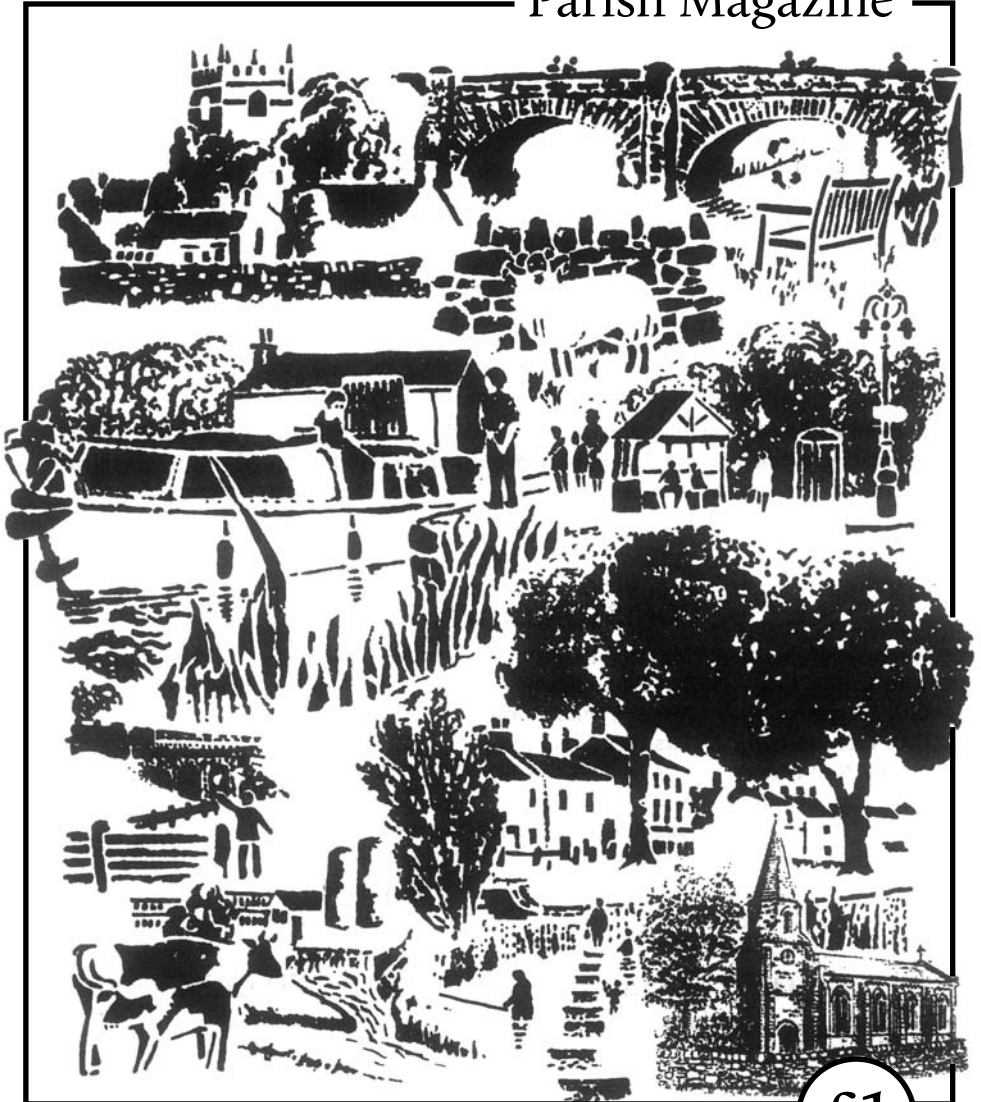


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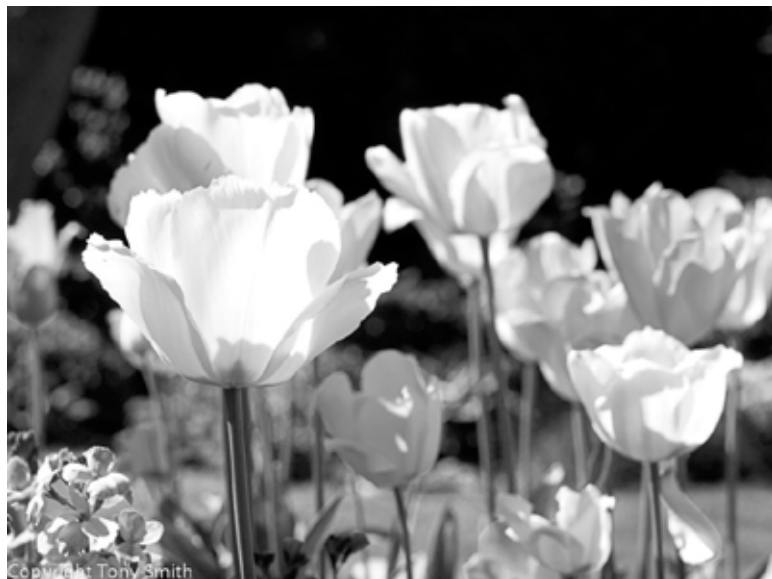


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**Caterpillar Club** (0+) – St Andrew's, Wed 10-11.30am, Gemma Tetley 07835 739899

**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,

Jean McHale 01729 850329, 07775 880557

**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.masonsarmsgolf society.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, Tues 7pm, Olive Coates 748379

**Walking for Health** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Bell ringing** – St Andrew's, Mon 7.30pm Sun 9.30am David Cockshott 07772 179561

**Bingo** – Village Hall Annex, 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of month 7.30pm, Joan Philip 749468

**Dog training** – Village Hall, Wed 5-10pm, Helen & Brian Coates 751816

**Fuchsia & Geranium Club** – V.Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Mon of mth, or 2<sup>nd</sup> on bank hols

**Snooker Club** – Village Hall Snooker Annex, every day, Stewart Smith 749340

**Stan Drew's Community Choir** – Ruth Abbott, 748483

**WI** – Village Hall Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month 7.30pm, Moira Sonley 749634

## ROD'S REFLECTIONS

### Listen to the Sound

ONE OF MY GREAT LOVES is music, mainly folk, folk-rock or Gaelic folk-rock. When I am not actively listening to music, I find myself singing, humming or whistling favourite songs. However, in my long life of appreciating music, there are two words that sum up the absolute heights of reproduction of sound for me. Japanese vinyl!!

It's not just the colour of the discs, it's the incredible reproduction of the original sounds that they have achieved as far back as the mid 1960s.

I could fill this Magazine with examples of why Japanese vinyl is so superior, but suffice it here to say that I can hear a song on Japanese vinyl and pick out sounds, mainly instrumental, that I have never heard on my UK or US singles and albums.

It is usually a background sound, a bit of pedal – steel guitar flowing behind the main tune that, once you have heard it, transforms the whole song. Perhaps a few bars of fiddle or banjo, a quiet flute or pipes that underlay the more obvious instrumentation.

OK, I know, this actually could turn into a love song to Japanese vinyl!

What made me think of this now is the approach of the Festival of Pentecost, the celebration of the day when God sent the Holy Spirit to transform the lives of Jesus' disciples and indeed give birth to what we now call the Christian Church.

Reading Acts chapter 2, I get the overwhelming impression that God knew that it would need a major, public event to "kick start" the continuation of Jesus' ministry, through ordinary men and women. It was certainly a spectacular event, that no-one who witnessed it could deny.

It was, in musical terms, the big drum-roll, the clash of cymbals, the great opening guitar riff, a wailing pedal-steel intro!

It was loud and it was obvious!

Unfortunately, there has always been an emphasis on considering the work of the Holy Spirit to be loud and obvious, the big healing miracles, beginning in the time of the Acts of the Apostles right up until today.

Those are the obvious outpourings of the Spirit.

The danger for Christians is that we concentrate on this aspect of Holy Spirit's work in our lives and the lives of others.

In doing so it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that God is not at work through the Spirit now, as he was in the past. We look for the big event, the new "kick-start".

In doing this, we can miss the quieter, but nonetheless miraculous, working of Holy Spirit in our lives. As we wait and pray to hear the "drum roll", we miss the spine tingling flute melody that sometimes appears in the background. More

sadly, we miss the constant rhythm of the bass guitar or the banjo riff that underlies the whole sound.

We miss God at work, God at work constantly, through the Spirit, in our lives and the world around us. We miss how the Spirit underlies our lives.

We are afraid to share experience of the Spirit because we feel that our experience is not "up there" with the big events of the Bible or others in the world today.

I'm thankful that I was introduced to Japanese vinyl by someone who knew that I needed to hear the "full sound" of the music I love.

