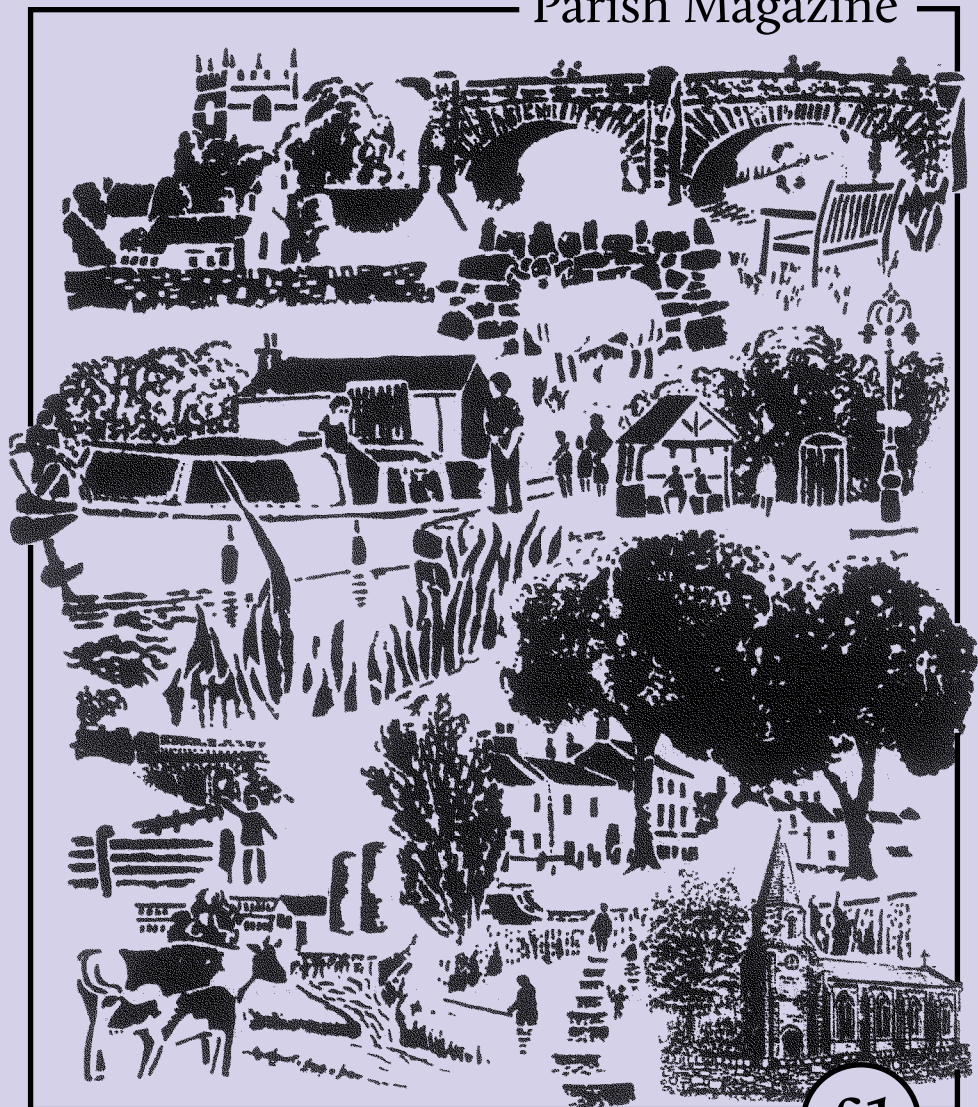


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We know not what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future.
Willis J Ray

