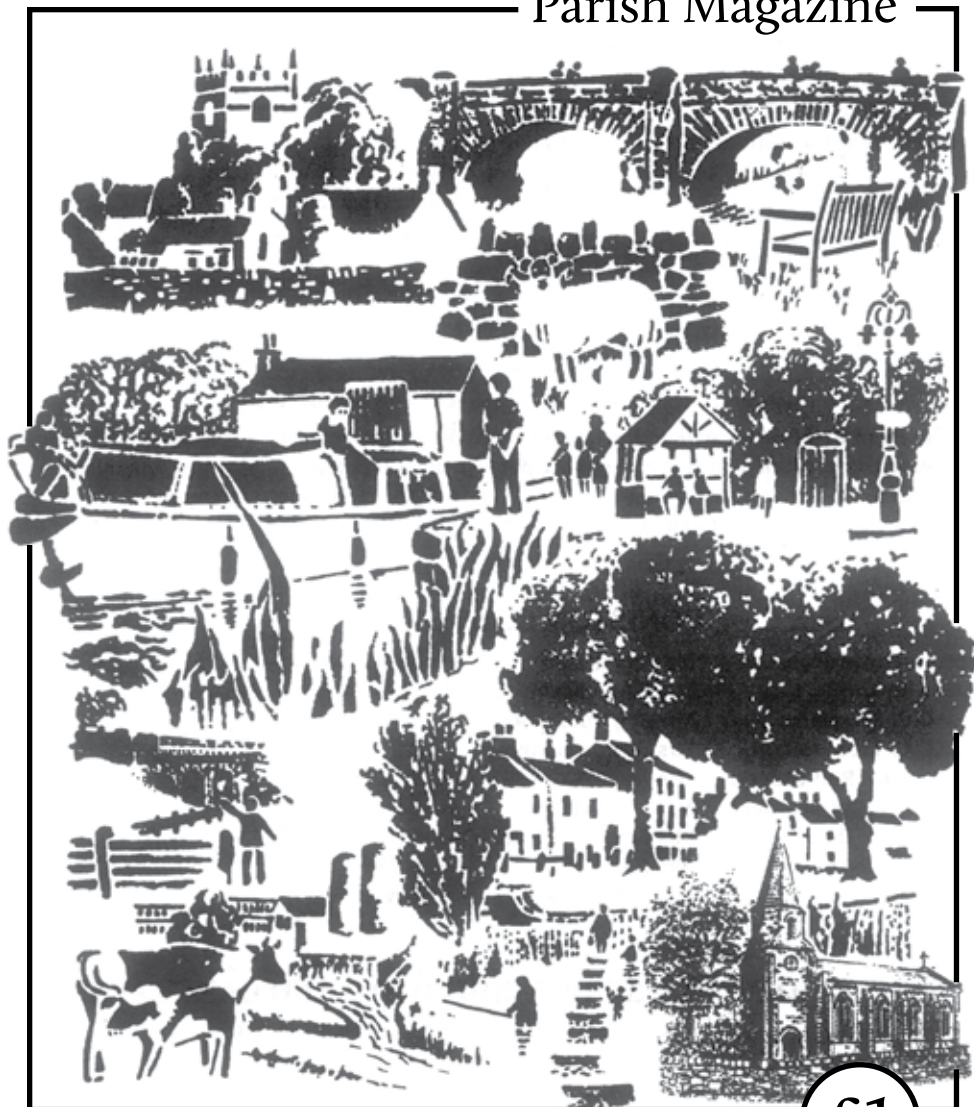


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Please let us know if you'd like to amend your entry or to add a new one.

Caterpillar Club (0+) – St Andrew's, Wed 10-11.30am, Gemma Tetley 07835 739899
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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,
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Meals on Wheels – Mon & Wed, Brenda Longbottom 749883

Bowling – indoor, Village Hall, Tues & Thurs 2-4pm, Mary Rushton 748908
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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
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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
Swan Inn – **Bingo** Tuesdays 8pm, **Quiz** Thursdays 8pm, **Casino night** Sundays 8pm
WI – Village Hall Annex, 2nd Wed of month 7.30pm, Moira Sonley 749634

JERRY'S JOTTINGS

Jerry Ford

STOP PRESS!!

