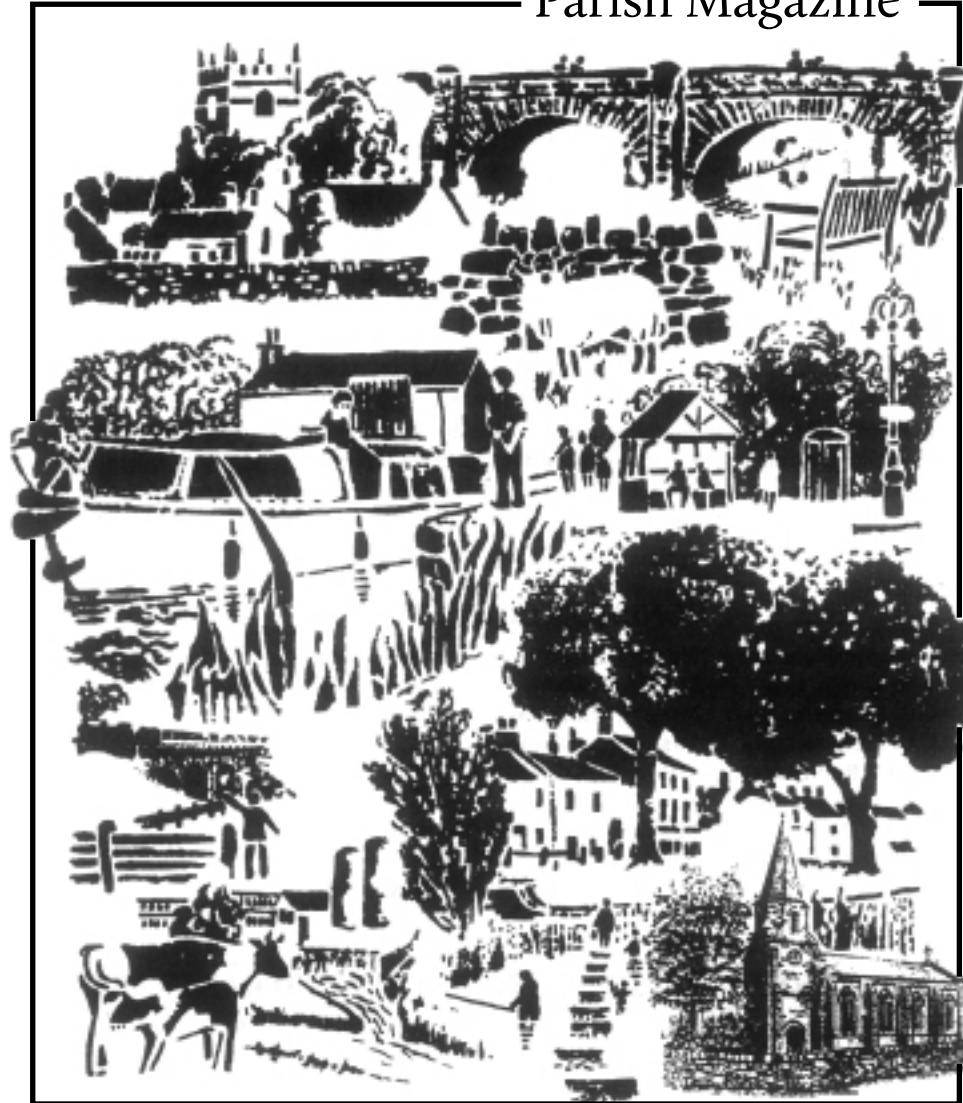


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ROD'S REFLECTIONS

Farther On

2011 IS NOW BEHIND US and we look forward to 2012 and what the year will bring for us.

Sometimes we can see a New Year as an opportunity for new beginnings, but I feel that is often not a helpful way to look at our lives and the lives of those around us.

One thing that the modern "celebrity culture" has brought to the fore is the accent on someone's "journey", be it the journey from first audition to X Factor finals, (and here you can substitute "Strictly come Dancing", "Big Brother", "I'm a Celebrity, get me out of here") or the physical journeys to the Arctic Circle, down the Amazon, across the Sahara that have featured recently on T.V.

There is, of course, another sort of "journey"; the spiritual journey we all make, in some form or another. Even those who reject all forms of spirituality have "arrived" at that conclusion after a "journey of exploration".

In Jesus' teaching "journey" plays an important part. The past is as important as the present and Jesus, in so many ways, gives people hope for the future, however uncertain individuals might be seeing their future.

He gives credence to the fact that we are all on a journey by the great promise he gives to his disciples at the Last Supper; that he is "going to prepare a place for them" and will return to take them there. His statement that he is "The Way" (and "The Truth and The Life") refers not to a "method of doing things" but to "The Road" to God's Kingdom; that there is always more to experience farther on that journey.

Indeed, the early followers of Christ, after his Resurrection and Ascension, were known as "followers of the Way"; people following The Road!

Can we see that we are all "journeying through life"? If so, "new beginnings" become changes of direction, which is an entirely different matter. Changes in direction acknowledge all that is in the past, whereas "new beginnings" might tempt us to try to ignore our past and "start again". That could lead to so many problems, because who we are at any time can't be divorced from our experiences up to that point.

Deciding to follow Jesus was never about a new beginning, but about bringing all that we are and we were and stepping out in a new direction with him, following the Road and allowing ourselves to experience life in a new way.