Life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans. John Lennon

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Caterpillar Club (0+) – St Andrew's, Wed 10-11.30am, Gemma Tetley 07835 739899
Stay and Play (0+) Village Hall Annex, Mondays 9.30-11.30am, Sally Thomas 748098
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 880577
Meals on Wheels – Mon & Wed, Brenda Longbottom 749883
Bowling – indoor, Village Hall, Tues & Thurs 2-4pm, Mary Rushton 748908
Cricket – Gargrave Cricket Club (over 13s) Tony Cockshott, 07788 100199
Croquet – Craven Lawn Tennis Club , Gargrave, Tues 2-6pm, Roy Berry 748065
Cycling – Gargrave Tuesday Club , Dalesman Café, Tues 9.30 for 10am start, Thurs 10 for 10.30am start, Trevor Pickles 01282 844788
Football – Gargrave AFC (over 16s), Tues eve training, Sat games www.gargraveafc.co.uk, Caroline Thompson 749235
Golf – Mason's Arms Golf Society , www.masonsarmsgolfsociety.com, 749304
Pilates - Village Hall Annex, Fridays 9am-10am, Beatrice Faulkner 749443
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, 1 st Sun of month, 10am, Olive Coates 748379
Walking for Health – 1 st 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, 4 th Wed of month 7.30pm, Joan Philip 749468
Craft Night – The Swan Inn, 2 nd Tues of month, Georgina dittyknitty@gmail.com
Dog training – Village Hall, Wed 5-10pm, Helen & Brian Coates 751816
Fuchsia & Geranium Club - V.Hall, 1 st Wed of month 7.30pm, Paula Jackson 752175
Gargrave Heritage Group – Tues 10am, St Andrew's Church, Martin Thomson 748309
Knit and Natter - St Andrew's, Tues 2pm, Norma Brothers 748392
Mothers Union – Ethne Bannister, 749551
Pantomime – Village Hall, Rehearsals Thursdays 7pm Steve Rawson 748434
Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall side room, 1 st Mon of mth, or 2 nd on bank hols
Snooker Club – Village Hall Snooker Annex, every day, Stewart Smith 749340
Stan Drew's Community Choir – Ruth Abbott, 748483
WI – Village Hall Annex, 2 nd Wed of month 7.30pm, Moyra Sonley 749634
Masons Arms – Quiz Sundays 9pm, Acoustic live music 1 st Friday of the month
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DAVID'S DISPATCHES

Rev David Houlton

I don't know about you, but the only New Year Resolution that I ever managed to keep for more than a few days was to never make New Year Resolutions!

It is too easy to start thinking of all the things I should be doing, or should not be doing, feel enthusiasm or guilt pangs about them, and resolve to change. The trouble is that while it's easy to know what we need to do differently, actually changing is another thing altogether.

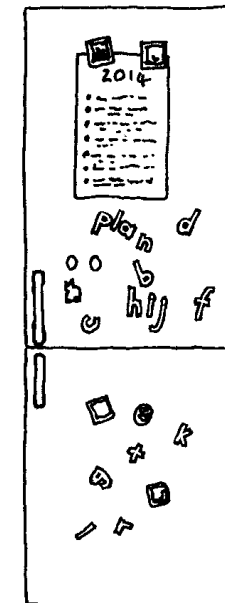
Changing round our lives usually happens slowly. It comes out of an openness to the possibility of change, combined with a growing conviction that change is needed. Although sometimes change can happen more quickly: a friend of mine training for the ministry once told me how, after he started believing and following Jesus, he suddenly realised that God really didn't want him sleeping with different women all the time. For him that was a big struggle as he was quite a charmer, but he realised it was wrong and did stop. After a while he met and married his wife and they have now been happily married for years and have two children that they work hard together to nurture and raise to be strong, balanced and spiritual!

But, while changes usually take a long time, it is still worth thinking about how our lives should be, and reviewing how things are going, every now and then. How has my life gone over the last few years? Are there things I should do more, or things I should do less? Am I focusing on the things that are most important (God, people and healthy living) or are other interests and demands crowding out the really important things?

Some good questions to ask are: At the end, when I'm thinking back over my life, what will I value and what will I regret about the way I spent my time? Am I neglecting any of the main dimensions of being a well-rounded human: Body, Mind and Spirit; Relationships, Achievement and Recreation? Who are the most important people in my life? If I won the lottery, how would I use the money?

These sort of questions can help to work out what is most important, and what we can do about it. That said, life isn't simple and we can't do whatever we would like. Things go wrong and we have important duties to each other. So, we need to be realistic and look at what we can actually do to take a step or two in the right direction. It's rather slow and steady compared to New Year Resolutions, but it is spiritual and realistic, and it worked much better for me. Every year Heather and I talked and prayed about how things were going in our spiritual lives, home and careers and made small changes. We ended up changing our lives much more than by making resolutions at five-to-midnight. It's been quite an adventure!

