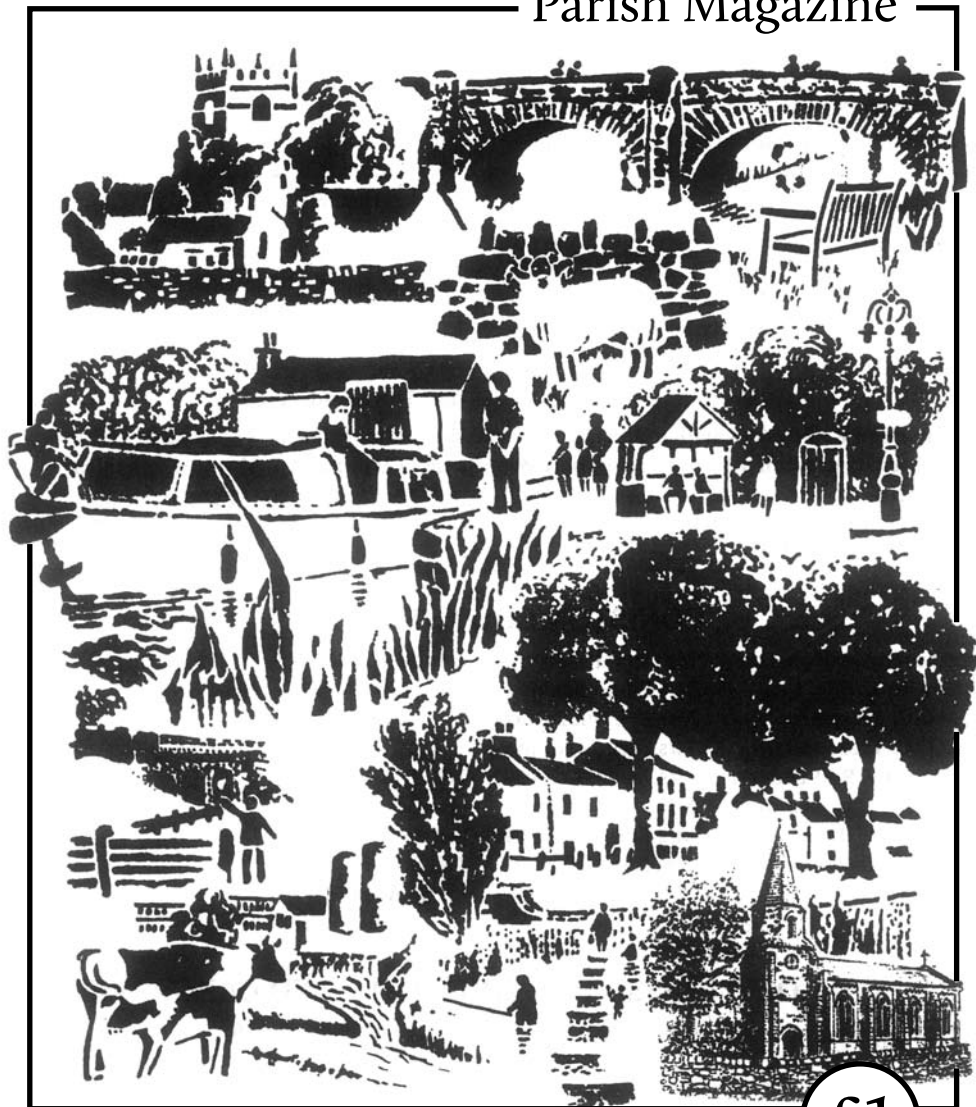


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Rainbows (5+) – Debbie Gomersall 01729 830589
Brownies (7+) – Rose Turner 01729 825886
Young Farmers Club - Coniston Cold, Tues 7.30pm, Janet Bolland 01729 830505

Over 60s – Village Hall Annex, Wed 1.30-3.30pm, Veronica Fletcher 749347
Phoenix Group (over 65s) – The Anchor Inn, alternate Thurs 9am-1pm,
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Meals on Wheels – Mon & Wed, Brenda Longbottom 749883

Bowling – Gargrave Bowling Club, Marton Road, Ruth Abbott, 748483
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
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Walking for Health – 1st Thursday of the month, 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
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Thomson's Dance Centre – (3+, teens & adults) School Hall, Wed 5.30pm,
Sat am, Kathy Thomson 748003, 07912 441913

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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
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Stan Drew's Community Choir – Ruth Abbott, 748483
WI – Village Hall Annex, 2nd Wed of month 7.30pm, Moira Sonley 749634

ROD'S REFLECTIONS

Last Resort

I HAVE TO OWN UP!! I lose my temper!! I shout!! I implore Heaven!!

BUT NOTHING WORKS!!!

"Why won't this computer boot up more quickly?"

"What is **WRONG** with Broadband in this area?"

I can remember similar frustration amongst adults in my family when I was younger; if it doesn't work, the last resort is to **HIT** it!!

The last resort, when all else has failed....

That is exactly what Easter is all about.

When all else failed, prophets, warnings, signs, God sent his Son, Jesus, to do what no – one else could have done, to once and for all break down the barriers that human – kind had put up between God and themselves.

God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, offers each individual:

Nothing short of offering eternal life, here, now and in the future, to all who desired it, by following Jesus' teaching and example.

Nothing short of guaranteeing, by Jesus' death and resurrection, that a direct line to God would always be open to everyone.