Jesus said "If any wants to save their life, take up your cross and follow me". He always meant that to be:

"Bring everything that is you, including all the things that have ever happened in your life, and come with me to a new view of life and yourselves, to a place where you know that you are loved for being You, not for someone that you think others would like you to be before you can be acceptable."

What an invitation!! I pray that we can travel that Road together, with the sure promise that there is always more to experience as we travel "farther on".

Yours in Christ, Rod Geddes

DIARY FOR JANUARY

Gargrave

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

Tue 3 Communion 9 am, Church

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

Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10 am to Noon, Village Hall

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

Mon 9 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Committee Room 1

Tue 10 Communion 9am, Church

Wed 11 WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex

Thur 12 Mother's Union AGM, 2pm, Church

Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall

Sun 15 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church

Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall

Inn Faith - songs, fellowship and food, 5pm, Anchor Inn

Tue 17 Communion 9am, Church

Sat 21 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall

Sun 22 Communion 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer 10 a.m, Church

Tue 24 Communion 9am, Church

Wed 25 Bingo 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex

Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall

Sun 29 Communion for All Ages 10.30 a.m, Church

Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall

Tue 31 Communion 9am, Church

February 2012

Sat 4 Coffee & Cupcake morning in aid of the NSPCC, Village Hall.

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

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

Coniston Cold

- Sun 1 New Years Day; Morning Service 9 am, St Peter's
- Sun 8 Services at St Andrew's, Gargrave
- Sun 15 Book of Common Prayer Communion 9 am, St Peter's
- Sun 22 Evensong 6pm
- Sun 29 Holy Communion 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



...I am so sorry Vicar - but with all the snow this week - no-one has managed to get to church...

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Union Gargrave and Coniston Cold

Ethne Bannister

AGM for both branches and tea, Thursday January 12th at 2pm, St Andrew's Church. Talk on "**Away From It All**", meeting with Kirby Malham branch, Wednesday February 1st at 2pm, Spire Garth, Kirkby Malham.

New healthy walks for Gargrave and Hellifield

Jean Maxwell

New regular walks are starting in Gargrave and Hellifield 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 a 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.

More details about the walks are available from Jean Maxwell on 01756 748851, (or see the longer article in last month's magazine).

Village Hall - Zumba, Yoga, Coffee...

Sally Thomas

Zumba dance classes will continue to take place at the Village Hall every Tuesday from 5.45 to 6.45 pm and every Thursday from 5 to 6 pm.

The cost is £4.50 per session and it's a fun way to get fit and shed any excess weight put on over Christmas.

A new **yoga** session will commence on Wednesday 1 February for a period of 6 weeks. The classes are held every Wednesday morning between 9.30 & 11.30am in the Village Hall Annex and will cost £36 for all 6 lessons. Further information is available from Sally on 01756 748098.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th February in aid of the **Library**.

There will be a **Coffee and Cupcake morning in aid of the NSPCC** on 4 February at the Village Hall.

Gargrave Pantomime's 48th production

Isobel Nicholson

THE QUEEN OF HEARTS will be performed in the Village Hall on 16, 17 and 18th of February and tickets can be obtained from Gargrave Newsagents from 24th January or on the door on the night. Ticket prices: Adults £5, Concessions £3. All monies from the Pantomime go to help the running costs of the Village Hall.

The cast is made up of a variety of new characters and of course an animal. Many of our seasoned performers will again be on stage, however this year we have six teenagers treading the boards who will be taking major parts.

The Pantomime Section has a total of 48 people and a great many hours are spent over 5 months in order for us to stage the performances. These include: the weekly rehearsals for both children and adults, painting of scenery, building of props, and the making of all the costumes, plus the many ancillary things that are needed to ensure the smoothing running of the Pantomime.

Do come along and we can assure you, you will have a good night's entertainment.

NEWS

Parish Magazine Subscription News

Duncan and Bea Faulkner

For annual subscribers - the new magazine subscription year will start with the March issue. **The March 2012 to February 2013 fee is £6, payable in advance to your magazine deliverer.** This is a big discount on the £1 cover price payable in shops.

If you'd prefer to receive it for free by email, please send in your request to gargravemag@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Parish Magazine Advertising News

Bea Faulkner

The new 2012/13 Business Directory for the Parish Magazine will be finalised in late January, prior to printing the full year's worth in advance in February, ready for the March issue and the start of the new magazine year

If you'd like to advertise please arrange payment and wording by Tuesday 17th January - by phoning me on 01756 749443 or emailing me at gargravemag@btinternet.com. If you are advertising for the first time, or would like to change your advert, please email your copy, preferably in pdf format.

Prices for a year of advertising are:

- £6 for micro $\frac{1}{32}$ page - size of the smallest Craven Herald event adverts
- £12 for mini sixteenth of a page
- £25 for economy eighth of a page
- £55 for quarter page, same price as currently
- £90 for half page; £150 for full page. The raised prices for the larger adverts reflect more fairly the costs of the paper needed.

Payment can be made by **cheque** payable to "St Andrew's Church" posted to me at 2 Riversway, Gargrave BD23 3NR, or directly by **BACS** to "St Andrew's Church, Gargrave" bank account no 306935, sort code 20-78-42 with an email confirming the payment to gargravemag@btinternet.com

Thank you to all those who advertised with us in the last year

Gargrave & Malhamdale Library News Update

Dave Smith

Progress is being made and NYCC have accepted the recommendations of the Executive to authorize the Officers to continue to support us in our efforts to establish a community library.

