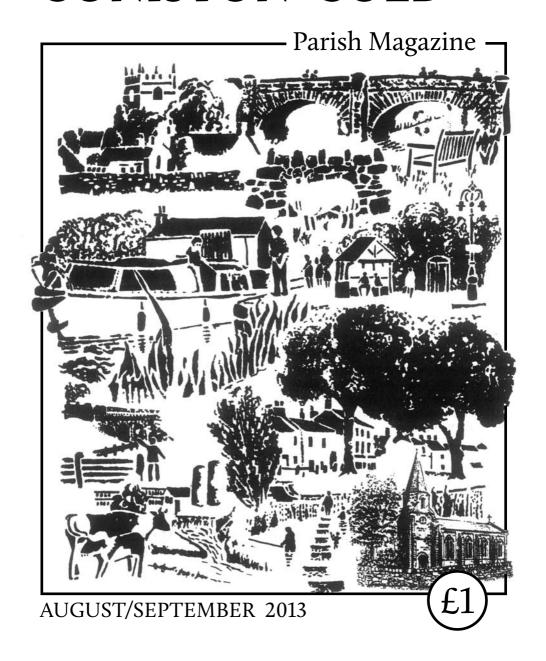
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| 23 Nov Missionary Sale Of Work | |
| 20 Nov – 1 Dec Hobbies and Crafts Weekend | |

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I asked the earth and it answered me: 'I am not it', and all things whatsoever made the same confession. I asked the sea and the deeps and the creeping things and they answered me: 'We are not thy God; seek beyond us.'

Augustine of Hippo, Confessions, 5th Century

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 – outdoor Gargrave Bowling Club, Michael Cox (748285)

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

Pilates - Village Hall Annex, Fridays 9am-10am, starting 6 Sept, Sandra 07971 044567

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 0758 2086345

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

Craft Night - The Swan Inn, 2nd Tues of month, Georgina dittyknitty@gmail.com

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 - 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, Moyra Sonley 749634

Masons Arms - Quiz Sundays 9pm, Acoustic live music 1st Friday of the month

DAVID'S DISPATCHES

David Houlton

I'M REALLY ENJOYING beginning to get to know people in Gargrave and Coniston Cold. And what a lot goes on here! The Art exhibition at the Gargrave Village Hall, the same weekend as the Bishop was here to "inducted" me, was great and Heather and I enjoyed the WI's hospitality. Afterwards there was just time to take in a bit of the final in the Crown Green Bowling competition. During the week, as it was the end of term, there was the Caterpillar Club party, with several children leaving to start at the school in the autumn, and there was the last school Governors' meeting, and the school leavers' service. There are so many community activities, clubs and sports going on. I look forward eventually - to getting around everything. But there are pitfalls for the unwary vicar - not least trying to remember who's who, and not getting names mixed up.

People have said that this is such a friendly place that it's hard to get to the shops and back in less than 20 minutes, and it's true! But it's great to be able to meet and spend a bit of time getting to know each other, especially in this year's warm summer when everyone's out and about more.

There's an old saying that the weather on 15th July indicates what the rest of the summer is likely to be like, so we can hope this year won't be another wash-out:

"St Swithun's day if thou dost rain For forty days it will remain St Swithun's day if thou be fair For forty days 'twill rain no more."

That saying probably arose, like many old sayings, because people noticed how things are. It's not perfect of course, but it's not a bad indication of what to expect. And that without having to know that the British Isles' are located close to a frontal zone (between warm/mostly dry, and cold/wetter air) that is controlled by a Jet Stream of wind high up in the atmosphere - and that, wherever it is in early July, the Jet Stream doesn't usually move much during the rest of the summer.

In the past people just noticed the way things were and passed on what they had learned. In a similar way, none of the Bible was written in a scientific age, but it's still worth reading and thinking about what we can learn from how God blessed and guided generations of people who came before us.

So I look forward to us getting to know each other better and to exploring together what God is saying to us today.

