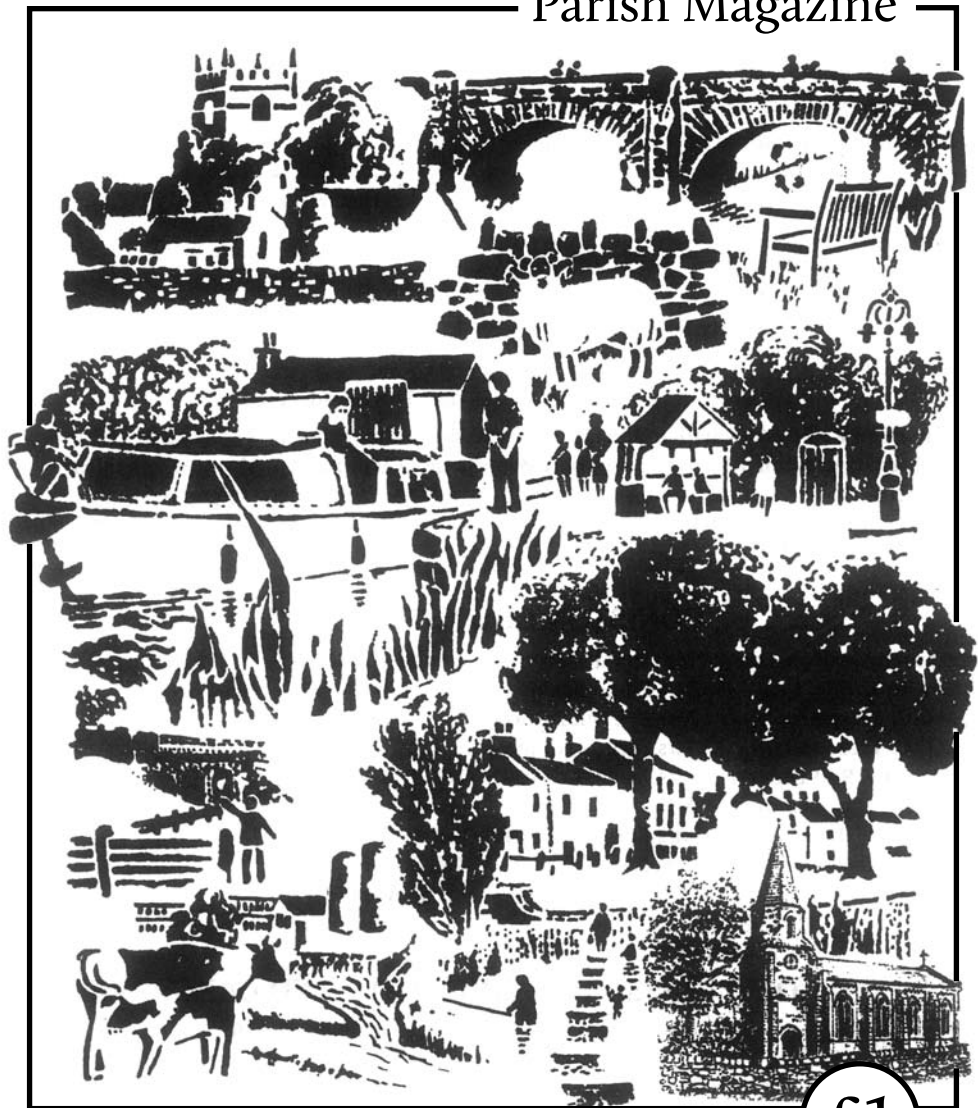


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Brownies (7+) – Rose Turner 01729 825886
Young Farmers Club - Coniston Cold, Tues 7.30pm, Janet Bolland 01729 830505

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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Croquet – Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Gargrave, Tues 2-6pm, Roy Berry 748065
Cycling – Gargrave Tuesday Club, Dalesman Café, Tues 9.30 for 10am start,
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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

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Thomson's Dance Centre – (3+, teens & adults) School Hall, Wed 5.30pm,
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Bell ringing – St Andrew's, Mon 7.30pm Sun 9.30am Davina Cockshott 07772 179561
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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
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Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall side room, 1st Mon of mth, or 2nd on bank hols
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Stan Drew's Community Choir – Ruth Abbott, 748483
WI – Village Hall Annex, 2nd Wed of month 7.30pm, Moyra Sonley 749634
Masons Arms – **Quiz** Sundays 9pm, **Acoustic live music** 1st Friday of the month

JERRY'S JOTTINGS

Jerry Ford

Climate Change; A Man For All Seasons

Despite the title, this is not an overt (or designedly covert!) article about the global problem that most scientific institutions around the world are worried about. It is, instead, some thoughts about the social, cultural and spiritual environment into which our new vicar and his wife will arrive.

There is elsewhere in this magazine a short introduction to David and Heather Houlton. With a little persuasion, it may be that David can introduce himself in the pages of the July magazine! We do not yet have a date for David's Induction and Collation (to use the correct terminology) but we hope it will be some time through the summer.

The introduction to the Parish Profile (a sort of Prospectus for interested applicants) put together by the PCC said:

"The congregation stands at a crossroads as we contemplate the kind of priest we'd like; someone who can take us on the next stage of our walk with Christ in a social and spiritual environment that is challenging at least."

"We are praying for God to call a man or woman to this parish who will share their vision with us, and with whom we can share our joys and sorrows."

The Profile then went on to outline various aspects of church, parish and community life that warranted the attention and commitment of the successful applicant. It would be quite wrong, however, to expect immediate progress on any, let alone all, of those fronts!

The nature of the Parish that David is coming into is not one that he will be familiar with. The church in Bristol where he was an Assistant Minister had a membership approaching 400, and was within an affluent suburb of the city. We need to allow David some time and space to familiarise himself with the congregation and the wider community, and let him formulate some ideas about priorities, resources and actions.

