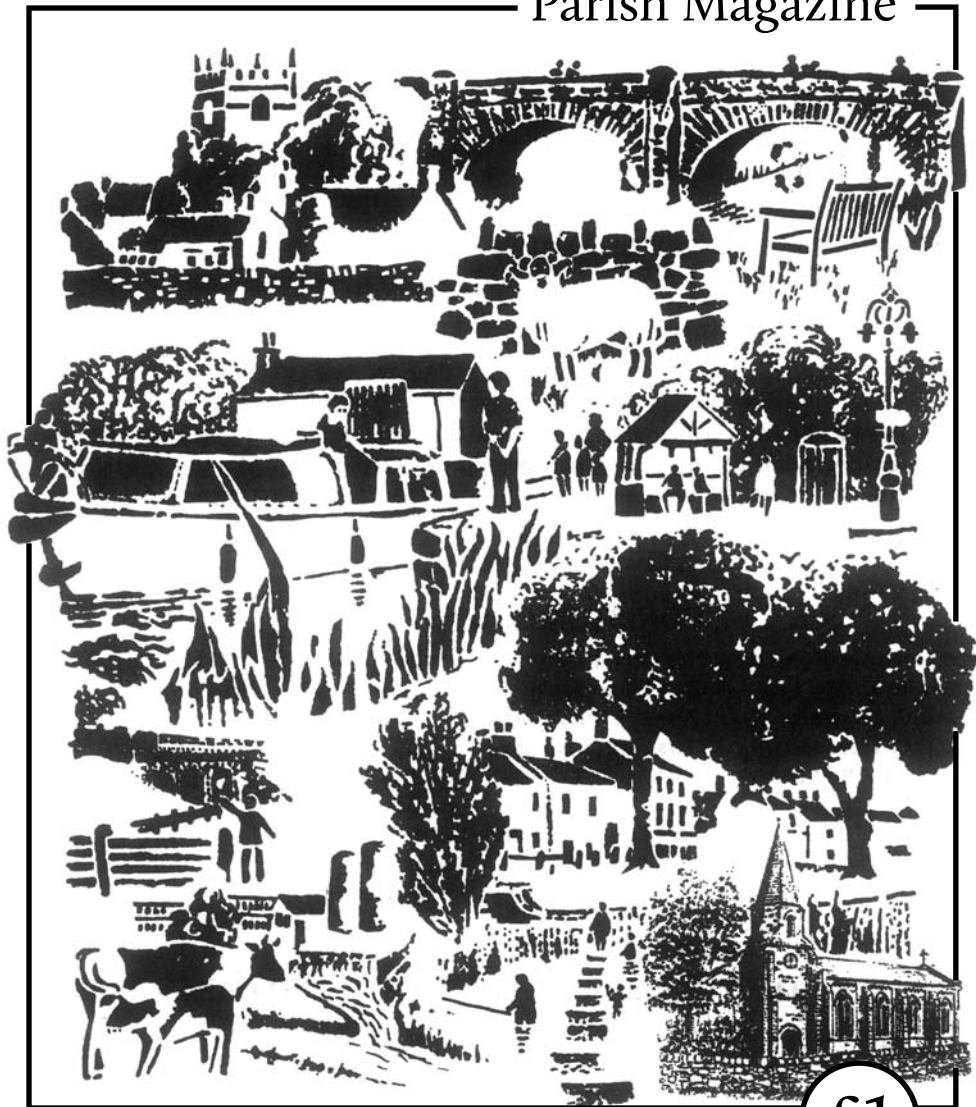


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Parish Magazine



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Dec 1	Christmas Coffee Morning, Village Hall
Fri 7	School Christmas Production: "The Real Saint Nick", V.Hall
Sat 8	Knit and Natter Soup Lunch, Village Hall
16 Dec	Carol Services with scenes from our Nativity Play, St Andrew's. Carol Service with Settle/Giggleswick Brass Band, St Peter's.
19 Dec	School Carol Service with Nativity, St Andrew's
22 Dec	Neville House Christmas Fair, Village Hall
24 Dec	Christingle Service, St Andrew's, Gargrave
25 Dec	Christmas Day Services, St Andrew's & St Peter's

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Organisations

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

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

Wednesday Club (over 60s) – Village Hall Annex, Wed 1.30-3.30pm, Veronica 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 – indoor, Village Hall, Tues & Thurs 2-4pm, Mary Rushton 748908

Cricket – Gargrave Cricket Club (over 13s) Tony Cockshott, 07788 100199

Croquet – Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Gargrave, Tues 2-6pm, Roy Berry 748065

Cycling – Gargrave Tuesday Club, Dalesman Café, Tues 9.30 for 10am start,

Thurs 10 for 10.30am start, Trevor Pickles 01282 844788

Football – Gargrave AFC (over 16s), Tues eve training, Sat games

www.gargraveafc.co.uk, Caroline Thompson 749235

Golf – Mason's Arms Golf Society, www.masonsarmsgolfsociety.com, 749304

Tennis – Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Beth Whitley 749664, www.craventennis.org.uk

Tai Chi – Village Hall Annex, Thur 7.30-8.30pm, Ian Cresswell 748540

Walking – GAP Group, start outside V Hall, 1st Sun of month, 10am, Olive Coates 748379

Walking for Health – 1st Thursday of the month, 10am, Jean Maxwell 748851

Yoga – Village Hall Annex, Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am, Sally Thomas 748098

Zumba – V. Hall (16+) Tues 5.45-6.45pm & Thurs 5-6pm, Julia Priestley 07769 692471