| DI | ARY FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER | Sun 1 Sept | Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church |
|---------------|--|---------------|---|
| See b | pack inside cover for regular weekly events and meetings | Mon 2 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| Gargrave | | Tue 3 Sept | Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Annex Communion 9am, Church |
| Sat 3 Aug | Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall | · | |
| Sun 4 Aug | Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church | Wed 4 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church Fuchsia and Geranium Society Meeting, 7pm, Annex |
| Mon 5 Aug | Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Committee Room 1. | Fri 6 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| Tue 6 Aug | Communion 9am, Church | in o copt | Pilates classes start, weekly at 9 am, V. Hall Annex/Comm Room 1 |
| Wed 7 Aug | Fuchsia and Geranium Society Meeting, 7pm, Annex | Sat 7 Sept | Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall |
| Fri 9 Aug | Dance with Elizabeth Harrison, 8pm, Village Hall. | • | Modern Sequence Dance from 7pm, Village Hall |
| Sat 10 Aug | Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall | Sun 8 Sept | Communion 8am, Service of the Word 10.30am, Church |
| Sun 11 Aug | Communion 8am, Service of the Word 10.30am, Church | Mon 9 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| | Fuchsia and Geranium Show, 11am to 4pm, Village Hall. | | Stay and Play, 9.30 to 11.30am, Village Hall Annex. Aimed at |
| Tue 13 Aug | Communion 9am | | pre-school children, every Monday until 16 December |
| Wed 14 Aug | Women's Institute Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex | Tue 10 Sept | Communion 9am |
| Sat 17 Aug | Gargrave Show, 8.30am- 5.30pm, field in front of Eshton Hall | Word 11 Comb | Craft Night at the Swan Inn, monthly on 2nd Tues, 8-10pm |
| | Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall | Wed 11 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church Women's Institute Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex |
| | Modern Sequence Dance, from 7pm, Village Hall | Thurs 12 Sept | Pantomime rehearsals begin from 6.30pm, weekly, Village Hall |
| Sun 18 Aug | Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church | Fri 13 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| Mars 10 Arres | Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall | ти 13 зерс | Dance with Roe Valley Band, 8pm, Village Hall. |
| Mon 19 Aug | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church | Sat 14 Sept | Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall |
| Tues 20 Aug | Communion 9am, Church | Sun 15 Sept | Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church |
| Wed 21 Aug | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church New 6 week yoga session, 9.30am, Annex. | ош. 20 обра | Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall |
| Fri 23 Aug | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church | Mon 16 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| Sat 24 Aug | Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall | Tues 17 Sept | Communion 9am, Church |
| Sun 25 Aug | Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.30am, Church | Wed 18 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| Juli 25 Aug | Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall | Fri 20 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| Mon 26 Aug | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church | Sat 21 Sept | Gargrave Jumble Sale from 10am, Village Hall. |
| 3 | Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall | Sun 22 Sept | Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.30am, Church |
| Tues 27 Aug | Communion 9am, Church | Mon 23 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| Wed 28 Aug | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church | Tues 24 Sept | Communion 9am, Church |
| | Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex | Wed 25 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| Thurs 29 Aug | Art Workshop from 9.45am, V. Hall Annex - Alison 07743 007784 | | Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex |
| Fri 30 Aug | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church | Fri 27 Sept | Morning Prayer, 9am, Church |
| | Art Workshop from 9.45am, V. Hall Annex - Alison 07743 007784 | Sat 28 Sept | Mothers' Union Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall |
| Sat 31 Aug | Baby Event, 11am to 4pm, Village Hall - coadyevents@hotmail.com | Sun 29 Sept | Communion 8am; Harvest Festival Family Service 10.30am |

Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall

Mon 30 Sept Morning Prayer, 9am, Church

Tues 1 Oct Communion 9am, Church
Wed 2 Oct Morning Prayer, 9am, Church
Fri 4 Oct Morning Prayer, 9am, Church

Sun 6 Oct Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church

Coniston Cold

Sun 29 Sept

Sat 3 Aug Safari Golf at Coniston Hall Sun 4 Aug Evensong 4pm, St Peter's Sun 11 Aug Service of the Word – 10.30am – St. Andrew's Gargrave Sun 18 Aug Book of Common Prayer Communion - 9am - St. Peter's Sun 25 Aug Evensong 4pm, St Peter's Sun 1 Sept Evensong 4pm, St Peter's Sun 8 Sept Service of the Word – 10.30am – St. Andrew's Gargrave Sun 15 Sept Book of Common Prayer Communion – 9am – St. Peter's Sun 22 Sept Evensong 4pm, St Peter's

Sun 6 Oct Harvest Festival, Supper and Sale – 4pm – St. Peter's

Evensong 4pm, St Peter's

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fuchsia And Geranium Show

Sally Thomas

This annual event will take place on **Sunday 11 August** between 11am and 4pm at the Village Hall. Exhibits from all over Craven will be brought into the Hall for judging during the early part of the day and then the winning plants are on show from 11am onwards. Refreshments are available and there will also be numerous fuchsia and geranium plants for sale.

Gargrave Show - August 17th

Ian Smith

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN, and as this year's President I'd like to invite every reader to come and support YOUR local Show.

There are Entry Schedules online at www.gargraveshow.org.uk, at the Co-op, and other places around the village, and so whether you're a regular exhibitor, or if you've never even been to the Show, get your cake or your cow entered now! The closing date for entries is Friday 9 August.