Nothing short of forgiving all we have ever done wrong if we admit it to God and ask for God's help to try to change our lives.

It is so simple, yet so amazing and so powerful:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" John 3: 16 & 17.

The Last Resort? The Lasting Promise!!

Do you want to take up God's offer afresh??

Perhaps this Easter is your opportunity.

Yours in Christ,
Rod Geddes

DIARY FOR APRIL

See back inside cover for regular weekly events and meetings

Gargrave

Sun 1 Palm Sunday: Communion 8am

Procession from the Summer Seat 9.45am followed by Service in Church 10am

Mon 2 Compline and Talk in Church, 7pm

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

Tue 3 Communion 9 am, Church
Compline and Talk in Church, 7pm

Wed 4 Compline and Talk in Church, 7pm
Fuchsia and Geranium Society Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall Annex

Thurs 5 Maundy Thursday: Communion 8pm followed by stripping of the altar and vigil.
Walking for Health, take 9.59 bus north, from the Summer Seat

Fri 6 **Good Friday: Service for All Ages 9.30am; Church**
Last Hour at the Cross in Church 2pm
Night Prayer at the Cross in Church 8pm
Dance featuring Jim on the Organ, 8pm to Midnight, Village Hall

Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall
Decoration of the Church from 9.30am
Easter Saturday: Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows 9pm; Church

Sun 8 Easter Day: Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall.

Tue 10 Communion 9 am, Church

Wed 11 WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex

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

Sun 15 Morning Prayer followed by Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting 10am; Church
Inn Faith (informal songs and fellowship) 5pm, Anchor Inn

Tue 17 Communion 9am, Church

Thurs 19 Art Class, 10 am, Village Hall Annex

Sat 21 Coffee Morning in aid of the Blind, 10am to Noon, Village Hall

Sun 22 Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10am, Church
Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall

Tue 24 Communion 9am Church

Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall
Modern Sequence Dance, 7pm, Village Hall

Sun 29 Communion for all ages, 10.30 am, Church

Mon 30 Bowland Deanery Service, 7.30pm; Church

Tues 1 May Communion 9 am, Church
Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library Opens

Thur 3 May Walking for Health, meet 10am at the Summer Seat

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

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

Coniston Cold

Sun 1 Palm Sunday: Holy Communion 6pm, St Peter's
Mon 2 to Fri 5 Daily Holy Week services in Gargrave – see previous page

Sun 8 Easter Sunday: Holy Communion 9.15am, St Peter's
Sat 14 Jumble sale, Village Hall

Sun 15 Book of Common Prayer 9am, St Peter's
Sun 22 Evening Prayer 6pm, St Peter's
Sun 29 Holy Communion, 9am, St Peter's
Mon 30 Bowland Deanery Service, 7.30pm St Andrew's

Sun 6 May Holy Communion 6pm, 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

Coniston Cold Jumble Sale

Ethne Bannister

Saturday 14th April, 1pm, Coniston Cold Village Hall. Cake Stall, Refreshments. Collect all you can!

Pendle Forest & Craven Harriers Skipton Races

Ethne Bannister

Heslaker Farm, Sunday 6 May, first race 2pm

Open Gardens

Duncan and Bea Faulkner

Gargrave Open Gardens is on Saturday 30th June. If you would like to open your garden we would love to hear from you. If you haven't taken part before please don't be intimidated. We are hoping for a wide range of gardens – big, small, neat, wild, decorative or useful, mature or just getting going. Please contact us on 749443 or email gargravemag@btinternet.com.

If you'd like to help out with the catering, please contact Norma on 748392. She'd be delighted to hear from you...

NEWS

Gargrave & Malhamdale Library News Update

Dave Smith

An update on progress: NYCC have now given their final agreement for the community to take over the running of the Library from Tuesday 1st May 2012. Discussions continue with regard to the Service Agreement which will run for a period of 5 years from the 1st May 2012, signing should take place in mid April.

NYCC will close the Library on the 31st March and during April a stock check will be carried out, minor alterations to the interior and training of volunteers will be carried out by NYCC. When we have further details of the training Ruth Abbott, our Volunteer Coordinator, will contact all the volunteers with details.

The Library will reopen on the 1st May as a community library. Whilst the library is closed residents are encouraged to take out as many books as they require to sustain themselves over the closure period, fines will not be levied when the books are returned.

From the 1st May the Community Library will still be part of the NYCC library service in that the books still belong to NYCC, the book stock will continue to be rotated and the public access PC will still be connected to the NYCC library service for the ordering of books etc.

Following the 'letter drop' over £3,500 has been donated by the community; the Committee are most heartened by this show of support and enables us to plan the future with some confidence. Donations are still being accepted at the Library

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. Or speak to Ruth Abbott.

Whilst the Library committee are pleased that our campaign to retain a library in Gargrave has been successful we are saddened and disappointed that we failed to persuade NYCC to continue to fund a professionally run library. We wish to extend our thanks and gratitude to Sally and Carol for the dedication and hard work they have put in over the years in looking after the needs of library users in Gargrave and Malhamdale and wish them well for the future.

Over 60s

Doreen Lambert

Come and join us at the OVER 60s in the Village Hall Annexe every Wednesday afternoon 1.45 to 3.45. The men play dominoes, the ladies play Scrabble, cards or Rummikub. Halfway through the afternoon we are served tea and cakes by two volunteers. We also have a painting group who go into another room (to be quiet). We have small outings once or twice a year and Xmas dinner. Forget your age and join us!