Please note that the main Sunday service each week from January 6th onward is now at 10.30am

Breakfast at Epiphany (a bit corny, but I like it!)

EPIPHANY IS A GREAT WORD because it seems to have so many layers of meaning. The original Greek word "epiphaneia", meaning "manifestation", or "striking appearance" originally referred to insight through the divine.

January 6th is the Feast of Epiphany, which in the Anglican church celebrates the arrival of the Magi (or Three Wise Men), representing the revelation of Christ, the Son of God, to the Gentiles (non-Jews). In the Eastern Orthodox church, it is related to the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River and the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Messiah, and the Second Person of the Trinity.

These days, the term is also used to describe breakthroughs in scientific, religious or philosophical thinking, but it can apply in any situation in which an enlightening realization allows a problem or situation to be understood from a new and deeper perspective; also described as 'eureka' moments.

Throughout the Bible, there are moments when men and women have sudden realizations about the presence of God, or their part in God's purpose. After Jesus' death and resurrection, several of the disciples were fishing, and realized that it was Jesus waiting for them on the beach, cooking fish for breakfast. (John 21; 1-14)

But to me, the greatest epiphany must have been with St. Paul. Not only did he have that moment on the road to Damascus that challenged his worldview, but both as a Jew, and an apostle to the nations, he must have spent countless days working through what seemed like paradoxes and inconsistencies between what had been his understanding of the Law and the Prophets, and what Jesus had taught, and how he had died.

Paul's letters, to me at least, read like outworkings of that process, trying to help others to come to that realisation that God's grace is enough.

"He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing (Greek – *epiphaneias*) of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." 2 Timothy 1: 9-10

I hope that you all may experience a moment of realization during 2013, of one sort or another, and pray that we might all help others to experience and understand God's grace.

Happy New Year!

Jerry Ford

DIARY FOR JANUARY

See back inside cover for regular weekly events and meetings

Gargrave

Sun 30 Dec	Communion for All Ages 10.30am, Church
Tues 1 Jan	Communion 9am, Church
Sat 5	Coffee Morning 10am-12noon, Village Hall
Sun 6	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church
Mon 7	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm, V. Hall Committee
Tue 8	Communion 9am, Church
Wed 9	WI Meeting 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Sat 12	Coffee Morning 10am-12noon, Village Hall
Sun 13	Communion 8am, Service of the Word 10.30am, Church
Tue 15	Communion 9am, Church
Fri 18	Dance with Elizabeth Harrison, 8pm, Village Hall
Sat 19	Coffee Morning 10am-12noon, Village Hall Modern Sequence Dance from 7pm, Village Hall.
Sun 20	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church
Tues 22	Communion 9am, Church
Wed 23	Bingo 7.30pm, Village Hall Meeting to discuss the Women's World Day of Prayer Service, 7.30pm, 11 Marton Road
Fri 25	Film Night "KES", 7.30 pm, Village Hall
Sat 26	Coffee Morning 10am-12noon, Village Hall
Sun 27	Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.30am, Church Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
Tues 29	Communion 9am, Church
Wed 30	Gargrave Bowling Club AGM, 8pm, V.Hall Committee Room 1
Sat 2 Feb	Soup Luncheon for the NSPCC, 10am to 2pm, Village Hall
Sun 3 Feb	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church

The church services may be subject to change.