Modern sequence dance – Village Hall, Mon 7.45-10pm & a monthly Saturday

(see diary, p.2), John Stephenson 01535 632935

Chance 2 dance – Village Hall Annex, Tap (3-18, adult) Tues 4.15-7.30pm

Ballet (3-18) Sat 9am-2.30pm, Theatre-craft Thur 5-6pm

Jaki Prescott 0758 2086345 chance2dance@hotmail.co.uk

Thomson's Dance Centre – (3+, teens & adults) School Hall, Wed 5.30pm,

Sat am, Kathy Thomson 748003, 07912 441913

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

Bingo – Village Hall Annex, 4th Wed of month 7.30pm, Joan Philip 749468

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

Fuchsia & Geranium Club – V.Hall, 1st Wed of month 7.30pm, Paula Jackson 752175

Knit and Natter – St Andrew's, Tues 2pm, Norma Brothers 748392

Mothers Union – Ethne Bannister, 749551

Pantomime Rehearsals – Village Hall, Thurs from 6.30pm, Steve Rawson 748434

Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall side room, 1st Mon of mth, or 2nd on bank hols

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

Stan Drew's Community Choir – Ruth Abbott, 748483

WI – Village Hall Annex, 2nd Wed of month 7.30pm, Moira Sonley 749634

JERRY'S JOTTINGS

Jerry Ford

“Look, I am making all things new” *Rev 21v5 - New Living Translation*

CHANGE IS AN INEVITABLE PART OF LIFE and it seems that the Church of England is not immune, whatever the view on its vital signs!

On October 29th the Dioceses Commission released details of its draft scheme to restructure the Church of England in West Yorkshire and the Dales. The overall proposal is to replace the existing three dioceses and create a new single one. The report explains in more detail how, if approved, that would work. The full report can be viewed at <http://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/dioceses-commission/yorkshire.aspx>.

As a very rough outline, the proposal merges the three current Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds, and Wakefield and creates five 'Episcopal Areas' (Bradford, Huddersfield, Leeds, Ripon and Wakefield), each with a bishop dedicated to the parishes in their area and therefore more closely in touch. Each Episcopal Area would be 'co-terminous' with an Archdeaconry. *(I think that means they follow the same boundaries!)*

The broad impact on our parishes would therefore be a move to the 'Archdeaconry of Ripon and Craven' and the 'Episcopal Area of Ripon', all within a new Diocese of Leeds - also known as the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

The decision making process is quite protracted. The earliest any of the proposals could be implemented would be in the autumn of 2013.

In the meantime, we are to have a new Archbishop of Canterbury who has the challenge of trying to unite different views on, amongst other things, women bishops and gay marriage.

And within our parishes, we are looking into the future as we prepare for a new priest-in-charge. The PCC at St Andrew's had a meeting with Paul Slater, our Archdeacon, on November 7th at which he outlined the Diocese's view of the role a new priest might be expected to undertake. As well as serving the 2 existing parishes of Gargrave and Coniston Cold, a new occupant would also take up responsibility for Rural Affairs across the current Diocese. Time would be divided two-thirds to the parishes, and one-third to Rural Affairs.

The next steps for the parishes are to prepare Parish Profiles, which provide details of the church and congregation, mission opportunities, and life generally in this part of the world. We also develop a profile of the personal qualities that we feel are needed to help meet our goals and aspirations. The Diocese will prepare similar documents for the Rural Affairs aspect of the role.

Once all of this has been agreed between parishes and Diocese, the post will be advertised (possibly from February 2013) and candidates interviewed by Parish Representatives (2 from each parish) together with a Diocesan representative – probably our Archdeacon.

We have work to do!

King Hezekiah, with Jerusalem surrounded by the all-conquering Assyrians and facing overwhelming odds, laid everything out before God and re-iterated his trust in him (2 Kings Chapters 18 and 19). Although perhaps rather daunted by the task before us, we aren't in quite the same perilous state as King Hezekiah. Nevertheless, we must remember that God is with us through everything we face, and we must continue to pray for guidance and discernment as we maintain our trust in Him. Your prayers for the PCCs and Parish Representatives would be appreciated.

If you have any questions about anything in this 'jotting' please get in touch.

Jerry Ford

DIARY FOR DECEMBER

See back inside cover for regular weekly events and meetings

Gargrave

Fri 30 Nov	St. Andrew Service 7pm, Church PTA Christmas Fayre 6pm to 8pm School Talk: <i>The Barefoot Shepherdess</i> 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat 1 Dec	Women's Institute Christmas Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, V. Hall
Sun 2	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10am, Church Rehearsal for Nativity Carol Service 2.15pm, Church
Mon 3	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm, V. Hall Committee
Tue 4	Communion 9am, Church
Wed 5	Manorlands <i>'Lights of Love Service'</i> 7pm, Church
Fri 7	School Christmas Production: <i>"The Real Saint Nick"</i> , Village Hall, 2pm and 6pm
Sat 8	Knit and Natter Soup Lunch 10am to 2pm, Village Hall.
Sun 9	Communion 8am, Service of the Word 10am, Rehearsal for Nativity Carol Service 2.15pm, Church Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
Tue 11	Communion 9am, Church
Wed 12	WI Meeting 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Thurs 13	Christmas Bingo 6.30 for 7pm, Neville House
Fri 14	Dance with Elizabeth Harrison, 8pm, Village Hall
Sat 15	Coffee Morning 10am-12noon, Village Hall
Sun 16	<i>No morning services.</i> Carol Service with Nativity Play Tableaux 4pm, Church