It is unrealistic to expect any minister to be everything to everyone, and I am sure he will establish his own identity as he develops his vision for our parishes, but we have a responsibility not to set expectations that are based on our own preferences, or what used to happen. We are fortunate to have a vicar allocated 4 days per week to look after just 2 parishes, but ministry is not exempt from the need to be flexible and there will be times when David's other responsibilities for Rural Affairs require some re-timetabling.

Let's all really welcome David and Heather when they arrive, support them in their ministries in whatever way we can, and continue to thank God for the many ways that His love is shown in our parishes.

DIARY FOR JUNE

See back inside cover for regular weekly events and meetings

Gargrave

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| Fri 31 May | Autoharp pub music, 7.30pm, The Mason's Arms |
| Sat 1 June | Annual Village Litterpick, 10am, Summerseat Autoharp Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall Autoharp tuition and classes during the day, Village Hall Autoharp Concert, 7pm, Village Hall |
| Sun 2 | Communion 8am; Autoharp Service - Sung Eucharist 10.30am, Church |
| Mon 3 | Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm, Village Hall Annex |
| Tue 4 | Communion 9am, Church Women's Institute Group AGM, 7pm, Village Hall Annex. |
| Wed 5 | Fuchsia and Geranium Society Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall Annex |
| Sat 8 | Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall North West Book Fair, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall |
| Sun 9 | Communion 8am, Service of the Word 10.30am, Church |
| Mon 10 | Parish Council Meeting & AGM 7.15pm, Village Hall Annex |
| Tue 11 | Communion 9am Craft Night, 8-10pm, The Swan Inn |
| Thurs 13 | The Carers' Resource Open Day, 10am to 3pm, Village Hall |
| Fri 14 | Carers Resource Village Hall Committee Room 1 |
| Sat 15 | Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall |
| Sun 16 | Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall |
| Mon 17 | Art Workshop from 10am, Annex. Contact Sue on 228330 |
| Tues 18 | Communion 9am, Church |
| Wed 19 | Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex |
| Fri 21 | Dance with Elizabeth Harrison, 8pm, Village Hall |
| Sat 22 | Coffee Morning for LASRUG, 10am to Noon, Village Hall Modern Sequence Dance, from 7pm, Village Hall |
| Sun 23 | Communion 8a.m; Morning Prayer 10.30am, Church |
| Tues 25 | Communion 9am, Church Community Library AGM, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex |
| Wed 26 | New 6 week yoga session, 9.30am, Village Hall Annex |

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| | Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex |
| Thurs 27 | Watercolour Workshop from 10am, Village Hall Annex Contact Alison on 07743 007784 |
| Sat 29 | Open Gardens 11am-5pm, Tickets, lunches and teas at Village Hall Charity Folk Night, 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Sun 30 | Communion for All, 10.30am, Church Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall |
| Tue 2 July | Communion 9am, Church |
| Sun 7 | Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church |

The church services may be subject to change.

Coniston Cold

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| Sun 2 | Evensong 4pm, St Peter's |
| Sun 9 | Service of the Word, 10.30am, St Andrew's – Gargrave |
| Sun 16 | Book of Common Prayer Communion, St Peter's |
| Sun 23 | Evensong 4pm, St Peter's |
| Sun 30 | Evensong 4pm, St Peter's |
| Sun 7 July | Evensong 4pm, St Peter's |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Gargrave Parish Council Annual Litter Pick

Helen Carruthers

Volunteers needed -**Saturday 1st June** -Meeting at the Summer Seat at 10am, equipment will be provided. Many thanks.

The First Gargrave Autoharp Festival

Sally Thomas

This event is being funded by the Arts Council and runs from **Friday 31 May until Sunday 2 June**. The festive weekend commences at 7.30pm on the Friday evening with 'pub music' in the Masons Arms.

The main part of the festival will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 1 June** with tuition and classes during the day and a concert in the evening. A coffee morning will be held in the kitchen area between 10am and noon and this will be open to everybody and those wishing to learn more about the autoharp. A grand concert featuring the Autoharps and Friends has been arranged from 7.30pm in the Village Hall and tickets are £2 per person. There will be a fully licensed bar available during this event along with refreshments and a raffle.



The festivities conclude on **Sunday 2 June** with an Autoharp Service from 10.30am at the Church of St Andrew in Gargrave.

For further information, see the articles in April and May magazines, also on the Robert Story Song Project web site www.songlyric.co.uk.

North Yorkshire Open Studios

France-Leigh Hadrysiak

Over two weekends in **June - 8/9 & 15/16th**, North Yorkshire Open Studios gives the public a chance to visit real artist studios and purchase original artwork.

This June over 100 artists will open up their studios as part of the North Yorkshire Open Studios, a free annual event that combines culture, breathtaking views and a chance to hone your navigation skills...

With studios located right across the county, from the remote hills of the Upper Dales to the suburban streets of Harrogate, across the Vale of York to the rural North Yorks Moors and Coast, this is a fantastic chance to spend a leisurely weekend discovering original artwork - from cutting edge

craft and design to contemporary sculpture, paintings and ceramics.

Husband and wife artists, David and Heather Cook will be at the Art Depot in Gargrave, off Eshton Road on the Asquith Industrial Estate. David is a printmaker/painter living and working in Malhamdale. Much of his work reflects the landscape in and around his home. Heather is trained in textile design, she has always been concerned with decorative elements of found and recycled materials.

Both artists will be in attendance with their work at the Art Depot, a purpose built office, design studio & workshop for Chrysalis Arts, it was created through a collaborative design process with architects Wales Wales and Rawson.

For a free North Yorkshire Open Studios brochure, contact the NYOS team on 01756 748529 or info@nyos.org.uk,

The Carers' Resource Open Day

Sally Thomas

This event is taking place from 10am on **Thursday 13 June** in the Village Hall and entry is free and open to everyone aged over 18. The numerous stalls will be displaying a large variety of social activities which are available across Craven and the day offers a great opportunity to have a go at something new, or even pass on a skill you have to others.

LASRUG Coffee Morning

Kay Davies

There will be a coffee morning on **Saturday 22 June** from 10am to noon in aid of LASRUG, the Lancaster and Skipton Rail Users' Group. Please come along.