The Library Management Committee is in the process of establishing a not-for-profit Company which will also have charitable status. We hope that this will be achieved before Christmas which will allow us to hit the New Year running, both in the recruitment of more volunteers and in the task of fund raising.

The Committee have filled most of the required roles but we are still seeking somebody with marketing experience whose main duties will be in raising the profile and activities of the Library both locally and in the wider Craven community. To improve the balance of the Committee we would also like a number of 'Community Reps' i.e. people who represent other bodies in the community such as the WI, Schools, Malhamdale and we would especially welcome a young person to make us all sit up and think.

Volunteer numbers are rising but we still need more, so if you know anybody who may be able to help, we will be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Alan Simpson 01756 749418 or sylvam.gargrave@virgin.net.

Gargrave villagers will have received notification of the new application for a local wind farm which will offer funding for local community projects, if and when the site becomes operational. Following a meeting with EnergieKontor, Gargrave Management Committee have decided that, should such funds become available at some point in the future, they will apply for same to maintain the community library in the village. This approach does not reflect the views of members of the Committee with regard to the planning application itself. In the meantime the Committee will continue to explore other areas of fund-raising.

In support of the National Library Day in early February the WI in conjunction with the Library Committee will be holding a **Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th February** to raise awareness and funds for the library. We look forward to your support.

Meals On Wheels - available!

Brenda Longbottom

We have room on our Meals On Wheels list, and if any elderly or incapacitated person would like to receive meals just ring Brenda Longbottom on 749883. Likewise, if you've been in hospital and would like meals for a short while. We deliver on Mondays and Wednesdays. Meals are freshly made and cost £1.10 each.

My husband, who was the recipient of any meals left over, always enjoyed them. Examples include sausage and mash, lamb stew, chicken, all varied. He thought the puddings were very nice. I had a phone call just recently from someone saying how lovely the meals are.

Gargrave Christian Mission

Joyce Brotherton

The Coffee Morning and Christmas Sale Of Work raised £1000 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. A big thank you to everyone who helped and contributed in any way.

Pinsuti Concert

Bea Faulkner

The Christmas concert in St Andrew's Church by Pinsuti raised £125 for church funds. Their next performance is at Kirkby Malham Church on Saturday 17th March.

Swinden Hall Coffee Morning

Ethne Bannister

Special thanks go to the Hutchinsons for organising such a great event and to all the helpers and buyers. £615 was raised for St Peter's Church and a great time was enjoyed by all.

Remembrance Day

Ethne Bannister

Thanks to everyone who contributed to and supported the 2011 Poppy Appeal. £1757 was raised to support the funds of the Royal British Legion.

WI News

Janet Sturgess

Eighteen ladies attended a Social Lunch at Hall's Tea Rooms at Airton, where they enjoyed a buffet and following some serious shopping, several entered a **mince pie competition**. This was won by Mary Rushton who received a Christmas Hamper as a prize.

Several members also attended the annual **Christmas Food and Flowers** event at Skipton Town Hall. Over 200 WI ladies from all over the North Yorkshire West Federation spent the morning observing Jane Lovett create five festive recipes. She made each one look easy but it was reassuring to see that even experienced cooks occasionally forget to add key ingredients! Following a well received lunch the afternoon was devoted to Neil Brown who constructed a series of astounding floral arrangements. These were raffled at the end of the day and a few fortunate ladies had the problem of finding a safe way to transport them home.

It was Gargrave WI's turn to host the annual WI Group **Carol Service** this year and we were pleased to welcome a congregation of 125 members and guests to St. Andrew's. Stan Drew's choir contributed two beautifully sung carols. Following the service of readings and carols (some of which, as Morecambe and Wise might have said, were sung with the right verses but not necessarily in the right order!), mince pies and Christmas cake were served.

The December speakers, Mr & Mrs. G Sharp are giving a talk '**Snowbound in Switzerland**'. The competition is for a snow photograph. Their talk will be followed by a Christmas Social during which members will share festive fare.

Gargrave WI wish all readers of the Parish Magazine a Happy New Year. Do come and join us at our monthly meetings – we always welcome visitors.

Gargrave Advent Parade

Claire Cadman Bond



On Sunday December 4th, Gargrave held its first ever Advent parade. Over one hundred children of all ages met at the summer seat dressed as various nativity characters and walked the long journey, with their trusty donkey, to the Mason's Arms on Church Street, only to be told that "there was no room" at the Inn, by the Landlord and were sent to find shelter at St. Andrews' Church Gargrave.

After a short service and a few Christmas carols, led by the Reverend Rod Geddes, to begin the festive season, the villagers were invited to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies along with more suitable refreshments for those younger members of the congregation.

The event was organised by Claire Cadman-Bond, who runs the Caterpillar Club at the church every Wednesday; she would like to thank:

- John and Nicola from the Mason's Arms for supplying the mulled wine;
- Mr Ahmed Ali from Bollywood Cottage for supplying dishes of curry & rice;
- The Cooperative, Gargrave, for supplying the mince pies;
- Linda at the Dalesman Cafe for supplying juice cartons for the children and for the loan of Butterscotch the pony, who played the part of the donkey;
- Jane Ellis who made shortbread biscuits for the children;
- & all who helped out serving refreshments - Valerie Geddes, Carol Holt, Wendy Gore and Jo Ball (co founder member of The Caterpillar Club).

Donations of over £60 were made and will be donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Arts and Crafts in Gargrave

Alan Poxon

The 2011 annual Art & Crafts Exhibition took place in the Village Hall from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October, and was, once again, a very successful event.