Gargrave Show doesn't just happen, and I'd like to pay tribute to some of the people who make it all possible:-

Without our advertisers and sponsors we wouldn't be able to finance the show, and we are grateful to these and many others who make the show possible. Look out for them in the Show Day Brochure. We are indebted to Mr Michael Fenwick, and the Taylor and Stapleton families whose fields we are generously able to use to run the show. No show is possible without exhibitors, and whether as such you are showing the proverbial cake or a cow or riding your horse you are also a vital part of the day's entertainment. If you are a 'Vice President', then thanks for your ongoing involvement and if you'd like to be a VP, then it's not too late to apply - Google us for details, or visit the Secretary's marquee on Show day (for next year's show). I would also like to thank the Chairman of our Show Committee Mark Smith, and his team of helpers. There are about 40 Committee Members who contribute in various ways to running this show every year - some of them have been involved for almost all their lives! Some like me, have been involved for a shorter time, but we all have our input.

I would therefore like to thank the show committee for giving me the honour of being this year's President.

BUT for the show to be successful we need YOU to come. If you're a regular attender then thanks for your support, if you've never been, then come and enjoy a great day out on your doorstep at the delightful Show Field at Eshton.

Also see Show advert on page 10.

Co-op Closure

Hugh Turner

The Co-op is being refurbished from mid July onwards. In the course of this the shop will be closed from 10pm on **Wednesday 14 August** until 7am on Thursday 22 August.

Drawing Group

Hilary McCormac

This will meet at the Friends Meeting house in Airton on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 starting on **Tuesday 3 September** with 6 weeks of drawing instruction with tutor Hilary McCormac. The cost for the six sessions is £40 payable in advance to Hilary McCormac, 12 Ivy House Gardens, Gargrave BD23 3SS, tel: 01756 749593, email: indigomandala@hotmail.com.

For more information, please contact Hilary, or Floe (tel: 01729 830263; email: airtonbarn@gmail.com).

Pilates Classes

Bea Faulkner

A local Pilates teacher, Sandra, is starting weekly Pilates classes on Friday mornings from 9 am to 9.45 am, in the Village Hall (Annex/ Committee Room 1), commencing on **Friday 6th September**, £39 for 6 weeks. Pilates is great for strengthening your core muscles, helping your back, your posture and your balance. If you're interested in joining the classes or finding out more, please contact Sandra on 07971 044567, or come along on the 6th.

Stay and Play Sally Thomas

This weekly event, which is being run by North Craven Children's Centre and follows on from the recent Terrific Toddlers meetings, commences on **Monday 9 September** and runs right through until the 16 December. Playtime commences from 9.30am in the Village Hall Annex.

Craft Night Bea Faulkner

Monthly craft night, second Tuesday of the month, resumes on **Tuesday 10 September**, 8pm-10pm at The Swan Inn. Come along for a knit and a chatter, (or bring any craft you like from quilting through to crochet). Contact Georgina via dittyknitty@gmail.com for more information, or just turn up!

Gargrave Jumble Sale

Sally Thomas

Saturday 21 September, 10am to 1pm. All proceeds will go towards the running costs of the Hall. Any donations for this event can be left at the Village Hall on the following Saturdays when there is a coffee morning taking place: 3, 10, 24 August, 7 and 14 September. Your jumble can also be left at the Hall between 10am and 4pm on Monday 26 August and from 2pm until 6pm on Friday 20 September. Alternatively, if you are unable to deliver any items, please ring Sally on 01756 748098 to arrange for their collection.



hristian care for families Hats, Handbags and Cakes

Ethne Bannister

Saturday 28 September 10am – 12 noon Gargrave Village Hall: Hats, Handbags, and Cakes Coffee Morning

Thursday 26 September - Deanery Quiet Day at Barnoldswick

Events at the Village Hall - October and beyond

Sally Thomas

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. Please contact Caroline for further info on 749235.

Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt

Ethne Bannister

Saturday 3 August – Safari Golf at Coniston Hall. Everyone welcome from nongolfers to Tiger Woods! By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Michael Bannister.

An invitation by the Upper Wharfedale Young Farmers with PF & CH. Tee times between 9am & 4pm. All welcome. Pre-entry only. Entry fee of £10 per person includes bacon buttie & tea/coffee. Winners prizes. All day BBQ. Entries close Sun 28th July. Contact Ted Mason 01756 720392 or 01756 720236.

Saturday 11 August - Lowther Hound Show with PF & CH hounds

Thursday 15 August - Rydal Show

Sunday 8 September - Kennel Open Day at Wheelwright Farm, Coniston Cold

NEWS

The Leprosy Mission

Jean Coldwell

I shall be glad if anyone with The Leprosy Mission collecting boxes or phials will let me have them if they have not already done so. Please leave them either in Church or at 6 St Robert Court. The Leprosy Mission Christmas Catalogues will shortly be available and I hope to get them out before the end of August. My grateful thanks as always,

Gargrave Village Pantomime 2014

Duncan Faulkner

All are welcome to come and find how you can get involved with this year's pantomime. We are hoping for lots of children and teenagers to take part in the acting, singing or dancing. There will also be plenty for adults to do. **Enrolment is on Thursday 12 September** in the Village Hall, from 6.30pm for children and from 7.30pm for adults. Auditions are on Thursday 19th September, and rehearsals on Thursday evenings thereafter. The actual performances will be on **20**, **21** and **22** February. Keep up to date via our Facebook page (search for Gargrave Pantomime Section).