Open Gardens with live music

Duncan Faulkner



On **Saturday 29 June** come and discover the delights of Gargrave's garden gems, and a bonus garden in Bell Busk. Gardens are open from 11am to 5pm, with refreshments, lunches and a plant stall at the Village Hall.

This year for the first time the event will be accompanied by live music from around ten different performers or groups in different venues around the village.

Admission by passport costing £3 in advance from the newsagents (available from mid-June) or £4 on the day from the Village Hall. Children are free and will have a quiz sheet to take round the gardens.

Charity Folk Night

Sally Thomas

This has been arranged for **Saturday 29 June** from 7.30pm in the Village Hall and will feature various groups playing folk rock music with an African twist.

Tickets are available from Caroline on 01756 749235 at a cost of £10 per person, £5 for concessionaries and children under 12 will be allowed free entry.

Hot food will be available on the night along with a fully licensed bar. There will also be various stalls, a tombola and raffle. All proceeds from the bar will be donated to Gargrave Village Hall with all the rest of the money raised contributing towards the construction of a High School in Africa.

Events at the Village Hall –beyond June

Sally Thomas

Gargrave Art Show - Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 July.

Fuchsia and Geranium Annual Show - Sunday 11 August.

Jumble Sale -Saturday 21 September, 10am to 1pm. All proceeds will go towards the running of the Hall. Any donations for this event can be left at the Village Hall on preceding Saturdays when there is a coffee morning taking place.

Arts and Crafts Weekend - Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 October.

Dance -The 'Swing Commanders' will be back on Friday 8 November.

Missionary Sale Of Work - Saturday 23 November, 10am to noon.

Hobbies and Crafts Weekend - Sat 30 November - Sunday 1 December. The Hall will be full of stalls selling a variety of crafts. Many of the stallholders will be demonstrating how their finished products are made. There will also be a display of local memorabilia. Entry is free and refreshments will be available. Please contact Caroline for any further details on 749235.

MP Constituency Surgeries

Julian Smith, our MP, will be holding constituency surgeries in the following locations around this area:

Skipton Town Hall - Saturday 22 June 9.30am - 10.30am & Friday 19 July 3pm-4pm

Settle Victoria Hall - Friday 21 June 4.30pm - 5.30pm

To book an appointment to see Julian, phone: 020 7219 7145 or email: julian.smith.mp@parliament.uk

Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt

Tom Bannister

Saturday, 1st June – Derby Day Duck Race and BBQ at Airebridge Farmhouse, Bell Busk, Skipton, BD23 4DU by kind permission of Nick Bannister

Pay Bar – Derby Draw – Hook-a-Duck – Fun Games; £20 per person, children under 10 free; contact Charlotte Walker 07958 083587.

NEWS

New Vicar for Gargrave and Coniston Cold

Bradford Diocesan News, June



The Revd David Houlton has been appointed as Vicar of Gargrave with Coniston Cold and Diocesan Rural Adviser.

This move is a bit of a homecoming for David and his wife Heather - they met at Bradford University where they both worked in the 80s. David later became a Chemical Engineer at Allied Colloids (now BASF) in Low Moor and in the mid-nineties they spent 11 years working in various European countries before returning for David's ordination studies at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

While David was serving his curacy at St Bride's, Old Trafford, Heather was also called to ordination. So for the last nine months David has been acting as Assistant Minister at St Mary, Stoke Bishop, while Heather completes her MA at Trinity College, Bristol. From June Heather will serve her curacy in the parishes of Linton and Burnsall with Rylstone.

Don't fool me

A three year old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library

Carol Ballard

We have just completed our first year of operation. It was a somewhat steep learning curve for the volunteers at first, mainly because of "that machine" which seemed to want to fine everyone for everything. But now, we all feel we know how to handle it, and we hope our customers are happier with it, especially as it can now tell us which books we've read before.

The Committee would like to thank all the volunteers for the time they devote to the library so willingly and to everyone who has helped when we've had speakers, concerts and cinema evenings. We would like to thank all of you who continue to support us and if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our service, please let us know and we will do our best to comply.

In our constant need to raise funding to sustain the library, the Committee has decided to instigate a 100 Club. This will start in the autumn with a monthly subscription of £2 50 per member and there will be a monthly draw with a cash prize. Further details will be given at the AGM (see below)

The Committee looks forward to your continued support for this village facility.

The **AGM will take place on Tuesday 25 June** at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, preceded by a volunteers' meeting at 6.15 p.m.

Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Gargrave

Beth Whitley

Adult tennis coaching is now available on Tuesday from 10.30am and between 6-7pm. The cost per session is £5 and prospective members are welcome to come along if they are keen to learn the sport or to brush up on their tennis skills. Further information is available from Beth Whitley (01756 749664) or Ji Mukherjee (01756 749579/07845 416301). The evening sessions are then followed by Club Night and new members are always welcome to come.

In 2013 new members are entitled to a 25% discount on the usual annual subscription. Details of how to join are available on the website at www.craventennis.org.uk or from Beth Whitley. Memberships available are Family, Adult, Junior/Student and Croquet.



News

Marguerite Mason

At our meeting in April we heard a talk by Paul Morris about the uses of aloe vera. This is a plant which is grown widely in tropical countries for medicinal purposes. It can be grown in Britain but in our cool climate the essential elements are not developed. It has been used from ancient times to soothe damaged skin and help in the healing of burns; it is available today in the form of ointments and Mr Morris highly recommended them. He also told us of efforts which have been made to extend the use of aloe vera in treating a range of diseases with results which seem promising. After this talk we had the usual business meeting including an announcement about our attempts to set up a

Book Club. This idea had been proposed as a means of supporting our local libraries. The group had its first meeting at the end of the month and we learned that 13 members wanted to join, although not everyone was able to be there on this occasion. Nevertheless we discussed how we would operate, and Kate Darley agreed to contact the Library in Skipton and arrange the loan of sets of books with the titles that had been suggested by the members present. This year we hope to have ten meetings and the range of interests seems to be extensive so we should have a challenging time.