I am even more thankful to those who, during my lifetime, have shared their experiences of Holy Spirit at work. Particularly those who have shown me that to get the "full sound" of God at work through the Spirit, I have to recognise that he is laying an often imperceptible spiritual rhythm to my life.

I pray that you can recognise the same.

**Yours in Christ,  
Rod Geddes**

## DIARY FOR MAY

See back inside cover for regular weekly events and meetings

### Gargrave

- Tue 1 Communion 9 am, Church
- Wed 2 Yoga – new 6 week session, 9.30 to 11.30am, Village Hall Annex  
Fuchsia and Geranium Society Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall Annex
- Thurs 3 Walking for Health, 10am at the Summer Seat
- Fri 4 Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library Opens
- Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall
- Sun 6 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church**
- Tue 8 Communion 9 am, Church
- Wed 9 WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall
- Sun 13 Communion 8am; Service of the Word 10am, Church;  
Inn Faith (informal songs and fellowship) 5pm, Anchor Inn**  
Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall.
- Mon 14 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Committee Room 1
- Tue 15 Communion 9am, Church
- Thurs 17 *Ascension Day, Communion 10 am, Church*  
Art Class, 10 am, Village Hall Annex  
Walking for Health, catch 0959 bus from the Summer Seat  
Pantomime group planning meeting, 6.30pm, Old Hall Farmhouse
- Sat 19 Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall

Ceilidh with Sean Gilligan, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

**Sun 20 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church**

Tue 22 Communion 9am, Church

Wed 23 Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex.

Fri 25 Dance featuring Re Valley Band, 8pm to midnight, Village Hall.

Sat 26 Coffee Morning to mark the reopening of the Library, 10am-12 noon, Village Hall. Ribbon cutting at 10.30am.  
Modern Sequence Dance, 7pm, Village Hall

**Sun 27 Communion 8am; Communion 10am, Church**

Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall

Tues 29 Communion 9 am, Church

**Sun 3 Jun Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church**

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

### Coniston Cold

- Sun 6 Holy Communion 6pm, St Peter's
- Sun 13 Service of the Word 10am, St Andrew's, Gargrave
- Sun 20 Book of Common Prayer Communion 9am, St Peter's
- Sun 27 Evening Prayer with Gargrave, 6pm
- Sun 3 Jun 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

### Pendle Forest & Craven Harriers Skipton Races

*Ethne Bannister*

Point-to-Point Races, Heslaker Farm, Sunday 6 May, first race 2pm.  
Bar & Catering hosted by Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt Members.  
For further information please contact Tom Bannister on 01756 748080.

### Ceilidh

*Sally Thomas*

Gargrave Village Hall Committee are commencing the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. They are delighted to welcome back an old favourite to the Hall, Mr. Sean Gilligan and his band. The Ceilidh will commence at 7.30pm and there will be a pie and pea supper, raffle and a licensed bar. Tickets are priced at £10 per adult and £5 per accompanied child. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Frank 749609, Caroline 749235 or Joan 749468.

## Inn Faith – church otherwise

*Jerry Ford*

If you feel that a church service isn't really you, but you'd like to share some time reflecting on God and our part in His plan, why not come along to the Anchor Inn on May 20<sup>th</sup>? Our time together starts at 5pm and we usually sing a few songs, watch a video, chat and share some prayer before we share food together.

No experience necessary; no obligation required!

We'd love to see you.

## Mother's Union, Gargrave and Coniston Cold

*Ethne Bannister*

Tuesday 15th May, South Craven Deanery Service, St James, Silsden 7pm

## Coniston Cold and Bell Busk Jubilee Celebrations

*Ethne Bannister*

The evening of Monday 4th June:

\*Celebration \* Fun \* Sport \* Barbeque \* Music \* Lighting of Beacon at 10pm

## Gargrave Jubilee Celebrations

*Helen Carruthers*

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, on Middle Green:

5-6pm Zumba

7.-11pm Bar and Disco

**Tuesday 5th June**

Village Hall

9am - 10.15am - Cakes and Crown competition entries into the Village Hall

On Middle Green:

10.30am – Church Service in the Marquee

11.45am – Opening of the Woodland Walk

12noon – Bring along a picnic, Hog Roast Stall, Bouncy Castles, Children's Games and races

1pm, 2pm and 3pm – Punch and Judy Shows

2.30pm – Tug of War across the river

6pm-10pm – Bar and Family Disco in the marquee on Middle Green

Village Hall:

4pm - 6pm – Tea, Scones, Cakes, Tea and Coffee provided for free by the WI in the Village Hall, and the judging of competitions.

Also throughout the day are:

\* Kite Displays \* Face Painting \* Tai Chi \* Children's Story Time \*

\* Ice-Cream Cart \* Book Stall \* Games Competition \*

\* Fancy Dress Competition \* Cake Competitions \* etc, etc.

## LASRUG Coffee Morning

*Hugh Turner*

The Lancaster & Skipton Rail User Group comprises volunteers who seek to achieve improvements to the Leeds to Morecambe train service and work to publicise the service and the travel opportunities it provides. Our members are drawn from all along the line, including a number from Gargrave, but also from people who live further afield but who appreciate the line. On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 10am to 12noon we shall hold a coffee morning in Gargrave Village Hall to raise our profile in Gargrave. All welcome!

## Open Gardens

*Duncan and Bea Faulkner*

Gargrave Open Gardens is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to the many gardeners who have offered to take part and for the offers of help with publicity. If you would like to offer your garden please contact us before 26 May on 749443 or gargravemag@btinternet.com.

Please invite your family and friends to this community event. If you'd like to help out with the catering, please contact Norma on 748392. She'd be delighted to hear from you.

Janie Kennerdale has kindly offered to run the tombola once again – she is asking for tombola donations (the earlier the better) to be delivered to 2 Riversway, *"The earlier sight I have of things, the easier it is for me to package small items to make "better" prizes, or buy bits to put with them, trim them up etc etc etc, its so hard when everything comes in at the last minute, thanks so much."*

## NEWS

### Gargrave & Malhamdale Library Update

*Dave Smith*

No doubt most of you will be aware that the Library has been closed for the past month and the more observant may have noticed various bits of equipment being carried in and out of the Library as NYCC rearrange the furniture within the Library and install a new automatic book reader.

If everything goes according to plan the Library will **re-open on Friday 4th May** as a Community Library run by volunteers.

The opening hours will remain as before and are listed in the information section of this magazine, page 25.

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 PCs will still be connected to the NYCC library service for the ordering of books etc. Existing members of the NYCC library service will continue to be members and will be able to use their library tickets throughout North Yorkshire. New members will be able to enrol at our Library in Gargrave.

There will be a **'Ribbon Cutting' opening ceremony at 10.30am on Saturday 26th May** to which you are all cordially invited. The date corresponds

with the regular Village Hall Coffee Morning so there will be time for a chat, tea and coffee will be available.

The Management Committee wish to thank you all for your past support and, perhaps more importantly, look forward to your support in the future in order for us all to help make a great success of this community venture.

If you wish to contact the Library or a member of the Committee please telephone on 01756 748982 or e-mail gargrave.library@btinternet.com.

## Gargrave Pantomime

*Tilly Bond and Duncan Faulkner*

After many years running the pantomime, Isobel Nicholson and several of her helpers have decided to call it a day. The pantomime group are very grateful for all their hard work over the years. We are planning to continue with the pantomime in 2013 if we can find enough people to help run it. Our next planning meeting will be at 6.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> May in Old Hall Farmhouse, Gargrave. If you are interested please contact Tilly on 01756 748527, mobile 07919 534874, email [tillycadmanbond@btinternet.com](mailto:tillycadmanbond@btinternet.com).

## The Leprosy Mission

*Jean Coldwell*

I shall be glad if anyone with The Leprosy Mission phials or boxes, as well as friends who give straight donations, will let me have them sometime during May, either in Church or at 6 St. Robert Court.

Please ring (749638) if you would like me to collect your gift. As you know, 2012 is a very special year with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee & the Olympic Games. I hope you will all make it a bumper year for The Leprosy Mission!

With my sincere thanks, on behalf of this very worthwhile Christian organisation, for your continued support.

## The Caterpillar Club – Gargrave's Baby & Toddler Group

*Gemma Tetley*

We would all like to say a BIG thank you to Claire Cadman-Bond and Jo Ball who set this fantastic group up 7 years ago and have now left to start new ventures, we wish them both the best of luck.

The Caterpillar Club is a life-line to many mothers, fathers and grandparents to come and share all the happy and hard moments of looking after children and also to have lots of fun with them.

We have new craft activities every week and playdough, building blocks, books, trikes, slides, singing, dancing and story time! We also have a young baby area with a feeding seat, play mats and small toys for little hands.