Despite the unfavourable economic climate, quite a number of artists were on display, including some new ones who had not displayed in Gargrave before. These included Mary, of Enchanted Glass Designs, whose Tiffany-style stained glass gifts proved very popular, and Claire who makes "Friendly Face" products, all soft gifts, such as pencil decorations, hair slides, and fashion accessories. Of course, ever popular at the Show among many artists whose pictures regularly make an attractive display, was the beautiful furniture and woodwork of Raymond Payne, of Gargrave.

There were 28 exhibitors, 19 artists, 2 photographers, and 7 craftspeople, who displayed a wide range of items.

Thanks should go to the ladies of the Gargrave W.I, who again provided refreshments, tea, coffee, and wonderful home-baked cakes, which were very much appreciated by visitors and staff alike, and which contributed to the profits of the Show.

Thanks should also go to the stewards who volunteered their time to man the door, sell raffle tickets, and generally make everyone feel welcome. Without them the committee would struggle to put on such a good show.

As the interim accounts are now complete, the Committee of Art & Crafts in Gargrave have been able to donate a further £200 towards the St. Andrews' Church Roof Fund. Although the work on repairing the roof is now complete, the Church funds have been seriously depleted by the unfortunate attempted theft, and they still need help to restore the balance.

Encouraged by the way in which the show was received, despite these uncertain times, it has been agreed that the event will continue next year, and will be held from **Friday 19th October to Sunday 21st October 2012**. The Committee are always keen to meet new exhibitors, so if you or someone you know would like to take part in next year's exhibition, you have almost a whole year to prepare. All work should be by the artist or craftsperson. Please feel free to contact Alan Poxon on 01756 749686, or Raymond Payne on 01756 749727.



WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

Sue Smith, Gargrave, December 9th

*"I see trees of green,
Clouds of white,
Skies of blue
And I say to myself
'What a wonderful world'."*

Louis Armstrong singing in praise of the simple, everyday wonders of nature.

THE DECIDUOUS TREES are bare now, but the evergreens are a joy. Holly are featured in many carols at this time. The ones I see from my windows have very few berries this year, but a stone's throw away, there is holly laden with rich red berries.

It has been a mild November here, but not unduly dry, so we are not panicking about water shortage, as in some parts of the country. Collared doves sensed Spring in the air, and indulged in flights reminiscent of their courtship, though there were no signs of them mating. In the South though, blackbirds used the exceptionally mild weather as a cue to start nesting.

The delightful little goldcrests have again been seen flitting among their favourite conifers. The rowan continues to attract tits, including the longtails, also finches and blackbirds, to its branches, where they find food.

The weather turned abruptly colder in December. In Scotland particularly, there has been heavy snow, but here we have so far had only a light dusting. Between the showers we saw those skies of blue, clouds of white and trees of green, and in the early morning magical light, the trunks of the trees looked like bronze.

A skein of geese has flown over honking their way westward. I have never seen them fly eastward, so they must fly that way by another route. There are plenty of mallard and goosander to be seen in flight.

Birds are now coming to my bird table. Their eating patterns vary. Blackbirds, robins and chaffinches alight on the table, and stay for a while, feeding. Blue, great and coal tits on the other hand, dart onto the table, grab a nut in their bill and fly to a nearby tree, where they perch with it on the branch, steadying it with their feet, and bobbing up and down, eat it a peck at a time. I have never seen the longtail tits on the bird table.

Towards the end of November, National Tree Week was the occasion to encourage us to plant more trees. The plight of the rainforests is well known. Cities too suffer. The Mayor of Kabul is very concerned about poor air quality there, and has instituted many reforms, including initiating a tree planting policy.

We can start here. In coronation Year, the slogan "Plant a tree in '53 met with some success. How about for the coming year, "Plant a native tree for the Jubilee"?

THE GARDEN IN JANUARY

Barbara Walker Sharp

Snowdrop

*"Thou first born of the year's delight
Pride of the dewy glade
In vernal green and virgin white
Thy vestal robes array'd."*

Keble

JANUARY IS THE START OF the new gardening year. It is tempting in the cold dark days to forget the garden and stay indoors. Yet there is much to look forward to and by the end of the month there will be visible signs of spring. The first bulbs will be pushing up and the buds on trees and shrubs will start to fatten. Provided you have them in your garden, the first snowdrops will be starting to flower followed by aconites and early polyanthus and primroses. In my garden the first clump of snowdrops begin to push up in November. Provided they are not covered by a blanket of snow they will be in flower at Christmas.

Things to do in January

- Sow sweet pea seeds.
- For those who like to raise their own bedding plants at the end of the month, sow seeds of salvias, petunias, bizzzy lizzy, lobelia etc. Place on a warm window sill OR...
- ...Invest in a propagator!
- Continue to look for pernicious weeds such as chickweed, groundsel, creeping buttercup and bittercress which continue to grow during winter.
- Wash outside of greenhouse windows to let in maximum light. Ventilate it on warm days. This helps to prevent mildew on pots already overwintering there. Have you moved tender plants into the greenhouse?
- Should you wish to plant a new tree, shrub or fruit bush, now is the time to do it.
- Look at seed catalogues.
- Feed the birds!

Mottos for January

"The blackest month of all the year is the month of Janiveer."

"Janiveer - freeze the pot upon the fire."

"A wet January, a wet Spring."

"If the grass do grow in Janiveer it grows the worse for it all the year."

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Jason Gardner, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity



Still searching?