Our final meeting this month was the Federation's thirtieth Spring Council in Harrogate which five of us attended. Most WIs in this area try to send a representative, consequentially we met many old friends and chatted with other members we hadn't met before; it is always a cheerful occasion. Of course there were all the usual reports, elections and thanks, but the formalities soon gave way to an amusing speaker Dulcie Lewis. Her title was "Powder, Paint and Corsets" and apart from the materials people actually used in the past, many quite poisonous, she told us that artists and the sitters themselves wanted to look fashionable when they were painted. Portraits were made after the use of horrifying practices so that the person in the picture looked as though they had unblemished skin and a marvellous figure, giving a totally false impression. I was reminded of my grandmother's saying that pride must suffer pain! Although we laughed a lot, we were glad to live in more relaxed times.

In the afternoon certificate and prizes were presented. Jean, our President, collected the Kathleen Bird trophy won by Gargrave this year, and then we listened to another speaker. Since it was the Federation's thirtieth anniversary, our pearl anniversary, the subject "The Romance of Pearls" was especially suitable. The slides shown by the speaker Susan Rumfitt celebrated marvellous historic pieces of jewellery, mainly made for royalty. She also explained how pearls are formed naturally in oysters around a grain of sand and how, in modern times, the natural process can be started deliberately to give cultured pearls which are much cheaper and less difficult to harvest. We all agreed it was a most enjoyable day.

In May we have to vote on this year's Resolution about saving our town centres. After the usual business we look forward to hearing about the Ilkley Playhouse's visit to the Cornish seaside theatre of Minack. In June we are arranging our annual outing, this time it will be to Saltaire. On July 10th we shall hear Eleanor McRobert talking about "The Allure of the Shoe". Nothing like variety!

THE SERMON

A short story by Andrew Tawn

THE REVD. ERNEST YOUNG was keen to make a good start at his new church, St Mildred and St Milburga's, Oldkirkham. Fresh from his curacy, he had never been responsible for leading a church before. On the very first evening after he had moved into the Vicarage he went into the old stone church by himself and knelt down before the altar.

'Lord, you know how nervous I am.'

'I do,' said God.

'And you know how important first impressions are.'

'So people say,' said God.

'Then please,' said Ernest, 'please let my sermon this Sunday be the most touching and inspiring sermon these people have ever heard.'

'Have you thought through the consequences?' asked God. 'And are you sure this is what you want?'

'What I want? I don't care what people think about *me* ...' said Ernest, and waited for God to agree. 'Well, OK. Maybe I do a bit. But more than anything in the world I want to be a good priest for your sake.'

'I know,' said God. 'And I love you greatly for it. Nevertheless I *have* decided to grant you your request.'

When Ernest sat down to write the sermon he felt inspired as never before. The ideas came more easily, the argument followed more naturally and the words flowed more eloquently than for any previous sermon. When he put down his pen he was so excited he went out into the garden and turned cartwheels across the lawn. He could hardly wait for Sunday to come.

And so it came about that Ernest gave the kind of sermon most vicars could only ever dream of preaching. The congregation of thirty that morning laughed so much at the opening anecdote he had to pause for several seconds before he could go on. Then he drew out of the story the most unexpected but apt metaphor for God. Ernest talked with a spiritual intimacy which made them long to know God better. He spoke of the joys and sorrows of life in a way that touched upon the experiences of each one of them. Before he had finished they all felt that Ernest understood them personally.

'What a wonderful sermon!' said a lady with silver hair tied back in a bun, as Ernest shook hands with the congregation at the end of the service. 'I felt so uplifted at the end I wanted to applaud.'

'So moving.'

'And enlightening.'

'If you preach like that every week,' said Mary, one of the church wardens, 'they'll come flocking in.'

'If you preach like that every week,' said Charles, the organist, 'they'll be promoting you to a bishop before you know it.'

'Not too soon, I hope!' said one of the choir ladies. 'Now we got you here, we want to keep you as long as we can.'

Ernest was delighted. Everyone seemed happy. At least everyone except Cynthia. Cynthia had been the Lay Reader at St. Mildred and St Milburga's for many years. In the vestry as they were taking off their robes she also thanked Ernest for his sermon. But she did so, Ernest thought, as if she had reservations. 'Maybe she's jealous?' he wondered, as he went home that morning.

The Sermon – continued from page 10

On Monday he sat at his desk to read the passages from the Bible set for the following Sunday and he could think of nothing to say. On Tuesday, he met a couple of parishioners in the street who said they had enjoyed last Sunday's sermon so much they could hardly wait until next week. His anxiety increased on Wednesday when a woman in the butcher's shop told him she had heard such wonderful things about his preaching that she simply had to come and hear him herself. On Thursday he postponed the visits he had been intending to make because he needed the time for sermon preparation. He studied all the commentaries he could find on the Bible readings he was to preach about. Friday was supposed to be his day off but he dared not leave the writing of the sermon until the weekend so he spent the day drafting and redrafting the opening. By the end of the day, he had written two paragraphs and had filled five baskets with balls of screwed up paper. On Saturday he summoned all his powers of concentration, drew upon all the resources of his theological education and used every last hour of the day, along with a few borrowed from Sunday morning. At last the sermon was finished and he went to bed exhausted but satisfied with his work.

Not many hours later, Ernest surveyed the congregation from his pulpit. The church was considerably fuller than last week. Among the faces looking up with eager expectation he noticed the lady he had met in the butcher's.

It was a good sermon. Steeped in scholarship, balanced in theological views and polished in style. The congregation laughed at his jokes but somehow the laughter was more polite than last week. The sermon was longer too. After all the notes he had taken from the books he had read it was hard to know what to leave out. At one point he noticed the lady from the butcher's had closed her eyes, presumably moved to prayer.

'A very scholarly sermon,' said the silver-haired lady as they shook hands at the door.

'Mmm,' said another. 'Deep.'

'Lots to think about.'