We have a seated healthy snack break for the little ones with an all important caffeine hit or herbal tea for adults accompanied by beautiful homemade cakes made by Jane Ellis and other mums, all set to the backdrop of our beautiful church.

If you live in the Gargrave area and have a baby or young one, please drop in and join us at St Andrew's Church every Wednesday during school term mornings from 10am-11.30am.

Don't be shy or worried about calling in, all our mums, dads & grandparents are lovely and will make you feel very welcome, I'm sure!

Hope to see you soon

Gemma Tetley (the new excited runner of The Caterpillar Club).

## Marathon Challenge for Gargrave Man!

*Jerry Ford*

In the mistaken belief that Scottish miles were shorter than English ones, Jerry Ford signed up to run the Edinburgh Marathon last Autumn. As the Big Day approaches (May 27<sup>th</sup>) he is hoping that the good folk of this Yorkshire village may consider sponsoring him. As in previous runs (no previous marathons!) Jerry is hoping to raise funds for the Isaiah Trust.

There are sponsor forms at the back of St Andrew's Church, there is a website at <http://www.justgiving.com/JerryFord-MarathonMan> or you can call on Jerry at 27 Marton Road. This year you can even text a donation from your mobile phone; simply text FORD58 followed by the amount (eg £5) to 70070.

As a bit of additional training, Jerry will be running the Great Manchester 10k the weekend before, so if your favoured form of sponsorship is 'per km' you may fancy that instead of the 42 kilometres from Edinburgh out along the Firth of Forth and back. All support is very welcome.

For more information about the Isaiah Trust, see page 11 or go to [www.isaiahtrust.org](http://www.isaiahtrust.org).

## Walking for Health

*Jean Maxwell*

On Maundy Thursday, the best day of the week and in lovely sunshine, we set off on the bus for Settle and there had a choice of 2 walks. We met at the Millennium Gardens alongside Booths Car Park and some of us went along the new Ribble Path hearing a Dipper and seeing a Grey Wagtail on the way. We had a look at the Settle hydro plant which, as there was insufficient water in the river was not turning, neither were there any fish using the Fish Ladder alongside so we shall have to go again to see those in action. The other group went towards Langcliffe and back along the lanes parallel with the river – more energetic but nevertheless very enjoyable.

It has been confirmed that Walking for Health and thereby the North Craven Strollers, (which did come under the umbrella of Natural England) will now be supported by the Ramblers Association in conjunction with Macmillan. We hope this will prove to be a long and successful partnership of benefit to us all.

The next walk will be on **Thursday May 3rd** when we shall do a local walk in Gargrave meeting at the Summerseat at 10 am. As planned, we are beginning



to increase the walks to twice a month and so the next Hellifield walk will be on **Thursday May 17th** when we will meet at the Summerseat to catch the 9.59am bus to go wherever Jeff has planned for us. The June Gargrave walk will be on the 7th and the Hellifield one on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

It has been lovely to have the support of so many of you since January and Jeff, Helen, Veronica and I look forward to meeting more of you now the summer months are approaching. Everyone is welcome to come and join us – all you need are comfortable shoes for walking and suitable clothing for the weather on the day. We finish at the Dalesman in Gargrave for refreshments and a chat. The walks are gentle and take just over the hour at a pace to suit YOU. See you there!



Marguerite Mason

OUR MARCH SPEAKER was a lawyer, James Ward, who certainly raised a lot of laughs in a short time during his talk **"Amusing Aspects of the Law"**. Since we were assured in the previous meeting that laughter is beneficial, this was a good follow-up. Unusually Mr Ward is also a practised member of the Magic Circle and an accomplished conjuror, so his brief descriptions of the more exceptional and even bizarre aspects of the law of this country were interspersed with remarkable tricks which kept everyone wondering how he did them. Perhaps the most extraordinary was when he asked our Secretary, Moyra, to write the name of a former acquaintance unknown to anyone else in the room, and put the folded paper in full view in a glass container. At the end of his talk he produced a board with the name clearly and correctly written on it.

The talk started with a short account of some of his own experiences going back 30 years, from which he has concluded that while honesty is the best policy, insanity is the best defence. One wonders if some of our lawgivers are indeed out of their minds. Do we really need 3000 new laws, said to have been invented by the last Labour Government? Can anyone imagine how or why a law forbidding people to die in the House of Commons was solemnly placed on the statute book? Apparently this is still in force, together with various other pieces of nonsense. At least we can say that it does no harm to laugh at ourselves and our cherished institutions occasionally, we were grateful to Mr Ward for prompting us to do so.

At our meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May our speaker will be talking about choosing becoming colours to wear, called **"Colour me beautiful"**. We will also be debating and voting on this year's resolution; this calls on the Government to facilitate the training of more midwives. No doubt there will be considerable support among ourselves and at the National AGM due in June. Of course June is the month of the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Our contribution to Gargrave's celebration is to be the provision of hot drinks in the village hall at the end of the afternoon. Hopefully the weather will be kind. At the end of the month we are providing those members attending the North Yorkshire West Federation's Craft Day with lunch. Another busy time!

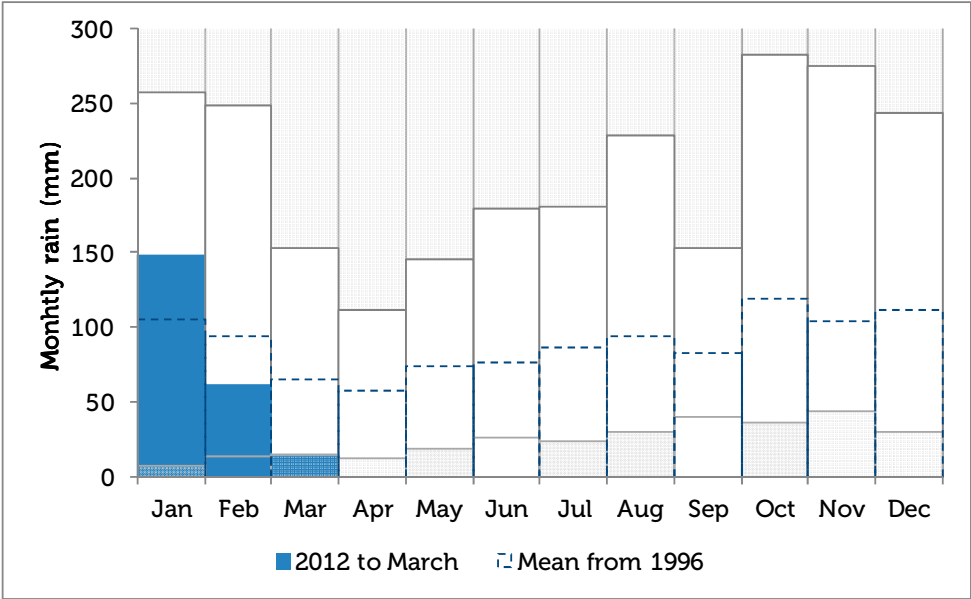
Our outing this year is to Browsholme Hall near Clitheroe, the home of the Parker family who have been Bow-bearers of Bowland since Tudor times, followed by an evening meal together in the Tithe Barn; we are very grateful for the work done by Marie Dexter and Joan Lawrence who have arranged this.

Although Olive Payne has been an active member for many years she has found time to write a short account of her life which she has had published to distribute to her family and friends. The book is called **"Snapshots"** and Olive has donated a copy to our small book collection. This is the first book we have which has been written by one of our own members and I am sure there will be many of us who will enjoy reading it. The work took four years to produce and Olive was heartily congratulated for her efforts.

News from the canal and river banks

Steve Rawson and Duncan Faulkner

AS I WRITE, the garden is enjoying yet another April shower. But if you can remember back to March, it was dry. In fact it was the driest March since Steve's records began at Bank Newton (1996). The graph shows monthly rainfalls to date this year along with averages for the period 1996 to date. The white boxes in the background show the range from the lowest to highest monthly rainfall recorded to date.



March 2012 was in fact the fourth driest of all months on record. On average April is the driest month. This April has been a notable exception; in fact we could be heading for another record breaker, at the top end of the graph this time, since the previous maximum April rainfall was only 112mm. Mean monthly rain shows a gradual increase through the summer, rising each successive

month from April to August. Let's hope that doesn't happen this year, although the rain might be welcomed over much of the rest of England and Wales.



## Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Gargrave

Beth Whitley

**Club Open Day:** Sunday 13th May, 1-5pm. This will offer existing members, and those thinking of joining, the opportunity to play tennis, table tennis & croquet. Entry will be free and visitors will be able to have afternoon tea for £2.50. There will also be a tombola with excellent prizes to be won. If anyone would like further information please contact Beth Whitley on 01756 749664. Everyone will be made very welcome and information will be available on membership fees, adult coaching, junior coaching & croquet sessions.

**Social Tennis:** Year round, is on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 10.30. The Tuesday sessions also incorporate a coaching session from Ji Mukherjee (£5). There are also social tennis sessions on Tuesday evenings, again incorporating coaching, from 6-7pm, to be followed by Club Night from 7pm onwards. It is hoped these will start in late April/early May depending on the weather. Social tennis is also available on Sunday afternoons from 1.30pm. These sessions are only open to members of the Club.

**Junior Coaching:** Sessions are on both Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. On Mondays there are groups from 4-5pm for Under 10s (£4 per child) and from 5-7pm (£6) with Ji Mukherjee. These sessions are open to both Members and Non-Members. On Saturdays there are three groups: 10-14 years at 10am, 14+ years at 11am and Under 10s at Noon. Each session costs £4 and there will be a block of 9 sessions at a cost of £36 on Saturday mornings. Please contact Club Secretary, Beth Whitley, on 01756 749664 to book your places as soon as possible.

**Croquet Section:** Thanks to the continued efforts of Doreen Johnson we now have a thriving Croquet Section on Tuesday afternoons. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining this group please contact her on 01756 748406 as everyone is made very welcome.

**Competitive Tennis:** The Club now has 3 teams in the Airedale/Wharfedale League who play on mid-week evenings, Mixed Doubles, and a Men's Doubles Team in the Bradford Parks League who play on Saturday afternoons. New members wishing to play competitive tennis will be made most welcome. The Club also run monthly tournaments from May to August on Sunday afternoons and holds a President's Day in September, both Mixed Doubles events.

**Teenage Tournament & Junior Fun Day:** will hopefully take place on Monday 23rd July and Wednesday 25th July respectively. Further details will follow. It's going to be a busy summer with the Olympics starting later that week.

**Olympic Torch Relay Event:** On Sunday 24th June the Olympic Torch Relay will be passing through Skipton and Craven District Council are organising

a Festival of Sport & Culture in Skipton High Street from 10am-3pm. The Committee are hoping that the Club will be able to participate in this unique event and are planning to combine resources with Skipton Tennis Club to organise a tennis promotional event. We hope this will be a fantastic opportunity to raise our profile locally with all age-groups.

Further details about the Club can be found at the Club's website at [www.craventennis.org.uk](http://www.craventennis.org.uk) or by contacting Club Secretary, Beth Whitley, on 01756 749664 or emailing [secretary@craventennis.org.uk](mailto:secretary@craventennis.org.uk).

## Isaiah Trust

Tim Broughton

*In March Tim visited Kenya, where he had set up the Isaiah Trust, back in 2001 shortly after moving to Gargrave. Here are some extracts from his blog written on his last day in Kenya before returning home.*

This has been my church ever since we built it in 2002. I can remember standing on the land as the timber frames were erected and the poles sunk into the ground, to be covered in concrete.

We had no idea if we would find a congregation amongst the varied houses and compounds that make up our village, just outside Kibos on the outskirts of Kisumu.

But today the church is flourishing. I guess we could do with some more seats and benches really, but we always seem to cram people into the available seats. The space at the back where we don't have chairs, well that's used for dancing.

As we pulled up at Kibos we were thrilled to see Maynard, his wife Carolyn and their two 6 month old twin girls. Maynard was in the very first group of boys we took in from the streets almost 10 years ago. He lived with Moses and Tatu at Kibos, progressing through school, before finding his independence. He now works with the matatus that ply their trade on Kisumu's roads

Kenya church starts at 8 with prayer. Bible teaching from 9 until 10:30, then praise and worship for as long as it takes. The preacher usually comes on after 12 and often won't finish until well after 1pm.

We sang and danced like it wasn't 30 degrees and lost ourselves in wonder, praise and thanksgiving, the time just didn't matter.

Then Moses invited me to preach, which I happily did. I talked of Abraham, about his journey. About how God told him to leave the place he was and to walk with him. Abraham packed up his things and left..

We are on a journey. We made the choice, like Abraham, to step out and go when we were told. We haven't reached the place of full restoration, that will come later when the least of these children will be first in the kingdom of heaven.

I thought back to my own promises, to Isaiah 58. "I will be with you always. I will meet your needs in a sun scorched land".

We are journeying, in the strength and by the grace of God.



In the great scheme of things, we have affected just a small number of lives here in Kisumu. But our boys are now spread out across Kenya, with children resettled in Mombasa on the east, Nairobi in the centre, Kitale and the Sudanese border in the north and of course Nyanza and Western province where we are concentrated.

Our first children are growing up and maybe, like Maynard, will soon have beautiful wives, husbands, children and families of their own. I hope and pray that will be so, because I am a son of Abraham, an inheritor of God's promises to him and like the stars in the sky I believe that our children will be so numerous they cannot be counted.

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## DEAR SHEILA & TED

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*Dear Sheila and Ted,*

*I believe in God ok, it's church I have a problem with. Can't I just believe in God on my own and not bother with church?*

*Yours truly,*

*Serena*

Dear Serena,

Well I don't have a belief in God at all, and that doesn't stop me from going to church when I feel like it. I like Christmas carol services for instance, and sometimes I go into an old church on holiday if I just want a bit of peace and quiet.

You can do what you want. Church doesn't have a monopoly on God or belief.

Yours pragmatically ,

Sheila

Dear Serena,

You certainly don't have to go to church to believe in God. But there are lots of aspects to going to church which may help you and your belief in God: you may learn more about God, you may pray to God, worship and praise God with other people. This may encourage your belief in God.

The church is God's idea, and although not perfect, is what He has arranged for believers. God's ideas are always very good.

Yours hopefully helpful,

Ted

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## WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

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*Sue Smith, Gargrave, April 12*

*"April brings the sweet Spring showers*

*On and on for hours and hours"*

*Flanders and Swan, At the drop of a hat*

NOT SO, NOT ANY MORE. After two years of below average winter rainfall, and a dry March with record breaking temperatures in parts of the UK, there are drought conditions in some areas. The recent change to cooler weather with sunshine and showers throughout the country is generally welcomed.

Here, we have a more temperate version of this theme. March was dry and very warm, but not hot, and we had cool nights and often early morning fog, which kept the ground moist. The Spring bulbs flowered earlier than usual, but the bluebells are only now coming into flower, whereas elsewhere the Woodland Trust reported bluebell woods in full flower in March, much too soon. The ground is now green and yellow, with primroses, celandines and dandelions.

The trees are in leaf and we have a symphony of varied greens – catkins, pussy willow, elder, hawthorn and rowan. A beautiful Spring scene with everything bursting into life.

I have seen a few tortoiseshell butterflies, and there are, again, a few bees buzzing around. They are essential for pollination. Stirling University identifies the cause of the dramatic decline in numbers of bees as less wild flowers, modern farming methods and some insecticides, which although they may not kill immediately, cause the collapse of hives.

Throughout this time birdsong has developed. Undeterred by the March weather, the song thrush continued to herald the dawn, followed by the chorus of resident birds. I still have not seen or heard any visitors from the coast or overseas, here in Gargrave, but a couple of miles away I watched a group of oystercatchers.

Our resident birds are pairing, and the nesting season is beginning. The gulls are in breeding plumage with their smart black heads; the collared doves indulged their stunning courtship flights in March, but are now more often at their nesting sites; there are more drake than duck mallard flying around (presumably she is on her nest); geese often fly over in twos or threes but not in autumn or winter flocks; and I watched two swans in flight.

The young shoots on the rowan and hawthorn, provide food for the tits, blue, great and coal, and I have watched longtails collecting nesting materials. The finches also enjoy them. There are numerous chaffinches and greenfinches there, and it is good to see goldfinches too. Bullfinches have become rarer over recent times, so I am delighted to see a cock, sometimes with a hen, come daily to feed on the hawthorn and rowan buds. There are plenty of blackbirds to be seen, and the woodpeckers often come to the rowan.

We have been fortunate so far – a green landscape, with rivers flowing with water, and riches in wildlife. Maybe we can keep it this way, even if the rainfall becomes uncertain. Water authorities certainly have some responsibility, but perhaps we need to change our attitudes. Is water merely something that comes at the turn of a tap, or might we once again sing, in the words of the *Canticle of the Creatures of "Sister Water", "most useful, humble, precious, pure"?*

## MAKE YOUR NATURE COUNT

*Deborah Brown pp Chris Collett, RSPB*

At this time of year, there's no better place to be than in your own back garden. The flowers are blooming, the bees are buzzing and the newly born wildlife are filling the air with snuffles and, tweets and chirps.