Coniston Cold

Sun 30 Dec	Service 4pm, St Peter's
Sun 6 Jan	Evensong 4pm, St Peter's
Sun 13	Service of the Word 10am, St Andrew's Gargrave
Sun 20	Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, 9am St Peter's
Sun 27	Evensong 4pm, St Peter's
Sun 3 Feb	Evensong 4pm, St Peter's

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Library fundraisers: films and music

Dave Smith

The Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library's coming fund raising events are:

Friday 25 Jan: Film Show 'KES', 7.30pm Gargrave Village Hall

Saturday 9 March: Musical Evening with the 'Limited Edition', 7.30pm Gargrave Village Hall

Friday 22 March: Film Show 'The Full Monty' 7.30pm Gargrave Village Hall

NSPCC Soup Lunch

Eileen Holden

Gargrave NSPCC Committee are holding a Home Made Soup Lunch on Saturday 2 February in the village hall, 11.30am to 2pm. Admission is £6.50 to include soup, cheese and biscuits, homemade cake and tea or coffee. There will be a raffle. Everyone welcome.

Allotment Coffee Morning, Hellifield

Angie Pedley


There are regular coffee mornings on Saturdays between 10am & 12 at the Institute in Hellifield. On **January 19th** it is in aid of the newly formed Hellifield Area Allotments & Gardens Association. There will be a raffle, tombola and cake stall. £1 entry fee gives you coffee, a refill and biscuits. Please come along and support the Association.

For more information on Hellifield Area Allotments and Gardens Association email angie.pedley@gmail.com or goochland@btinternet.com, or phone David on 01729 850886.

Know what to say

A mother mouse and a baby mouse were walking along, when all of a sudden, a cat attacked them. The mother mouse shouted: "BARK!" and the cat ran away.

"See?" said the mother mouse to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"



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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 3/4 page advert.

2013/14	full	3/4	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
Annual	page	page	page	page	page	page	page
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2013/14	full	3/4	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
Monthly	page	page	page	page	page	page	page
Prices	£36	£27	£18	£9	£4.50	£2.25	£1.10

Payment can be made by **cheque** payable to "St Andrew's Church, Gargrave" posted to 2 Riversway, Gargrave, Skipton BD23 3NR, or directly by **BACS** to "St Andrew's Church, Gargrave" bank account no **30693561**, sort code **20-78-42**, with an email confirming the payment to gargravemag@btinternet.com.

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.

Walking GAP Group

Jill Smith

THE WALKING GROUP has been meeting for about 5 years. During the winter months we meet on the first Sunday of each month at 10am at the village hall. We walk in the Gargrave area for about 4 hours, stopping off somewhere en route for a bacon butty (or similar). Our last walk was along the canal to Abbot's Harbour with a stop for a bite to eat and then back along the track, as the fields along the Pennine Way were too muddy at that time.



We are a happy, friendly group and welcome anyone - young, old, children, dogs. It's advisable to phone Olive Coates on 01756 748379 before the walk to check that it's on. We look forward to meeting you.

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 January 3rd and 17th.

Mothers UNION
Christian care for families

Gargrave & Coniston Cold

Ethne Bannister

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

First meeting of the year – Thursday 21 February – 2.30pm – at Olive Coates' Garden House, Gargrave.

Gargrave Christian Mission

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning and Christmas Sale of Work. The sum of £795 was raised for Manorlands Hospice. Thank you all once again.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

News

Marguerite Mason

IN NOVEMBER WE WELCOMED Maria Glot as our speaker. She has visited us before and told us about Titus Salt setting up a prosperous textile business and building Saltaire as a place for his workers to live. This time her talk was about Salt's successors, a tale touched by tragedy, though the business continued to thrive. Even today many people are employed in the premises which houses a number of different concerns including a gallery devoted to the art of David Hockney.

Her own interest started when, as a child of Polish immigrants, she realised how her poor grasp of spoken English was holding her back at school. She timidly ventured into the library at Saltaire and met one of the Staff who offered to help her. From that eventful day she was encouraged to read out loud, to talk to the librarians and to read English classics like "Jane Eyre". She never looked back; eventually getting a degree and forming an abiding love of Saltaire and its history. Just the sort of story which encourages us to support our libraries today!

Titus Salt planned to pass the business on to one of his sons, another Titus, and built a splendid house for him on the site near Saltaire called Milner Field.