'I'd be very interested to read your sermon again, if you wouldn't mind giving me a copy,' said Cynthia. 'Plenty of meat in there. I'd like a little more time to digest it.'

In the vestry Ernest thought Cynthia seemed quiet and deliberate as she hung up her robes. Maybe that's the slowness of age, he thought.

'Here,' she said, handing Ernest an envelope. 'Put this in your case and read it when you get home.'

'Thank you,' he said, dropping it into his brief case where it slipped into the leaves of his sermon and out of his mind.

On Monday Ernest found himself queuing in the greengrocer's. Two places in front of him was the woman he had met in the butcher's last week and who had come to church on Sunday.

'I don't know what all the fuss was about,' she was saying to the woman in front of her. 'I thought it was rather long-winded and ...' Her companion nudged her. An awkward silence fell upon the queue of shoppers. When the woman left the shop with a bag of carrots and a cauliflower Ernest tried to give her a smile but she was fiddling with something in her shopping basket and did not catch his eye.

Ernest tried not to mind. But the more he tried the more he found himself brooding on her words. She was right. He had put his best efforts into that sermon and it was not good enough. On Tuesday, in a vain attempt to recapture the inspiration which had flowed so easily he read through his triumphant first sermon again. That only made things worse. He would never preach a sermon like that again.

It was only on Thursday, when he re-read last Sunday's sermon to see where he had gone wrong that he found, tucked into its leaves, the envelope that Cynthia had given him. He had been so preoccupied with his troubles he had completely forgotten about it.

'Dear Mr. Young,' Cynthia had written, 'Your inaugural sermon was truly splendid – the finest sermon I have ever heard in St Mildred and St Milburga's, or indeed anywhere. You have so much to say, and you will say it so beautifully, that I realize my occupying the pulpit any longer will only deny the congregation the opportunity of your greater gift. I have thought long and hard this week and I feel it is time to hang up my preaching robes. It will be a great privilege to sit at your feet, as it were, and learn from you.'

Yours most sincerely, Cynthia'

Ernest slapped the top of his head. 'What on earth have I done?' he thought. 'I wanted so much to impress people. Instead I have driven a faithful servant of God from her ministry and I have set myself a standard I can never ever live up to.'

So he went into the church by himself and knelt down before the altar.

'Lord God,' he said, 'please hear me.'

'I hear your every thought,' God said. 'I've been waiting for you to come back to me.' But he spoke in such a still small voice that Ernest, muffled in misery, did not hear him.

'Lord God,' Ernest said, 'I realize now how vain and foolish I was when I asked you to make my first sermon the most touching and inspiring the people had ever heard. Please, if it is possible, help me out of this mess I have made.'

'All things are possible with me,' said God. 'I'll help you.'

Nevertheless Ernest's sermon preparation proved even more difficult than the previous week. Nothing he read gave him any ideas. So he went to the kitchen to eat a packet of chocolate biscuits. He did not even fill a basket with waste paper, for when he sat down at his desk he could not write a word. The biscuits ran out and he went to the shop for more. Still his mind and his page remained a

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complete blank. Whenever he thought of Cynthia he felt guilty. He knew he ought to go and see her but kept putting it off because he did not know what to say. He wished Sunday would never come.

Why won't you help me?' he asked God. Long after the last shops had shut and when all his supplies had gone, he resorted to eating the bar of cooking chocolate from the back of his cupboard. Then he gave up and went to bed.

The next morning he ascended wearily the three steps of the pulpit and looked out over a congregation of around thirty. He had decided to reuse a sermon from his curacy. The one he chose did not have much to do with the readings set for the Sunday but at least it had gone down well when he preached it before.

It began with a magic trick. Half way through the trick he remembered how much practice it had required the first time. Something must have gone wrong because the card he produced did not match the one the member of the congregation had chosen. The congregation tittered. He tried again, and again he got the wrong card. This time the congregation shuffled uncomfortably. Completely thrown by this, Ernest lost his place in the script and got his pages muddled up. He was not concentrating on what he was saying and he stumbled over his words.

'I'm so sorry,' he said at the end. 'That was the worst sermon I have ever preached in my life. I so wanted to show you how clever I was. Now I realize how much I have to learn. Please forgive me.'

There was a pause and then the lady with the silver hair started to clap and everyone else joined in.

'We really felt for you when the trick went wrong,' said a woman with a purple hat, as they shook hands by the church door after the service.

'It's good to know you're human, like the rest of us,' said Mary, the churchwarden, and she gave him a hug.

'I thought that maybe the trick was *meant* to go wrong,' said Charles. 'I thought that was going to be the point you were making.'

Ernest thought, 'Maybe that was the point *God* was making?'

Cynthia shook Ernest's hand warmly. 'Young man, I suspect you have already learned a great deal in the short time you have been with us.'

'Oh, Cynthia!' said Ernest, putting his hands over his mouth in horror. 'I'm so sorry. I was so wrapped up in my worries I forgot all about your letter ...'

'Do you think,' said Cynthia, 'we could *both* forget all about my letter? I was, perhaps, a little hasty in what I wrote. At least, I meant what I said about learning from you, but if you feel I could be of any help to you I would be glad to carry on as a Lay Reader for a bit longer.'

'Oh, please do!' said Ernest. And having taken her hand and shaken it vigorously, he turned a cartwheel in his cassock down the church path.

ST ROBERT

Enid French

CORRECTLY ST ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER, where he became Abbot, but born in Gargrave somewhere around 1100. He was born of parents 'honourable and eminent in Christian virtue' and probably taught to read by the then Priest of this Parish. He obviously showed promise and, according to some documents, went to Paris to study at the Sorbonne. He returned, as an ordained priest, to his home village.

Hearing of a group of monks at Whitby, he joined them but found they were not strict enough for him, so he left there and joined the group of monks at Fountains Abbey. These monks were looking for a stricter spiritual life and decided to join the new Order of Citeaux, the Cistercians.

On visiting the Abbey, the Norman Lord of Morpeth, Ranulph de Merlay was so impressed that he decided to build an Abbey on his estate and requested that St Robert become its Abbot.