With so much going on, now is the perfect time to enjoy the sights and sounds and do your bit for nature by recording everything you see.

Conservation charity the RSPB is asking everyone to take part in its Make Your Nature Count wildlife survey, which runs from June 2 to June 10.

Although similar to its more well-known Big Garden Birdwatch, this survey not only asks you to count birds but also other wildlife such as hedgehogs, squirrels and deer.

Taking part in the survey will help the RSPB to build an important snapshot of summer wildlife in our gardens and find out which species are thriving and which might need our help.

Last year, 80,000 people took part in the survey across the UK and this year the RSPB is hoping for even more.

In 2011, the survey revealed almost half of UK gardens had baby blackbirds and 33% had regular sightings of bats and frogs.

Further information about the survey can be found at [www.rspb.org.uk/naturecount](http://www.rspb.org.uk/naturecount) where an online survey form can be downloaded from June 2. Alternatively, a survey form can also be ordered over the phone by calling 0300 456 8330 until June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## THE GARDEN IN MAY

*Barbara Walker-Sharp*

*"The year's at the spring,  
The day's at the morn;  
The morning's at seven;  
The hillside's dew-pearled;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn.  
God's in his heaven;  
All's right with the world"*

*Robert Browning*

The tranquil month of May with its lengthening days is one to be savoured before June heralds the more hectic growing period indicating summer has arrived. But during this month the weather can be very changeable, pleasantly warm followed unexpectedly by cruel frosts which can damage the flowers on early flowering shrubs like azaleas and camellias. Tender bedding plants should not be planted out before the first week of June. A bonus of May is the multitude

of flowering trees. Parks and gardens such as Harlow Carr, Harrogate are places to visit for the flowers do not last very long.

### What to do in May:

- Give border perennials some support whilst they are young, their foliage will soon grow to almost cover the support.
- Plant dominant tubers of dahlias towards the middle of the month.
- Plant out hardy chrysanthemums.
- As soon as daffodils have finished flowering give them a feed of fertiliser high in potash – rose or tomato feed is ideal. Then leave the foliage to die down naturally for at least 6 weeks to allow them to build up their bulbs for next year.
- Tulips, once flowering is over, need dead-heading and once the foliage has died down should be lifted and dried out in the sun or under glass, then stored ready for replanting next November.
- It is a good time to feed lawns\*.
- Clematis and other climbers begin to grow rapidly this month – give support where necessary. Also look out for clusters of greenfly on the new shoots – squash with your fingers!
- Take soft (tip) cuttings from trees, shrubs and climbers.

\* Editors: Unless you prefer lawn biodiversity, in which case low nutrient input will encourage wild flowers (beloved of bees), known to some gardeners as "weeds".

*Many thanks to Barbara for providing a full year of gardening tips for the magazine.*

## GOING GREEN IN GARGRAVE

*Duncan Faulkner*

### Who is my neighbour?

IMAGINE THAT YORKSHIRE WATER were to go out of business. No water from our taps, all the drains backed up so that we can't put any dirty water down them. Then imagine that the people who live in Coniston Cold and the western parts of Gargrave, such as Neville Road and Walton Avenue, take drinking water from the River Aire and pour all their dirty water and sewage away into the river. Hard luck on the residents further downstream such as South Street and Goffa Mill. They would have to drink dirty water – or else go on long journeys to fetch water from further up the dale.

In that situation it would be easy enough to see the impacts of our actions on our neighbours. And that's how things were a few generations ago – most of our ancestors' lives were lived within small areas (my mum said her grandparents never travelled outside Yorkshire) and they would have eaten mainly local food, often knowing the person who produced the food. The way they lived their lives would have affected a fairly small number of people living in their local area.

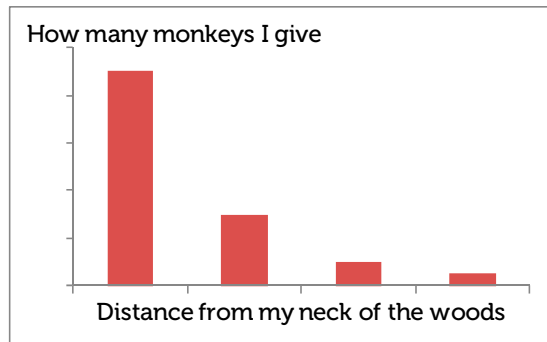
Also with far fewer people in the world, mostly living far less lavish lifestyles, there would have been much less pressure on resources.

These days everyone in Gargrave or Coniston Cold lives in another village too, the global village. Our everyday decisions, such as what to buy or how to travel, affect people, animals and plants thousands of miles away.

One problem is that our understanding has not evolved fast enough to keep up with these changes. In the words of Mike Berners-Lee<sup>1</sup>:

*Our species is good at understanding the direct, immediate and visible consequences of our actions [sewage into the river from Coniston Cold equals sick people in Gargrave]. We are a lot less smart at grasping the consequences when they are dispersed across billions of people whom we will never meet. This might not have mattered when we lived in caves but it won't let us live well in a global society.*

Jesus said "Love your neighbour" and when he was asked "Who is my neighbour?" he told the story of the good Samaritan, someone from a different race who did not live nearby. An implication for us is that we need to think carefully about how our lives impact on our global neighbours<sup>2</sup>. See graph for the attitude to avoid!



I have seen the church being criticised by environmental groups for not taking a lead on green issues. The people who raise these objections may not be aware of the work of groups such as Christian Aid, Tearfund or the Quakers – or of the actions of many individual followers of Jesus who have been motivated by faith to act, campaign and pray on green issues. But there is a valid point to the criticisms.

A profound motivation for followers of Jesus to be green is that God gives us hope. I suspect that many people in Gargrave, along with many other parts of the Western world, do not see themselves as really interested in environmental issues. One of the barriers that may keep them away is a widespread belief that there is no positive future<sup>2</sup>. It is easy to look at the world and feel despair and powerlessness. God can give us faith and hope in a better future for his world – just as he has inspired previous generations to move mountains, such as in abolishing slavery or apartheid.

The green movement has become much more mainstream in the last couple of decades but there are still plenty of people, including in Gargrave, perhaps including you, who don't think it is for them. Perhaps you are put off by stereotypes of self-denial (Jeremy Clarkson's yoghurt-knitters?) or maybe you have enough of a struggle getting on with your life without something else to

worry about. You may see a green lifestyle as only for the well off with money to spare for buying organic food or hybrid cars.

The paradox is that these issues that so many people turn away from are about the very substance and quality of their lives<sup>3</sup>. If you are planning to eat, drink, breathe and stay healthy in coming years, you have reasons to be concerned for the state of the world that will be supplying these needs.

In this series we will be examining green issues as they affect both Gargrave and other parts of the world. Next month: can't we leave this up to the government?

Sources: (1) Mike Berners-Lee, 2010. How Bad are Bananas?; (2) Monkeys graph was something I saw in the Craven Herald once; (3) Eden Project, 2004. Eden – The Journey So Far.

## OWD BILL'S OWD TALES

### Owd Bill's chappil's lowsins'....

MI GRANDDAD wor't organist an' t' choirmaister at aar chappil. It wor a Primitive Methodist thanaws – ah'm nooan sure wot wor primitive abaat it, mindster.

These 'eer local chappils 'ed nicknames, an' this wor called "T' 'am boan" – it wor summat ter do wi' a faith teea – thanaws, ivverybody brings summat, an' yer 'ev ter 'ev faith 'at ther dooan't all bring buns sooa ther's nooa sandwiches an' stuff. Raand 'ere, ther calls 'em "Jacob's Join" ber it's all t' saame. Another chappil wor called "T' Iron Man", an' ther reckoned 'at that wor 'cos t'superintendent wor t' gaffer on a machine at t' pit called "Iron Man".

Fowk 'at ran t' chappils were nobbut 'uman, thoa. One o't' Sunda' schooil teychers wor 'evin' trubble wi' t' kids, an' 'e said to 'em: "Be quiet, yer little divvils, an' we'll 'ev a prayer!"

Ther med enew brass ter 'ev a new organ, an' I' recognition o' mi grandad's services ter t' chappil, it wor dedicated to 'im, an' it 'ed a little plaque wi' 'is name on it. Afore that, ther wor a organ wot 'ed ter be blawn wi' bellers worked wi a lever at t' back. T' lad 'at werked t' lever, 'e used ter 'ev one o' t' lasses raand ther ter 'elp 'im – at leeast, that wor 'is taal! But thanaws, it turned aat 'at she gor I't family way, sooa ther mun o' bein' livin' ower t' brush! That wor after mi Grandad's time – ah bet 'at 'e turned in 'is grave at t' thowt o' such goin's on!