And lo, certain wise men spotted a strange star in the east and wondered what it didst purport. And then, verily, 2000 years later, some more wise folk did almost very possibly glimpse the mechanism that allowed everything to gain mass directly after the big bang and also did wonder, what couldst this mean?

Those intrepid scientists who keep Geneva's Large Hadron Collider shipshape might sound to some of us like overgrown Scalextric addicts, spending their days whizzing particles around a 17-mile ring in order to smash them together. Why? To uncover a cosmic-sized mystery at the heart of the universe.

If my meagre brain serves me right it's something like this. A big bang produces lots of particles and lots of energy, with particles zipping about all over the place at nearly light speed. So how did some of the particles actually stop moving about and combine in order to make the building blocks of the universe? What force glued them together?

Enter the Higgs boson particle stage left. The physicist Peter Higgs and his gang came up with this theory in the 1960s as a way of explaining why particles have mass. Mass, as the BBC website helpfully points out, is 'quite simply, a measure of how much stuff an object - a particle, a molecule, or a Yorkshire terrier - contains'. The Higgs boson is understood as an invisible energy field through which other particles pass and pick up mass, without which particles would zip through space at the speed of light, unable to bind together.

Now it's not certain that the elusive HB has been spotted in the LHC (go on, impress your next dinner guests with the acronyms); scientists are reluctant to call it a 'discovery' until it can be verified. Even so, this might be the most important science clue of the past 100 years - one more piece in the jigsaw that is our cosmos.

Amazing. In an age of constant movement and constant information overload, some days we need to pause long enough to be able to say 'Wow!' Like magi amazed at portents in the east, like David in Psalm 19 marvelling at the heavens.

So, do you realise *where* you are today? Do you realise *who* you are? Do you recognise how marvellous, magnificent and mysterious is the God who glued you together?

ASK SHEILA AND TED

Dear Ted and Sheila,

We have a new baby and a toddler. My husband however seems to view them just as mine and doesn't help at all. I've written out lots of instructions about how to look after them, but he's not interested. Instead he just plays with his Wii while I deal with the babies! I'm at my wits end. What can I do?

Yours truly
Martha Longlist

Dear Martha,

Oh dear you have got into a bother. You have some options – have you a parent (his or yours) who can help out? Will a friend baby-sit? You need some time out. Then tear up your lists and sit down with your husband and talk things through. Can you give him some tasks that you won't touch? He could empty the nappy bin each day, do the on-line grocery shopping (and put things away when they arrive), put the washing machine on each evening and the dryer in the morning before he goes to work; give the toddler a bath and put him/her to bed; change the baby's nappy first thing in the morning? Then leave your husband to get on with it. If he doesn't manage to help, then does he want to pay for a cleaner and some childcare?

Yours truly
Sheila

PS Did he want the kids in the first place? Is he sure they're his?

Dear Martha,

There is a character in the bible called Martha: she was always getting on with things and her sister Mary sat at Jesus' feet. They both did something worthwhile, but Jesus commended Mary for choosing what was better. How about leaving things undone – the washing, the washing up, the cleaning. When things get really messy your husband may notice and want to do something. Whilst you are coping he may not see the need to do something which you can clearly get round to doing quicker than him. Have some fun with the babies. He may then want to join in. Make it easy for him to help and give his efforts lots of appreciation. Most Dads love their kids, but they may feel less competent if you do everything so proficiently. He won't do things how you do them, because he's their dad not their mum. Dads are different.

Yours truly
Ted

OWD BILL'S OWD TALES

T' Copper Kettle an' t' Cat's Whisker.

Ah've tow'd ye afoor abaat mi Dad. 'E wor a reight nantler. Afoor we all 'ed wirelesses – ther 'edn't invented television, an' not many fowk I' them days even 'ed wirelesses – mi father set to an' med 'issen wot ther called a cat's whisker. This wor a wireless 'at werked wi'aat valves ner nowt, an' yer 'ed ter listen in wi' 'edphones on. 'E reckoned nowt ter that, thoa, an so 'e fiddled abaat an' med a laadspeaker aat o' braan paper an' varnish an' stuff; an' ah expect ther wor wires an'all, but dooan't ask me owt moor – ah dooan't know!

Tha mooant ferget 'at I' them days, mooast fowk 'ed noa electric – a lot o' fowk 'ed gas leet, but ther wor still fowk 'at lit ther 'aases wi' candles. Soa, 'e couldn't just plug 'is wireless inter t' 'lectric – wot yer 'ed ter do wor gerr a' "accumulator". This 'ere wor like a square glass jar, wi' acid in, an' lead plates, an' two screws fer yer ter fasten yer wires to, like. It wor a kind o' battery, thasees, an' when it ran aat o' juice, it 'ed ter goa back ter t' shop ter 'ev moor 'lectric put in.

When 'e wor a kid, mi dad's job ivvery Setda wor ter polish t' copper kettle. 'Appen 'e 'ed ter do that afoor 'e could 'ev 'is spendin' brass. This 'ere kettle mooast o' t' time sat o' t' fire ready ter mak cups o' tea, soa it wor allus black breet, an' mun o' takken sum elbow greeas ter mak it shine! Onnyrooad, ther cum a time when t' fire 'ed burnt a gert 'oil I't kettle, soa it wor chucked aat. Then, when 'e wanted ter mak an earth for 'is wireless, 'e buried t' kettle I't garden, an' it med a bobby dazzler earth, it did an' all!

