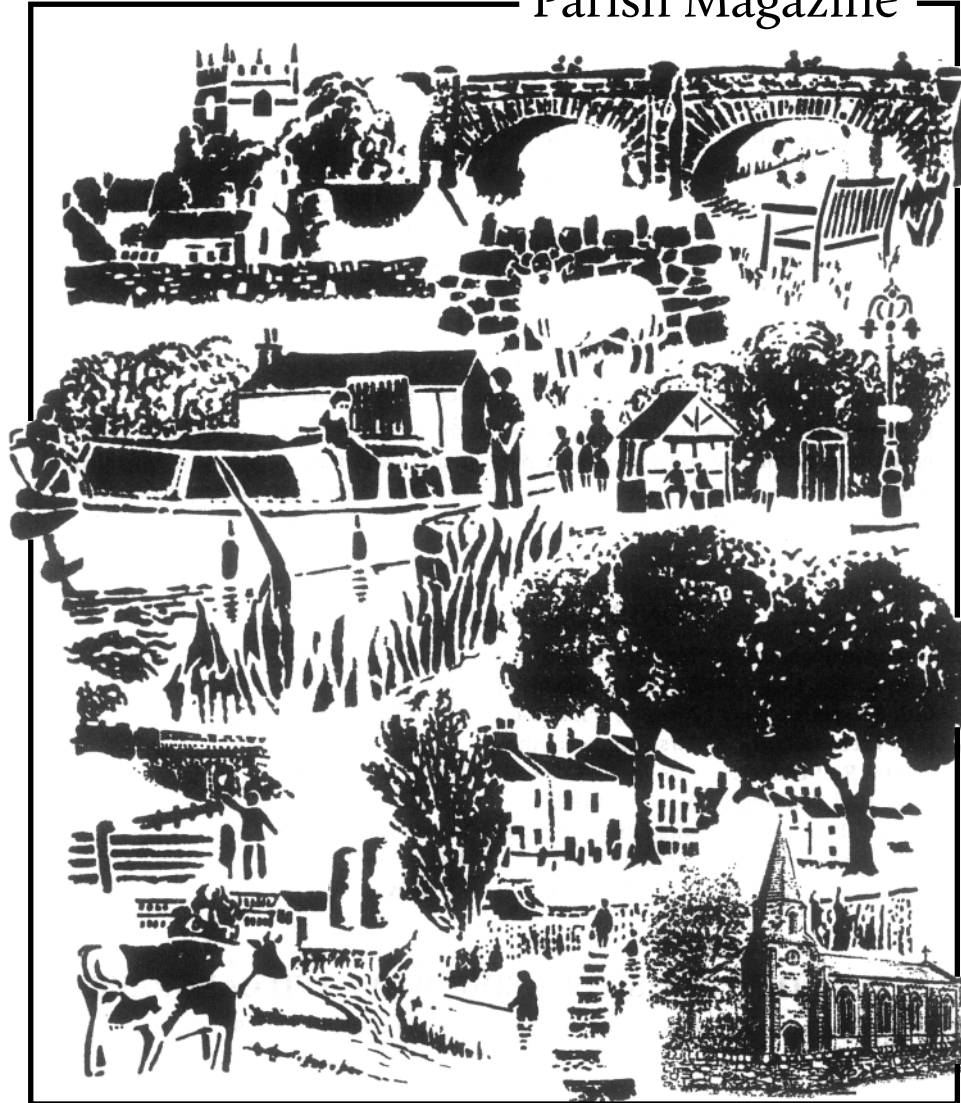


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ROD'S REFLECTIONS

Ashes to Ashes

HOW EVOCATIVE those three words are! They immediately make you think of.....what?

For some it might be a T.V. detective series. For others, it might be a David Bowie song. Then there might be the enormous numbers of differing emotions surrounding funerals. For Christians, at this time of year, they may evoke the Holy Day of Ash Wednesday.

Yes, "Holy Day". A day set aside for Christians to enter the period of preparation for Easter that is the Season of Lent. But why do we receive the symbol of the Cross on our foreheads in ashes?

They are a symbol of laying aside time spent on certain things in our lives, symbolically destroying them, in order to set aside a time to spend with God, listening, learning. There are two parts to this, the laying aside something of our own and the using of that time to deepen our relationship with God.

"Laying aside" is perhaps easier for us than the second part. However, it has not proved that easy, because the "tradition" that has grown up is to "give up" some specific, often frivolous, item. That is far away from the putting aside of the time spent doing something, in order to set aside time to concentrate on our Faith, our relationship with God.

It is easier because we are not really challenged; because setting time aside to consider Faith and our relationship with God just might challenge us to make some changes in our lives!

When Jesus set aside time to be alone with his Father, it was usually just after or just before significant events in his ministry. It was at times of change.....and as human beings we do not like change.

We like certainty, the status quo. Even in our Faith, we "know what we believe" and anything that challenges those beliefs, particularly suddenly realising that Scripture can give a different interpretation, can either lead to "loss of Faith" or a widening of our understanding of God's relationship with us, and vice versa.

I think St. Paul's concept of "becoming more like Christ" is quite inspiring, based as it is on Jesus' own teaching. It allows us to move on with God, allows our Faith to grow, to expand. It takes away the fear of the unknown and, for us as humans, it takes away the "guilt" of thinking that, in our own lives, we haven't really understood what the "Christian Faith" is. It also helps us to focus on the possibilities of finding out, or actually being shown by God, new and exciting things about Jesus, his Father and the Holy Spirit and how our relationship with God in all forms has and will always be changing.

As Paul said to the followers of Christ in Corinth:

"For we know in part and prophesy in part.....Now I know in part, then I shall know fully" (1 Corinthians 13. vv9 & 12b)

I pray that we may never be too afraid of challenges to our present understanding of God that we miss the wonders that he is revealing to us daily.