Gargrave AFC

Caroline Thompson

Unfortunately we did not have a good start to last season when our Reserve team Manager stepped down at the last moment but we were very fortunate when a long term player and great club stalwart, Simon Boatwright, stepped into the breach. However this season (2013/14) Simon is unable to continue so we are without a Reserve team Manager and Assistant. We need to decide if it is practical to keep a Reserve squad going, firstly have we enough players to run two sides? With this in mind we are holding training sessions on the bottom green each **Tuesday** evening from 6pm onwards to ascertain how many players are interested in actually playing for the club. If we have enough players to form two squads we then need to find a Manager and Assistant .

Young players must have reached their 16th birthday before they are allowed to play under Craven League rules. Jonathan Chapman will continue as first team Manager and Adrian Eyles as his Assistant. They did an excellent job last year just missing out on promotion to the Premier League by a couple of points.

The new president of the Football Club is Mr Dennis French – a position he richly deserves after giving almost seventy years of service to the club, retiring only this year from his position of treasurer due to poor health. He began his involvement with the club marking out the pitch as a boy, moving onto a playing career that spanned twenty two years which included invitations to trials with Barrow and Scunthorpe. Injury forced an end to his playing days and he undertook managerial roles and then moved onto duties as firstly the club

Secretary and then in latter years the club Treasurer come Tea-boy! Please visit our website gargraveafc.co.uk for any further news and updates.



Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Gargrave

Beth Whitley

We had a wonderful turnout for the Tournament on 14 July. Congratulations to the winners Matt Kandt and Carolyn Butt and the Runners-Up Stuart Harrison and Sally Clarke. The next tournament will be on Sunday 11 August.

If you are interested in playing in one of our teams, especially if you're a lady, Carol Sharp (A Team Captain), Richard Hird (B Team Captain) and Alex Whitley (C Team Captain) would love to hear from you! They are struggling to fill all the teams for one or two matches over the main holiday period so, if you can offer your services, please let them know. It would be a shame to have to forfeit any matches due to a lack of players, especially as the B Team are in a promotion race with a couple of other clubs in the League!

LASRUG Coffee Morning thanks

Kay Craven

Members from the Lancaster θ Skipton Rail User Group appreciated your support for our Coffee Morning on 22nd June, which was held in order to raise our profile in Gargrave. The sum of £105 was raised which will go towards promoting this line further and advertising the travel opportunities it offers. Thank you very much.

Open Gardens

Bea Faulkner

GARGRAVE OPEN GARDENS WITH MUSIC was a superb day on Saturday 29 June. We had eighteen groups of musicians serenading the visitors in the gardens and the village hall. A whole suite of local accordion players performed in the gardens: Sinead White, Caitlin Colley, Arianwen Davies and Annie Faulkner. There were 2 flautists: Gabrielle Cresswell played at the Dalesman when she wasn't waitressing, and Megan Davies who found the best garden venue was inside a greenhouse where the wind didn't disturb her flute!

We had several guitarists: James Archibald, Anish Ghosh, Chris Emmett, Sam Bishop, David James, Ciara Parkinson-Jones, and Geoff Garrett who played in a duo "Scents, Sound and Soul" with singer Abigail Nelson. A folk band comprising Steve Rawson, Jerry Ford and Pete formed specially for the occasion.

Local chamber choir Pinsuti gave a series of performances. Harriet Ball sang solo vintage numbers and Gargrave school pupils Rhiannon Jones, Isabel Schofield and Rebecca Pratt roved between gardens to sing as a harmonious trio. Tiffany Wray played the keyboard, and Annie Faulkner the piano.

There were 21 gardens open, attracting over 430 visitors and raising £2870 for St Andrew's Church, a record amount.

The joint winners of the children's garden quiz were Kat and Rebecca Rose. One of their favourites was garden B in which they spotted a butterfly, a bird, a birdhouse, a basket, a bench, a birdfeeder, a belt, a bin, a brush, a bow, a brick, a

bucket, a bag, a boot, a book, a bell, a birthday card, a box, some buttons, a bauble, a bangle, a bowl, a bulb and a bumble bee!

Thank you to all those who made donations – plants, cakes, and raffle prizes – including the sumptuous hamper from the Co-op. Thanks to Roger Ingham for providing the ice-cream and freezer, and to JBA Consulting for printing facilities.

And thank you to all those involved with opening their gardens, performing musically, taking on the marathon catering challenge, visiting the gardens and helping in all the other ways.



Ciara, who played so much she wore the skin off her thumb, with Rebecca, Cerys, Rhiannon and Isabel.