But, thanaws, t'tale o' t' kettle I'n't ower yet! Ar lass fun' t' kettle I't garden, an' she giv' it ter me, an' ah polished it up ageean, an' naa it's on a shelf in aar 'aas. Ah'll shaw thee it if tha pops raand! T'oil is still theer, an' yer can sea weer it ewsed ter be black breet. But t'fireoil's goaan, an' nub'dy 'ull ivver mak tea wi'watter in that theer na moor, tha knows!

The Copper Kettle and the Precursor of the Electronic Chip!

You have heard from me previously about my father. He was a masterpiece of DIY. Before people had radios – TV had not been invented, and not many even had radios – my father made for himself a very primitive radio using what was known as a cat's whisker. There were no transistors, and one had to use headphones. He felt that was unsatisfactory, so he used his ingenuity and made a loudspeaker out of brown paper and varnish etc. I am afraid that is the limit of my knowledge – but there may have been wires in addition.

Remember, at that time, few people had electricity; many had gas light, but there were still those who had to use candles. Since there was no three pin plug for his radio, it was necessary to use an accumulator, which was a square glass jar containing acid and lead plates, and two screws to which one attached the

wires. It was a kind of battery, you will understand; when it ran down, one needed to take it to the shop in order to have it recharged.

As a child, my father's Saturday task was to polish the copper kettle. Perhaps this was a prerequisite to his receiving any pocket money. The kettle spent most of its time on the fire, always available to make cups of tea. As a result, it was always covered in soot, and it must have taken a lot of effort to make it shine. Ultimately, the kettle developed a leak as a result of this continued exposure to the fire, so it was disposed of. Thus it became available, and buried in the garden, made a very good quality earth for the radio.

However, the story continues! My sister discovered the kettle in the garden, gave it to me, and I did the polishing this time, and now it stands on a shelf at my home. The hole is still visible, as is the scarring resulting from the fire. But the fireplace has gone, and nobody will ever make tea from that kettle again!



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Cross those legs, you may want to avoid this if you are a gent of a nervous disposition. Time to discuss castration.

Recommended age of dog castration varies between practices, from the RSPCA neutering from around 6 months, to a more standard 12 months. This varies depending on circumstances and breed, with the larger slower maturing breeds castrated at an older age. There is no upper age limit, although for some older animals with medical issues we consider chemical castration using injections or implants.

Sometimes testicles do not drop into the correct position as pups; they may be retained either in the groin or inside the abdomen. As a large percentage of these become cancerous, castration with removal of the elusive testicle/s is always recommended. Breeding from these individuals is never advised as it is a heritable trait.

The operation is much more straightforward than a bitch spay; to start with the essential bits are visible so any abnormalities/enlargements/missing bits are immediately noted! The testicles are usually removed through one incision, leaving an empty sack which may look a little bruised for a day or 2 but soon shrinks away. Home the same day, with restricted exercise for a week or so and as a favourite lickable area, a collar is often recommended!

I find my female clients more open in discussing castration of their male pets. Lots of their male owners like to crack a joke about it, but sometimes you can feel the underlying tension and nervousness in talks surrounding the op. A few even would not consider it, as if having a neutered male dog somehow casts aspersions on their own masculinity!

Sometimes there is the concern that it will change their personalities after neutering. The main disadvantage is the same as with bitches after neutering-weight gain. So if your dog puts an amount of weight on, they probably will change, becoming less active and alert. So less is needed in the food bowl afterwards.

But there are many benefits to a neutered male. Not going to run off for a night of passion with the floozy poodle in season down the road, so less likely to wander, get lost or have an accident. Some aggressive behaviours, especially if directed towards other entire male dogs, are appeased. No chance of testicular tumours. In entire dogs, certain other tumours are testosterone fuelled, as are some hernias. Hormone-dependent prostate enlargement is also fairly common, causing problems with toileting and the waterworks.

So, gents, if your nocturnal trips to the bathroom are getting more frequent, maybe a trip to the local vets for a quick op involving two bricks is the answer.....OUCH!!

You may ask, two bricks- doesn't that hurt ??

Only if I get my thumbs in the way!!.... (the old ones are the best).

GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

'Every Child Counts; Every Child Contributes'

It was great to see so many of the community at our Christmas events. The PTA raised lots of money at the fayre and Father Christmas called in to see the youngest children. All the pupils performed fantastically at The Christmas Recipe; they enjoyed themselves and we enjoyed watching it and seeing their confidence grow.

The nativity in St Andrew's Church reminded us about the meaning of Christmas through story and carols, the youngest children creating a picture of the scene in Bethlehem. The musicians performed a wide range of instruments.

This term the learning moves to a favourite theme for the children: our natural world. We shall be exploring different places, the geography, including the natural disasters that occur and the effect on people.

The youngest pupils will tour the continents on an aeroplane in their class! The older ones will be researching volcanoes and mountains.

I hope you enjoy reading the reports on the outdoor educational visit to East Barnby, and the brief history of Gargrave School. Many thanks for the archive material and pictures sent in. We have several historical books related to the school if anyone wishes to do more detailed research.

History of Gargrave School

Siyam Ali, Class 4

Gargrave School was built in 1873 on Skipton Road. Our new school was built in 1976 in Neville Road.

Children left school much earlier in those days. For example, in 1893 pupils left aged 11 years, in 1899 they left a year later at age 12. In 1947, this increased to 15 years and in 1968, they left at 16 years.

Punishments are very different today – early records show children were caned. The Punishment Book showed in 1901 that Harry received two strokes of the cane for blotting his work, and Sarah Howard received two strokes of the cane for passing a note to another pupil!