Mon 17	Carol Singing at Milton House, 6pm
Tues 18	Communion 9am, Church Xmas Bingo 7.30pm, Village Hall
Wed 19	School Carol Service with Nativity Play 6pm Village Hall Committee Meeting 7.30pm, Committee Room 1
Sat 22	Neville House Xmas Fair 10am to 2pm, Village Hall Modern Sequence Dance from 7pm, Village Hall.
Sun 23	Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10am, Church
Mon 24	<i>Christmas Eve, Christingle Service 4pm;</i> Communion 11.30pm
Tues 25	<i>Christmas Day, Family Communion 10.30am, Church</i>
Wed 26	Bingo 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Sun 30	Communion for All Ages 10.30am, Church
Tues 1 Jan	Communion 9am, Church
Sun 6 Jan	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10am, Church <i>The church services may be subject to change.</i>
Coniston Cold	
Sun 2 Dec	Service 4pm, St Peter's
Thurs 6	Mothers' Union Christmas Dinner, 12 noon, Coniston Hotel
Sun 9	Service of the Word 10am, St Andrew's Gargrave
Sun 16	Carol Service with Settle/Giggleswick Brass Band 7pm St Peter's. Mulled wine and mince pies in Village Hall afterwards.
Fri 21	Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt Christmas Party, Coniston Hotel
Sat 22	Children's Christmas Party 3pm Village, Hall
Sun 23	Christingle Service 5pm, Kirkby Malham
Tues 25	Christmas Day Service 9am, St Peter's
Sun 30	Service 4pm, St Peter's
Sun 6 Jan	Evensong 4pm, St Peter's

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Talk by the Barefoot Shepherdess

Ruth Abbott

The Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library is hoping to have a programme of events fundraising for next year. The first of these will be on **Friday 30 November** at the Village Hall, 7.30pm when Alison O' Neill, known as

the "Barefoot Shepherdess", will talk about her life on her farm high in the Howgills, the tweed she makes and the walks she leads. She is a very lively and entertaining speaker. Tickets will be available from the library, price £4, tea and biscuits included. We hope you will come in large numbers to hear her.

School Christmas Fayre

Sarah Peel

The Parent Teacher Association have arranged for the Christmas Fayre to take place on **Friday 30 November**, 6pm – 8pm, in school. Please try to call in to support this festive fundraising event.

Christmas Card Coffee Morning

Jean Maxwell

DO YOU RUSH ROUND the village on Christmas Eve delivering those last minute Christmas cards? Have you ever received one and thought – "Oh dear I know I haven't sent them one"

Well - we may have the answer.

Gargrave Women's Institute is organising a Christmas Card Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on **Saturday 1 December** from 10am–12noon.

The Caterpillar Club are making an oversized Christmas Card for us and for the entry fee of £2.50 you will get a coffee or tea, mince pie and a sticky label to write your message to friends, relatives and neighbours who live in the village.

All the labels will be put into the card which will carry the message:

*"To all my friends, neighbours and family in Gargrave
with Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from "*

The money you would normally spend on their Christmas cards can then be given to your favourite charity so that they do not miss out because you haven't bought any cards.

The Village Card will be on display in the Village Hall until Christmas Eve so that everyone will get a chance to see who has sent them greetings. If you will be away on the day, you could have a label for £1 to write your message beforehand. Call Jean Maxwell on 01756 748851 for more information.

'A Dickens of a Christmas'

Mary Richardson

The next meeting Skipton & Wharfedale Decorative & Fine Arts Society is on **Thursday evening 6 December**, in the Town Hall Skipton, starting at 7.30 pm. The subject is 'A Dickens of a Christmas' and the speaker is Tim Stimson.

School Production: 'The Real Saint Nick'

Sarah Peel

The whole of Gargrave C of E VC Primary School is involved and the younger pupils will take the lead. Please come along, on **Friday 7 December** 2pm and/or 6pm. The afternoon performances are usually less crowded! We make no charge but donations are gratefully received and the money goes to the cost of items used; any extra will go to Mountain rescue, our chosen charity for this year.

Soup lunch & Knitwear Sale

Sally Thomas

St Andrew's Knit and Natter group are holding a soup lunch on **Saturday 8 December** between 10am and 2pm at the Village Hall.

Neville House Christmas Bingo

Neville House

Thursday 13 December, 7pm. £1 admission including refreshments. Bingo and raffle. Doors open 6.30pm, all welcome.

Carol Service with Scenes from the Nativity

Ruth Abbott

The Gargrave Carol Service this year will be on **Sunday 16 December** at 4pm. It will take the form of Lessons and Carols with the addition of scenes from the Gargrave Nativity Play using the original costumes. So do please come along and enjoy with us singing familiar carols, hearing traditional readings and seeing tableaux of the story of Christ's birth.

There will be rehearsals on Sun 2 & Sun 9 December at 2.15pm. If you would like to be involved, please contact Ruth Abbott on 748483.

Primary School Carol Service

Sarah Peel

We hope you will be able to join us on **Wednesday 19 December** at 6pm. There will be traditional carols and the younger pupils will be forming a tableau of the nativity scene. All our musicians will also perform a piece they have practised for this event.



"For the next part of our carol-service, Nigel, the vergers nephew will play his interpretation of Silent Night..."

Travelling companions

A Sunday school teacher told the story of the flight into Egypt and then asked the children to draw the scene. One little girl drew a splendid picture of Mary and Jesus on the donkey, with Joseph beside them and a large insect accompanying them. When asked what the insect was, she replied 'You said "Take the young child and flea into Egypt"'.

Santa

I am terrified of the Santa at the shopping centre where I work. Our HR person talked it over with me, and has discovered I am Claustrophobic.