From here, St Robert was later to send monks to found Sawley Abbey.

His great love was reputed to be the psalms and he recited all one hundred and fifty of them daily, at least once, and some writers claim, three times a day.

He is also reputed to have been very abstemious in his diet, which was simple, fish, eggs and bread but no red meat.

He travelled widely, returning to France yearly to attend the General Chapter meetings at Citeaux, and the daughter houses of Newminster, including Sawley.

His feast day is celebrated this month on June 7, the day of his death.

This is a very brief account of our Gargrave saint - if you wish to find out more look up St Robert on the web and be amazed at how many sites there are where he is mentioned, including churches and schools dedicated to him!

WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

Sue Smith, Gargrave, May 10

*"Sumer is icumen in
Lhude sing cuccu!
Groweth sed, and bloweth med,
And springeth the wude nu-
Sing cuccu!"*

Anon c 1226

SO IT WAS FOR CENTURIES. Now no sound of the cuckoo. Not here anyway; though some people report hearing them further north. They haven't been heard around here for more than a decade. British Trust for Ornithology research suggests that they are faring better in Scotland, as their birds take a rather less hazardous route across the Mediterranean.

Our resident birds provided most of the songs in April. The song thrush bravely heralded in the dawn regardless of the weather, and developed his song throughout the month and continues to do so. Indeed there are two of them now,

adding trills and embellishments. They are then joined by other residents such as blackbirds, tits and finches. Oyster catcher returned from the coast in mid April and his piping call swelled the throng as he flew over.

The overseas visitors returned later than usual, and it seemed they would never come. Eventually I heard the lovely falling cadence of the willow warbler and shortly afterwards the melodious songs of the blackcap and garden warblers. You have to be a real expert to tell these songs apart, and can only positively identify them if you actually see them singing. I know they are both there, as I have watched them flitting about among the rowan, hawthorn and hedges and enjoying the undergrowth, including the much despised brambles.

The swallows also returned much later than usual. Now the swifts are back. They arrived on time on May 7, and are the last of the summer visitors.

It has been a peculiar season with so many false starts, but now the birds are catching up, courting in earnest, mating and nesting. Female Mallard are on the river with their ducklings, and drakes fill the skies in groups; rarely to be seen is a duck hotly pursued by one or two drakes. It was a very cold April and this delayed the Spring flowers. The early flowers such as primroses lingered, and celandines continue to carpet the grass. Only days ago did the dandelions burst into golden flower. Celandines, dandelions and daisies close up at night and on cloudy days often don't bother to open up all. The lovely cowslips are in flower, and bluebell buds are bursting. On warmer days tiny insects are in the air, which is as well as they are a food source for many of our summer visitors. A few bees are buzzing around. I have not noticed, in other years, the tortoiseshell butterfly on the wing so early. They often come onto the yellow flowers of my berberis, whereas usually they are to be seen much later on the purple flowers of buddleas and thistles.

Trees and shrubs have been very slow to come into leaf. The buds on the rowan burst very late and even then developed slowly; they have now rushed into leaf and the clusters of blossom have rapidly come into bud. Similarly the hawthorns have had tight buds for weeks and have only recently come into their glorious sap green; but even now there is no sign of blossom.

Trees are essential to so much of our countryside, but are beset by invasive threats from the continent. Ash die back is the most high profile case, but many other trees have also suffered. A few years ago, Dutch Elm disease posed a terrible problem, but some individual trees remained immune; indeed there are a few around here. This led to taking seeds from such trees and growing them on. Now there is a National Tree Seed Project creating a seed bank, to be kept at Kew, of all species of native trees, including every different type of every tree.

As always, there is something we can do. When buying native trees, try to find out where they came from. (Many start here and are then grown on the continent and re-imported). Buy small saplings and grow them on yourself.

And whilst on the subject of what we can do, we can stop doing harm. Do not interfere with the places the birds love, and do not disturb them.

Hedgehogs in June

Morris Charlton

Although the natural world is a little behind schedule this year, there will still be some hoglets born this month. Mum will have 4-5 hoglets in a litter. They are born blind, deaf and naked; however the first set of prickles starts to poke through when the hoglets are just 2 hours old.

If you have a regular visitor to your garden at this time of year it is likely to be a female rather than a nomadic male. Be aware that she may have chosen your garden in which to make her nest and take extra care when gardening so that you do not disturb that nest. Should you accidentally disturb a nest then recover it as best you can. With luck the female will return and over the next few days she may well move her litter to a new nest. If however she does not return, then the litter will need to be taken into care. You can tell if she returns by making an opening into the nest and putting a small object that will be pushed aside as she enters the nest. Do not keep checking the nest by opening it up (this applies to undisturbed nests as well) as extra disturbance may well make her disappear altogether or even attack her young.

In general any small hoglets found in the garden squeaking or just lying about will need to be rescued. Bring them indoors, put in a high-sided box and most importantly provide them with a covered warm hot water bottle (keep replacing the water so it does not get too cold). If there is only one hoglet, please search for more. Call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society ASAP for more advice.

If a nest is in an inappropriate place or a dog will continually disturb it and it needs to be moved please do make sure you catch the mother first as she is the one that will run away. Without mum the chances of the litter surviving will be reduced, especially if they are new born. There is no substitute for the real mum with real hedgehog milk.

Note - putting an object at or in the entrance of a nest box will also tell you whether it is in use without opening it up and checking.

If you want to find out more about hedgehogs visit the British Hedgehog Preservation Society's web site at www.britishhedgehog.org.uk If you find a hedgehog needing help or if you need more advice call the BHPS on 01584 890801 – it is better to be safe than sorry.

GARGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL

Kathy Thomson/Janet Bolland

We have had a very busy time in the run up to Easter and in the few weeks after Easter. We held our Pre-School Easter Egg bingo fundraising event on 28th March. This was well attended by our parents and their families and friends. A massive £120 was raised to enable us to put this money towards some new trikes and bikes for the children.