May we all know God's presence with us and His guidance for our lives. And may we know His blessing on our homes and our families as we follow Jesus in 2014.



DIARY FOR JANUARY

See back inside cover for regular weekly events and meetings

Gargrave

Wed 1	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church
Fri 3	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church
Sun 5	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church
Mon 6	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church Stay and Play Sessions commence, 10am, Village Hall Annex. Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Annex
Tue 7	Communion 9am Indoor Bowls resumes, 2pm, Village Hall. Zumba classes resume, 5.45pm, Village Hall
Wed 8	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church Women's Institute Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Thurs 9	Zumba classes resume, 5.45pm, Village Hall. Tai Chi classes resume, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Fri 10	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church Pilates resumes, 9am, Village Hall Annex
Sat 11	Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall
Sun 12	Communion 8am; Service of the Word 10.30am, Church
Mon 13	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church
Tues 14	Communion 9am, Church Craft Night at the Swan Inn, monthly on 2nd Tues, 8-10pm
Wed 15	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church Yoga classes resume, 9.30am, Village Hall Annex Women's Institute Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Fri 17	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church Denis Westmorland Dance, 8pm, Village Hall.
Sat 18	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, V. Hall Modern Sequence Dance, 7pm, Village Hall
Sun 19	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am, Church Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall
Mon 20	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church
Tues 21	Communion 9am, Church
Wed 22	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex

Fri 24	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church
Sat 25	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, V. Hall
Sun 26	Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.30am, Church Flea Market, 10am-4pm, Village Hall
Mon 27	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church
Tues 28	Communion 9am, Church
Wed 29	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church New 6 week yoga session, 9.30am, Village Hall Annex
Fri 31	Morning Prayer, 9am, Church
Sat 1 Feb	Soup Lunch for NSPCC, 11am, Village Hall
Sun 2 Feb	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Church

Coniston Cold

Sun 5 Jan	Evensong 4pm, St Peter's
Sun 12	Service of the Word at St Andrew's, Gargrave 10.30am
Sun 19	Book of Common Prayer Communion, 9am, St Peter's
Sun 26	Evensong 4pm, St Peter's
Sun 2 Feb	Evensong 4pm, St Peter's

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Walking for Health

Jean Maxwell

The walks are free, open to all and last no more than 1 and a half hours. They are a gentle and very sociable introduction to walking for anyone who has never walked before or to anyone recovering from illness. For further information call Jean on 01756 748851. The **January** walks will be on **Thursdays January 2nd and 16th**. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates

Bea Faulkner

These groups run weekly in the Village Hall, usually in the hall's Annex. Yoga is on a Wednesday morning, 9.30 am, £7.50 per session or £36 for a block of 6 weeks. Tai Chi and Pilates are £2 per week donation for room hire, term time only, with voluntary leaders: 7.30pm Tuesday evenings for Tai Chi and 9am Friday mornings for Pilates. Contact details are on the back inside cover of this magazine. January classes start on Wednesday 15 (Yoga), Thursday 9 (Tai Chi) and Friday 10 (Pilates).

Zumba

Bea Faulkner

Zumba classes run twice weekly in the Village Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, starting at 5.45pm. The January classes resume on Tuesday 7. Contact details are on the back inside cover of this magazine.

Drawing Group

Hilary McCormac

This will be resuming at the Friends Meeting house in Airton on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 starting on **Tuesday 14 January** with 6 weeks of drawing instruction with tutor Hilary McCormac.

For more information, please contact:

Hilary 01756 749593, email: indigomandala@hotmail.com, or

Floe tel: 01729 830263; email: airtonbarn@gmail.com.

Craft Night

Bea Faulkner

Monthly craft night, second Tuesday of the month, is on **Tuesday 14 January**, 8pm-10pm at The Swan Inn. Come along for a knit and a chat, (or bring any craft or mending you like). Contact Georgina via dittyknitty@gmail.com for more information, or just come along.



Ethne Bannister

Thursday, 23rd January, Gargrave/Coniston AGM, 2pm, St Andrew's Church, Gargrave (note change of date).