Pam Allen welcomes her 400th garden visitor



Megan Davies turns a greenhouse into a concert hall



How many people does it take to sell a tomato plant?



Saturday 17th August 2013

Free Shuttle Bus to the Showground

Held by kind permission of Mr M Fenwick, in the field in front of Eshton Hall from 8.30 a.m. Last event commences 5.00pm



GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

"Every child counts, every child contributes"

Annual Duck Race

The Duck Race was a sell out this year, with many people enjoying the sunshine. Well done to the PTA and the whole community for organising such a fun event

and raising such valuable money for your young children.

Whole School end of year play- Hoodwinked

The whole school, led by the oldest pupils, performed twice at the Village Hall. There were some star performances and it was a fantastic occasion for them to shine.

Sports Day

This took place in glorious sunshine, and all the pupils loved it, we had a new winner with "South" this time.

Sierra Leone

Staff member Joanne Deville

writes: "In February 2012 I along with seven teachers from the Craven area, went to visit our link schools in Bo, Sierra Leone. Gargrave School is linked with Baptist Primary School. It was a fabulous experience, unlike anything I had ever done before. To pass on my teaching skills to teachers in Africa was a real privilege. The



occasion that he would never forget.

children were so eager to learn, while the teachers wanted ideas on how to improve education in their country.

This year the teachers we met in Bo came to visit us. I was very happy to be able to host Joseph Lahai Conteh, the Deputy Head at Baptist Primary School, in my home. He had never flown before and the whole journey was quite a strange experience for him. He explained to me that the chance to visit England, and especially Gargrave School, was an

Duck Race

Andrea Gaskell (PTA Chair)

Friends of Gargrave School PTA hosted a marvellous Summer Fayre and Duck Race on Sunday 7th July. The sun shone, the river had just enough water in it to flow, and the ice cream was very much appreciated.

Winners of the duck race were - 1st place Roger Ingham (the ice cream man), 2nd place Mrs Brooks (who taught PTA Chair to swim), 3rd place Rhiannon Jones, 4th place Chris Faulkner and 5th place Isla (Finley from Apple class' friend).





A massive amount of effort goes into planning, organising and running such a large fundraiser, especially when we are open to the public and not just nestled safely at school so I'd like to say a few thankyous:- to my fellow colleagues on the PTA committee Johnothan Ditchfield, Zoe Sharp and Rachel Atkinson; the staff from school, in particular Sarah Peel, for their 'out of hours' support; school governors Richard Smith, Sarah Curtis and Norma

Brothers; the BBQ boys Matthew Schofield and John Metcalfe; the strawberry ladies Judith Metcalfe, Suzanne Schofield, Tracey Whitaker and Lynn Ditchfield.; the parents, grandparents, former pupil and former parent volunteers who ran the stalls Shelagh Smith, Sarah Thomson, Catherine Turner, Maxine Roberts, Katie Dean, Clare Whitaker, Annette Wild, Connor Sanders, Jo Wills, Hannah Watson and her Mum Lorraine and Mary Dawson.

Generous donations were received from the corporate business ventures including Alan and Dave who ran the bouncy slide and fun fayre entertainment, Roger Ingham and Gladstone Gardens who brought the plant stall. And thank you to the library, car booters, table top and Rhubarb & Cider craft stalls who donated to the PTA to be allowed to sell their items.

Thanks to the NCT for their breastfeeding and baby change shelter including face painting and cakes, kindly organised by Claire Cadman Bond. Thanks to the Atkinson family for the loan of the tug of war rope - think there will be a rematch next year! A big thank you must also go to Mick Cadman and Anthony Whitaker for their assistance in fencing and table shipping efforts a much needed resource.

Also retired PTA Chairs - Sally Barrett and Shelagh Smith for their help and support prior to and on the day with it being my first duck race. Also Richard Whitaker for the duck catching nets. Thanks to Bea Faulkner for the parish mag advert and support with organising the village hall furniture, thanks to the Village Hall for the loans of the furniture, Amreet Chouhon for the tyres, and the first aiders for their help with lost children and wasp stings.

Thanks to the Coop for allowing us to sell duck race tickets prior to the event and their generous donations with the strawberries. Thanks to the newsagents, library, post office and Gledstone Gardens for selling tickets prior to the event.

And finally thank you to all the parents who donated so generously whether it be for the tombola, cake, second hand or book stalls and for attending the event and supporting your child's school through the PTA. We made approximately £1,800. If I've missed anyone my thoughts are with you, kind regards, Andrea.

A NORTH WALES VIEW OF GARGRAVE WILDLIFE IN EARLY JULY

Geoff Gibbs

AS YOUR EDITOR'S UNCLE, I'm delighted to tell you about our (Kate and my) impressions of your wildlife, on a brief visit in early July. First, the birds. Always delightful to come across waders in the breeding season. Around Gargrave, plenty of Oystercatchers and Curlews in the hay-fields, very noisy just now. In Wales, Oystercatchers breed round the coast but very few inland, just around reservoirs. Our Curlews are in serious decline with nothing like the numbers you have. One species apparently missing – the Buzzard. These have spread from the Welsh border right across to East Anglia in the last 2 decades. We didn't see or hear any around Gargrave, maybe still being persecuted around here? Or perhaps we just missed them.