NEWS



Samaritans Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Helen and Marie Chapman

We are most grateful for the shoeboxes and bags of toiletries, toys, pencils and books which you have given for the poor children in Belarus. A thousand thank yous.

We also have copies of the Eshton Hall book by Peter Robinson from which a percentage is given to the shoebox appeal.

Happy Christmas to everyone.

Walking for Health

Jean Maxwell

FOR ALMOST A YEAR NOW a group of walkers have met on the first Thursday of each month for a short easy walk round the village of Gargrave, and on the third Thursday for a walk around Hellifield. We are part of the National Walking for Health scheme designed to encourage people unused to regular exercise to develop an exercise habit. More locally we belong to the North Craven Strollers who also organise walks on a Wednesday afternoon in Settle. The scheme is supported by the Ramblers Association and MacMillan Cancer Care and encourages everyone to take up walking to improve their health and wellbeing as well as to make new friends.

The Gargrave walkers meet at the Summerseat at 10 am and new members are always welcome; walks are free and open to all. For more information please call Jean Maxwell on 01756 748851. We look forward to meeting you on Thursdays December 6th and 20th, and January 3rd and 17th.



Gargrave & Coniston Cold

Ethne Bannister

Thursday 6 December, 12 noon, Christmas Dinner – Coniston Hotel

Thursday 10 January, 2pm, Annual General Meeting together, St Andrew's Church

Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt

Ethne Bannister

Friday 21 December, Christmas Party – Coniston Hotel



Collection boxes

Sylvia Humphreys

The opening of the Children's Society collection boxes in October, together with other donations, raised a total of £303. My thanks to everyone who contributed to raising this sum.



News

Carolyn Fortune

We hope you all enjoyed this summer's Festival and have the dates of the 2013 Festival in your diary – Friday 14 to Saturday 29 June.

We're busy preparing for next year's Festival. Details of events will be announced to Patrons in late November with tickets going on sale to Star Patrons on 6 December, Patrons on 10 December and to the general public on 13 December. Anyone interested in becoming a Patron should contact Hanneke Dye at patrons@grassington-festival.org.uk and enquiries relating to sponsoring an event should be directed to sponsorship@grassington-festival.org.uk.

Many of you will remember the opening night with The South, the monumental luminary Exxopolis, stupendous Hugh Masekela, the irrepressible Alan Davies, award-winning Liane Carroll, and the Last Night Party with the fabulous Billy Ocean. It's our intention to make next summer's Festival every bit as memorable with something for everyone and for every pocket, from music to dance, street theatre to family events, comedy to the visual arts.

So keep an eye on our website - www.grassington-festival.org.uk. The Festival Team – telephone 01756 752691.



News

Marguerite Mason

IN OCTOBER WE HOLD our annual meeting to elect our Committee and appoint new officers. This year we have had to appoint a new Treasurer because Becky White can no longer do the work on account of her commitments at work. We are fortunate to be able to appoint Val Davies in her place and to retain the services of our Chairman, Jean Maxwell, as well as Moyra Sonley, who is our Secretary. We appreciate their willingness to act for us; without the support of our members we could not continue. We were sorry to lose Olive Hopkins who has moved to Ilkley, she served on the Committee last year. Jean presented flowers to both her and Becky as a tokens of our gratitude. The new Committee now includes Kate Darley and Pat Traves as well as former members.

Jean had recorded a selection of pieces of music chosen by members so, following the business, the tape was played and we all attempted to decide who had chosen each piece. It was frantically difficult, but provoked a lot of chat and laughter and we enjoyed the music. The best response only found six correct answers out of twenty, most of us only got one or two right, more by luck than judgment!

The month started with the Upper Wharfedale Group Show on the theme of "An Indian Summer". The classes all had an Oriental slant. Christine Baldwin won the trophy for the best in her class and for the best exhibit in the Show with a beautiful mask decorated with emerald sequins. Three other members, Val Davies, Jean Banks and Moyra Sonley, also won trophies for the best entries in their classes. Unfortunately we were not able to enter sufficient items to gain a top place in the marks total but everyone felt it had been a good and enjoyable event.

We provided a supper meal for the Group quiz, (a conventional one this time) and also hot drinks and cakes for visitors to the Arts and Crafts Show in the Village Hall. We work in rotas so it isn't too tiring and does help our funds.

In January we are hoping to hear a talk about Nepal entitled "A walk on top of the World" and extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us,

Magazine Advertising March 2013-February 2014

Bea Faulkner

RENEWALS AND NEW ADS for the March 2013 to February 2014 directory in the central pages of this magazine **need to be booked in and paid for by Friday 25 January**. The directory is printed a year in advance, which keeps the cost of its adverts down. If you wish to continue to advertise, or to place a new advert, please contact me on 01756 749443, or gargravemag@btinternet.com

The fees for the year March 2013 to February 2014 are set out below. The price for the quarter page advert remains at £55, the same as it has done for the last few years; once again larger adverts have increased in price to more accurately reflect the extra paper required to print them. We are continuing with the economy smaller adverts introduced last year, and this year are launching a new ¾ page advert.

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2013/14	full	3/4	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
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We are very grateful to all our advertisers for substantially subsidising the magazine and for providing valuable services to our communities.

Magazine advert amendments

Bea Faulkner

Anchor Logs (page A5) have increased their prices to £58 per bag.

Grahame Gilman's Wrought Ironwork mobile number (page A29) is now 07918 020936;

Andrew Wroot's Driving School phone number (page A15) & IT Help number (page A36) are now 01756 796802.

OWD BILL

Owd Bill at Christmas past!

