 9am-1pm, Jean McHale 01729 850329, 07775 880557

Meals on Wheels – Mon & Wed, 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
Walking for Health - monthly Thursdays 10am, Jean Maxwell 748851
Yoga - Village Hall Annex, Wednesdays 9.30-11.30 am, Polly Leach 748118
Zumba - V. Hall (16+) Tues 5.45-6.45pm & Thurs 5-5pm, Julia Priestley 07769 692471

Modern sequence dance – Village Hall, Mon 7.45-10pm & a monthly Saturday (see diary, p.2), John Stephenson 01535 632935
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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
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Stan Drew's Community Choir – Ruth Abbott, 748483
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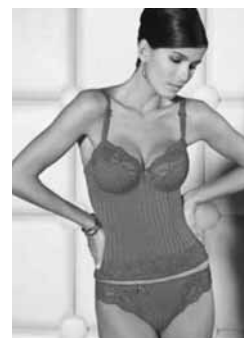
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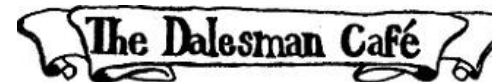
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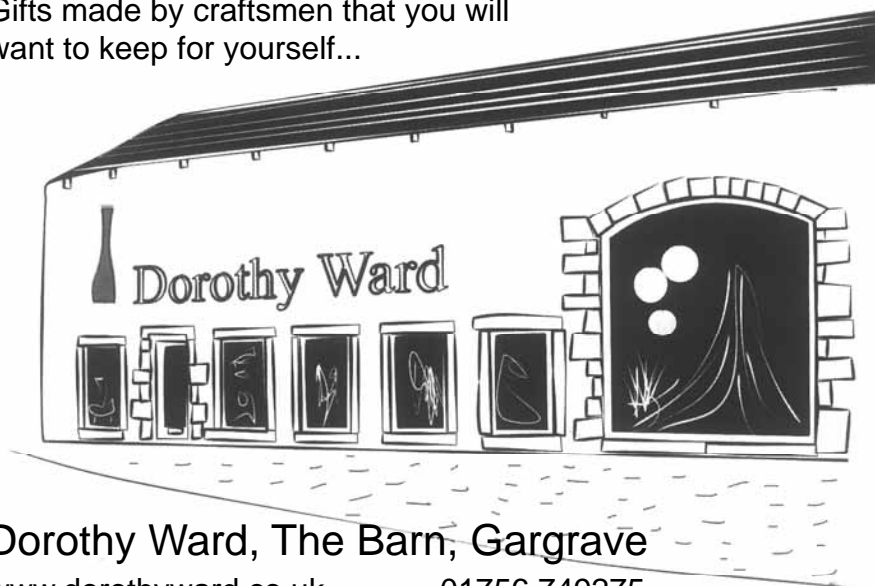
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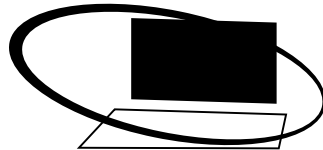
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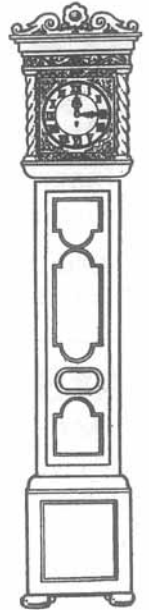
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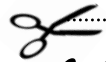
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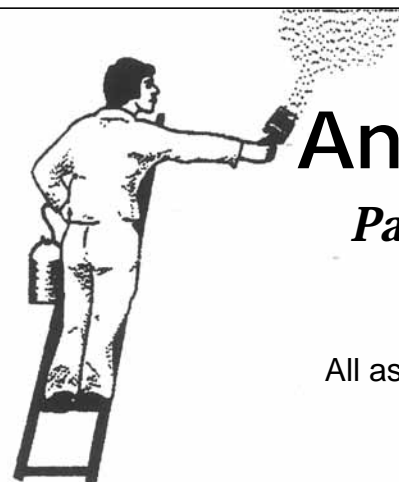
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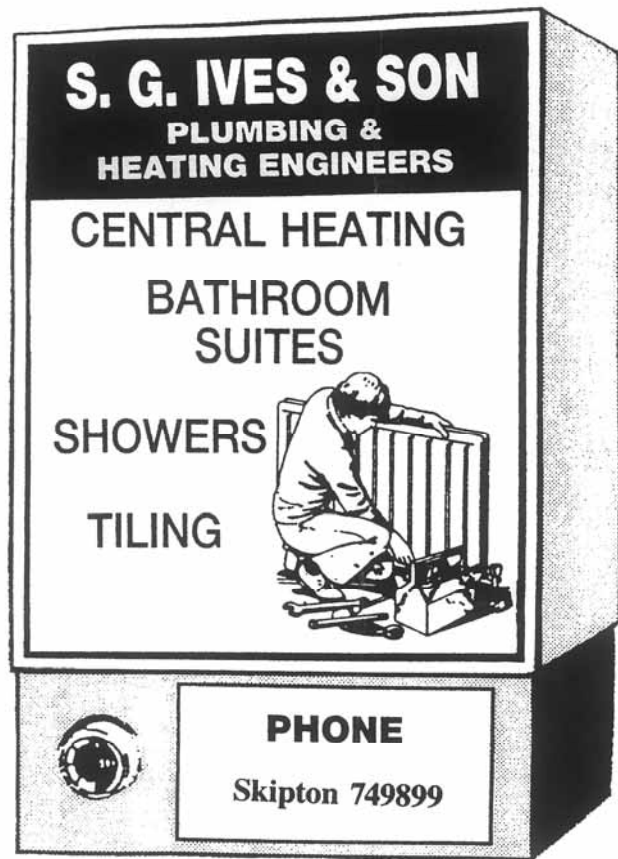
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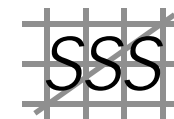


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