Gargrave Bowling Club (behind the Masons Arms)

Ruth Abbott

The bowling season is almost upon us and we are looking forward to a good, long, sunny summer. The Club opens officially on Easter Saturday, 7th April at 2pm. We look forward to seeing all our members on that day, and anyone who might be thinking of joining us. The membership fee is £30 for the season. (You can "have a go" without paying up until May to give it a try, and we can lend you bowls.) For any further information, please ring the Secretary, Michael Cox on 01756 748285.



Debbie Gomersall



Malhamdale Rainbows and Brownies meet in Gargrave weekly during term time. As well as weekly meetings we also have evenings out and have recently been ice skating and done a sponsored walk; Brownies have also been swimming and bowling. In the next term or so we will be celebrating the Jubilee and the Olympics.



It is also 25 years since Rainbows started, so the Rainbows will be working for the Birthday Badge and there are two special trips planned, both day events, one with 100 other Rainbows, the other joining with the Brownies and attending the summer camp at Ripon, where they will join with Guides and Senior Section from all over the County. Some lucky Brownies will also get to stay overnight at the Camp.

There are currently a few places available in the units for new Rainbows and Brownies. Rainbows have to be 5, Brownies are usually 7. For further information please contact:

Debbie Gomersall for Rainbows on 01729 830589

or malhamdale_rainbows1@hotmail.co.uk;

Rose Turner for Brownies on 01729 825886 or roseturner.home@virgin.net.

Walking for health

Jean Maxwell



22 of us set off for the third Gargrave Walk for Health on a lovely spring morning on the first Thursday in March. We left the Summerseat and walked along the canal stopping for a photo call en route. We had one doubtful moment when a lone swan decided to go for a swim instead of blocking our path and everyone heaved a sigh of relief. We arrived at the Dalesman for a drink and a chat.

We look forward to our next walk on Maundy Thursday, April 5th. Depending on the weather the route will be either in Settle or Long Preston. We will meet at the Summerseat in time to catch the 9.59am bus north. Please do join us, it is open to all and what is more, if you hold a bus pass, it is FREE. All you need is clothing suitable for the weather and a pair of comfortable sturdy shoes you can walk for an hour in.

The following walk will be on Thursday 3rd May, in Gargrave, meeting at the Summerseat at 10am. We hope to see you there.



Marguerite Mason

WE ALL FEEL BETTER FOR A GOOD LAUGH and our February speaker, Gill Lowe, told us that there are sound scientific reasons for this. She is a psychologist, and assured us that there are beneficial biochemical changes caused by laughing. In addition it reduces stress, helps relaxation and improves breathing and heart function, to say nothing of the social benefits of sharing our appreciation of the funny side of life with our friends. Surprisingly, forced laughter can have the same desirable effects, though, when we tried, we quickly found that it lead to the real thing. Gill and her husband run a group in Grassington practising *laughter yoga* to improve health and she took us through a few simple exercises. Since it was such a cold evening they warmed us up as well as cheering us up. It was very different from our usual meeting but none the worse for that, and we were grateful to Gill and her helper Maggie for sharing a new idea with us.

At the business meeting which followed we discussed arrangements for the WI's contribution to the events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee being planned for 5th June. We decided to offer hot drinks, a bite to eat, and a cake

decorating competition (details in the Jubilee programme), in the village hall from 3.00 pm, which might provide a welcome break from all the excitement, especially for some older people.

The other exceptional matter discussed came from reading an article in the WI monthly magazine "WI Life" which is sent to all our members from the National Federation based in London. Since 2008 the NFWI has been working on a resolution asking the Government to provide Care Not Custody for convicted women who would often get more benefit from help with drug problems or mental illness than from imprisonment.

With the help of prison officers and experienced WI members the first WI has been set up in a prison. Prisoners with good conduct can join, if they wish, as part of the process of preparing them for resettlement in the community outside. Their meetings are like ours; encouraging them to learn new skills, to work with others and to enjoy artistic creation. Hopefully, some will join local WIs when they are released. It is an act of faith and trust in other people both for the prisoners and for ourselves. Gargrave members decided to send them a letter of goodwill, realising that in doing so, one day, we may have someone among us with a criminal record. It's quite a thought!

Good wishes to readers of this magazine.

The taxi

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the pavement, and stopped inches from a department store window. For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mate, don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death!"

The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a little tap could scare him so much.

The driver replied, "You're right. I'm sorry. Really, it's not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

Twitter

A man walked into a church and approached the minister. "I need help. I think I'm addicted to Twitter." The minister looked at him and said gently, "I'm so sorry, I don't follow you."

Gone fishing

A wife returning from a fishing trip with her husband was telling her troubles to a neighbour. "I did everything all wrong again today," she said. "I talked too loud, I used the wrong bait, I reeled in too soon, and - I caught more fish than he did."

THE GARDEN IN APRIL

Barbara Walker Sharp

*"Oh, how this spring of love resembleth
The uncertain glory of an April day!
Which now shows all the beauty of the sun
And by and by a cloud takes all away"*

from "Two Gentlemen of Verona, Shakespeare

EARLY SPRING, THE BEGINNING of the natural year, is exciting for both birds and gardeners; the former doing an excellent job of waking us up at first light so glad are they to see the back of winter. Many plants are beginning to wake up from their winter dormancy and put out fresh green shoots. Slowly our gardens are coming back to life – such a wonderful time of the year.