Yours in Christ, Rod Geddes

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Gargrave

- Wed 1 Yoga – new 6 week session, 9.30 to 11.30am, Village Hall Annex
Thu 2 Walking for health, 10.15am. Hellifield (9.59 bus from Gargrave)
Sat 4 Coffee & Cupcake morning in aid of the NSPCC, Village Hall.
Sun 5 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church
Mon 6 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Committee Room 1
Tue 7 Communion 9 am, Church
Wed 8 WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Sat 11 Coffee Morning to raise library funds, 10am to Noon, Village Hall.
Sun 12 Communion 8 am; Service of the Word 10 am, Church
Tue 14 Communion 9 am Church
Thu 16 Pantomime Performance, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
Fri 17 Pantomime Performance, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
Sat 18 Pantomime Performance, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, Village Hall.
**Sun 19 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am Church
Inn Faith (informal songs and fellowship) 5pm, Anchor Inn**
Tue 21 Communion 9am, Church
Shrove Tuesday Supper 7 pm Church
Wed 22 Ash Wednesday; Communion 7pm Church.
Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex.
Sat 25 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall.
Sun 26 Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10am Church
Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall.
Tue 28 Communion 9am Church

March

- Thu 1 Walking for Health, 10am from the Summer Seat

Sun 4 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am Church

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

Coniston Cold

Wed 1 Gargrave and Coniston Cold Mother's Union
Meeting with Kirkby Malham branch at Spire Garth 2pm.

Sun 5 Holy Communion 4pm, St Peter's

Sun 12 Service of the Word 10am, St Andrews

Sun 19 Book of Common Prayer 9am, St Peter's

Sun 26 Evensong with Gargrave 4pm, St Peter's

Sun 4 March Holy Communion 4pm, 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

Mother's Union Gargrave and Coniston Cold

Ethne Bannister

Talk on "**Away From It All**", meeting with Kirby Malham branch, Wednesday February 1st at 2pm, Spire Garth, Kirkby Malham.

Coffee & Cupcakes

Gargrave NSPCC Committee

You and your friends are cordially invited to Coffee & Cupcakes at Gargrave Village Hall on Saturday 4th February from 10am until 12 noon. £2 to include coffee and cupcake. Raffle, Cake Stall, Bring & Buy Stall.

Inn Faith – church otherwise

Jerry Ford

When is church not in church? When it's Inn Faith!

St Andrew's Church is running an occasional informal time in the Function Room at the Anchor Inn. No set format; songs and informal prayers are the only mainstays. Everything else can be shaped by those who come along.

So if you'd like to join us, look out for notices around the village, and come along. No previous experience necessary! Next meeting Sunday 19th February at 5pm.

Village Hall - Zumba, Yoga, Coffee...

Sally Thomas

Zumba dance classes continue at the Village Hall every Tuesday from 5.45 to 6.45pm and every Thursday from 5 to 6pm. The cost is £4.50 per session.

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**.

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. Tickets can be obtained from Gargrave Newsagents 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, this year, a rather well known animal. Many of our seasoned performers will again be on stage, however this time 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.

We are planning this year to have a May-June double issue, for family reasons. **If anyone would like to volunteer to compile a news sheet for June, please let us know** (tel 749443 or email gargravemag@btinternet.com) so we can advertise your contact details in the preceding magazines.

Walking for health

Jean Maxwell

SEVEN INTREPID WALKERS and four walk Leaders braved the weather on Thursday January 5th to go for a walk around the village. It was lovely to have so many people turn up and take part on the first Gargrave Walk for Health. Our

walk was shortened because of the floods but the sun did come out and shine on us as we went for coffee!



The next walk will be on Thursday February 2nd when we will catch the 9.59 bus to Hellifield to walk from the car park behind Ahernes. (Please remember your bus pass if you have one.) If you wish to go to Hellifield by car please be in the car park behind Ahernes for 10.15am.

On Thursday March 1st we meet at the Summerseat in Gargrave at 10am.

If you have any queries please get in touch on 01756 748851. We look forward to seeing you soon

Christingle 2011... Thank you!

*Sylvia Humphreys
(Children's Society Representative)*

I was delighted to see a packed church for the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. This joyful event raised £430 for the Children's Society. This amount exceeded the previous year's result and I am very grateful for such generosity in these difficult times.

Thanks to everyone who supported the service in any way, particularly those who helped to make the Christingles and organise the service. The Gargrave Co-operative Society deserves special thanks. Not only did the Co-Op make a very generous donation of oranges and sweets, Jill and several members of the staff helped to assemble the Christingles.

The Leprosy Mission

Jean Coldwell

During the months before last Christmas I sent off orders from The Leprosy Mission Catalogue to the value of £630. This was a tremendous result, in spite of the recession, & demonstrates how well our Church members support this very worthwhile charity. As well as this the quality and variety of goods on offer were such that several people gave me second orders!

Many, many thanks, on behalf of The Leprosy Mission Trading to all who gave their support, and belated good wishes to everyone for a healthy and peaceful 2012.

Gargrave & Malhamdale Library News Update

Dave Smith

Things are coming to the boil at the Library with charitable status being sought, volunteers continuing to step up to the mark and the task of fund raising is underway.

The Management Committee are most grateful to **Gargrave WI** for their offer to hold a **Coffee Morning and Cake Stall on Saturday 11th February** at the Village Hall to help raise both the profile of and funds for the Library.

The Library committee will be on hand to give further information on our plans for the future and, more importantly, to listen to your ideas and suggestions for the future direction of the Library and the useful role it could play in the community.

It is your Library and your Community so please make every effort to support the WI and the Library Committee in this worthwhile venture.

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 sylsam.gargrave@virgin.net.

We look forward to your support on **Saturday 11th February**.

WI News

Marguerite Mason

Our December meeting centred round a show of three films made and shown by Mr and Mrs G Sharp entitled "Snowbound in Switzerland". However, to start with we were shown a film of this locality called "Spellbound in the Dales". The wonderful pictures of landscapes, villages, birds, flowers and animals, were accompanied by suitable music and comments on the subjects by Mr. Sharp. Each showed his remarkable eye and skill with the camera. We were indeed spellbound as the series covered all seasons; it made us realise once again how fortunate we are to live among such beautiful surroundings.