Thursday, 6th February. Special Meeting at Hellifield Parish Hall

Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt

Ethne Bannister

Details for events: Elizabeth Adams 01756 749772, Charlotte Walker 07958 083587.



Basic Computer Training

Gargrave & Malhamdale Community Library

Have you a computer/laptop at home but unsure are or nervous about using it? Or would you like to be able to use the computers in the library? If so, then you are the sort of person the Library is looking for!

The Library is running a series of free 'Introduction to the Computer' sessions with individual tuition at a pace to suit you.

Using the newly upgraded Library computers, you will be introduced to the mouse and keyboard and then, at a pace to suit you, discover how to access the internet, send and receive e-mails, carry out research on any topic you can think of (through the likes of Google) & learn how to access the NYCC Library website.

Each session will last 1-2 hours depending on the requirements of the participants and it will probably take 3-4 sessions to get you up to speed so that you can venture forth into the 'Digital World' with confidence.

Places are strictly limited so, if you wish to take part please ask one of the Library Volunteers to put your name down on the list.

The first session is scheduled for **Wednesday, 22nd January** at 10am in the Library and the sessions will then roll on throughout the year with further dates to be confirmed.

Counting the birds that are counting on you

Deborah Brown, RSPB

It will be all eyes to the skies on **Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th January**, as the nation takes part in the RSPB's annual **Big Garden Birdwatch**.

The activity is the biggest garden wildlife survey in the world and last year almost 600,000 people counted the birds in their garden.

Big Garden Birdwatch, which has been running for 35 years, provides the RSPB with masses of information about changes in numbers of garden birds in winter, and helps to alert conservationists to significant declines in UK garden species such as house sparrows and starlings.

And this year, for the first time, we need you to log some of the other wildlife you see in your garden too. We want to know whether you ever see deer, squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs, frogs and toads in your gardens, to help build a picture of how important our gardens are for giving all types of wildlife a home.

Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch is fun and easy, and you don't even need to leave the comfort of your own home. To take part, spend just one hour at any time over the Big Garden Birdwatch weekend noting the highest number of each species seen in your garden or local outside space at any one time. You then simply submit your results to the RSPB, either online at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or in the post.

Village Hall Events 2014

Sally Thomas

NSPCC Soup Luncheon. There will be a soup lunch between 11am and 2pm on **Saturday 1 February** to raise funds for the NSPCC. There will be various stalls and a raffle.

Pantomime. The production this year is titled **Alice Returns** and the cast is made up of entirely under 18's – an adult-free pantomime. The show runs from **Thursday 20 February to Saturday the 22nd** at 7.15pm each evening and a matinee on Saturday at 2.15pm.

The Ellie Gill Band: Saturday 5 April, 7 for 7.30pm start. Ellie has supported Clare Teal and featured on BBC Radio York. She sings blues, ballads, jazz and pop including her own fabulous songs as well as popular classics. Tickets are £10 per person and this will include a pie and pea supper; licensed bar.

LASRUG Coffee Morning: Saturday 21 June, proceeds donated to the Lancaster and Skipton Railway Users Group.

The Second Gargrave Autoharp Festival: Friday 27 and Sunday 29 June. The main part of the festival will take place on the Saturday with tuition and classes during the day, a coffee morning, and a concert in the evening. A grand

concert featuring the Autoharps and Friends, refreshments and licensed bar has been arranged from 7.30pm. The festivities conclude on the Sunday.

Gargrave Art Show: Thursday 10 to Sunday 13 July.

Fuchsia And Geranium Show: Sunday 10 August.

Jumble Sale: Saturday 27 September.

Arts and Crafts Weekend: Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 October.

Dance: The 'Swing Commanders': Friday 31 October.

Hobbies and Crafts Weekend: Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December.

More Village Dates for Your Diary

Bea Faulkner

Gargrave Open Gardens: Saturday 17 May, early this year to avoid a clash with the Tour de France.

Gargrave Show: Saturday 16 August.