AH RECKON 'at bi' time yer reads thi 'ere, 'appen Christmas 'ull be nearly ower fer this year. Burr ah thowt, well, ne'er 'eed, it maks n'odds, ah can talk abaat it, just t'same.

When ah wor a kid, t' festive season nobbut began o' Christmas Eve, nooan like terday when ther at it thru September! Ah mind goin' wi' mi dad daan ter Wakefield, t'shops wor all lit up, an' that's weer t' trimmins wor, nooan o' t' lamppoasts ner nowt. Grocers 'ed all t' chickens an' turkeys an' rabbits, all 'ung up an' ther'd be all kinds o' fruit an' nuts an' crackers an' stuff. It wor a reight colourful scene.

At schooil, we 'ed ter trim up t' classroom, an' it 'ed ter be summat different ivvery year. Wun year, it wor paper chains, an we all 'ed ter 'elp ter mak 'em. Anuther time, we med paper lampshades – ther mun o' been a real fire 'azard – but then, we didn't know abaat 'Ealth an' Safety I' them days!

Santa Claus cem an' all – if yer wor lucky, yer'd 'ev wun er 'appen two main presents. Nooan like terday weer t' kids get fortunes spent on 'em. At bottom o' yer stockin', ther wor allus a tangerine, an' a new penny, an' 'appen a selection box. When aar kids wor little, they allus 'ed a lump o' coil (it 'ed bin weshed ter get t' muck offen it). This wor for them times when ther'd bin bad! But thanaws, ther'd be sum kids 'at Santa nivver cum to. Times wor bad for some fowk.

An' then ther wor t' parties. Ther'd allus be buns an' jellies an' stuff, an' potted meyt sandwiches. Ah mind 'at wun time, t'kids got ter thrawin' buns abaat. Teychers worn't ser chuff abaat that! An' then, ther'd 'ev kissin' games. Ah thowt them wor reight cissy!

Wun Christmas Eve, we 'ed a party for t' grawn ups at aar 'ouse. We got to singin' a lot o' Gilbert an' Sullivan, an' it wok t' kids up – an Santa 'edn't bin. Soa, Santa couldn't come till they'd goooan off ter sleep agean.

Nah then – 'ev a reight gud time, but dooan't ovver eight, an' dooan't get sozzled if tha's baan ter drive. TTFN!

Advert for a camping equipment January Sale

"Now is the Winter of our discount tent"

(Apologies to Shakespeare and many thanks to Margaret Carr for sending this in.)

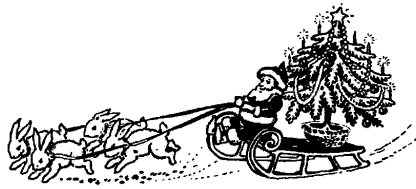
Christmas entertaining

Inviting houseguests to come for Christmas is a lot like living in California ... If you find a fault, don't dwell on it!

Visiting Father Christmas

A mother took her young daughter to visit Father Christmas in his grotto at the garden centre. He greeted the youngster merrily, and asked: "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The little girl stared at him, open mouthed with horror. Then she gasped: "Didn't you get my email?!!!"



The reindeer were on strike so Santa had to make do with what they had left in the pet shop.

The Holy Family

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

Another child ventured: "Verge?"

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

He replied hesitantly: "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

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FROM THE DIOCESE

Extract from Bradford Diocesan News (full copies should be available in St Andrew's Church)

Living the dream...

SOME PEOPLE ARE FANTASTIC WITH WORDS, using a very few of them to open up a universe of mystery and meaning. For example, when Wesley wrote of "our God contracted to a span" he put into just six words the nature of the Incarnation - and in a way that opens up the questions rather than closing them down.

It seems to me that this is our task in Advent as we try, amid the commercial tinsel and mistletoe, to tease our imagination beyond the familiar or the prejudiced into glimpsing the mystery of God's gift afresh. For, in one sense, the mystery of Christmas isn't the end of the story, but the beginning of the experience of God's grace.

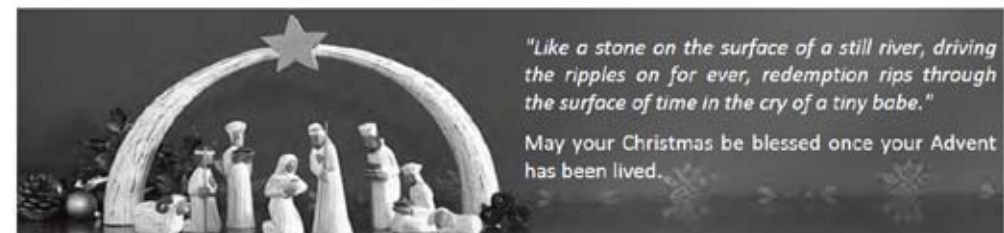
The point of living the Advent season is that we *live with* the story of God's people in God's world trying to work out where God is in it all. We walk with those who owned the calling to be God's people, but constantly got it wrong; with the prophets whose appeal to re-discover the implications of bearing God's name (i.e. reflecting God's nature) went largely unheeded; with those who were simultaneously amazed and bewildered by walking with the carpenter of Nazareth. The point is that the story calls us back to *living in the story* as if we didn't know the end: with Elizabeth and Mary and Joseph and working men and curious stargazers and fearful kings.

Ultimately, the mystery of Christmas is opened up by living with the shocking Advent possibility that God is about to break into the real world in which we live (and have always lived) and surprise us with love.

Unearned love, gratuitously poured out. Calling those who are grasped by the mystery of God's Gift to then live a life of generous and merciful self-giving which is experienced by those around us as God's gift.