Jobs to do this month

- Continue weeding. As you do so, look for and pot up self sown seedlings, or if you want to grow them on, transplant to a suitable place. They will settle easily after replanting. For example, look for hellebore seedlings under adult plants now flowering beautifully.
- Prune roses, then feed with rose fertilizer.
- Slugs and snails are absolute pests at this time of year so be vigilant. As they feed at night, some people go out with a torch and gather them up!
- Stake and or support perennials in good time.
- Sow hardy annuals. Plant out herbaceous perennials.
- Cut buddleias hard back.
- Ventilate green house on warm days.
- Take cuttings of pelargoniums and fuschias.
- Start begonias back into growth.
- Pinch off fading flowers of bulbs – daffodils etc – in order to prevent them from forming seedheads. They will then channel their energy into producing next year's flowers. Leave their leaves alone, let them die down naturally!

*"Beneath these fruit-tree boughs that shed
Their snow white blossoms on my head,
With brightest sunshine round me spread
Of spring's unclouded weather,
In this sequestered nook how sweet
To sit upon my orchard-seat!
And birds and flowers once more to greet,
My last year's friends together."*

from "The Green Linnet", William Wordsworth

WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

Sue Smith, Gargrave, March 8

"Life is the day to day living of it"

Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace

A QUIET MONTH, but look and listen; things are stirring.

As the days continue to lengthen, and for the most part, here at least, with the milder weather, wildlife has prospered. The only blip was a day of freezing rain, a freak weather condition, which sent everything seeking shelter, and left the rowan, which has smooth bark, with ice on the windward side of its branches, sometimes an inch wide and sometimes in rivulets. Once the freezing rain had stopped, the aftermath did not deter the birds, who continued to visit the higher branches, or to feed on the seed feeder and nut dispenser. We have had strongish winds, and normal rainfall, none of the storms or droughts that have affected some parts of the country.

A few days were wild, wet and windy; the birds continued to come for birdseed and nuts, but did not linger to find their regular food among the branches of the rowan and hawthorn, but flew away to shelter. I was delighted on one such day to watch a song thrush, which I have not seen for so long, sheltering in the conifers, and a few days later two of them were on the grass.

It has been a time for residents only; the Spring visitors from the coast and overseas have not yet arrived. There have been daily visits from tits – blue, great, coal and longtails, and finches, both chaffinches and greenfinches and occasionally gold finches; blackbirds and dunnock are around, and the nuthatch comes now and again, as does the wren, and one day a cock pheasant strutted across the grass.

It is in the air that there is subtle change. One day fifteen lapwing flew over. There are more wildfowl; duck and geese fly across in ones, twos and threes, and once two swans flew over. The collared doves are a joy with their wonderful courtship flight and cooing calls and often come in pairs to land.

Blackbirds and greenfinch are beginning territorial display, and cocks often have shortlived disputes, with the vanquished retreating, **not** pursued by the victor. This also happens in the rutting season, when after locking antlers, the victor does not take revenge. If only humans could resolve their differences without causing harm and suffering!

On the ground, the snowdrops continued in bloom for weeks, and the crocuses are now at their peak, and the daffodils are upright and about to flower. The buds are swelling on the trees, but the outer casings on the rowan have not burst. Birdsong is in crescendo. All the signs of Spring are here for the growing and breeding season.

Don't let us forget our part in nature. Remember that largish hard food, for example, peanuts scattered on the ground or bird table can choke young birds; pesticides and herbicides can kill birds and damage our wild flora; planting native trees, like rowan or crab apple, and shrubs such as buddleia attract birds

and butterflies. Improve the day to day living for our fellow creatures, and we improve it for ourselves.

OWD BILL'S OWD TALES

Owd Bill's up ter 'is tricks ageean!

ESTER THOWT ON ABAAT that theer 'at ah telld thee abaat owd Joss? Well, ther's a bit moor yet!

Another place we 'edn't to goa ter wor t' reservoy. I' them days, yer mooan't be copped – we wor allus telld 'at it wor a summons (but thanaws, ah nivver 'eerd tell abaat folk bein' summoned ner nowt, but we wor flaid onnyrooad).

Soa, ther wor summat on a dare ter try an' goa reight raand t' reservoy weart bein' copped, an' Joss an' me 'ed a goa. Mooast o't' way yer wor aat o' seet, 'cos yer cud go on in t' culvert at t' side. Them theer culverts wor kept clean in them days, an' ther wor newts an' stuff theer. Then yer cem ter t' dam, soa yer cud iddy daan theer. But t' 'ard bit wor gerrin' past reservoy 'aas weer t' watterman lived. Ah can't remember bein' copt, soa we mun 'a managed.

When we wor owder, we ewsed ter goa off on us bikes, campin' an' 'ostellin an' that. Joss an' me, we both 'ed yung lady friends 'at went off wi' us. Eyup, thoa, we wor up ter nowt 'at we sudn't er bin doin, an' it wor all reight an' proper. Onnyrooad, this 'ere time, ah'd gone on afore 'em, an' fun' aht 'at t' 'ostel wor full. Soa ah left a message, an' went on ter t' next 'ostel. When they got theer, it wor late, t' 'ostel wor locked up, soa Joss climbed in thru a winder ter find me – o' coarse, ah warrant theer, wor ah! Nah then, wot ter do? Soa, ther went an' fun' a barn – an' ter keep it all decent like, t' lasses gorr I' one barn, an' t' lads I' another!