We had a brilliant day on our Easter Egg hunt at Coniston Hall, by kind invitation from Mr and Mrs Bannister. The children and their parents had a super time, following their map around the grounds of the Hall to find their treasure. We all ended up back at the house for a lovely lunch provided by Mrs and Mrs Bannister. A huge thank you from us all at Pre-School.

Our topic for this half term is "People Who Help Us". We have been talking about people around our community who help us. We have a visit planned from a doctor and hopefully a policeman and a plumber. The children have had great fun dressing up as a vet, policeman,

doctor, nurse etc and our activities have corresponded with this topic.

Our topic for the last half term of the school year will be 'On Holiday'. We shall be talking about our holidays, modes of transport to get there, hotels, beaches, swimming etc.

We have 20 children leaving to go to our feeder primary schools this summer. We are preparing them for a smooth transition along with their visits into new schools. We shall miss them all in September and wish them well.



GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

"Every child counts, every child contributes"

"Home and away": our theme this term and we are already involved in some exciting new projects including:

Link with Our Lady of Victories Primary School, Keighley - We are delighted that we have set up a link with this school. This should enable our pupils to work collaboratively to enhance their knowledge of different places and pupils. The first visit took place this month with the year 4 pupils working with their pupils. They worked with The Director of Bradford Community Broadcasting to make a radio programme and their school's mini radio station. Each child produced a pod case about life in Gargrave and in Keighley.

Sierra Leone - We are delighted that another member of staff from our link school, Baptist School, Bo, Sierra Leone will be visiting in June. This is funded by the connecting classrooms grant through the British Council, to which we have applied for reciprocal visit funding. Jo Conteh will be in school during the week beginning 17th June. We hope that you will have the opportunity to meet him during that week. We shall be sending a staff member to their school in October.

Steel Band - All the pupils listened to the music made by these drums, it was so engaging that pre-school spontaneously joined us- which was great. The older pupils learned a Caribbean dance and repeated a rhythm on the drums.



Katie Morag and the two grandmothers – retold by Beech Class

Katie Morag woke in the morning she was reading a book. Grandma Mainland came to visit. Katie Morag went to the fair. The sheep was in the bog. They washed the sheep in the bath. They dried the sheep. Alecina the sheep won the show. They had a party.

By Archie Shackleton

One sunny morning Katie Morag's mummy woke Katie Morag up "Wake up!" said Mrs McColl. Katie Morag went to Grannie Island's farm. Then Katie Morag and Grannie Island saw the sheep in a bog. "What are you doing in that bog!" said Grannie Island. Then they finally got the sheep out of the bog, "Why did you go in that bog now you are all dirty and we've got to bath you! You naughty sheep". Then they dried the sheep and Grannie Island put curls in the sheep's hair. At the show, people were looking at the white sheep. The sheep won and Grannie Island had a party with sandwiches and biscuits.

By Maisy Whitworth

It was morning and Katie Morag was asleep her mum came in and shouted "Katie Morag wake up now!" Katie Morag was surprised, "Granma Mainland is coming to visit us and she is coming on a boat", said Mrs McColl. Grannie Island was about to take Alesha (the sheep) to the show but Grannie Island could not find Alesha! Grannie Island and Katie Morag searched high and low but they still couldn't find Alesha. Soon they found her in a bog, a muddy bog. "Alesha!" said Katie Morag "Let's take Alesha home and give her a bath". Once Alesha was clean and dry, "Let's take Alesha to the show now" said Katie Morag, Mrs McColl and Grannie Island were there too. Alesha came first in the competition, "Mum, Alesha came first!" shouted Katie Morag "...and she got a rosette" said Grannie Island. They all had a big party to celebrate with delicious cake and biscuits.

By Eve Welsh

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting, 13 May – Chairman's Speech

Janet Turner

The last year has been one full of times to panic, have fun and achieve some goals.

It has seen the village celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II (with a visit from the bailiffs on Low Green) then followed by a few days of music and merriment whilst the weather generally held fair. This allowed for the opening of our Woodland Walk. It was designed and opened by our village children.

Again on part of Low Green new junior goal posts were fitted and the Parish Council is pleased at how well used they appear to be by a wide age group.

New fencing has been put around the perimeter of the play area as well as some necessary tree work. The rest of the village has also benefited from tree works during the past year, This is an ongoing responsibility of the Parish Council as are the street lights, river bank, village greens, benches, and toilets which the village wanted to remain open.

The Parish Council itself has seen some changes. Janet Smales, Roland Thomas and Keith Bradley have left us for various personal reasons and we wish them well.

Our Council now consists of Helen Carruthers (Clerk), Janet Sugden, Janet Turner, David Syms, Brian Atkinson, Mark Carruthers, Robert Marshall, Graham Fletcher and Paul Fenlon plus a new appointee.

Rapid changes to legislation including the Localism Act are proving to be both exciting and challenging. It is to this end we have and will continue to call on our County Councillor and Craven District Councillor as well as the whole of the village to give a voice or a physical presence to support and help the Parish Council move forward with the vision of a pleasant, safe, sustainable village.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman – Janet Turner, Vice-Chairman – David Syms, Joint Responsible Financial Officers – Janet Sugden and Janet Turner.

There will be a village clean up on Saturday 1 June – please will as many as possible take part – meet at 10am at the Summer Seat.

Daddy's girl

A young father was taking care of his baby daughter while his wife went to town shopping. He decided to go fishing and he had to take the toddler along. "I'll never take her along with me again!" he told his wife that evening. "I didn't catch a thing!"

"Oh, next time I'm sure she'll be quiet and not scare the fish away," his wife said.

The father said gloomily. "No, it wasn't that. She ate all the bait."