The Swiss film centred round Zermatt during the winter. People there living with months of snow cope in ways to put our fussing about an inch or two to shame! Part of the footage was taken from a train travelling through the snowy mountains on railway which must be one of the wonders of the engineering world. Again the shots were breathtaking!

The final short piece was entitled "Jerusalem" showing winter landscapes in the Pennines with a choir singing Blake's famous anthem which is, of course, also the WI's anthem. Our members joined in lustily and it provided a fitting close to a most enlivening show.

As it was near Christmas our usual refreshments were changed. We enjoyed gluwein and stollen provided to complement the Swiss theme, and followed the break with a short business meeting.

A number of friends and neighbours attempted the place name quiz devised by Ruth Camm in aid of funds for the WI college, Denman, in

Oxfordshire which raised about £200. Sadly Ruth died suddenly a few weeks before Christmas. She was a longstanding member and did all she could for the WI in spite of poor health. Several members attended a memorial Service at the Friends' Meeting House in Skipton. The WI members agreed to send a sum in her memory to a bursary fund run by the North Yorkshire Federation to assist members who wish to attend courses at Denman.

There will be a variety of courses held locally in the coming year and interesting speakers at our meetings. These are held in the Village Hall annex on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are sure of a friendly welcome. Marie Dexter told members of plans for outings in the coming months. There will be another Group show in October. It seems we are facing a busy year! .

Finally, members agreed to collect disused mobile phones which will be recycled to raise funds for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance scheme.

With good wishes to all readers of the Parish Magazine.

Young Farmers

Janet Bolland

During January members have had a competition night, an art evening, Ready Steady Cook and a Games Night. In February members are to take part in the Settle District Hedging and Walling competition which is to be hosted by Lawkland Young Farmers. Members Hannah Bolland, Mackenzie Forster Sally and Katie Handford are to represent Settle District YFC at the Yorkshire Public Speaking competition to be held at Harrogate.

The February meetings are as follows:-

Tuesday 7th February First Aid Demonstration

Saturday 11th February Hedging and Walling hosted by Lawkland YFC

Tuesday 14th February Skiing at Rossendale

Tuesday 21st February Pancake Night

Tuesday 28th February "I'm a Young Farmer - Get me out of here!"

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

VACANCIES

Vacancy at Gargrave Parish Council for a Parish Councillor

If you are interested or require any further information please contact:

Helen Carruthers, Clerk, Gargrave Parish Council
c/o Gargrave Village Hall, West Street. Gargrave, BD23 3RD
or email gargravepc@yahoo.com.

The closing date for entries is Friday 17th February. All applications to be in writing please, via letter or email.

Vacancy - Settle Stories Project Officer - WR Mitchell Archive

10 month contract, £22k pro rata, based in Settle

For full job description contact Sita at info@settlestories.org.uk

Apply by 10am Wed 8th February; Interviews Mon 13th February in Settle

Settle Stories Ltd, has secured a £50,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to create the WR Mitchell Archive. This project will create an audio archive of prominent Dalesman WR Mitchell MBE, create a website and deliver an associated Learning and Education plan.

When WR (Bill) Mitchell joined The Dalesman magazine in the 1940s, his editor told him to put people before things. This he did by recording hundreds of hours of interviews with the men and women of the Yorkshire Dales which formed the basis for his written work. These vivid word-of-mouth memories of a recently passed age were recorded on cassette. This library of recordings, once digitised, will enable a new generation not only to read history, but to listen to it!

We now have an exciting opportunity for a Project Officer to deliver the project. You will recruit and manage volunteers, organise training and other tasks; work with schools to deliver the education programme leading to a performance at the Settle Storytelling Festival 2012, liaise with artists and heritage professionals as well as work with the website developer to create the website. You will be self motivated, with excellent organisational and time management skills as well as proven project management ability. Work will be carried out with limited supervision, so the ability to work independently is also essential, as are excellent written and oral communication skills. You will be flexible to work some evenings and weekends as required, and it is essential you have access to your own transport and hold a full driving license. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced CRB check.

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LETTER

Yorkshire Air Ambulance, 15 Dec 2011

Dear St Andrew's Church, Gargrave

On behalf of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of £1022.

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance operates two helicopters which are based at Leeds Bradford Airport and Bagby Airfield, and can be airborne in 2 minutes, flying at speeds of up to 140 mph. Wherever the Air Ambulance lands within Yorkshire there is a hospital within 10 minutes' flying time. This means that injured patients can be taken quickly and smoothly for specialist care - it is this swift medical intervention that has a major impact on a patient's chance of survival and recovery. The Air Ambulance can also deliver a fast inter-hospital transfer of seriously ill or injured patients and a high level of patient comfort, especially to those with serious head, neck and spinal injuries.

It is the goodwill, sponsorship and charitable donations that keep this vital service flying and therefore, we are extremely grateful for all your support - without the generosity of people such as yourselves we would be unable to continue this valuable work.

Once again, our warmest thanks and appreciation to you.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Bull, Yorkshire Air Ambulance Admin Team.

WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

Sue Smith, Gargrave, January

*"The days lengthen
The storms strengthen."*

Old Yorkshire saying

THIS IS THE BACKDROP. How about the foreground?

One still December night, I heard an owl hooting. Another night, I heard torrential rain. Some nights were midnight blue with stars, others cloudy and dull, others almost uniform black. There have been windy nights, and early January storms. They sounded horrendous, but, here, there has been little or no damage. In other places, notably Scotland, there has been severe disruption. I saw a heron valiantly trying to fly on course, as it was buffeted by the wind.

They have abated now, and it is quieter. The birds shelter from strong winds and rain, when I do not see them. They love the drizzle, and the fine weather after the rain, even if it does not brighten up. I watch them come to my bird table. They are not usually aggressive at this time of year, and mixed species often feed together. Nuthatches, which I haven't seen for months, now join the daily group of blue, great and coat tits, dunnocks, robins and blackbirds.