Three centuries before this the property belonged to a family called Milner. Their daughter was callously separated from the young man she loved, who later died. The girl cursed her parents and then committed suicide. The parents died soon afterwards and since then the property had decayed. Titus Salt regarded the curse as foolish superstition and acquired it for a song. However, when his son moved in he died suddenly, although still in the prime of life. A series of subsequent owners suffered similar fates and the property was abandoned in the Twenties and remains derelict. The planning authorities don't know what to do with it as no-one will live there!

Down in Saltaire business was strong as ever. One interesting development shows the enterprising spirit which turned a disaster into a new opportunity, quite in the spirit of the place. In the first world war the firm was commissioned to produce huge lengths of cloth for Russian military uniforms. Then came the Russian Revolution. The CEO of that time knew prominent members of the British Government and heard that they were proposing to set up an independent flying Service, the RFC, later the RAF. They needed a different uniform, he could produce masses of suitable cloth, and the RAF is still wearing grey-blue to this day.

All these stories kept us spellbound for well over an hour and we are considering a visit to Saltaire next summer. We hope Miss Glot will be able to show us round.

Other recent activities have included a coffee morning with a collective Christmas card made by the Caterpillar Club on which we invited anyone to record good wishes to people in the village, to enjoy a hot drink and a mince pie or two and, of course, chat to their friends. Five of us went to the Group Advent carol service at Conistone and are looking forward to a shared dinner in January.

With Season's greetings to all our readers. Come to a meeting sometime!

Join the Big Garden Birdwatch 26 - 27 January

Deborah Brown, RSPB

DO YOU LIKE WATCHING THE BIRDS in your garden? Then take part in the world's biggest wildlife survey – the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.

This is the conservation charity's most important event of the year. It is when people across the country look out of their window and spend an hour of their weekend recording how many birds they see.

Last year, over half a million people counted more than nine million garden birds. The information from this survey helps the RSPB form a comprehensive picture of how well – or not so well - each species is doing.

Over the past three decades, participants have helped the RSPB discover that populations of house sparrows starlings have declined while the numbers of blue tits and goldfinches in gardens have increased.

Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch not only helps the RSPB track the ups and downs of garden birds, but gives you the perfect excuse to sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy the wildlife in your garden.

Taking part is very simple. Over the weekend of the 26-27 January, spend one hour counting the largest number of each bird species you see at a time in your garden. Then give your results through our website www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or by post.

You can get loads more information about the Big Garden Birdwatch and a free pack by going on our website or calling the hotline 0300 456 8330.

LETTER FROM A NEW BUSINESS

James & Julie, Landlord & Lady of The Old Swan Inn

THE OLD SWAN INN is a former coaching Inn from the 16th century. We are currently open as a public house with home-cooked food and rooms available. In October 2012 myself and my wife took over this fantastic old building and have endeavoured to make all customers old and new feel welcome.

I am a chef and the dishes we serve are traditional pub food which can be found displayed on our daily slate menu. We are open from 12noon 'til late 7 days a week. Lunch is served 12 noon until 3pm and evening meals 5pm until 9pm. Nights out in The Old Swan Inn include Bingo Tuesdays, Quiz Thursdays and Casino Sundays, all starting from 8pm with food and cash prizes. Feel free to pop in, whether for one of our events, some food or just a drink and you'll be sure of a warm friendly welcome.

THANKYOU

Ethne Bannister

A special 'thank you' to Jerry Ford for his excellent 'Jerry's Jottings', and so much information.



...I have reason to believe sir may be carrying illegally acquired lead from a church roof...

We do not have a happy report to give. We've not been able to find a suitable candidate for this church, though we have one promising prospect still. We do appreciate all the suggestions from the church members, and we've followed up each one with interviews or calling at least three references. The following is our confidential report on the present candidates.

Noah: In his former parish for 120 years with no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.

Joseph: A big thinker, but a braggart, believes in dream-interpreting, and has a prison record.

David: The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbour's wife.

Elijah: Prone to depression - collapses under pressure.

Deborah: Female.

Isaiah: On the fringe? Claims to have seen angels in church.