This is not about bland piety. Just as Jesus is born into the real politics and economics of first century Palestine, subject to all the same health risks and capricious vagaries of mortal human life, so our reflection of the nature of the God we see in Jesus is to be lived out in the real world in which we live now. No escapism, no fantasy, no romanticism. As the German theologian Helmut Thielicke wrote in the ruins of his bombed church in Hamburg, God comes down into the frontline trenches where the suffering is as great as it can ever be.

We can dress all this up in great theological language. That's OK. But, it might be more useful to sum it up in the words of Canadian musician Bruce Cockburn:



"Like a stone on the surface of a still river, driving the ripples on for ever, redemption rips through the surface of time in the cry of a tiny babe."

May your Christmas be blessed once your Advent has been lived.

GOING GREEN IN GARGRAVE

Duncan Faulkner

The plane truth

"The best thing we can do with environmentalists is shoot them"

Michael O'Leary, CEO of Ryanair

IT'S TIME TO LET YOU IN on a guilty secret. Environmentalists may have a reputation for hating flying – but I love it! Aircraft fascinate me. I flew a Bulldog RAF trainer before I first drove a car. I took the children to see the Red Arrows at Windermere Airshow last year.



I love the sensation, the speed, the freedom, the ability to get to the far corners of the earth.

I particularly enjoyed the sight of a Boeing 777 taxiing down Riversway earlier this year (see below – try it on your street at <http://taxi.ba.com>).

Have you been waiting for the "But..."? Here it is....

A few years ago Bea's mother said she had seen something on TV by Adam Hart-Davis (I think) who said that the two big ways to reduce a typical person's carbon footprint were to avoid flying and give up car ownership. That sparked my interest. Neither seemed easy. People who own cars in rural areas like Gargrave tend to regard them as essential. People who don't own cars seem to manage without though. We still have our car, although we do most long-distance journeys by train in preference, and use our bikes and feet for lots of local trips.

Flying, though, seemed more of a luxury. Would cutting it out really make much of a positive difference though? Civil aviation contributes only around 2% of global man-made carbon dioxide emissions. But my responsibility isn't for global emissions (thank goodness), it's for the emissions due to my activities.

In the UK, aviation represents a rather higher 6% of emissions⁽¹⁾. That increases to 13-17% after taking account of the fact that emissions at high altitude are more damaging (so-called radiative forcing). The numbers are becoming fairly large now. But for some people they are far higher.

I have just tried filling in a carbon calculator⁽²⁾ which asks questions about my lifestyle and works out my annual carbon footprint.



I started off answering all questions accurately apart from the one about air travel, for which I invented a lifestyle of three return flights per year: one domestic, one short-haul to Europe and one transatlantic. By cutting out those flights my carbon footprint reduced by a spectacular 44%. That's a big difference by any standard.

So for many people in this country, the biggest single thing they can do to reduce their contribution to global warming is to cut back on flying. Yes, it may mean losing out on some opportunities to travel, but can we really compare the sacrifice of fewer overseas trips for rich Westerners with the suffering that climate change is expected to inflict in Africa or Bangladesh? In the first of these articles (May) I talked about Jesus's command to love our neighbour applying on a global scale.

The good news is that many flights within Europe, at least, can be replaced with train journeys which, as well as being far less polluting, are often more rewarding, less stressful and bring us closer to the world we live in. For inspiration on how to travel almost anywhere in the world without flying, I heartily recommend consulting The Man in Seat 61...



When he was Prime Minister, Tony Blair gave a stark warning about climate change. On 30 Oct 2006 he said:

Unless we act now, not some time distant but now, these consequences, disastrous as they are, will be irreversible. So there is nothing more serious, more urgent or more demanding of leadership.

Two months later, in responding to the suggestion that he should *show* leadership by not flying to Barbados for holidays, he said:

a bit impractical actually...

Like many, he understood where we need to go but wasn't willing to take a large step in that direction himself. But we don't have to wait for politicians or anyone else to take a lead.

As for me... I still fly occasionally on business, although where practical travel to overseas meetings by train and ferry instead. We have been avoiding flying for holidays for the past few years. That won't be everyone's choice – not even Greenpeace is calling for people to stop flying totally. It's for everyone to work out for themselves how they can play their part.

References: (1) Hansard, 2 May 2007;

(2) <http://www.resurgence.org/education/carbon-calculator.html>

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Parish Meeting, 1 October

Janet Turner

Apologies: Cllr Robert Marshall and (as it was Bonfire Night) PCSO Battison.

Public participation: An update was provided on the problems regarding the bus service to and from Upper Wharfedale School. Cllr Shelagh Marshall is working closely with the parents concerned and North Yorks County Council Education department.

In the absence of PCSO Battison a police report on 16 incidents was provided to the meeting.

District Councillor's report: Simon Myers reported on the discussion taking place on the free car parks provided by Craven District Council. A meeting was to be held on 12 November to be attended by a number of Parish Councillors.

Reports of three meetings attended by Cllrs Mark Carruthers, Janet Sugden and Janet Turner were given to the meeting.

Highways: It was reported that Ringways, not Balfour Beatty, have a 10 year highway maintenance contract with NYCC. This includes provision of a rolling programme for the replacement of vehicles and equipment. Area 5 continues to exist and covers Gargrave from a base in Skipton.

Localism Act: A fund is being created from a tax on the sale of new homes; the proceeds of which will be passed to Councils. This replaces money provided by developers under Section 106. Certain of the areas which this money is intended to support will be very useful to future projects of the Parish Council. However the existing Community Grant will still be available for applications by voluntary groups.