They 'ed t'scouts I't Sunda' schooil, an' we 'ed ter be aat bi nine o'clock. T' caretakker ewsed ter cum raand janglin' 'er keys. We wor fair flaid on 'er.

Wun neet, ther wor kickin' a ball abaat, an it went thru a winder. Ther wor 'ell ter pay ower this, an' talk o' big bills ter pay. Ah, but thanaws, ah stumped 'em. Ah went an' mended it missen. T' owd plumber gi' mi a bit o' glass an sum putty for nowt. Ah bet ther wor fair capt when ther fun' aat it worn't brokken at all!

Ther wor all sooaarts o' fowk, like allus all ower t'world, ah reckon. Them 'at ran t' Sunda' schooil – we wor flaid o' wun on 'em, a reight tartar 'e wor. T' other, 'e 'ed a 'aart o' gowd, a real *gentle*-man. Ah can't remember onny wimmin teychers theer. But thanaws, ah reckon ther wor all good fowk – it wor them 'at makt t' village wor it wor.

## The congregation at William's chapel is dispersing....

MY GRANDFATHER held the position of organist and choirmaster at chapel. You will understand when I say that it was of Primitive Methodist denomination, but there is some doubt exactly what is meant by that description.

It was customary for local chapels to acquire nick-names, and this one was referred to as: "The Ham Bone". It is believed that there was some connection with a tea party at which everyone made a contribution. One has faith that commodities balanced out evenly. I believe that in the Gargrave area, it is referred to as a "Jacob's Join". Another chapel had the nick-name of "The Iron Man", due to the fact that the master of ceremonies worked a machine at the colliery with this name.

The organisers at chapels were only human, of course. It is rumoured that one such, having trouble with his charges, quieted them with "Now children, pray be silent, you little satans, and we will pray".

They raised money to install a new organ, and recognised my grandfathers' services to the chapel by dedicating it to him, and installing a small plaque on which was inscribed his name. Previously, there had been an organ operated manually by bellows at the rear. A young gentleman had a young lady friend there to help him, or so he said. Amazingly, this situation led to its inevitable conclusion, so it is likely that they had been cohabiting. My grandfather would have been very disturbed had this happened when he was alive!

Scouts used to meet in the Sunday School building, and we were required to vacate the premises by nine o'clock, when the caretaker came jangling her keys. We were frightened of her.

One night, a carelessly kicked ball went through a window. The powers that be were disturbed, and threatened financial retribution. But I surprised them by mending it by myself. Our local plumber gave me glass and putty free of charge. They must have been exceedingly surprised when they discovered that it was not broken after all!

Like all organisations, there were all kinds of personalities. We were very scared of one teacher at Sunday School, who was very strict. The other was very gentle. There seemed to be no ladies at that time. But I think they were all well-intentioned – people like them were what made the village what it was.

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## Mea Culpa

A group of lads took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French. They managed to stand, kneel and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up, too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter.

After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and had asked the father to stand up.

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## CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

*Mark Sampson, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity*

### What is education for?

My daughter recently celebrated her third birthday. After pieces of cake were prised from the carpet, my wife and I embarked on a conversation about the inevitable.

Our daughter's age means we have to face the issue of education. Being considerably wiser than me, my wife refused to reduce the question to which primary school to choose. Rather, she threw everything up in the air with the simple yet profound question, 'Well, what is our current education system for?'

Sir Ken Robinson, an education specialist, argues that there were no public systems of education prior to the industrial revolution. These systems were created to produce the labour force required by the modern industrialised economy. This makes sense of why there is a hierarchy of subjects - with the sciences at the top and the arts at the bottom. You are more likely to get a job if you excel in maths rather than dance. Our system benignly steers children towards the former.

Whilst Robinson is rightly concerned with the impact this has on creativity, what is also of interest is that economics has had the dominating voice in determining what education is for. In 1905, Elwood Cubberly, who later became the Dean of Education at Stanford, wrote: 'Schools should be factories in which raw products, children, are to be shaped and formed into finished products... the specifications for manufacturing will come from government and industry.'

Whilst such language might shock us today, I wonder if the logic behind it has significantly changed. Though being equipped for the marketplace is important, surely education encompasses much more than that?

One thing that has helped our conversation is the simple realisation that the biblical term most synonymous with education is discipleship.

Imagining education through the lens of discipleship challenges the centrality of economics. Discipleship involves being trained in a particular way of life. In the same way, our system of education disciplines those who participate in it in a way of life - which is, arguably, the privileging of economic success above all else. Christians, whose desires and imaginations are shaped by the all-embracing gospel of God, have a richer story to tell.

'So, what should education be for?' Discuss.

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## GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)*

*"Every Child Counts; Every Child Contributes"*

### Sierra Leone

Millicent, the link teacher from Sierra Leone, will be in our school in the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> May. She will accompany us on a visit to Growing with Grace in

Clapham. She will be finding out about our food and farming to develop curriculum between the schools.

## WW2

This is our theme for the start of the summer term. We had a wonderful visit by Jason King, World War II aficionado, to start our learning. After listening to the ominous radio declaration that Britain had gone to war with Germany, Jason led us through a fabulous day of drama workshops. We all worked in role starting with Mr Alsenbrook, District Air Warden who rigorously put us all through our paces on fire drill and stretcher duty – making sure we didn't drop our injured citizens as we carried them to safety across the school yard. Fortunately, we were all passed fit and awarded certificates giving us the rank of Assistant Air Raid Warden.

Back in the hall we had the experience of exploring artefacts and weaponry (including cut throat razors) and domestic paraphernalia as well as trying on uniforms and items of clothing worn by war-time characters such as school children Tommy and Rosemary Mumford, Alice Lawson (ARP Warden) and her extended family, the land army girls Dawnie and Leroy (USAFF), Arthur Flower of the Homeguard, Naval Officer Maurice King and David Main, Lancashire Fusiliers Chaplain.

Fitted with gas masks, the Key Stage 2 children found how difficult and uncomfortable an ordinary numeracy lesson could be when schoolchildren had their lessons interrupted by the threat of bombing raids.



One child said it had been her best day ever at school.

Class 3 and 4 will be visiting "Eden Camp", a modern history theme museum, in May.

If you wish to become more involved in school, through curriculum knowledge (Sierra Leone, WW2) or wish to help in school on a regular basis, please give us a call. Your help is appreciated.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

### Very brief notes on meeting of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

*Ron Humphreys*

**Financial report from Jerry Ford, treasurer:** The major items of expenditure for 2011 were the parish share (£39,000), which was paid in full, and redecoration of the church. Income showed a significant decrease mainly due to a drop in regular giving, from £16,000 in 2010 to £10,000 in 2011. This is due to deaths and people moving away from the parish. Sarah Curtis encouraged people to use the gift aid scheme when giving to church funds. There has been an admirable contribution from fund-raising events such as Open Gardens, Knit and Natter. The Parish Magazine continues to provide a significant income.

Although Jerry expected that the share for 2012 will be paid in full, the year-end balance is likely to be very low.

**Churchwardens report from Jerry Ford and Pat Cockshott:** An inspection found that the state of some window mullions is quite poor. The windows to the South Aisle are in a poor condition and this is likely to be a significant longer term expense.

Jerry briefly addressed the challenges that lie ahead and he asked that we strengthen ourselves through prayer, in love and unity.

**Electoral roll report:** There were 93 names on the roll at 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012. Over the past year 10 names were removed from the roll.

**Incumbent's report:** Rod spoke at some length on the future reorganisation of the Dioceses of West and North Yorkshire which will see the disappearance of Bradford, Wakefield and Leeds/Ripon Dioceses. Rod said that Gargrave will be part of the Ripon Episcopal Area of the enlarged Diocese.

Re-ordering of the church building is intended to reach out and provide better facilities and support for the wider community as well as the regular congregation. No work on re-ordering will start until funding is in place and inevitably a phased approach will be required.

Finally, Rod announced that he will be retiring on November 1<sup>st</sup>. His final service will be on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Thanks:** Rod expressed his gratitude to all those who have held office and helped with the many tasks in the parish during the past year. He was grateful that so many people had served God's needs and made the church community what it is. Rod warmly thanked the churchwardens for their support and hard work. He thanked Claire Cadman-Bond for her input to Caterpillar Club, and to Gemma Tetley for taking over from her.

The wardens are extremely grateful to all who have helped with cooking, cleaning, fund raising, flower arranging and the many other aspects of maintaining St Andrew's as a place of worship, quiet reflection and fellowship.