There is still a little natural food available, and blackbirds find grubs under the mosses, which they toss aside with a jerk of the head. The rowan also offers food from among its branches, and I have seen finches, including a gold finch, tits and a wren there. The tits and nuthatches regularly feed on the nut dispenser and again, two different species can be there, quite amicably, at the same time. Longtailed tits still come in family parties, and they flit about the rowan branches and cluster around the nut dispenser.

The hawthorn, though bereft of berries, still provides food and shelter for tits and finches. And one day, I saw a bullfinch with its resplendent rosy breast, and its distinctive white rump, as it flew away.

There are usually large numbers of inland water gulls filling the air, and I often see collared doves in flight, the occasional magpie, and, once, a kestrel hovering.

It all seems wonderful, doesn't it? The mild weather has certainly helped. But, and there's always a "but", I have not seen any winter visitors, neither fieldfare, nor redwings; and the resident song thrushes and mistle thrushes are absent. This may be in part due to the lack of snails, a favoured food source.

The mild weather has also brought forward the Spring bulbs. Snowdrops were in flower earlier than usual, and the green leaves of the crocuses, daffodils and even bluebells have pushed through. They are hardy, so if a cold snap comes, they won't come to any harm; and the storms did not disturb them, sheltered as they are close to the ground.

On better days, as the sun sets, its rays slant onto the rowan, edging the branches with gold, and picking out its lovely shape.

The beauties of Winter, a false Spring or a new beginning? Some sense Spring in the air; the days will continue to lengthen and maybe the storms will again strengthen before it comes.

THE GARDEN IN FEBRUARY

Barbara Walker Sharp



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THIS MONTH MY CONTRIBUTION will be solely about snowdrops with which I have had a love affair since 1995. The botanical name for this flower is *Galanthus*; a galanthophile is a lover of snowdrops.

The common snowdrop seen in woods and gardens is *Galanthus nivalis* and there is a single and double form. The flowers are small and it is seen at its best when carpeting large areas of woodlands and big gardens of stately homes. One such garden is Hodsock Priory Gardens at Blyth Nottinghamshire, just off the A1. I have visited it many times.

(Note from editor - Closer to home, Austwick Hall, Austwick, near Settle, LA2 8BS has special Snowdrop Openings on the weekends 18th-19th & 25th-26th February and 3rd-4th March, also Wed 22nd February, with gardens & woodland sculpture trail open from noon to 4pm. Entrance £3.50, children free, refreshments available & plant sales. For local weather and flowering conditions, check website www.austwickhall.co.uk/gardens or call 015242 51794.)

Galanthus is a genus of 19 species and it is from these groups that so many named and much sought after cultivars have come. Collecting and growing snowdrops has become so popular in recent years that one bulb can command very high prices, for example the one that sold on eBay last year for £357! Although not on the same scale, it has echoes of Holland's 17th Century tulip mania. Last year too, there were reports of the bulbs being stolen. At Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire, a National Trust garden, thousands of snowdrop

bulbs were security tagged in a bid to stop thieves stealing them after a surge of popularity of the valuable flowers.

The flowers of the named cultivars are much bigger on the whole than the common *nivalis* and therefore more eye-catching particularly when seen in large clumps. Each bulb doubles itself in one year, so the £5, £10 or even £25 paid for one bulb eventually gives good value to the patient gardener!

Snowdrops have a strong association with the Church festival of the Purification, or Candlemas, (2nd Feb). The French name for them is perce-neige but this year there has been no snow so far to pierce and it is so mild that they are flowering early - unlike last year when the icy conditions delayed flowering.

Snowdrop Time - Mary Webb

*"Ah hush! Tread softly through the rime
For there will be a blackbird singing, or a thrush.
Like coloured beads the elm-buds flush:
All the trees dream of leaves and flowers and light.
And see! The northern bank is much more white
Than frost grass, for now is snowdrop time.*

ASK SHEILA AND TED

Dear Ted and Sheila,

Well Ted, I took your advice – not that I've a baby: I haven't – but I have a husband who doesn't do much in the house. So I've not emptied the kitchen bin (which is nominally his job) – nor has he! So I piled the overflowing rubbish next to the bin. We both stepped round it for a week. Finally when it smelt so bad I was ashamed, I dealt with it. And it was much harder to sort out the congealed waste on the floor and the putrid rubbish in the bin than if I had emptied it promptly, as I usually do. So what's your next piece of advice?

Yours irately
Rhea List

Dear Rhea,

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread... I guess you know your husband better than I do. Did you let your husband know you were no longer going to empty the bin? It is entirely possible he never saw the mess on the floor; and some men I know have a remarkably poor sense of smell. I'm not sure I have any advice for you. I just have a question: Do you still love each other? – love covers over a multitude of sins.

Yours tentatively
Ted

Dear Rhea,

I suggest you get a cleaner and get your husband to pay. Alternatively explain to him that divorce lawyers are much more expensive than cleaners, but the cheapest option is to do some clearing up himself.

Yours in sympathy
Sheila

One-liners (mostly 2 lines long)

1. My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 this morning, can you believe that? 2:30am? Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.
2. The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.
3. Paddy says, "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador. "Really?" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"
4. I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice! At least I presume she was poor - she only had £1.20 in her purse.
5. My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker... Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.
6. The wife has been missing a week now. Today police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.
8. A mate of mine admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it, he reckoned he could stop any time.
9. My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70. "Blow this," I thought, "I can get one cheaper off the web."
10. I was driving this morning when I saw an RAC van parked by the road. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably. I thought to myself, "That guy's heading for a breakdown."

OWD BILL'S OWD TALES

Another load o' rubbish thru' owd Bill

'AH WOR FAIR CAPT, t'other day when ah wor in t' village. This 'eer chap, 'e wor pickin' up litter! Tha sees, ah do a bit missen, 'cos ah dooan't like ter see rubbish, burr ah nivver thowt 'at ah'd see sum'dy else agate at it. When yer think abaat it, thoa, ther mun be other folk doin' it an' all, reglar, like', or we'd be snawed under!