Amos: Too backward and unpolished. Might fit in better in a poor congregation.

Peter: Too blue collar. Has a bad temper - even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive, and a loose cannon.

Timothy: Too young.

Judas: His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. We're inviting him to preach this Sunday. Possibilities here.

Duncan Faulkner

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE this month: something that many of us have never seen growing but which has a particular historic connection with Gargrave.

Half of all pesticide use in developing countries is for cotton growing⁽¹⁾. Heavy pesticide use reduces biodiversity, disrupts ecosystems, and contaminates water supplies. Worse still, pests exposed to synthetic pesticides build up a resistance to them. So each year, farmers have to buy and use more pesticides to grow the same amount of cotton - increasing the damage to the environment. This spiral can lead to farmers building up increasing debts. In parts of India agricultural chemicals take up 60% of the farmer's production budget⁽²⁾. Also much cotton growing is in countries where farm workers are not well protected from the acutely toxic chemicals used as pesticides.

"Cotton production in the Central Asian Republic of Uzbekistan represents one of the most exploitative enterprises in the world."

Up to one third of the country's workforce is made to labour on cotton farms; denied ownership of the land they work, and forced to labour without reasonable wages they are unable to opt out of cotton cultivation – those who try are subject to violence, imprisonment and intimidation. Tens of thousands of children are forced to pick the cotton

harvest each year. Crucially, the suffering caused by this industry comes at the hands of the government. It is the Uzbek state, not the country's mafia that instigates the abuses connected to the production and sale of cotton turning its people into a slave nation."

In October the Soil Association launched a global campaign to spread the word about organic cotton. According to their website cottendon.org, the five unique benefits of organic cotton production are:

- 1. Give control to farmers, not GM companies**
- 2. Eliminate hazardous synthetic pesticides**
- 3. Help farmers feed their families:** organic cotton enables farmers to grow other crops.
- 4. Save precious water**
- 5. Combat climate change:** organic cotton farming uses less energy and healthy organic soils store more CO₂



You can buy organic cotton products from specialist companies like People Tree and Green Fibres or from mainline retailers. H&M is the biggest user of organic cotton worldwide⁽⁴⁾, with C&A at no. 2 (Coats and 'Ats, my grandad called them) and Nike at number 3.

Organic cotton clothes can cost more than the alternatives, but I do tend to wonder who is paying the rest of the costs if I see clothing (or anything else) at a crazily low price. Perhaps it is the farmer who may be paid less for their harvest than it costs them to produce? Or the environment, degraded and polluted by fertilisers and pesticides used with only profit in mind? Or the sweatshop workers in Bangladesh who may have had to endure working conditions far harsher than our ancestors did when they spun cotton at Airebank Mills?

References: (1) Soil Association, 2012. Have you cottoned on yet?; (2) People Tree website; (3) EJF, 2005 *White Gold: the true cost of cotton*.; (4) Textile Exchange, 2012. Organic Cotton Market Report. (5) Cartoon from the *Eden Project*, used with permission; (6) Photo of cotton picking in India by Claude Renault.

OWD BILL

Owd Bill at Christmas past!

I THINK IT LIKELY that when you read this, Christmas may well be over for this year. But I thought, never mind, it makes no difference, I can say what I have to say nevertheless.

At the time when I was a child, the festive season only began on Christmas Eve, not like today when things start in September! I remember going with father down to Wakefield, seeing the shops illuminated and decorated. There were no decorations on lampposts etc. Shops displayed chickens, turkeys and rabbits, fruit and nuts and crackers, and much else. It was very colourful.

At school, the classrooms were decorated by the children, and it was done in a different way each year. One year we made paper chains, and another time, the lampshades were decorated with paper. The fire risk must have been significant, but of course we were not concerned with Health and Safety as we are today.

Santa Claus came as well; if you were lucky, you might have one or two main presents, not at all like today when children often have vast amounts spent on them. At the bottom of one's stocking, there was always a tangerine and a new penny, and perhaps a selection box. Our own children found a piece of coal (suitably washed to remove coal dust) if they had misbehaved. You will understand that some children unfortunately were not visited by Santa Claus. Times were hard for some people.