Next meeting: Monday 3 December at 7-15 pm in the Village Hall.

A sewer is for life, not just for Christmas!

Or "A Winter's Tale!" by Janet Turner, Chairman of Gargrave Parish Council

THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER saw me looking down a manhole at the sewers on Middle Green!

An engineer explained to the assembled company what we were looking at, a state of the art electronic TV camera and screen. We saw IN COLOUR water and "such" flowing along. An icicle appeared on the screen but, no, it was a tree root with a mass built up behind it. "Aha", said the engineer, "we'll flush it out from the other end. You know people putting wipes down the toilet cause real problems. It's got worse over the past few years and soap powder, not liquid, binds to fat and forms a concrete like mass which is very hard to clear."

So when you drain that goose, turkey, pork or nut roast remember to let the drained fat cool, add nuts and raisins to it and put it out for the birds, not down the drain for the sewer men.

Merry Christmas to you all from the Parish Council and a Happy New Year!



COUNTRY WATCH- a partnership against rural crime

PCSO Garry Battison

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, North Yorkshire Police are planning to roll out the Country Watch crime prevention scheme. It is specifically designed to answer the needs of people living in, working in and visiting Craven's rural area.

Providing a communication network, to keep people informed of crimes, incidents and successes.

Providing crime prevention advice that will both prevent and reduce the opportunity for crime to occur.

Creating Partnerships and Networks amongst the rural community, which in itself creates a feeling of security and reassurance, reducing the fear of crime.

Creating a visible deterrent across the District, by way of the sign.

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

- Identify key partners – NFU, CSP, CDC, Parish Councils, National Parks, Other Police Forces, CLA, NYCC, Environment Agency.
- Identify key forms of communication – NYP website, ringmaster (email, telephone message, text) facebook, twitter, youtube, newsletter, meetings, focus groups.
- Identify key crime prevention products and crime prevention advice.
- Funding and Sponsorship – who can help us.
- Arrange focus groups – to tell us what the problems are and what they need from us.
- Agree a visible image and a "brand" – gate signs, car badges, decal for police vehicles.
- Identifying target audience – farms, caravan parks, pubs, stables, parish councils, schools, rural businesses, visitor attractions, residents, hunts, campsites, activity centres, game keepers, churches, bunk barns, B&B, quarries, fisheries, the list is endless.

GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

"Every Child Counts; Every Child Contributes"

WE HAVE COMPLETED AN "ECO" THEME across the school where we looked at reducing, reusing and recycling. We were amazed how many places there are in our village to recycle, in the car parks for the village hall and the co-op. Each class got "creative" to emphasise the eco theme and produced an item to share in assembly. These included paper plates depicting collage scenes, re-labelling our

bins in school, making elephants from milk cartons and the younger pupils making binoculars, telescopes and wind turbines from re-cycled materials.



Photo by after school photography club



Gargrave Primary School are more active in both identification and challenging the more able learners. We seek extra provision for the pupils who are particularly talented in order to raise their aspirations and motivation. Five pupils went to Malsis school to a writing workshop. They worked with others pupils from different schools, sharing ideas. Each child then produced a short story. These stories are to be entered into the Simon Beaufoy competition later in the year. One story is included in here.

You are all most welcome to join us for our two Christmas celebrations: **'The Real Saint Nick'**, in the Village Hall on Friday 7 December 2pm and 6pm, and our **Carol Service** in Church, Wednesday 19 December 6pm. More details on pages 4 & 5 in the "Coming Events" section.

Finally we wish you a Very Merry Christmas.

"STRESSED OUT"

A short story by Katie Atkinson, Age 10, Class 4

Chapter 1

"It's not fai...."

Beep! Beep! The phone rang, interrupting the argument.

"Camilla, I need you urgently!"

It was Wayne; doesn't he know how busy I am?

I screeched to a halt in the crowded school car-park.

"Don't forget your lunchbox!" I shouted as the car door slammed shut.

Silence engulfed the Range Rover as I started the engine for the slow drive home ready to face Wayne.

"What's wrong?" I shouted as I slammed the front door shut. "Is it work again?"

"Yes it is a major crisis; I've been fined 50 MILLION POUNDS!"

I rushed from the kitchen into the living room, my face widened with horror! I was befuddled by what had just happened.

I flounced out of the door, flinging myself into the car. My foot jammed on the accelerator as I took off down the drive.

Chapter 2

As I looked out of the mirror, I saw a shiny, black limo closely following me. "First Wayne, now the paparazzi what's next?"

The phone rang continuously – my life felt like it was closing in on me. Where was I going to get that sort of money from?

Eventually I reached home. I reversed into the garage- I needed to face Wayne at some point! The house was in darkness apart from Minnie's room. I crept up the stairs, where I could hear whimpering. I opened the door. "Mummy you're home!" Minnie cried.

"SSH. You'll wake your sisters."

"Where have you been?" Minnie whispered.

"Just for a drive. Now go to sleep!"

Chapter 3

The phone rang the next morning. It was Sir Alex.

"I need to speak to Wayne to discuss his career."

I dashed up the stairs and threw the phone to Wayne.

"It's Alex." I whispered.

Wayne was ages on the phone it seemed like hours! I was getting worried, what was he talking about?

He slammed the living room door shut.

"What's wrong, what did he say?"

"I have a choice. A choice of losing my assets and playing football again or not paying the fine and not playing football. What should I do? I need some advice!"

He rang a number of friends up for advice, but they couldn't help. He listened to the families advice and then eventually made a decision.

He rang Alex and told him.