In t' owden days, ther wor nooan ser much stuff chuckin'abaat. Tha sees, ivverybody 'ed an oppen fire in't kitchen grate, soa bits o' paper an' stuff wor allus chucked in theer. An' if yer 'ed a bottle o' pop, tha'd tak it back ter t' shop an' get t' brass back for t' bottle. Ther wor nooan o' them theer plastic bottles or beer cans I' them days! An' another thing ah've just thowt on – oringes ewsed ter be rapt I' soft tishy paper. If yer threaded it on a bit o' string, an'ung it be'ind t'closit door, it med a reg'lar treat I'stead o' newspaper!

Ah've bin makkin' summat on a study, thanaws. Mooast o' wot yer find is wot spice 'es bin lapped in. Kids mun nivver 'ev bin telled 'at ye 'ev ter tak it 'oam wi yer, an' purr it in t' bin theer. 'Appen ther tell 'em at t' schooil, thoa. But some o' t' big uns er as bad – yer find dozens o' cig' packets ivvery day. Ah've 'eerd tell 'at yer c'n be fined for chuckin' litter abaat, burr it nivver seems to 'appen.

Ah think 'at t'worst thing is chewin' gum – yer can't budge it wunce it's stuck daan. 'An a thing yer nivver ewsed ter see is spittin' – ivverybody knew, when ah wor a kid, 'at it wor un'ealthy ter spit – yer might easy get consumption off it. Ther reckon 'at consumption is cummin' back in ageean, soa we'd berrer gi' ower..

Ah've allus thowt it wor a bit daft callin' them theer bins "Litter bins". Ah reckon 'at it's nobbut litter when it's liggin' abaat, an' when it gets purr inter t' bin, it owt ter be called "rubbish".

'Appen t' biggest culprits are them in cars an' weggins – ther chuck stuff aat on ter t'roads, an' it maks a reight mess o' t' grass. Fowk call at McDonalds, an' eight it as ther drivin', an' chuck t'empties aat o' t' winder.

'Onnyrooad, 'appen this'll remind us all ter tak us rubbish 'oam, an' mak' t' kids do t'same. It's a luvly village, an' we owt ter keep it that way, didn't we?

A somewhat stilted translation of the thoughts of Old William!

I WAS PARTICULARLY SURPRISED recently when I was in the village. Someone was picking up litter! I often make an effort myself, as I don't like to see rubbish, but I never expected that I would see someone else busy in that way. If one considers carefully, there must be others making a regular contribution, or litter would be piled high.

Formerly, there was not a great deal of litter. Every house had an open fire, so rubbish almost invariably was burnt there. Soft Drinks bottles could be

returned to the shop, and one would receive back the deposit which had been paid thereon. Plastic bottles and beer cans were unheard of. Another memory – somewhat distasteful – oranges were wrapped in soft tissue paper, and these papers kept behind the door of the smallest room and used instead of newspaper. Ugh!

I have been carrying out some research. A lot of litter consists of sweet wrappers. Children do not always remember that, instead of throwing it about, they should put rubbish in the bin at home, but I am sure they will be told at school. Adults, too, can be irresponsible – lots of cigarette packets are also to be found. I understand that one can be fined, but it appears to be a rare occurrence.

It is my considered opinion that chewing gum is particularly unsavoury. It is impossible to remove once it has adhered to the floor. And one never, in the olden days, did one see anyone spitting; everyone knew how unhealthy this was, and that it could lead to individuals having tuberculosis. It is said that the latter is on the increase, so it behoves us all to abstain from this habit.

I have always thought it incorrect to refer to containers as "litter bins". Surely, it is only litter when it is lying around, but once in the bin, it becomes "rubbish". Perhaps the biggest offenders are people in vehicles, who throw items out on the verges, making them very untidy. People call at McDonalds, and after eating as they drive, just throw the packaging out of the windows.

These notes will perhaps remind us all of the need to take home our rubbish, and to motivate the children to do the same. We do have a lovely village, and it is up to us all to try to keep it that way, isn't it?

ALL CREATURES (MOSTLY SMALL)

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

THIS WEEK ON FARM, the sheep scanning contractor has been on his annual rounds pre-spring lambing, to ascertain the numbers barren and in lamb, and how many each ewe is carrying, so that Neil can regulate the feed for singles, twins or triplets. Very encouraging results, scanning at 211% - couldn't hope for any better than this really. It means that on average each ewe is carrying 2.11 lambs, (not that 0.11 of a lamb comes out, I hope). So most of the ewes should lamb and go out with twins, which is just what you want.

In the surgery we routinely perform ultrasound scans. Pregnancy diagnosis is a common request in small animal practice also. The owner understandably often asks exactly how many pups their bitch is having – I'm reluctant to answer anything other than "one", "a few" or "a lot", because it's hard to be sure you're not counting the same pup twice, and you open yourself up for dissatisfied owners and, unfortunately in this day and age, litigation. But we like to know that there isn't just one big single pup in there, in which case labour may not be initiated, and also what's present has a good heartbeat.

We perform abdominal ultrasounds commonly to pick up womb infections (pyometra), and to gain more information on internal masses and

disease. We can also look at the heart and its chambers, if we detect murmurs and signs of heart disease.

Ultrasound is pretty amazing really. It is based on the scanner probe emitting soundwaves that travel into the body, hit tissue and are partially absorbed. Different tissues absorb and reflect different amounts. The soundwaves are then reflected back at a variable frequency and it is this echo that is picked up by the scanner to be converted into a picture.

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A solicitor, vet, and vicar went hunting red deer together in the Highlands. When a deer ran past them, they all fired at the exact same moment, and the deer dropped. However, when they went to look, there was only one bullet hole. They didn't know which of them shot it, and asked one of the stalkers what they should do.