The rolling landscape with sheep and cattle pasture and hay or silage fields does provide a lovely landscape to walk through. My last visit at this time of year was over 50 years ago, walking the Pennine Way. No photos to check but I'm sure that then the hay meadows were full of wild flowers. Now they aren't, the only Meadow Cranesbill we saw was beside the canal towpath. Just the same has happened in North Wales, and nationally 97% of the flower-rich meadows have been lost. How sad!

Finally, I was delighted to show Beatrice and family a new species of bumblebee in their garden, with a nest in a bird box on the patio edge. The box had three entrance holes – wasps' nest at one end, Tree Bumblebees going in the other! This species only arrived in England in 2001, and has now spread very widely. It is easy to recognise, with a rusty thorax (below the head), black abdomen and then a white tip. Have a look – you probably have them in your garden. If so, please pass the information on to your local Biological Records Centre (http://www.ecology.wyjs.org.uk). If you want to know what these bumblebees look like, have a look at a blog on the *Natur Cymru* site http://www.naturcymru.org.uk; click on the blog box bottom right on the home page and scroll down to 26th June.

Cath Bromwich

THE ARRIVAL IN THE VILLAGE of Robert Story seems to have sealed the fate of the Free Grammar School. Having arrived from Wark in Northumberland in 1822, he set up a school in what was later called the Parochial Hall, between South Street and High Street. Despite having troubles in his previous schools he quickly gained the confidence and support of local people and the number of his scholars increased. His popularity was apparently enhanced by his steadiness and attention

to the school and people were willing to pay more for the education he was

providing.

Some of his pupils wishing to learn Latin, French or Navigation meant that he had to spend much of his free time learning himself so that he could pass on his knowledge the following day. Sometimes he was up half the night studying Navigation as his pupil was a grown-up intelligent youth who could not be cheated by superficial knowledge.

In 1823 he married a local girl and to supplement his income accepted the office of Parish Clerk from the Vicar, Reverend Anthony Marsden. By 1827 the school was flourishing and the income from the fifty scholars was about one hundred pounds a year. He further enhanced his income by becoming a Sunday School teacher.

In 1828 he moved into a house and schoolroom erected for him by Matthew Wilson Esq of Eshton Hall. There is a plaque on the wall of this building, now a private house, in North Street.

Unfortunately Story, an enthusiastic Tory became involved in a series of tavern arguments about the reform question. The Whig party, including his patron, Matthew Wilson, was in the ascendant in Gargrave and its followers were

not tolerant of opposition. These arguments raised much feeling against Story and people even burned his effigy.

Further clashes resulted eventually in pupils being withdrawn from school, the excuse being that the discipline practiced there was cruel, but the real cause was most likely to have been pressure from members of the Whig party.

By 1842 the number of children attending his school had become so low that he closed it and went to London where he obtained a post as a Civil Servant, helped by Mr Coulthurst, another local gentleman and a Tory.

Further information on Robert Story, including about his lyrics and poems, collated by Patrick O'Sullivan for this year's Autoharp festival, is available at http://www.songlyric.co.uk.



Enid French

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STRAWBERRIES FOR PUDDING! How fabulous is that? Served with cream or yoghurt on, and maybe a sprinkling of sugar. Friends of mine produced a brimming bowlful for me and they had grown them all themselves! One of those top summer pleasures.

I think they are best served simply, fresh, eaten straight from picking. On my allotment I am growing them with mint and cucumber so I can add all these ingredients to summer drinks to sip after the hard work is done.

And hard work there is, if you are growing them yourself, of the being vigilant kind. My allotment is so new that I have not got netting up yet. I thought it was 'just' slugs that were nibbling half ripe strawberries but I have realised that a local blackbird has very sharp eyes and has a bite as soon as any pink at all shows! And there is the mouse that nips green ones off and leaves tooth marks in others I have hidden in the green house to ripen away from the blackbird!

It is well worth beating all this wildlife and nurturing your strawberries through to plump ripeness. The humble grower's season is not long and it is a true celebration of the passing seasons. It is a well-deserved treat, one the supermarket just cannot beat. If you have plenty and want to do something more adventurous with them there are some lovely recipes; Strawberry ice-cream, jams, crumbles and less common items such as summer pudding.

There are a couple of proverbs, that I like, that reinforce why it is good to take time to build some of these strawberry seasonal pleasures into our lives. 'The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down', Proverbs 21:20 and in the context of small things being wise: 'Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer' Proverbs 30:25'.