INFORMATION

Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship

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| 2 June | <i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i> 1 Kings: 18:20,21(22-29)30-39; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10 |
| 9 June | <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i> 1 Kings:17,8-16(17-end); Galatians 1:11-end; Luke 7:11-17 |
| 16 June | <i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i> 1 Kings21:1-10(11-14) 15-21a; Galatians 2:15-end; Luke 7:36-8:3 |
| 23 June | <i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i> 1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7)8-15a; Galatians 3:23-end; Luke 8:26-39 |
| 30 June | <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i> 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14; Galatians 5:1.13-25; Luke 9:51-end |
| 7 July | <i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i> 2 Kings 5:1-14; Galatians 6(1-6)7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 |

Sidesmen 8am 10.30am

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| 2 June | Marion Scarborough | Phyll Harrison | Alan Brown |
| 9 June | Kay Craven | Eileen Holden | Sarah Curtis |
| 16 June | Janet Sturgess | Stanley Preston | John Bailey |
| 23 June | Colin Chapman | Joyce Brotherton | Isobel Lacey |
| 30 June | | Phyll Harrison | Alan Brown |
| 7 July | Marion Scarborough | Eileen Holden | Sarah Curtis |

Readings

Offertory procession

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|---------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2 June | Pauline Barnes | Joyce Brotherton | Isobel Lacey |
| 9 June | Hugh Turner | | |
| 16 June | John Bailey | Norma Brothers | Judith Douglas |
| 23 June | Ruth Abbott | | |
| 30 June | Pauline Barnes | Eileen Hoskin | Pat Cockshott |
| 7 July | Hugh Turner | Norma Brothers | Judith Douglas |

Church cleaning

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|------------|--------------------------------|
| 3-14 June | Judith Douglas & Nancy Harrson |
| 17-28 June | Susan Lupton & Sarah Curtis |
| 1-12 July | Jean Banks & Carole Ballard |

If you are unable to carry out your duties, please arrange a swap.

Public Transport

TAXI from Gargrave: phone Gargrave Private Hire 07877 054698, see page A5

TRAINS from Gargrave to:

Leeds

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| 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

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| Mon - Fri | 0545 ² | 0905 | 1105 | | 1439 | 1730 | | | |
| Saturday | 0645 ² | 0905 | 1105 | | 1439 | 1730 | | | |
| Sunday | | 0931 | 1135 | | 1541 | | 1805 | | |

Carlisle

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| Mon - Fri | 0545 ³ | 0932 | 1105 ³ | 1331 | 1439 ³ | 1730 ² | 1851 | | |
| Saturday | 0645 ³ | 0932 | 1105 ³ | 1331 | 1439 ³ | 1730 ² | 1840 | | |
| Sunday | | 0953 | 1135 ² | 1438 | 1541 ² | | 1805 ³ | | |

Notes 1 Change at Skipton, 2 Change at Lancaster, 3 Change at Hellfield

BUSES from Gargrave to:

Skipton

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| Mon - Fri | 0706 | 0756 | 0820 | 0841 | 0956 | then every hr until | | | 1756 |
| Saturday | 0956 | 1110 | 1156 | 1325 | 1356 | 1455 | 1556 | 1710 | 1756 |
| Sunday | | | | 1207 ⁶ | | 1507 ⁶ | | 1657 ⁶ | 1847 ⁷ |

Settle

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| Mon - Fri | | 0740 | 0859 | then every hour until | | 1659 | 1804 | 2129 | |
| Saturday | | 0740 ⁴ | 0859 | then every 2 hrs until | | 1659 | | | |
| Sunday | | | 1002 ⁷ | 1102 ⁶ | 1242 ⁶ | 1542 ⁶ | | | |

Malham

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| Mon - Fri | 0725 | | 1000 ⁵ | | 1300 ⁵ | | | 1610 | |
| Saturday | | | 1015 | | 1230 | 1400 | 1615 | | |
| Sunday | | | 1002 ⁷ | 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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West St, BD23 3RD

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| Collections | Gargrave – Mon & Tue | Coniston Cold – Mon |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 03-Jun / 04-Jun | Green bin & brown bin | Green bin |
| 10-Jun / 11-Jun | Blue bin & blue bag | Blue bag and brown bin |
| 17-Jun / 18-Jun | Green bin & brown bin | Green bin |
| 24-Jun / 25-Jun | Blue bag | Blue bin & bag & brown |
| 01-Jul / 02-Jul | Green bin & brown bin | Green bin |

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Tel 749226 from 8am. Open Mon-Fri mornings and Mon afternoon.

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| | School closes | School opens |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
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| Summer | Friday 19 July 2013 | Tuesday 3 September 2013 |
| Autumn half term | Friday 25 October 2013 | Tuesday 5 November 2013 |

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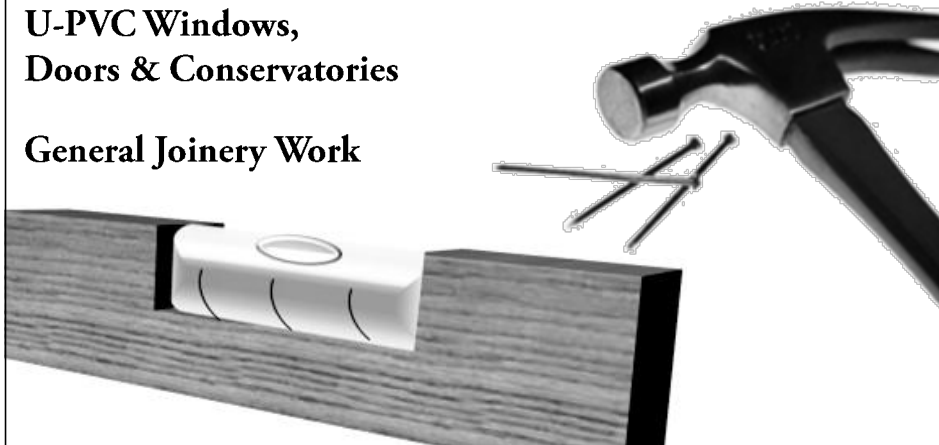
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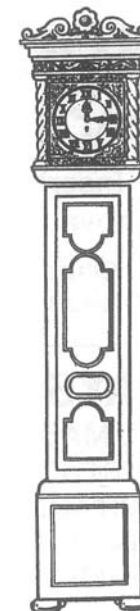
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