Ah've just thowt on another tale abaat Joss when 'we wor yung uns. 'E fun a place weer yer cud luk straight daan inter a backyard wi' dozens er bottles in a rack. If yer dropped a stoin dahn theer, it went straight thru all t' lot an smashed looads o' bottles. Ah, but thanaws, one day, 'we wor copped, an' 'us names gi'en ter t' head teycher at t' schooil. Ah reckon 'we gorr off leet, 'cos 'we nobbut 'ed ter clean up t' mess, an put some brass in a charity box.

' Od on – if ah dooan't shut up sooin, ah s'll be offat page!

William is into mischief again!

DO YOU REMEMBER some of the things Joss and I did when we were young? More follows!

We were forbidden to go near the reservoir. At that time, prosecution was threatened, although it never seemed to happen. However, the threat was sufficient to frighten us.

This gave us another "dare" to achieve: to go all the way round without being discovered, and so we set about it. It was easy to keep out of sight where there was a culvert alongside. The culverts at that time were nice and clean, and creatures such as newts were to be found. When crossing the dam, one could

hide as well. It was more difficult going past the reservoir house where the keeper lived, but I have no recollection of being caught!

In our teens, we went cycling, often camping or Youth Hostelling. Joss and I took lady friends along with us on some of these expeditions. You may rest assured that the proprieties were fully observed on these occasions. On one occasion, I had gone on ahead alone, and I discovered that the hostel was full. I left a message, and went on to the next hostel. The others arrived after the hostel was closed for the night, so Joss entered through a window to find me. But of course, I wasn't there! They found two barns, one for ladies and one for gentlemen, and slept on the hay!

I have just remembered another escapade of Joss's childhood. He found a place where you could look vertically downwards into a back yard where bottles were stored in a rack. If one dropped a stone, it crashed through a number of bottles. But one day he was apprehended, and the Headmaster at school came to hear about it. I feel that Joss came off quite lightly, as he was only required to clean up the mess, and make a contribution to the charity box.

Now then, I had better cease, or I will be off the page!

ALL CREATURES... MOSTLY SMALL

Helen Pratt BVSc MRCVS GPCert SAM, March 8

THE TIME IS UPON US AGAIN, the cupboards are stocked with provisions - lubricants, iodine, calcium, needles and syringes etc. Ready and raring to go, for lambing to start.

Tell a lie really... not sure about the raring. I think my other half would be happy to have a couple more weeks break; he's only just recovering from early lambing in February. He did have a hand this year, with a girl doing the night-shift which makes a real positive input to his daytime workload, but I think he'd still work as hard whether he had no help or 10. But they'll come out whether he's ready and looking forward to it or not.

Let's hope for a mild spring this year as last year. A lamb manages much better with the weather cold than wet, but can cope with the cruddiest of weather with a good mum and a belly full of milk. Although we don't use them, you can get plastic lamb jackets if it really turns nasty. Little "Pac-a-macs" that I think look really sweet, but I'm not sure the ewes agree.

Around 1400 to lamb over a month or so. All indoor thankfully, but labour intensive, so more help needed. Every year we get vet students through the various universities, who have to do a period of lambing work as part of their course requirements. Most are complete novices, apart from the night staff, but they tend to get stuck in (they have to!) and pick things up pretty quickly. Neil or I are about for any problem lambings. Neil gives me a go with the odd difficult lambing (especially at night) - he may as well when he's got a vet on hand! It gives me my large animal "fix" now I'm in small animal world.

This year the students are from Glasgow, and from the newer vet school at Nottingham. We've got a real international flavour – 1 Scot, 2 Americans and a Canadian.

So if you come across in the Co-op any tired, dishevelled, smelly, individuals with an odd accent, buying energy drinks and junk food and looking lost, can you point them back in the direction of the lambing sheds at Bank Newton.

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Our link with Sierra Leone: Mrs DeVille visits and here is a short description of her experiences.

*"How can I describe **my visit to Sierra Leone**? Where should I begin? Maybe with some background, on why I went there.*

In the Craven area, there are eleven schools who have links with schools in the Bo region, of Sierra Leone. Gargrave Primary school is linked to the Baptist Model school. The school has over 400 pupils whose ages range from 3-18 years old. Class size is around 50-100 children per class. They are the only school in Bo which have stopped using the cane. The parents pay for their children's education and basic school equipment i.e pencil, paper. Our simple gifts of coloured crayons, skipping ropes and many more items I could squeeze into my case were gratefully received.



In February eight teachers, including myself, went to visit our link schools. The main objective of this was to meet the children and teachers but also to teach, giving them an idea of our teaching methods in the UK. Teaching a class

of a hundred children was a challenge! Making sure they understood and completed their learning objective was a major task; I think I achieved it.

I did discover that Yams, part of their stable diet, was something I really did not like. But would eat it when someone had kindly cooked it for my lunch. It was usually served with fish or chicken, in a sauce. Rice was also popular and I enjoyed this.