NEWS

Organist Vacancy

Revd David Houlton

We are looking for someone local to take over as Church Organist or Music Director at St Andrew's, Gargrave. You would need to be in sympathy with the beliefs and aims of the Church, and be available on Sunday mornings and for weddings etc. The church gives a small honorarium and weddings etc pay a fee. Please contact me (748468) or church-wardens Jerry (748563) or Pat (749586) for more information.

Parish Magazine Advertising 2014/15

Bea Faulkner

This month existing advertisers will be contacted to see if they wish to advertise again in the central pages from April 2014 to March 2015. These adverts will be printed at the end of February: the year's worth is produced in a single print run, which makes them more economical. New advertisers are most welcome too.

Prices for 2014/15 will be: £56 for a quarter page, £112 for a half and £224 for a full page. Prices are based on half a page being twice the price of a quarter page, and a full page being double that of a half.

We will be running smaller adverts again too: £28 for an eighth page, £14 for a sixteenth, and £7 for a 1/32 mini ad.

Please pay by BACS to "St Andrew's Church, Gargrave", bank account no 30693561, sort code 20-78-42, with an email to gargravemag@btinternet.com informing us of the payment, or by cheque/cash to 2 Riversway, Gargrave, again made payable to "St Andrew's Church, Gargrave". Thank you.

Gargrave Christian Mission

Joyce Brotherton

Thanks go to everyone who supported the Mission Coffee Morning & Christmas Sale of Work. A total of £614 was raised for Skipton Food Bank.

Christmas Concert by Pinsuti - Review

Richard Trinder, Editor, Yorkshire Times

Pinsuti, the Ilkley Chamber Choir, yet again enthralled their audience with a performed of sacred and secular works from the 16th to the 20th century at their December Christmas concert in St Andrews, Gargrave.

The choir have been building a strong reputation for the quality of their performance and they certainly didn't disappoint the large audience who turned-out despite some fairly disgusting weather.

Pinsuti are often associated with 16th and 17th century church music. Their performances regularly feature pieces by composers such as William Byrd (1540-1623) or Orlando Gibbons (1583 – 1625), with the occasional foray (or should that be Fauré) into the 19th and 20th centuries.

Robert Webb, their newly appointed conductor, seems to have moved the choir up the centuries with pieces by John Rutter and the new Americans; Morten Johannes Lauridsen and Eric Whitacre. Whilst Rutter's Candlelight Carol was a crowd pleaser - and very well performed - it may be a little, well, 'Radio 2' for the more hard-core music fans. On the other hand the Lauridsen O Magnum Mysterium brought a thunderous round of applause from the audience. It is a beautiful, moving work filled with dense layers of sustained choral lines placed one on top of the other and showed-off the choir to full effect. Robert is also to be greatly congratulated for a splendid performance of his own piece, Spotless Rose.

A generous sprinkling of Gibbons, Pearsall and Palestrina showed that Pinsuti had not abandoned their roots. Choir member Charlie Dobson delighted the audience with his solo keyboard pieces.

With their familiar Christmas encore of a witty arrangement of We Wish You A Merry Christmas, Pinsuti rounded-out a splendid evening's entertainment.



Coniston Cold Young Farmers

Peter Walton

On November 19 we met for a quiz night hosted by Aimee and Kate Bereford followed by a public speaking practise and business meeting.

On 26 November we joined with Rathmell, Burton and Lawkland YFC members for The Settle District YFC annual Public Speaking Competition held at Rathmell Primary School. Members took part in various events with Juniors taking part in reading and speech competitions and Intermediates taking part in the Brains Trust Debate. Tom Saxby gave a Ten minute speech on his recent trip to India. Coniston had a successful evening winning the overall competition with various members including Hannah Jodie Bolland achieving good results.

On the 3rd December we met at Coniston Cold Village Hall for an evening of Christmas crafts, judged by Mrs Cathy Dakin of Hellifield. The results were: Juniors 1st - Hannah Saxby; Intermediates 1st - Hannah Bolland;; Seniors 1st - James Bolland. William Beresford gave the vote of thanks.

On December 17 Coniston held its Annual Whist Drive followed by Jacob's Join supper. The tellers for the evening were Mr John Hall and Mr Brian Wellock.

Coniston YFC will resume meetings on the 7th January.