Duncan and Bea Faulkner thanked all those who help with the Parish Magazine – contributors, advertisers, art-designer, coordinator & distributors.

Alison Ford thanked Rod for all the work he has done.

## Monthly meeting, 2 April, 7.15pm

Janet Turner

**Apologies:** None.

**Public participation:** Hugh Turner, Chairman of the Trustees of the Poor's Lands Charity, explained the reasons for the retirement of Val Cutter and Geoff Gardner as trustees and thanked them for their work. He asked for the approval of the Council to the appointment of Mrs Judith Thompson of Water Street, the former secretary at the School, as one of the replacement trustees. The trustees are currently seeking the other replacement.

Some parishioners asked for information on the proposed repair and replacement work on the Playground perimeter fence and the work was explained by the Council.

### Matters arising from the minutes:

A date was set for the erection of the posts around Low Green as last year.

The Diamond Jubilee posters, designed by a young villager, are to be put up in shops, etc. to provide a flavour of the event.

Two reports of site meetings during the past month were given:

- Alongside the river on Middle Green & the fields below, with the Environment Agency who are developing a cleaner river from Malham to Leeds.
- On the A65 with NYCC Highways regarding the repositioning of signage and amending parking restrictions on one short stretch only.

**District Councillor's report:** Cllr. Simon Myers reported that Craven DC has made a grant of £1,000 to the village library fund.

**County Councillor's report:** Cty. Cllr, Shelagh Marshall was happy to report that NYCC has saved £40 million within the last year. She also reported that in future the local authority would receive a proportion of the Business Rates from within its area and that she is heavily involved in looking at ways to help older people continue to live within the community rather than going into care.

**Correspondence:** Included information from our village tennis and croquet club about their summer programme (page 10). Also Dalesbus has a list of improved summer weekend bus services. Timetables are available at railway and bus stations, libraries and tourist information offices. Details can also be found on [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org) and information can be obtained by telephoning 0113-245-7676. Of particular interest to passengers from Gargrave are the Cravenlink services to Skipton and Malham, the Malham Tarn Shuttle and, further afield, the Dentdale Explorer service giving connections to Dent, Sedbergh and Kendal off the Carlisle trains at Dent. These now give time to explore the Howgills.

**Next meeting:** the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 14 May, followed by the normal monthly meeting of the Parish Council.

## Rotas for St Andrew's Church

### Readings for worship

6 May	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 8:26-end; 1 John 4:7-end; John 15:1-8
13 May	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 10:44-end; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
20 May	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Sunday after Ascension Day:</i> Acts 1:15-17,21-end; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
27 May	<i>Day of Pentecost/Whit Sunday:</i> Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
3 Jun	<i>Trinity Sunday:</i> Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

### Sidesmen

#### 8 am

6 May	Marion Scarborough
13 May	Kay Craven
20 May	Janet Sturgess
27 May	Colin Chapman
3 Jun	Marion Scarborough

#### 10 am

Sarah Curtis	Tim Warner
Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell
Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown
Stanley Preston	John Bailey
Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey

### Readings

6 May	Pauline Barnes
13 May	Ruth Abbott
20 May	Hugh Turner
27 May	John Bailey
3 Jun	Valerie Geddes

### Offertory procession

Pat Cockshott	Eileen Hoskin
Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell

### Church cleaning

23 April- 4 May	Jean Banks & Carole Ballard
7-18 May	Faulkners: Beatrice & Annie
21 May - 1 Jun	Eileens: Hoskin & Holden

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



The last few copies of the parish magazine were always difficult to shift.

## Hot air

My clergy friend put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the toilets at his church, and two weeks later removed them in a hurry. I asked him why, and he confessed that they worked fine, but when he went in there one day he'd seen a sign that read: "For a sample of next week's sermon, push the button."



## Public Transport

*NB: The train timetable is due to be republished on May 14<sup>th</sup> and there may be some alterations*

### 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 <sup>1</sup>
Sunday			1121	1352	1547	1557	1909		2124

#### Morecambe

Mon - Fri	0545 <sup>2</sup>	0905	1105		1439	1730			
Saturday	0645 <sup>2</sup>	0905	1105		1439	1730			
Sunday		0931	1135		1541			1805	

#### Carlisle

Mon- Fri	0545 <sup>3</sup>	0932	1105 <sup>3</sup>	1331	1439 <sup>2</sup>	1730 <sup>2</sup>	1851		
Saturday	0645 <sup>3</sup>	0932	1105 <sup>3</sup>	1331	1439 <sup>2</sup>	1730 <sup>2</sup>	1840		
Sunday		0953	1135 <sup>2</sup>	1400	1541 <sup>2</sup>		1805 <sup>3</sup>		

**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 <sup>4</sup>	0859	then every 2 hrs until			1659		
Sunday <sup>7</sup>			1002	1102 <sup>6</sup>	1242 <sup>6</sup>	1542 <sup>6</sup>			

#### Malham

Mon- Fri	0725		1000 <sup>5</sup>		1300 <sup>5</sup>			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

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Summer	Friday 20 July 2012	Tuesday 4 September 2012
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Christmas	Friday 21 Dec ember 2012	Monday 7 January 2013
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Half term (Summer)	Friday 24 May 2013	Tuesday 4 June 2013
Summer	Friday 19 July 2013	

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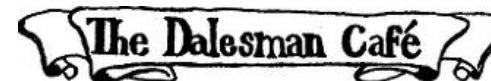
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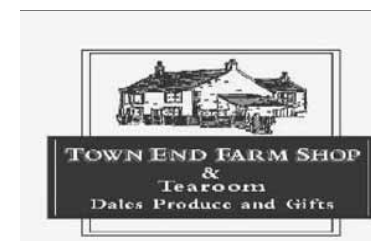
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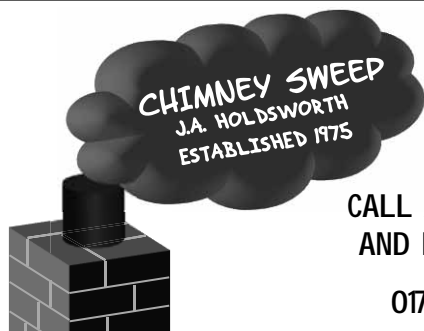
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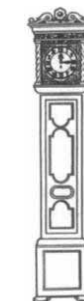


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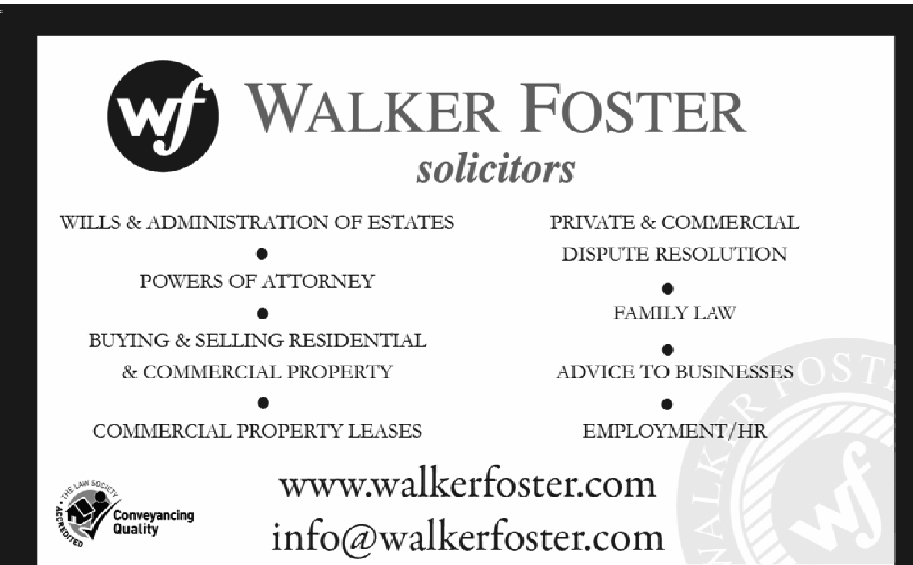
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By now the media will be enjoying a wide variety of speculation about who will succeed Dr Rowan Williams as Archbishop of Canterbury. If bishops speak, they are ambitious and want the job; if they keep silent, they are keeping their powder dry... because they want the job. In other words, damned if you do, damned if you don't. In other words still, it's all a load of media-driven nonsense and can be happily ignored. The Crown Nominations Commission will not be consulting journalists in order to identify the next archbishop.

I write this in order to knock on the head the speculation game. Entertaining it might be, but there is a real world to be getting on with and we shouldn't be distracted by the wild games going on in London.