I found the people of Sierra Leone, extremely welcoming and friendly. Their happiness with life was contagious. My apprehension, worries about safety and our treatment soon dwindled to a small speck. I found myself relaxing.

Sat now in the comfort of my home, I realise how spoilt my life is...Just being able to drink water straight from a tap...I was, asked by a child in Sierra Leone "How do you cope with cholera in England?" He was surprised to hear that we didn't have cholera in the UK, something, that over the years we have taken for granted. A machine cleans my pots and clothes, no going down to the river to wash my clothes. My children are provided with the essential equipment in school, enabling them to achieve their goals in life. These are simple things that we all take for granted. Are our 21st century lifestyles, fast and convenient making us forget about the things which really matter in life?

I've returned from my great adventure more positive about my own life, what makes me really happy? Do I really need more clothes? What is important and what isn't? For every negative thing that comes my way, I now try to think of two positives. It's that easy."

We look forward to welcoming Millicent from Sierra Leone to our school for a week at the end of May. We shall give you more details in May's parish magazine.

Closer to home, on our school field beside the canal, our Parent Teacher Association and school children have been constructing an **outdoor classroom made of willow**, which we hope will take root this spring and will provide a green shady play and work area.





GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting, 6 February 2012

Janet Turner

Apologies: Cllrs. Brian Atkinson and Mark Carruthers, Cty. Cllr. Shelagh Marshall, District Cllr. Simon Myers and Police Sgt. Moorhouse. Mr. Keith Bradley was introduced as a new Parish Councillor replacing Lucy Demaine. The Parish Council is very grateful to everyone who put their names forward to fill the two recent vacancies on the Council. We were very pleased to have a choice available from a number of parishioners who were prepared to give their time and experience for the benefit of the village.

Public participation: Two issues were discussed. One was the letter of intent from the Environment Agency giving notice of work on the river bank near Systagenix - the Clerk was asked to make further inquiries. The other was to confirm the report provided at the last meeting on the legal advice which the Council has received as to its legal powers concerning the use of the playground.

It was noted that quite a number of street lights in the village are not working and was reported that this was because of a problem with the power supply, not with the lights themselves. The Clerk has asked YEDL, who are responsible for the power supply, to rectify the faults.

Village tidy up: As many villagers as possible are asked to meet at the Summer Seat at 10am on Saturday 31 March to take part in the annual "spring clean" of the village. Suitably attired and gloved, the Clerk will obtain a number of "litter pickers", bags and a needle box from Craven District Council for the use of this "working party". Please note that this has been a very successful operation in previous years but it does depend on enough volunteers turning out on the day!

The Diamond Jubilee: An update on the proposed events was given by Karen, the landlady of the Old Swan Inn.

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 14 May, 7pm at the Village Hall. It will be followed by the normal monthly meeting of the Parish Council.

INFORMATION



Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship

1 April	Palm Sunday : Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11; or John 12:12-16
8 April	EASTER DAY: Acts 10:34-43; or Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18; or Mark 16:1-8
15 April	Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-end
22 April	Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
29 April	Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-end; John 10:11-18
6 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 8:26-end; 1 John 4:7-end; John 15:1-8

Sidesmen	8am	10 / 10.30 am	
1 April	Marion Scarborough	Stanley Preston	John Bailey
8 April	Kay Craven	Sarah Curtis	Tim Warner
15 April	Janet Sturgess	Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell
22 April	Colin Chapman	Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown
29 April		Stanley Preston	John Bailey
6 May	Marion Scarborough	Sarah Curtis	Tim Warner

Readings	Offertory procession		
1 April	John Bailey	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
8 April	Ruth Abbott		
15 April	Hugh Turner	Pat Cockshott	Eileen Hoskin
22 April	Valerie Geddes		
29 April	John Bailey	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
6 May	Pauline Barnes	Pat Cockshott	Eileen Hoskin

Church cleaning

26 March - 6 April	Sylvia & Ron Humphreys
9-20 April	Judith Douglas & Nancy Harrison
23 April- 4 May	Jean Banks & Carole Ballard

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

Prayer is more than meditation. In meditation the source of strength is one's self. When one prays he goes to a source of strength greater than his own.

Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.