Craven Lawn Tennis Club have rounded off their successful 2013 season with two presentations this month.



The first was the Young Achiever Award for 2013 which was awarded to Tommy Richardson in recognition of his outstanding play for the Club's "C" Team in the Wharfedale League throughout the season. He made a fantastic contribution to the success of the team and was one of the youngest players in the League. The photo shows Tommy, from Kirkby Malham and a pupil at Ermysteds Grammar School, being awarded his trophy by Carol Sharp, "A" Team

Captain and Committee Member of the Club.

The second award was to Helen Gowans, a fundraiser for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The end-of-season event for the Wharfedale League was hosted by Craven Lawn Tennis Club at Skipton Golf Club in October. A wonderful total of £400 was raised by those attending for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance with a raffle organised by Sally Clarke on the night. The photo shows Carol Sharp and Sally Clarke from Craven Lawn Tennis Club presenting the cheque to Helen Gowans on behalf of the League.



theW News

Sharon Watson and Laura Tiplady from "Fantacy Cakes" (sic) of Otley Street, Skipton gave us an interesting demonstration of modern cake decoration using sugar paste, at our November meeting. As we are approaching Christmas the theme was a seasonal one, "Rudolf, the red nosed reindeer". Most of us were astonished at the speed and ease with which they worked and doubted our ability to copy them when we were invited to produce a reindeer following their instructions. Nevertheless there were a lot of very passable efforts even if some of them had noses which were far too big! Our own cakes this year may be much more ambitious than in the past. It was a jolly and instructive event which was followed, of course, by notices of future events including the Federation annual day, "Festive Food and Flowers". This was greatly enjoyed by the members, who had an excellent meal preceded by a cookery demonstration and followed by a session of flower arranging.

The Committee members, as usual at this time of year, had a dinner and social evening at the Bistro, and, thanks to Joan Phillip and Jennifer Heselton, the

monthly lunch was well attended too. We are very grateful for all the work Joan and Jennifer put in, month by month, to make this popular event possible regularly. They check out the venues and organise the menus, leaving the members free to forget everything and simply enjoy the company and a good meal.

The annual Group Carol Service is to be at Cracoe this year and a party of members signed up to attend. At our meeting we will be having a social evening with a chance to discuss the possible topics of interest for speakers, make proposals for any changes and suggest a venue for the Summer outing. We have to decide on a suitable entertainment for our guests at the Group social in September and hope the members will have some bright ideas, these things take time to set up.

Next month we shall be hearing about "Gruelling experiences- life in the workhouse" and in February two of our own crafty ladies, Jean Maxwell and Kate Darley, have agreed to pass on some of their skills. Visitors are welcome on the second Wednesday of the month in the village hall annex, at 7.30pm. Do feel free to join us. We shall all be exchanging good wishes when we meet and we extend them to our readers in the Gargrave magazine.

MOYRA'S MIGRATIONS

Moyra Sonley

Editors' note: After a brief preview last month we are delighted to introduce a new columnist, Moyra Sonley. Moyra is the only person the Editors have ever heard of who, having decided to visit her cousin in Cornwall, simply got on her bike and headed south from Gargrave. She will be sharing stories of her travels far and wide.

A warm story for a winter's day

A FEW YEARS AGO, Dave and I went on a cycling holiday to Goa. We took our own bikes with us and stayed at a fairly modest hotel, going out cycling most days. Life is fairly basic there as you can imagine, people certainly don't have much money and we saw quite a number of beggars. The weather was hot though not unbearable.

One day we cycled to Mapusa a nearby town. The general rule of the road is to drive on the left, but we got the impression that on the whole you make your own rules up. As well as coping with the traffic we had to dodge the cows which are allowed to wander anywhere they want, as they are sacred to the Hindus. We saw one cow grab a bunch of flowers off a market stall, but the stall-holder didn't treat that one as sacred, he chased it down the street, whacking it with a stick until he got his flowers back.