And of course there were parties. There would be potted meat sandwiches, cakes and trifles etc, and on one occasion, some less well behaved children started throwing food about. This annoyed the teachers. We were required to take part in kissing games, which I looked upon with some distaste.

One Christmas Eve, some friends joined us for a party when we sang songs from Gilbert and Sullivan. This woke the children before Santa had arrived, and of course it was necessary that they had to be allowed to go to sleep before Santa came!

Now then, have a lovely time, but don't overeat, and don't drink if you intend to drive. TTFN – for those of who don't remember Tommy Handley, that is short for Ta Ta for Now.

GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

WE HAVE A FANTASTIC school Parent Teachers Association and they raise money for the 'extra' things. Currently these extras are improving the outside school grounds, such as marking the playground, installing a low level climbing wall and providing resources around the path to offer additional activities.

The Chair of our PTA wrote about the Christmas Fayre:

It was lovely to see so many people attending the Christmas fayre and I am delighted to announce that we raised a profit of a staggering £641.00.

I would like to thank all the PTA, staff and parent helpers who made the fayre happen your support is invaluable. Also a big thank you to everyone for attending and spending your hard earned cash, it's really appreciated.

The winner of the guess the weight of the Xmas cake competition was Sally Reynolds at 5lb 11oz. The cake actually weighed 5lb 12oz and Sally was the closest. Thanks must also go to the stalls who all donated prizes to the raffle I hope it was a profitable night for them too.

The monies raised will go towards paying the bill for the yellow vests as they cost around £300 and the residual towards the new climbing wall and also the cost of white lining the sports field.

Many thanks, Andrea Gaskell (Chair)

Christmas Production in village hall of 'The Real Saint Nick'.

This popular production provided laughter and a great start to the Christmas celebrations. Every child took part and the youngest pupils led the show. We were treated to a tour of the Earth, looking for the Real Saint Nick, finding out about Christmas traditions around the world, such as in France presents being placed in shoes! The Real Saint Nick brought us all fun and laughter. We were then reminded that the First Christmas gift came from heaven. A gift from God to the whole earth.

Thank you for supporting this event and for the village hall for allowing us to perform. We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and we wish you all a very happy New Year .

Theme Spring 2013, SPACE

In school we are learning about 'space'. The pupils are excited about this theme. We are planning to visit Keighley STAR centre. We will have a mobile planetarium in school on 15th January. This is a huge inflatable dome which then projects the night sky and is rotated to show the constellations at different times of the year and day from our perspective. If this interests you then please contact us and we shall try to arrange to fit you into the experience.

"TRULY RICH?"

A short story by Sophia Witek., age 11, Class4

Chapter 1: An Unexpected Visitor

ONE MURKY MORNING, Veronica crept, silently out of her shadowy mansion.

As she briskly marched down the meandering road, she felt two beady eyes glaring at her through the thick bushes.

"Who's there?" bellowed Veronica.

"It's me!" whispered a timid voice, "Billy." He tugged Veronica, further into the eerie shadow.

"I have got a mission for you , " announced Billy. " I think you will be really good" said Billy, shyly, blushing a delicate pink.

"What is this mission?" asked Veronica, impatiently. "I've got to go to work!"

"Do you *still* work at Morrisons?"

"I do, it's just... it'll look weird to my family- I just sneaking off somewhere."

"Get you now" said Billy, nodding, "Yes, "There is an Egyptian ruby, at the Museum of London "People say it is worth a FORTUNE!"

"How much?"

He flicked through a file, "450 million pounds!"

"Really!" screeched Veronica. A broad smile spread across her face.

"Ssssssshhh!" whispered Billy, " Keep it down!"

"Ok!" muttered Veronica

"Now, there are cameras everywhere across the museum." If you get caught, you'll get sent to prison for a lifetime."

For the whole of that day, Veronica fidgeted in her chair, thinking of her plan.