In the real world we face an interesting month. The closing date for submissions and representations to the Diocesan Commission regarding proposals to create

a single diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales has passed and we now await (later in the summer or early autumn) the Final Scheme. So, we have interesting times ahead as we try to discern the will of God for the people of our region.

Change is never comfortable, but neither is fear of change. Our confidence is in the God who always calls us into new territory and invites us to trust him. However, we owe deep gratitude to those working extremely hard on our behalf to work out what a new diocese might look like and be lived out.

The real change for us this month will be the departure of Dr David Ison to become Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London. There are two things to be said about David, one relating to Bradford and the second to London.

First, David has served the cathedral, the diocese and the city with determined diligence. He has brought to his ministry a wisdom and intelligence that we will

miss. His understanding of the Gospel and its reach into all corners of our communities has been illuminating for many, inspiring for some and admired by all. David's personal standing outside the church is matched by the respect he commands within it. His friendship, leadership and fellowship will be greatly missed in Bradford, but he and Hilary go with our love, gratitude and prayers.

Which brings me on to the second thing: he and Hilary will need our prayers. As we have seen already, the environment in London is considerably more aggressive than it is up here in Yorkshire. Anyone walking into the deanery at St Paul's was going to have to be tough and thick-skinned, keeping a proper perspective and being secure in their vision for God's kingdom. We will hear more of David as he begins his ministry of reconciliation and prophetic engagement in the City; so, we must pray for him and his new colleagues as they settle in to a new chapter in the cathedral's life.

This, of course, leaves Bradford bereft of an excellent Dean. But, I have appointed The Revd Canon Andy Williams to serve as Acting Dean during the vacancy. He and the other cathedral staff will need our prayer and support in the months ahead. Because of the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury the schedule of appointments of deans and diocesan bishops has been disrupted. This means that the search for a new Dean of Bradford will probably not begin until September – no one's fault, but the consequence of 'events' and resource limitations.

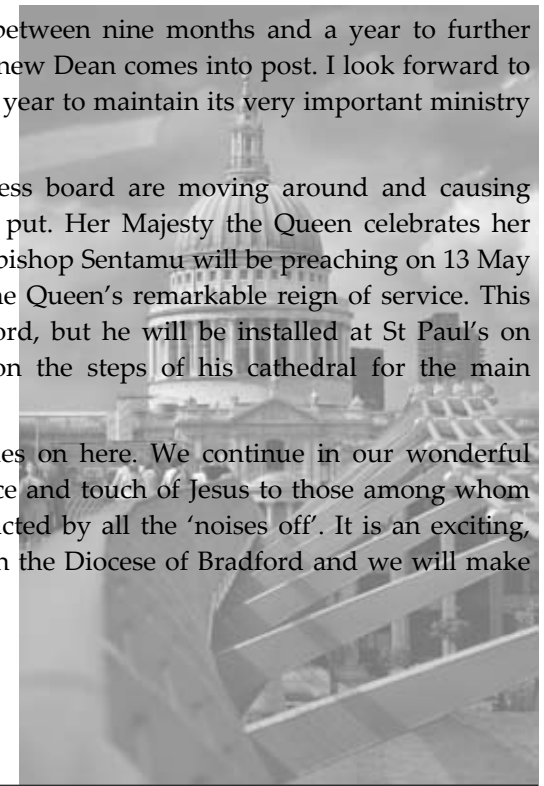
So, this gives Andy and his colleagues between nine months and a year to further develop the cathedral's ministry before a new Dean comes into post. I look forward to working with the cathedral in the coming year to maintain its very important ministry and develop its reach even further.

If it seems like all the pieces on the chess board are moving around and causing uncertainty, at least one piece is staying put. Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her diamond jubilee this month and our Archbishop Sentamu will be preaching on 13 May at Bradford Cathedral in celebration of the Queen's remarkable reign of service. This might be David Ison's last day in Bradford, but he will be installed at St Paul's on 25 May – in time to greet the Queen on the steps of his cathedral for the main celebration in London shortly after.

And while all this is going on, life carries on here. We continue in our wonderful parishes and institutions to bring the voice and touch of Jesus to those among whom we serve – not letting ourselves be distracted by all the 'noises off'. It is an exciting, challenging and encouraging time to be in the Diocese of Bradford and we will make the most of the opportunities before us.

May God bless us all in our service.

**Rt Revd Nick Baines**  
**Bishop of Bradford**



## MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

The new mirror pool at Bradford City Park was used as venue for a Maundy Thursday service of foot washing, led by City Centre Mission Priest The Revd Chris Howson. Chris says, "I wanted to use it for something spiritual, it's a symbolic action to represent service to one another and service to the city."



## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### STEETON ST STEPHEN

May Day/Spring Fayre. Monday 7 May, 10.30am-3.30pm. A great day out for all the family. Animal quiz trail, art display, various stalls, refreshments served, The day ends with the famous St Stephen's Duck Race. Admission £5 family, £2 adult, £1 children.

### IDLE HOLY TRINITY

A wonderful opportunity for young adults to explore the possibilities of full-time ministry. Get involved in every area of ministry and working with all age-groups. Focus on evangelism and growth. Explore your potential. Contact Robin Gamble on robinp.gamble@blueyonder.co.uk

### TRIP TO INDIA

Dr Arun John is organising a leisure/cross cultural trip to India (including Delhi, Agra & Jaipur). 12-23 November. £1080 including travel, accommodation and food. Please phone Mavis Regan for more information on (01943) 863569 or (07904) 184994.

### BOLTON ABBEY

The Al Wood Quintet. Friday 25 May. Al is still very active on the Northern jazz scene. His quintet plays a wide range of music drawing on Ellington, Basie, Mulligan, etc. Tickets £10. (01756) 710586.

### THE CATHEDRAL

**World Premiere of 'Ranch'** by Jonathan Brigg with the Threads Orchestra. Bradford-born composer Jonathan is heavily influenced by Delius and launches the new Threads Orchestra (eight piece jazz/folk mix) CD this evening. Friday 11 May, 7.30pm. Tickets £8/£6. Preceded by the first of the season's **Delius Trails** in Little Germany, 6pm from the Cathedral. Tickets £4 including interval glass of wine.

**Spirituality in Sculpture** by Yorkshire-born Jesuit priest Roy Geoghegan opens with a reception and informal talk on Sunday 27 May, 3pm, followed by Choral Evensong. *Please note this is a change to the publicised opening on Fri 25 May which is now the installation of Dean David to St Paul's in London.*

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### MENSTON ST JOHN

Aireborough Gilbert & Sullivan Society present a Jubilee Concert. Saturday 19 May, 7.30pm. Tickets £7 including a glass of wine available from (01943) 870924, the Parish Office on (01943) 872433, Menston Post Office and on the door.

### BURNSALL ST WILFRID

**Charities Day.** Monday 7 May, 12-4pm, on the Village Green. Live Music, Duck Race, Greasy Pole, Stalls etc. Admission free. For a stall, contact Ed Williams on (01756) 720335.

**Coffee Morning and Cake Stall.** Saturday 9 May, 10am-12noon at The Rookery, Thorpe, in aid of St Wilfrid's Church Fabric Fund. Admission £5 on the door. Enquiries - (01756) 720070.

### SKIPTON CHRIST CHURCH

Organ Recital. Bank Holiday Monday 7 May, 11am. Henry Websdale (Organ Scholar at Bradford Cathedral). Tea and coffee served. Retiring collection.

### 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.

### ECCLESHILL ST LUKE

St Luke's are intending to put on a performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. If you would like to sing or play or be involved in any way, please contact Paul Griffin on (01274) 641739, or e-mail john.hartley@bradford.anglican.org John Hartley, vicar of Eccleshill, has written quite a lot of **hymns and songs** and visits church groups throughout the Diocese to talk about, sing and play them. Invite him to come and visit your group by ringing him on (01274) 636403.

### KEIGHLEY ALL SAINTS

The Enneagram and Spirituality. Saturday 9 June, 10am-3.30pm. £15 (light lunch included). Jane Padget, an experienced Enneagram Trainer, shows us a way of reflecting and understanding our personality through the Enneagram. Contact Malcolm Foy on (01535) 665112 or Dorothy Grant on (01535) 663574.

### ADDINGHAM ST PETER

The Friends of St Peter's Addingham will be serving their famous afternoon teas in the church hall throughout the summer. Every Sunday from 6 May, 2-5pm. £1.50.

### SHIPLEY ST PAUL

Aire Valley Singers Celebration Concert. Friday 25 May, 7.30pm. The programme will contain music associated with kings and queens, from Handel to the present day. The concert is in aid of the continuing restoration of the famous Binns organ at the church.