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				1207		1507		1657	
Settle									
Mon - Fri		0740	0859	then every hour until			1659	1804	2129
Saturday		0740 ⁴	0859	then every 2 hrs until			1659		
Sunday ⁷			1002	1102 ⁶	1242 ⁶	1542 ⁶			
Malham									
Mon- Fri	0725		1000 ⁵		1300 ⁵			1610	
Saturday			1015		1230	1400	1615		
Sunday			1002	1102	1242		1542		
Notes	4 Saturdays during term time only, 5 Monday, Wed & Friday only 6 Change at Malham, Buck Inn 7 Sunday Services to Settle are back, with the new timetable commencing on April 8 th .								
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Collections	Gargrave – Mon & Tue	Coniston Cold – Mon
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	School closes	School opens
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 Dec ember 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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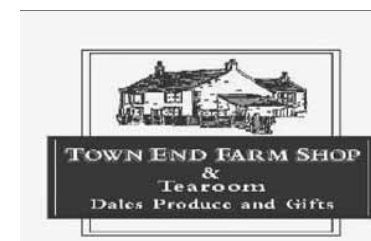
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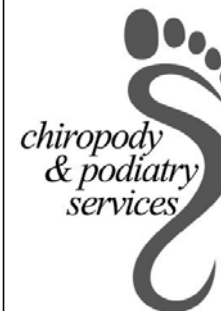
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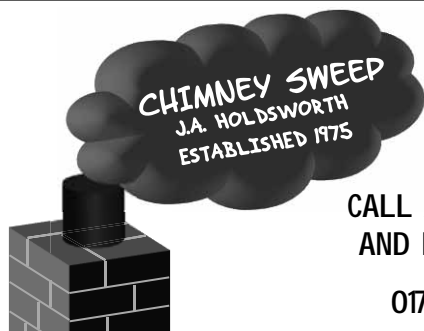
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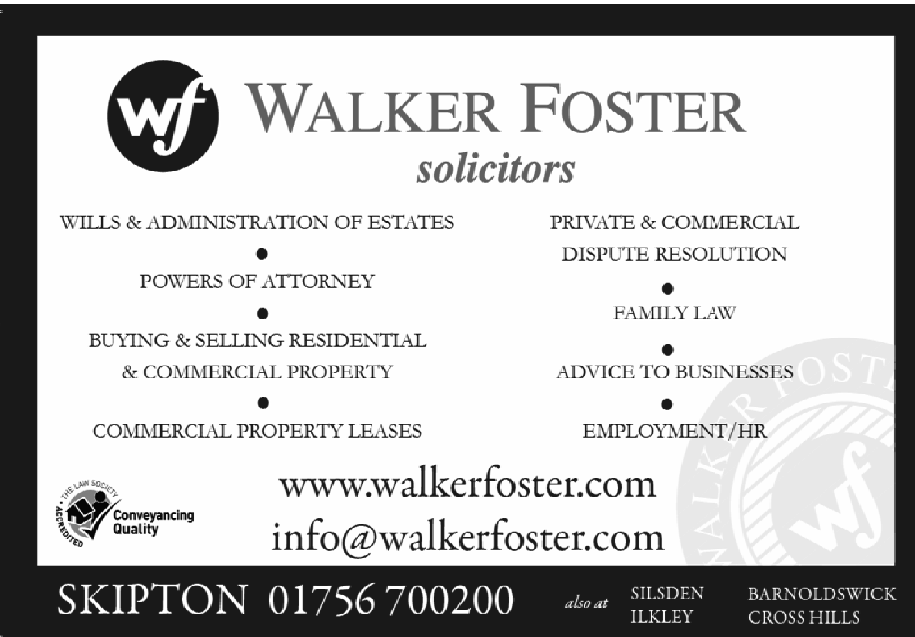
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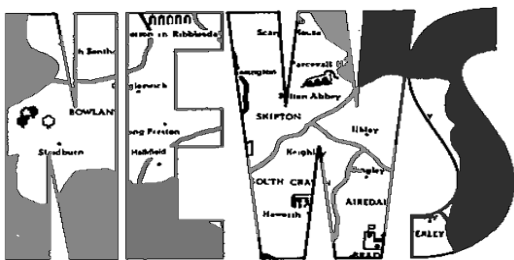
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Sudan – a land of unexpected contrasts. Bishop Ismail, David Macha and I sat for 9 hours on an air conditioned luxury coach as it raced south from Khartoum to El Obeid on long straight tar roads across the arid scrubland. Window blinds were drawn and the video screens showed concerts of Arabic songs and short breaks of American tag wrestling! We left behind the traffic jams of a huge capital city where many people went to work and went out for evening meals till long after midnight. By evening we were in El Obeid, where security is tight and you need the right papers to move around the place and government jets fly out on missions against the rebels, who are also Sudanese and live not far away. Welcome to the new Republic of Sudan.

We'd been in Khartoum to celebrate the centenary of the first Anglican Cathedral – 3 days of worship, thoughtful presentations, dancing and eating. The Episcopal Church in the Sudan gave

thanks to God for the great things he has done and is planning for the next 100 years. Since Sudan split in two when the south seceded, the government of the new Sudan (the smaller northern area with which we have been linked for years) has decreed that all people from South Sudan must leave the country by 8 April 2012. Hundreds of thousands are travelling south – more than half of the congregations and clergy are from the South and they are all going. Yet the bishops and those who remain are in very good heart – trusting God for the lean times ahead. We salute them and stand with them in friendship and prayer. We discussed renovating church schools, publishing new translations of the Bible and improving communications – even a youth group wanting help to buy a large sound system for open air worship and evangelism – here is a church planning for the future in a peaceful part of the world.

Yet in El Obeid we met people who had fled for their lives from Kadugli and Blue Nile – two areas where fighting is happening right now. These 'internally displaced persons' (IDPs) are far from their homes and gardens and so are in great need. We were glad to see that the diocese was distributing sorghum (local cereal crop used to make nutritious porridge) to such people, helping them survive until peace returns. Our Kadugli Appeal has made this possible – your help has made a difference. It was humbling to be with people who have so very little and see the church able to offer this practical help. Thank you. Since Bishop Nick launched the Appeal last year, a second area has succumbed to fighting, killing and insecurity as government soldiers pursue armed rebels – and civilians flee in terror. Parts of the Blue Nile state are now very dangerous and Bishop Saman has already started helping the IDPs who have fled to Wad Medani. As we talked, one of the jets returned fast and low over the airfield and pulled up into a victory roll – and one wondered what he might be celebrating.