"Veronica!, stop daydreaming!" squealed the manager. Veronica flinched back into life, and served a very distraught customer. At long last, what felt like a century, the doors of Morrisons shut with a BANG!

"Finally." she murmured . "Let's get this show on the road!"

Chapter 2: Twilight

The sky was a fiery red, as the sun set beyond the blackened hills. Veronica slid out of the window in her sleek outfit.

Her milky white cheeks, shone in the rising moon. Her aquamarine eyes, gleamed in the buttery light of the street lamp. She slithered along in the deafening silence.

"CRACK!!"

A silver-chestnut fox danced away, with a satisfied look on his face. His shiny white teeth glimmered in the only light, as he passed through a dark alleyway.

At last she had reached her destination.

Chapter 3: Slip and Sly

Veronica looked up at the looming building. Ghostly shadows, scurried past the cloudy windows. Dim lights flickered in certain rooms.

She rustled around in her bag and hauled a rope into the air, making it land safely on the window-ledge.

The wind whistled wildly, as Veronica clambered up the wall towards the precious ruby.

She squeezed through the window and into the gloomy room. How was she going to get past those CCTV cameras? So many questions buzzed in her brain like an angry bee. Being more stealthy than ever before, Veronica finally managed to slide around the walls and carefully lift the ruby to her sweaty hands.

But suddenly a bawling noise stopped her in her tracks.

Chapter 4: Running Alone

The sound of the siren rung in her head, like a bell with no off button. Her heart felt like it was in her mouth, as she sprinted to the safety of her mansion, but however fast she ran the siren sounded as if it was getting closer and closer... She dashed up the path and attempted to grab the door but missed as the door opened. Why are the lights still on?

Chapter 5: Busted

"Justin?"... "What?" stammered Veronica.

"Stop Veronica, I saw you sneaking off. I think you should return that ruby NOW!!! And another thing, it's over between us!!"

I'm never returning this ruby- I will be buried with this ruby, I will die for this ruby I'M NEVER GIVING IT BACK!!!"

After that the ruby was returned and Veronica was taken to prison, leaving her family behind. But one night Veronica tunnelled her way out of her 'death hole', and it seems to be that she was never seen again.

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Parish Meeting, 3 December

Janet Turner

Apologies: Craven District Cllr. Simon Myers.

Resignations: With sadness the Council accepted the resignations of Cllr. Keith Bradley who had had a stroke but is thankfully now recovering and Cllr. Roland Thomas due to his heavy time commitment to the Village Hall. The Council thanked them both, on behalf of the village, for their sterling voluntary work.

Refuse/dog waste bins: The Parish Council has agreed to purchase larger waste bins for some of the sites from which dog waste bins have recently been removed. The Parish Council is to ask Craven DC for signage to be added to existing general waste bins to show that they may be used also for dog waste.

Budget meeting: The date for a meeting to set the Parish Council's 2013/14 Budget would be set after the Autumn Statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer as currently Parish Councils' precept requests are not capped as long as they are reasonable. The date will need to be before the normal date on which Craven DC ask the Parish for its precept request.

County Councillor's report: Cty Cllr Shelagh Marshall informed the meeting about the discussions at the Craven Area Committee meeting on 29 November about home to school transport to Upper Wharfedale School from Gargrave. There will probably be further meetings on the subject at which Cllr. Marshall will provide input.

Season's Greetings: The Parish Council wished our Craven District and North Yorkshire County Councillors, our Police Officers and all parishioners a very Happy Christmas.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday 7 January at 7-15 pm in the Village Hall.