Summer pudding adapted from "A year of family recipes" by Lesley Wild

For a 1 litre pudding basin: 1kg (2 1b) assortment summer fruits: strawberries, raspberries, currants and blackberries; approx 125g (5oz) sugar; 3 tablespoons water and around 12 slices slightly stale white bread, crusts cut off

Place fruit, water and sugar in a pan, simmer for approx.5 minutes until fruit soft. Taste for sweetness, add more sugar if necessary

Sieve fruit and retain juice. Dip bread slices in this juice and line basin with it, cutting bread to fit. Spoon fruit into basin and cover with more juice soaked bread. Keep any spare juice for serving

Refrigerate bowl stood on a tray and with an appropriately sized saucer covering the top, so that the pudding is squished down when you put a weight on top of the saucer. Leave overnight.

To serve, turn the pudding out onto a plate as you would a jelly. Accompany with extra juice, cream, yoghurt or crème fraiche.

I am a cookery teacher and forager with a background in health promotion. My work revolves around helping people learn how to cook some of these seasonal choice foods. If you are interested I would love to hear from you cath_bromwich@hotmail.com.

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Neil Hudson, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity

TUESDAY [16 JULY] BEGAN with the attention grabbing headline: 'Tories get tough on teenage mothers'. One recommendation amongst a list of 40 proposals from MPs suggested that, as an attempt to cut the rate of teenage pregnancies, young mothers would no longer automatically get council housing or housing benefit.

It's hard for anyone to argue that teenage pregnancies are the best – for anyone. And the good news is that the rate is falling. But it feels as though we are finding another group of people amongst ourselves to punish for behaviour of which we disapprove. I'm not sure that many teenage pregnancies are motivated by the prospect of a council flat in a hard-to-let area in our cities and estates. And if that is the motivation – a desire to start again with someone to care for, to try to create what might have been missing in their earlier years – how much more is mercy needed?

Do teenage parents deserve society's help or should they be deprived of any support from the rest of us, in order that they would learn the hard way?

The same day, we were still being fed details of the tragic story of Graham Buck. The 66-year-old was killed defending a neighbour from an attempted robbery. The striking element of the story lay in the relationship between the would-be thief and his target. He had served his time for murder and was now attacking the man he had shared a cell with, a convicted paedophile. At a time when, for many people, paedophilia is the unforgivable sin, these tragic events were made more intriguing by the crimes of the man Graham Buck sacrificed his life for. The unspoken question was whether the man deserved to be defended.

The best of us are prone to judgementalism. It's all too easy to feel we have 20/20 vision on those who deserve mercy and those who don't. On days like these it's good to recall the Master who called us to be merciful to others, regardless of merit, precisely because this is how God deals with us. He is 'kind to the ungrateful and wicked' (Luke 6:35). Mercy, by definition, is always undeserved. If it's deserved, it's no longer mercy.

Mercy always costs. How much are we willing to pay?

Names for baby

A pregnant woman was in an accident and fell into a deep coma. Asleep for nearly six months, she woke up and saw that she was no longer pregnant. Frantically, she asked the doctor about her baby and was told: "Madam, you had twins! A boy and a girl. The babies are fine. Your brother, the new curate, even came in and baptised them for you."

The woman thought to herself, "Oh no, not my brother, he's hopeless!" Expecting the worst, she asked the doctor, "Well, what's the girl's name?"

"Denise," said the doctor.

The new mother thought, "Wow, that's not a bad name! I guess I was wrong about my brother. I like Denise!" Then she asked the doctor, "What's the boy's name?"

The doctor replied, "Denephew."

Jerry Ford

GARGRAVE OPEN GARDENS on 29th June was a roaring success raising almost £3000 for church funds while hundreds of folk enjoyed other peoples' gardens and a variety of music along the way. Massive thanks to Duncan and Bea Faulkner for (another) brilliant day, and thank you to everyone else who helped (including the Catering Team – see below!)

Friday 12th July marked the official start of a new phase of life for the church in Gargrave and Coniston Cold. A well-attended service to 'collate and induct' our new Vicar, David Houlton, was led by the Bishop of Bradford, Nick Baines. Our Archdeacon, Paul Slater, oversaw the symbolic parts of the service; possession of keys, hands on the door handle, ringing the bell, and seating David in the 'special chair'. People say that the English do this pageantry and ceremony well! Thank you to all who helped make the evening a real welcome, and of course a big thank you to the Catering Team. (Has all the cake gone now?)

A new start also means and end of something. One of the aspects that I will miss slightly, now that the vacancy is over, is the variety of priests who have helped us so much – although I'll not miss sending the regular e-mails pleading for help! In particular I'd like to thank, on behalf of the congregation, Rev Canon John Holford, Rev Canon Graham Bettridge, Rev Dr Neil Kendra and Rev Jenny Smith. Jenny in particular has been a mainstay, helping us with funerals and weddings as well as Sunday services, and she still has a few weddings to do through the summer! Thank you all.