The stalker said: "Let me look at the deer. Sometimes I can figure it out." He asked a few questions, examined the deer carefully, and declared, "The vicar shot this buck!" amazed, they all asked how he knew. Stooping down, he pointed out the wound. "See here. It went in one ear and out the other."

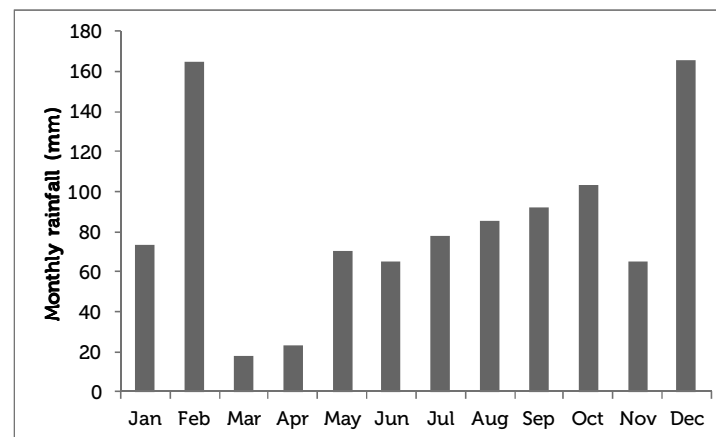
NEWS FROM THE CANAL AND RIVER BANKS

Steve Rawson and Duncan Faulkner

DID YOU KNOW that Gargrave Parish has a weather station? Every day Steve Rawson at Bank Newton measures rainfall, wind speed, temperature and various other meteorological things. He has kindly agreed to provide the magazine with updates on what the weather has been up to and I, Duncan have for some reason volunteered to put the information into graphs and text despite spending all of my working days doing much the same sort of thing.

So...here are some highlights from last year. The graph shows monthly rainfall totals. March and April were strikingly dry, but the rain started in early May and kept going for much of the rest of the year! Two-thirds of days saw some rain (more than a trace). The annual total was 1050mm, 96% of the long-term average. No sign of drought here unlike in the Midlands and Welsh borders where last year's rain was less than 65% of normal.

The wettest week at Bank Newton was in early February. The wettest day, with 35.7mm of rain, was 10 August. This sort of daily total is not at all exceptional – we should expect it to be exceeded once every two years on average.



Rainfall at Bank Newton in 2011

So far in 2012 we have already seen some very wet weather, with the 33.9mm recorded on 3 January almost equalling last year's daily maximum.

Although the river was fairly high on 4 January, it was well below record levels. The Environment Agency's river gauge, by Airebank Terrace, recorded a peak level of 0.82m on 4 Jan 2012. The highest level in recent years was 1.18m in January 2008, and the highest on record (since 1976) was 1.32m which was reached in October 2000 and also in January 1995.

You can find real-time river level data for Gargrave at:
<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/riverlevels/>

Do you have weather records or similar you would like to share? Please let us know.

GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

WE HAVE AMBITIONS that our school will be the very best of schools. We do this through being honest in our evaluations and then writing a plan to improve aspects of our school. We are proud of our recent achievements both academic and others, 1/3 of the school learn an instrument, sporting achieves both individual and team. We have the following statements to state where we see our school. The values are the aspects of the school which we expect everyone to hold, both young and old.

Finally, with the best of teaching and wide support, and the values given then our children will leave our school with the list of outcomes.

If you have ideas how we can continue to improve our school, then please ring and speak to us, we would love to hear your ideas. Our Governors are a group of 12 important people who steer the school and the forward thinking aspects, if you would like to know more about the Governor aspect please contact the office initially.

For many years the Foundation Governors have run a weekly collective worship called Open the Book, Mrs Harland has led this with the support of people from the village. The children love this style of worship. If you would like to be involved then Sarah Curtis, Foundation Governor would like to hear from you, contact her via the school office.

Our Values:

- Respect
- Enjoy
- Safe
- Politeness
- Equality
- Confidence
- Trust
- Forgiveness
- United
- Learning

Outcomes:

Our pupils will

- Enjoy themselves
- Be happy
- Reach their full potential
- Be self-confident
- Respect others
- Experience a stimulating curriculum
- Reach National expectations in English, Maths and Science
- Know what are their talents
- Have friends
- Be safe and healthy
- Contribute to our community
- Understand Christian values and faith

Our Vision: "Every child counts; every child contributes"

- Individuals' learning will be challenging.
- Staff will use the latest tools and techniques.
- Staff, parents and pupils will collaborate to maximise individual learning.
- Gargrave school will be integrated with other activities in the community, an extended school.
- The environment will be conducive to learning.
- We shall be well regarded in the community where every child counts and every child contributes.

Produced in consultation with parents, staff and Governors

GARGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL

Janet Bolland

PRE-SCHOOL IS VERY BUSY and we are now open all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and in the morning on a Thursday and Friday. If you require an enrolment form for your child please contact our Pre-School Leaders Janet Bolland and Kathy Thomson on 01756 748377.

The Children's Centre Stay and Play "Inside and Out" will run in Pre-School on a Friday afternoon from 1.30 to 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in to stay and play with children aged 0 - 5 years.

Our topic this half-term is Countries and Cultures and this will tie in with our next fundraising event when we will celebrate Chinese New Year on Thursday 26th January at 11.40 am in Pre-School where we plan to have Chinese activities followed by a Chinese Banquet. We have been talking about different countries around the world, making flags, dressing up, sampling different foods etc. The children have really enjoyed this experience. We break up for half-term on Friday 10th February and return on Monday 20th February when our new topic will be "Transport."

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GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting, 9 January 2012

Janet Turner

Apologies: Cllr. Roland Thomas.

Public participation: Sadly no parishioners attended the first meeting of the year even though the agenda included setting the 2012/12 budget. It was decided to reduce the precept from the 2010/11 level by £1,000 whilst continuing to maintain almost 100 street lamps, the playground, the village greens, the public toilets, 50 benches and numerous trees and to form contingency plans for visitors, events and the unforeseen needs of various minority groups within the village.