Recently, Mr Robinson visited our school. He had been a head teacher at this school and was able to tell us a lot of information and stories about his time there. He told us that he was listening to a girl read and that he had fallen asleep! The girl fetched another teacher who had to wake him up!

Mr Robinson carved the Gargrave school badge, which can be seen just outside the main entrance doors to the school.

The school has records covering the past years which are interesting to read. They include an early Register of Pupils, a Punishment Book, a School Diary, a Manager and Visitors Book, a Parent/Teacher Fellowship Book and a P.T.A. Minute Book for 1957.

In 1904, the school had a bank account with Craven Bank, Skipton – their balance was £13 6s 6d!

I would have wanted to go to school in 1893 because the pupils left school at 11 years old! On the other hand, I wouldn't like to be caned as a punishment!

East Barnby Report

Alice Rawson, Class 4

In October, 18 of the Year 6's from Gargrave Primary School enjoyed a residential trip to East Barnby Outdoor Centre in North Yorkshire. It was an experience never to forget!

Hectic beck scrambling, calm peaceful canoeing, scary rock-climbing and abseiling, tiring shelter building and adventurous orienteering. All wrapped up in five days and four nights.

What a week!



GARGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL

Janet Bolland

Pre-School was very busy in December with a Christmas party when Father Christmas called in to give the children a present. The Nativity took place in the School Hall with twenty nine children taking part. Thank to everyone who donated and attended our Selection Box Bingo in the School Hall we raised a fantastic £232 towards the Pre-School Playground fund.

In January Pre-School is opening extra sessions to accommodate all our children, we will open all day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday mornings.

The Stay and Play which Skipton Children's Centre run at Pre-School on a Friday morning will move to the Friday afternoon. - the first session will be on Friday 13th January 1.30 pm to 3 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun activities with your little ones as well as make new friends.

For our next fundraising event we are planning to celebrate the Chinese New Year with Chinese activities and a Chinese banquet on Thursday 26th January at 11.40 a.m. when all children and their parents are invited to come and join us in Pre-School.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Pre-School Leaders Janet Bolland or Kathy Thomson on 01756 748377

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting, 5 December 2011

Janet Turner

Apologies District Cllr. Brian Atkinson and Cllr. Lucy Demaine.

Public participation: Mr. Keith Bradley (01756-749541) suggested that a village leaflet should be prepared. It would describe the village's amenities, walks, places of interest, various business outlets and ways to use the village as a destination as well as a base for exploring the area. These leaflets would be placed in tourist information outlets. Mr. Bradley is asking for help in creating such a leaflet.

District Councillor's report: Cllr. Simon Myers reported on the new plans for a smaller wind turbine farm at Brightenber and the continuing discussions within Craven DC about 9, High Street, Skipton and Granville Street.

Street lighting: The Parish Council is aware that a significant number of street lights are not working. The Council is still awaiting quotes and pricing information from contractors including North Yorkshire CC but are using NYCC as an interim measure.

Christmas lights: The Council is pleased that there have been a great many positive comments about the new lights in the village Christmas tree.

Thanks and greetings. The Parish Council thanked both Cllr. Shelagh Marshall and District Cllr. Simon Myers for their ongoing support and hard work on behalf of the village.

The Parish Council wishes all the village a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas and looks forward to a busy, eventful and interesting New Year.

Next meeting will be on Monday 9th January at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

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With Epiphany in mind...

I was telling my boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Hum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."

Foot in mouth

The vet in a small town was also in charge of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Late one night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

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Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship

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
8 Jan	<i>The Epiphany</i> : 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11
15 Jan	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i> 1 Sam. 3:1-10(11-20); Revelation 5:1-10; John 1:43-end
22 Jan	<i>The 3^d Sunday of Epiphany</i> Genesis 14:17-20; Revelation 19:6-10; John 2:1-11
29 Jan	<i>The 4th Sunday of Epiphany</i> Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Revelation 12:1-5a; Mark 1:21-28
5 Feb	<i>The 3rd Sunday before Lent</i> Isaiah 40:21-end; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Sidesmen	8am	10am	
01-Jan	Marion Scarborough	Sarah Curtis	Tim Warner
08-Jan	Kav Craven	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacev
15-Jan	Janet Sturgess	Jean Coldwell	Stanlev Preston
22-Jan	Colin Chapman	Sarah Curtis	Tim Warner
29-Jan		Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacev
05-Feb	Marion Scarborough	Stanlev Preston	John Bailey
Readings		Offertory procession	
01-Jan	Ruth Abbott	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
08-Jan	Hugh Turner		
15-Jan	Valerie Geddes	Eileen Hoskin	Pat Cockshott
22-Jan	John Bailey		
29-Jan	Pauline Barnes	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
05-Feb	Ruth Abbott	Eileen Hoskin	Pat Cockshott
Church cleaning			<i>If you can't carry out any of these duties, please arrange a swap.</i>
2 to 13 Jan	Ron and Sylvia Humphreys		
16 to 27 Jan	Judith Douglas, Nancy Harrison and Susan Lupton		
21 Nov to 2 Dec	Joyce Brotherton and Sarah Curtis		

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

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 ³	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
2. Change at Lancaster
3. Change at Hellfield
4. Saturdays during term time only
5. Monday, Wednesday & Friday only
6. 22nd January only