And a big thank you to the congregation from Janet, Pat and myself for your Thank Yous. I'm sure we will each remember this period with a sense of satisfaction, although as I have commented to many, a great deal is owed to the congregation for your patience and acceptance.

Now, we look forward David's ministry. His gentle humour, his smile and his warmth will, I am sure, infect us all as we walk together on an endlessly enthralling journey with Christ.

Jerry

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Rotas for St Andrew's Church

| Readings f | Readings for worship | | | |
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| 4 Aug | Hosea 11:1-11; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21 | | | |
| 11 Aug | Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40 | | | |
| 18 Aug | Isaiah 5:1-7; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56 | | | |
| 25 Aug | Jeremiah 1:4-10; Hebrews 12:18-end; Luke 13:10-17 | | | |
| 1 Sept | Jeremiah 2:4-13; Hebrews13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:7-14 | | | |
| 8 Sept | Jeremiah 18;1-11; Philemon vv 1-21; Luke 14:25-33 | | | |

| 15 Sept Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10 | | | | | |
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| 22 Sept | Jeremiah 8:18-9 | 1; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16: | 1-13 | | |
| 29 Sept | Jeremiah 32:1-3 | a, 6-15; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Lu | ıke 16:19-end | | |
| 6 Oct | Lamentations 1:1-6; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10 | | | | |
| Sidesmen | 8am | | 10.30am | | |
| 4 Aug | Marion Scarbord | ugh Eileen Holden | Sarah Curtis | | |
| 11 Aug | Kay Craven | Phyll Harrison | Alan Brown | | |
| 18 Aug | Janet Sturgess | Stanley Preston | John Bailey | | |
| 25 Aug | Colin Chapman | Joyce Brotherto | n Isobel Lacey | | |
| 1 Sept | Marion Scarboro | ugh Eileen Holden | Sarah Curtis | | |
| 8 Sept | Kay Craven | Phyll Harrison | Alan Brown | | |
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| 4 Aug | Hugh Turner | Norma Brothers | Judith Douglas | | |
| 11 Aug | Ruth Abbott | | | | |
| 18 Aug | John Bailey | Norma Brothers | John Bailey | | |
| 25 Aug | Pauline Barnes | | | | |
| 1 Sept | Hugh Turner | Eileen Hoskin | Pat Cockshott | | |
| 8 Sept | Ruth Abbott | | | | |
| 15 Sept | John Bailey | Norma Brothers | Judith Douglas | | |
| 22 Sept | Pauline Barnes | | | | |
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| Church clea | Church cleaning | | | | |
| 29 July - 9 A | Aug Phyll | -farrison and Alan Brown | If you are unable | | |
| 12 - 23 Aug | Sylvia | and Ron Humphreys | to carry out your | | |
| 26 Aug – 6 S | - | Curtis and Susan Lupton | duties, please | | |
| 9 – 20 Sept | Jean | Jean Banks and Carol Ballard arrange a swap. | | | |
| 23 Sept - 4 (| Oct Bea a | Bea and Annie Faulkner | | | |

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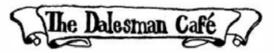
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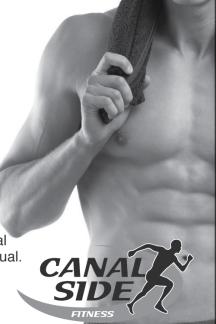
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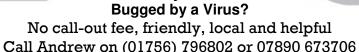
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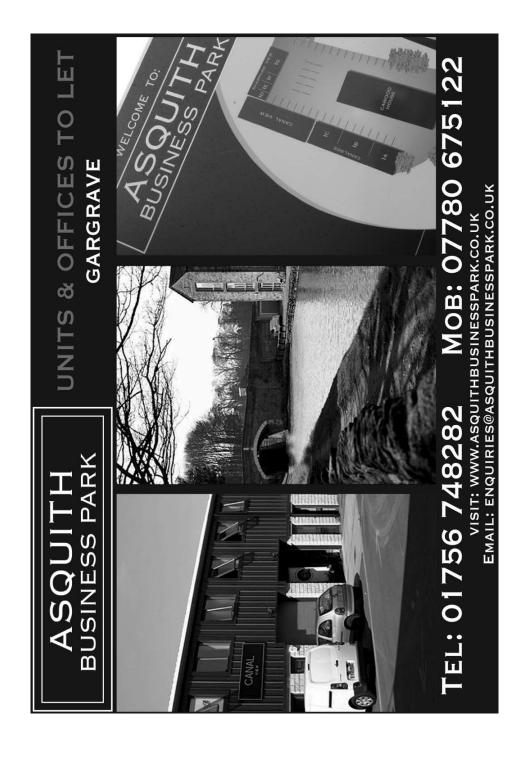
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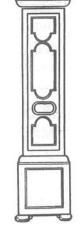
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