We have committed/delivered £55,000 which is all in the pipeline to the three Dioceses working with these homeless people – what a great achievement – thank you for your contribution. Our visit this year confirmed that there is still great need and the church has asked if we can provide more funds to help. Please continue to pray and raise funds for our Kadugli Appeal. The churches are one of the very few agencies in Sudan who are able to receive funds and offer help like this because all the big aid agencies are temporarily suspended. Bishop Saman in Wad Medani insists that the church gives aid to all in need whatever their tribe and whatever their faith – and this is being noticed: people have started to talk about God's love for them experienced through



this relief aid. Please continue to raise funds so that the Sudanese church on the ground can care for people, and please pray for those struggling to get the peace talks going again. Thank you. For more information, please contact me on david.lee@bradford.anglican.org

David Lee

DEAN OF BRADFORD TO BE DEAN OF ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL



The Dean of Bradford, the Very Revd Dr David Ison, has been appointed as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, after the resignation of the former Dean, the Very Revd Graeme Paul Knowles, on 31 October 2011.

David Ison (57) has been Dean of Bradford since 2005, where he has enabled the Cathedral to play a significant role in the life of the city and the Diocese of Bradford.

The Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, says, "I am delighted that St Paul's Cathedral is to have as its

new Dean a man of such warmth, ability and stature as David Ison. I am sad that Bradford will be losing a Dean who has done extraordinary work in the last six and a half years for the good of the Diocese, the city and its diverse people. David leaves a strong legacy for the next Dean of Bradford and moves to London with my deep personal gratitude for his friendship, advice and support in the short time I have been the Bishop of Bradford. London's gain is Bradford's loss, but it is good to know that a deep affection for and knowledge of Bradford will now be resident at the heart of the City of London. David and Hilary go with my love, my prayers and the gratitude of all in this diocese."

David is married to Hilary, who is also an ordained priest and works in London for the Church of England's Ministry Division, in the selection of prospective ordinands. They have two married daughters and two sons, and became grandparents two years ago. His interests include history and current affairs, interfaith relations, DIY and scuba diving; and he drives a kit-car he made himself.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

THE CATHEDRAL

Stainer's Crucifixion will be performed by the Cathedral choir on Good Friday 6 April, 7.30pm. If not worshipping in your own church, you will be more than welcome at the Cathedral.

Christian Aid's 'Poverty Over' Exhibition, which is touring UK cathedrals to deepen our understanding of the issues behind poverty and how we can overcome them, visits Bradford from 12 April until 3 May. All welcome, free entry.

Taize Prayer Services continue on the second Sunday of each month at 6.30pm (except Easter Day). Come and join us for a reflective, candle-lit service with readings, Taize chants and time for quiet prayer.

Canon Andy Williams is leading a **Bradford Diocesan Visit to Taize** (in France) for young people aged 16-29 from July 7-16. Ring (01274) 777720 for more details or e-mail Andy on andy.williams@bradfordcathedral.org

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

MENSTON WITH WOODHEAD

Churchyard Open Day. Saturday 21 April, 2-4.30pm. Plant and cake stalls, refreshments and (by popular request) the reappearance of the Chevin Handbells Ringers and the church's own organists.

Further events in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee are Aireborough Gilbert and Sullivan Jubilee Concert on Saturday 19 May, Church Summer Fair on Saturday 30 June and Jubilee Concert with the Airedale Male Voice Choir on Saturday 1 September.

ILKLEY ST MARGARET

A concert of Haydn's Creation. Saturday 28 April, 7pm. Ilkley Choral Society will be joined by members of Otley Choral Society. The performance will be part of Ilkley Parish Council's Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Tickets available from The Grove Bookshop, members of the chorus or by phoning (01943) 816774.

SHIPLEY ST PAUL

"The Organist Entertains". Friday 13 April, 7.30pm. An evening concert featuring Thomas Dixon playing the historic Binns organ. Admission £7, all proceeds to the Organ Restoration Fund. The **Bradford Chorale** will perform Faure's Requiem and other well known works. Saturday 21 April, 7.30pm. Tickets from (01274) 594659.

BOLTON PRIORY

Palm Sunday 1 April, 5pm. Readings and Music by Cantores Silicium.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Robin Gamble and Gordon Dey are to lead an 11-day pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine from 2-12 September 2013. The specially devised tour will follow the life of Jesus, and provide great opportunity for faith growth in a warm and lively Christian fellowship. For a brochure and booking form, contact Gordon Dey at gordondey1@gmail.com or phone (01274) 402003.

RAWDON ST PETER

Come and celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with the stars of Opera North. St Peter's Rawdon will be the venue for an evening of musical celebration with twelve of the company's top artists. The programme will include favourite operatic excerpts, songs from the shows and something patriotic to join in! Monday 4 June, 7pm. Tickets £10/£7.50 (to include a glass of bubbly and nibbles). To book, phone (07956) 879726.

SHIPLEY ST PETER

The Rotary Club of Bingley Airedale presents The Choral Scholars of King's College Cambridge in concert. Saturday 31 March, 7.30pm. Tickets £12 including refreshments.

KEIGHLEY ALL SAINTS

Good Friday 6 April, 1-2pm. Church open for silent prayer. 2pm - Stations of the Cross using contemporary material from Palestine. For further information, contact Dorothy Grant on (01535) 663574.