Correspondence: A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr. Lucy Demaine. The Council thanked her for her time and hoped that she would consider making herself available to serve again as a Parish Councillor at some time in the future. It also extended best wishes to her and her family.

An email has been received from our Community Police Officer reporting that during December the following had occurred in Gargrave: 1 theft, 1 incident of car crime, 5 road traffic collisions, 2 incidents of behavioural problems, 4 highway disruptions, 5 suspicious incidents, 2 cases of criminal damage and 2 expressions of concern for safety.

County Councillor's report: Cllr. Shelagh Marshall gave a report on the new Localism Bill. On Saturday 14 January a number of members of Gargrave Parish Council are to join about 50 other Council members from around Craven to attend a talk about this Bill.

District Councillor's report: Cllr. Simon Myers reported that questions are still being pursued about the disposal of and future plans for the assets of Craven DC.

The Snow Code: NYCC has sent the Council a copy of the Snow Code including the following:

Will I be held liable if someone falls on a path I have cleared?

There is no law preventing you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces. It is very unlikely that you would face any legal liability as long as you are careful and use common sense to ensure that you do not make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than before. People using areas affected by snow and ice also have responsibility to be careful themselves.

Next meeting: Monday 6 February 2012 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

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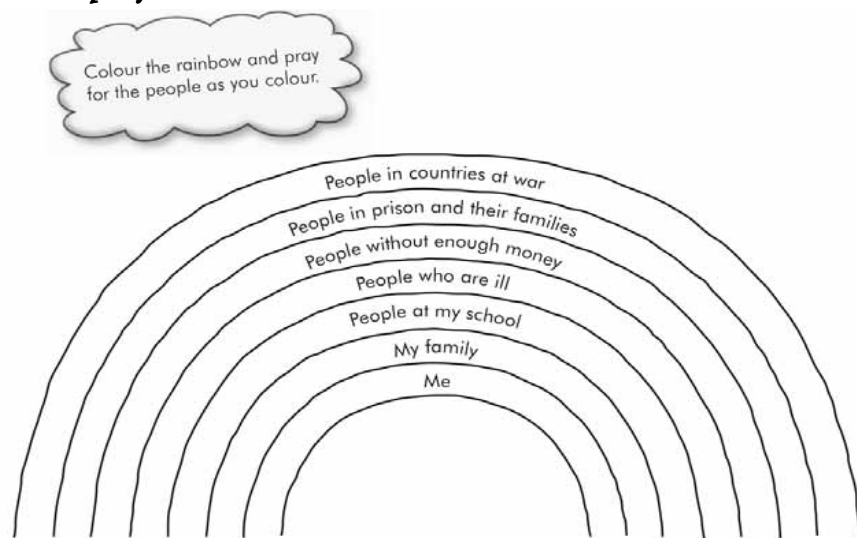
My boss was complaining in a staff meeting the other day that he wasn't getting any respect. Later that morning he went out and got a small sign that read, "I'm the Boss".

He then taped it to his office door. Later that day when he returned from lunch, he found that someone had taped a note to the sign that said, "Your wife called, she wants her sign back!"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Rainbow prayer

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(Psalm 5:3)



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INFORMATION

Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship

5 Feb	<i>The 3rd Sunday before Lent</i> Isaiah 40:21-end; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
12 Feb	<i>The 2nd Sunday before Lent</i> Proverbs 8:1,22-31; Colossians 1:15-20; John 1:1-14
19 Feb	<i>The Sunday next before Lent</i> 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
26 Feb	<i>The 1st Sunday of Lent</i> Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-end; Mark 1:9-15
4 Mar	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i> Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-end; 8:31-end

Sidesmen

8am

10am

5 Feb	Marion Scarborough	Stanley Preston	John Bailey
12 Feb	Kay Craven	Sarah Curtis	Tim Warner
19 Feb	Janet Sturgess	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey
26 Feb	Colin Chapman	Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell
4 Mar	Marion Scarborough	Stanley Preston	John Bailey

Readings

Offertory procession

5 Feb	Ruth Abbott	Eileen Hoskin	Pat Cockshott
12 Feb	Hugh Turner		
19 Feb	Valerie Geddes	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
26 Feb	Pauline Barnes		
4 Mar	John Bailey	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey

Church cleaning

30 Jan - 10 Feb	Joyce Brotherton	Sarah Curtis
13 - 24 Feb	Jean Banks	Carole Ballard
27 Feb - 9 Mar	Beatrice Faulkner	Annie Faulkner

***If you can't
carry out
any of these duties,
please arrange a swap.***

Quotations

The need of the world is to listen to God. *Albert Einstein*

God made man to be somebody – not just to have things. *Anon*

If Christians praised God more, the world would doubt Him less. *C E Jefferson*

Time spent on the knees in prayer will do more to remedy heart strain and nerve worry than anything else. *G D Stewart*

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		
Notes	1 Change at Skipton, 2 Change at Lancaster, 3 Change at Hellifield								
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 'til			1659	1804	2129
Saturday		0740 ⁴	0859	then every 2 hrs 'til			1659		
Sunday	<i>No Sunday bus service to Settle during the Winter timetable</i>								
Malham									
Mon- Fri	0725		1000 ⁵		1300 ⁵				1610
Saturday			1015		1230	1400	1615		
Sunday (19 th February only):				1102 ⁶	1242 ⁶		1242 ⁶		
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Refuse and recycling collection days

Collections	Gargrave – Mon & Tue	Coniston Cold – Mon
06-Feb / 07-Feb	Blue bag	Blue bin & blue bag
13-Feb / 14-Feb	Green bin	Green bin
20-Feb / 21-Feb	Blue bin & blue bag	Blue bag
27-Feb / 28-Feb	Green bin	Green bin & brown bin
05-Mar / 06-Mar	Blue bag & brown bin	Blue bin & blue bag

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

	School Closes	School Opens
Spring Half term	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	Tuesday 4 September 2012
Autumn half term	Friday 26 October 2012	Tuesday 6 November 2012
Christmas	Friday 21 December 2012	Monday 7 January 2013
Spring Half term	Friday 15 February 2013	Monday 25 February 2013
Easter	Thursday 28 March 2013	Monday 15 April 2013
May Day	Monday 6 May 2013	Tuesday 7 May 2013
Half term (Summer)	Friday 24 May 2013	Tuesday 4 June 2013
Summer	Friday 19 July 2013	

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Organisations

Please let us know if you'd like to amend your entry or add a new one.