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13 Jan	<i>Baptism of Christ: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i> Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
20 Jan	<i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i> Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
27 Jan	<i>4th Sunday of Epiphany</i> Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6.8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
3 Feb	<i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i> Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end; Revelation 4: Luke 8:22-25

Sidesmen 8am 10.30am

6 Jan	Marion Scarborough	Tim Warner	Sarah Curtis
13 Jan	Kay Craven	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey
20 Jan	Janet Sturgess	Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown
27 Jan	Colin Chapman	Stanley Preston	John Bailey
3 Feb	Marion Scarborough	Tim Warner	Sarah Curtis

Readings Offertory procession

6 Jan	Pauline Barnes	Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell
13 Jan	Ruth Abbott		
20 Jan	Hugh Turner	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
27 Jan	John Bailey		
3 Feb	Pauline Barnes	Eileen Holden	Jean Coldwell

Church cleaning

23 Dec – 4 Jan	Sylvia & Ron Humphreys	<i>If you are unable to carry out any of the above duties, please arrange a swap.</i>
7-11 Jan	Bee & Annie Faulkner	
14-25 Jan	Judith Douglas & Nancy Harrison	
28 Jan – 8 Feb	Susan Lupton & Sarah Curtis	

Public Transport

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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

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Sunday 20 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 20 th *				1102 ⁶	1242 ⁶		1542 ⁶		

Notes 4 Saturdays during term time only, 5 Monday, Wed & Friday only
6 20 January only

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Summer

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Friday 15 February 2013
Thursday 28 March 2013
Monday 6 May 2013
Friday 24 May 2013
Friday 19 July 2013

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Monday 7 January 2013
Monday 25 February 2013
Monday 15 April 2013
Tuesday 7 May 2013
Tuesday 4 June 2013

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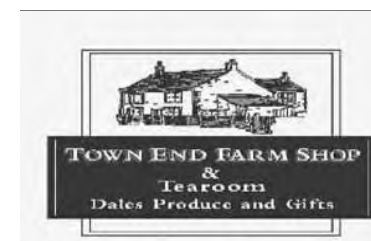
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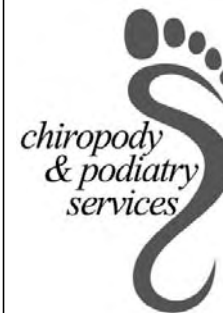
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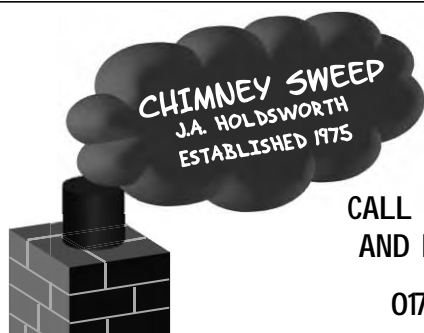
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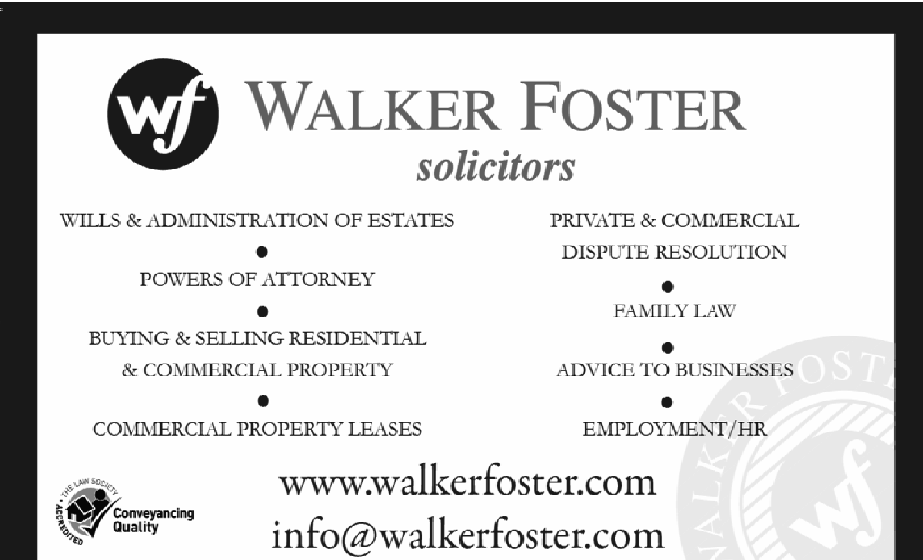
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