"I've made my decision. Football is my life - I have to play! I'll pay the fine; you'll have the money by the end of the week!"

"That's a good decision," exclaimed Alex.

"Ok then I'll see you at training tomorrow the team will be so glad to see you- we've got a tough match against Chelsea this weekend!"

INFORMATION

Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship

2 Dec	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end; Luke 21:25-36
9 Dec	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> Baruch 5 or Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
16 Dec	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Zephaniah 3:14-end; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
23 Dec	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46=55)
25 Dec	Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14
30 Dec	<i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i> 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-end
6 Jan	<i>Epiphany</i> Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Sidesmen 8am

2 Dec	Marion Scarborough	Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown
9 Dec	Kay Craven	Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell
16 Dec		Tim Warner	Sarah Curtis
23 Dec	Colin Chapman	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey
24 Dec	<i>Christingle</i>	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
	<i>Christingle</i>	Ruth Abbott	Sylvia Humphreys
	<i>11.30pm</i>	Eileen Hoskin	Hugh Turner
25 Dec		Stanley Preston	John Bailey
30 Dec		Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown
6 Jan	Marion Scarborough	Tim Warner	Sarah Curtis

Later Services

Readings

2 Dec	Ruth Abbott	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
9 Dec	Pauline Barnes		
23 Dec	Ruth Abbott		
24 Dec	Hugh Turner	Eileen Hoskin	Hugh Turner
30 Dec	John Bailey	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
6 Jan	Pauline Barnes	Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell

Church cleaning

3-14 Dec	Jean Banks & Carole Ballard	<i>If you are unable to carry out any of the above duties, please arrange a swap</i>
17-21 Dec & 7-11 Jan	Bee & Annie Faulkner	
23 Dec – 4 Jan	Sylvia & Ron Humphreys	

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	1455	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	0933	1105 ³	1331	1439 ²	1730 ²	1851		
Saturday	0645 ³	0932	1105 ³	1331	1439 ²	1730 ²	1840		
Sunday		0953	1135 ²	1438	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 16 th *				1207 ⁶		1507 ⁶		1657 ⁶	

Settle

Mon – Fri		0740	0859	then every hour until		1659	1804	2129	
Saturday		0740 ⁴	0859	then every 2 hrs until		1659			
Sunday									

Malham

Mon- Fri	0725		1000 ⁵		1300 ⁵			1610	
Saturday			1015		1230	1400	1615		
Sun 16 th *				1102 ⁶	1242 ⁶		1542 ⁶		

Notes

4 Saturdays during term time only, 5 Monday, Wed & Friday only
6 16 December only

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31-Dec / 02 Jan	Green bin	Green bin

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Half term (Summer)	Friday 24 May 2013	Tuesday 4 June 2013
Summer	Friday 19 July 2013	

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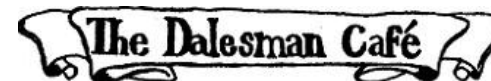
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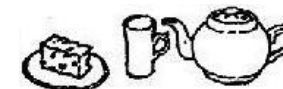


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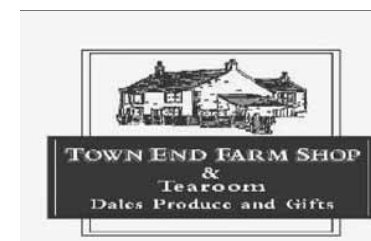
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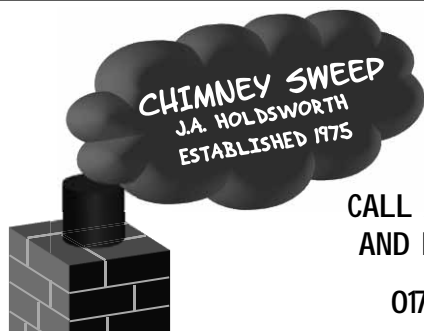
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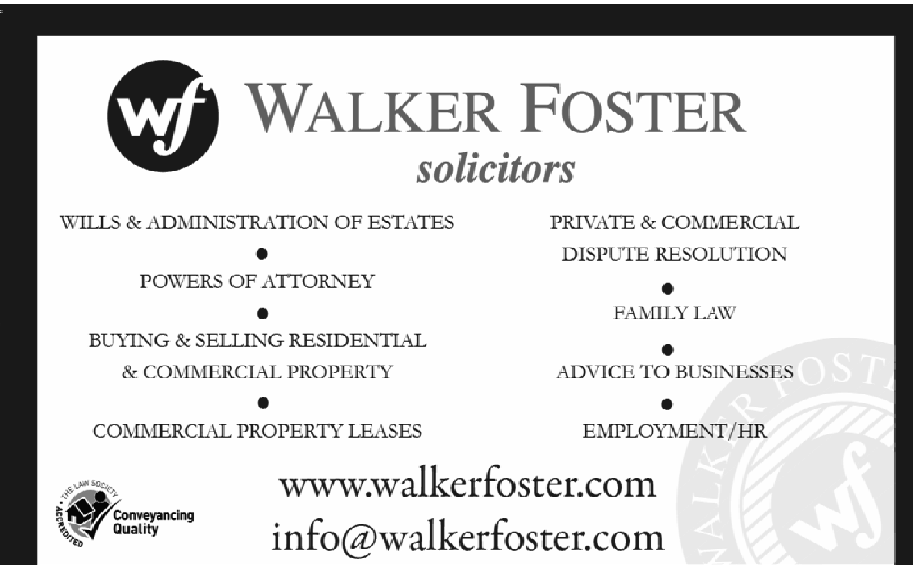
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