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3/4 Jan	Green bin	Green bin
9/10 Jan	Blue bag	Blue bin & blue bag
16/17 Jan	Green bin	Green bin
23/24 Jan	Blue bin & blue bag	Blue bag
30/31 Jan	Green bin	Green bin

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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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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
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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
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
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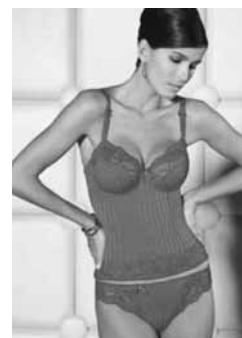
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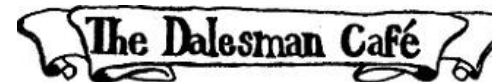
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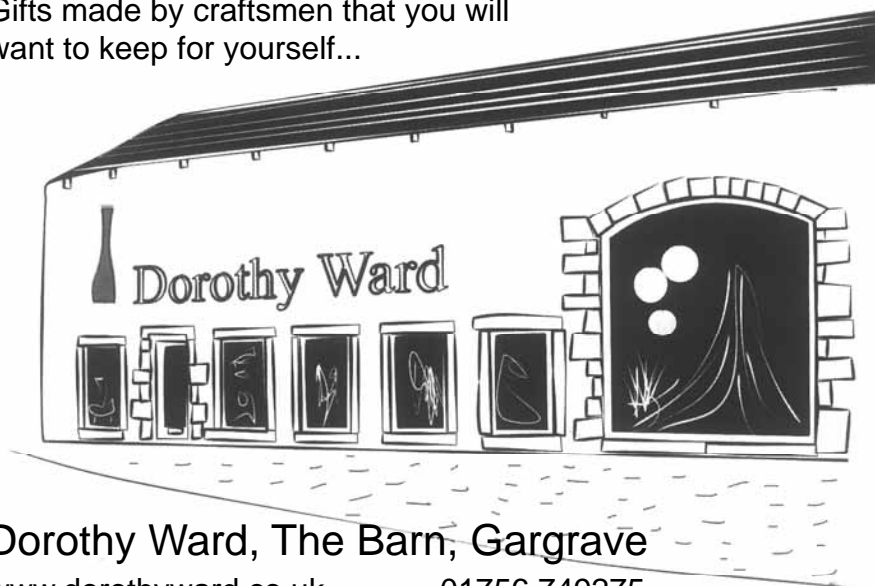
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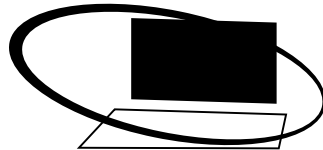
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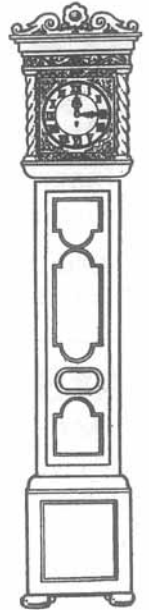
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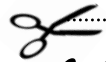
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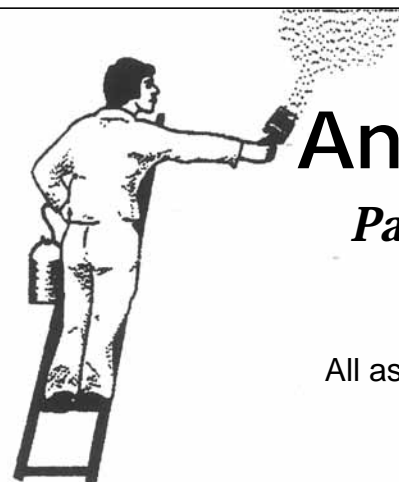
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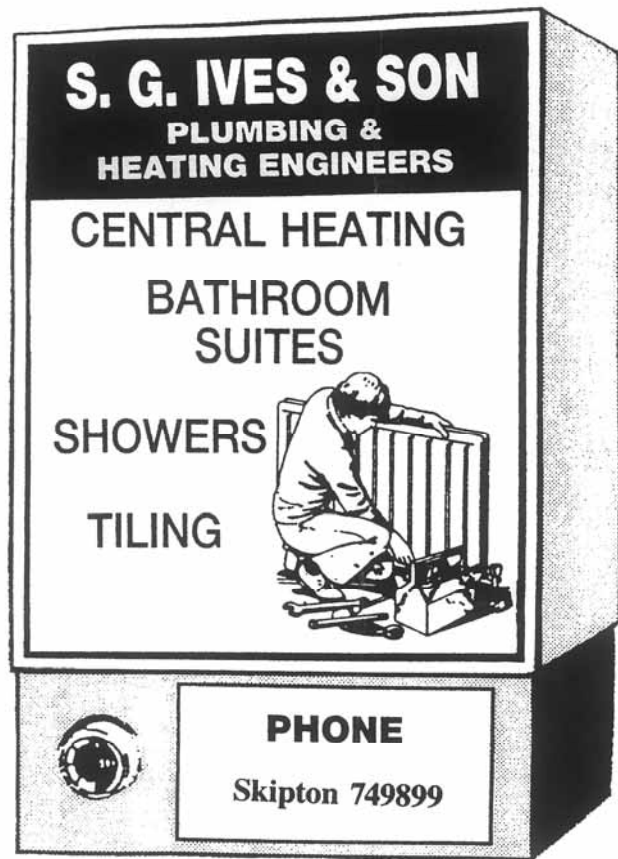
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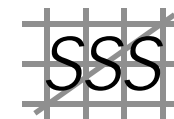


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