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 5-6pm, 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
Snooker Club – Village Hall Snooker Annex, every day, Stewart Smith 749340
Stan Drew's Community Choir – Ruth Abbott, 748483
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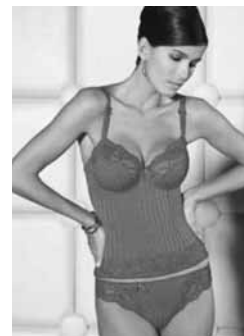
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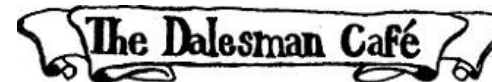
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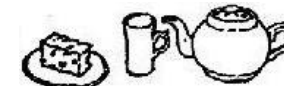


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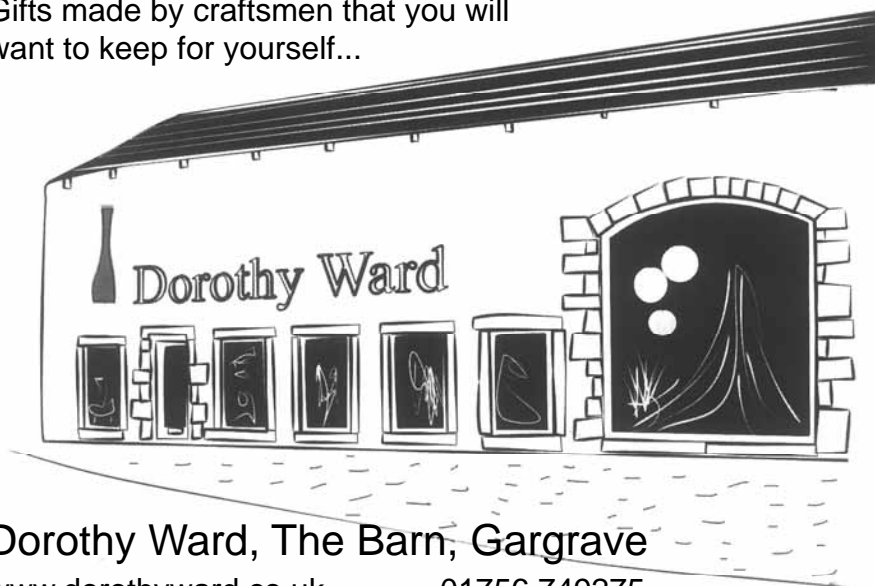
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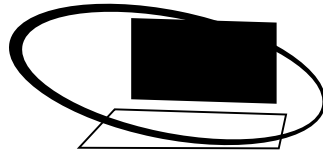
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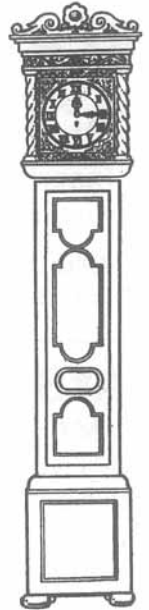
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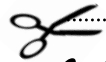
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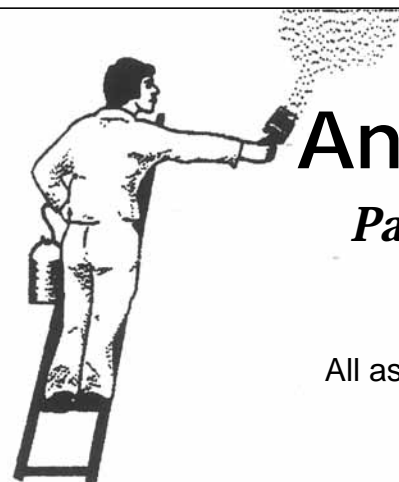
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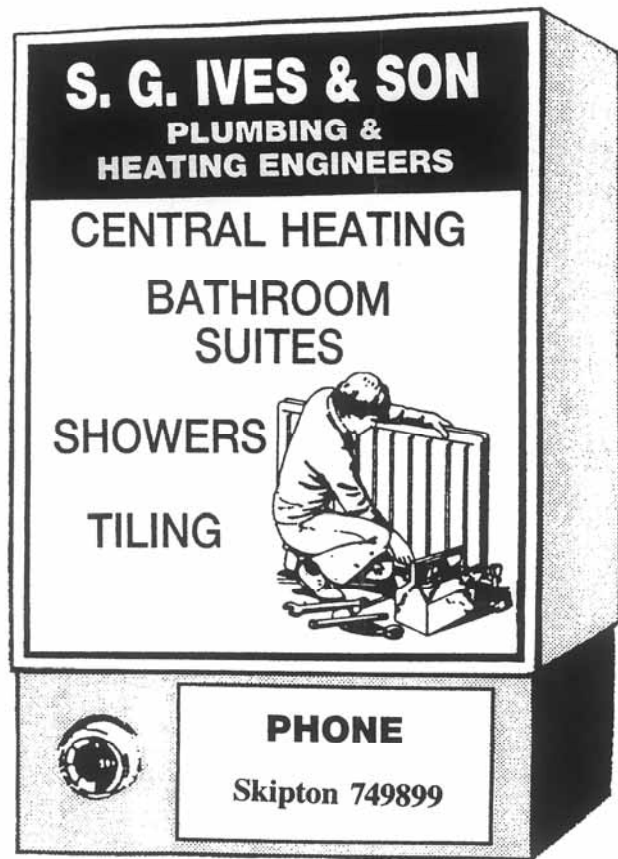
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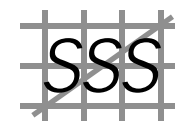
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