Whilst we were in the town, Dave had a puncture, so got his tools out and started to mend it. He found the hole and tried to stick a new patch on the inner tube, but because it was so warm the adhesive wouldn't set. By this time there was a small crowd round us (all males) and one of them said, "There is a bicycle shop down the street, the man there will mend your puncture". We were taken to the 'shop' a very small lean-to shed with the owner sitting on the pavement and all

his tools and equipment spread out round him. However, he quickly and successfully repaired the puncture, put the tube back into the tyre, pumped it up and put the wheel back onto the bike

Now a rupee is worth about four pence.

Dave said, "How much is that please?"

Shopkeeper, "That will be four rupees sir"

Dave, astonished, "Four rupees!" This would only be about 12 pence, very cheap.

Shopkeeper hurriedly, "Oh, I am sorry sir, it will be three rupees"

So Dave hastily paid the three rupees in case he brought it down further.

When we got back to the hotel, he was telling one of the Indian waiters about this puncture and how he had got it repaired. The waiter asked Dave how much he had been charged for it. Dave told him three rupees, whereupon the waiter said, "Oh sir, you were ripped off!"

Windows

A wife texted her husband on a cold winter morning: "Windows frozen."

Her husband texted back: "Pour some lukewarm water over it."

The wife texted back five minutes later: "Computer's completely not working now."

Great invention

The boys had been up in the attic together helping with some cleaning. They uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked their mother what it was. She briefly explained, but they were still puzzled as to how it worked.

"I'll show you," their mother said, and returned with a blank piece of paper. She rolled the paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page.

"WOW!" they exclaimed, "That's really cool...but how does it work like that? Where do you plug it in?"

"There is no plug," she answered. "It doesn't need a plug."

"Then where do you put the batteries?" they persisted.

"It doesn't need batteries either," she continued.

"Wow! This is so cool!" they exclaimed. "Someone should have invented this a long time ago!"

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Jason Gardner, via, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity



When our feet start tapping

IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO that if you stumbled across a band playing banjos, accordions and mandolins, they'd be in some rustic local, the musicians wearing Norwegian knitwear and sporting wild beards that ensnare half the froth from their real ale.

Now main stages of festivals the world over aren't complete without younger bearded fellows playing an assortment of hurdy-gurdies, jaw harps and dingulators. Folk music has moved away from the cosy fireplace and into the spotlight.

Blame Mumford & Sons if you like, whose meteoric rise has seen their own brand of folk rock take the world by storm. And yes, they've got the beards and the banjos, and the lead singer has that lovely west country twang that makes him sound like a civilised pirate.

Why the growing love affair? I'd venture it's that homegrown sound. Sure, it's not **real** folk music; they're not singing about the blacksmith's daughter being wronged by the local squire. But there's something immediate and honest about it that makes the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury suddenly **seem** like your local. There's less of the pizzazz and stagecraft, less blinding lights and flying pigs the size of bungalows. It's more about the music. And, in the case of Mumford & Sons, they have earned their live gig stripes, going off the beaten concert route in places like India and USA to win fans.

But back to the real ale, facial hair, and squeeze boxes. Isn't folk music also about 'ordinary' people putting down the tools of the day – whether fishing nets or laptops – and picking up instruments to entertain their local community? In the quest for fame and fortune, have we lost a vital part of our culture: storytelling through song to bring us together, to celebrate, to laugh, to dance the odd jig? Are we witnessing a retrieval of that?

Perhaps we can play a role in recovering art for art's sake, seeing our enjoyment of music as a sign of the creator's blessing on humanity. After all, King David, one of the great heroes of our faith was a grassroots country boy and a mean harp player to boot. He understood that **worship** is folk music: songs that bring people together in a common story, with the Lord Most High as our ever-present, ever-loving King.

Surely that's worth dancing a jig or two about? Go on. You know you want to.

Advert correction: Music Lessons, page A11:
Jean McHale's phone number is 07775 880 577

THE PRODIGAL CHEF

Michael Quinn OBE

Editors' note: We thought that readers might be interested to hear Michael's story since he lives in Gargrave. Story courtesy of Michael's website, www.arkglobal.org.

MICHAEL QUINN'S BACKGROUND as the former head chef of the five-star Ritz Hotel in London, the first British chef in its then 74-year history to hold the top job, is enough to make anyone with an interest in things culinary stop and listen.

Yet, it is what happened to Quinn after those heady days at the Ritz that has made his name known among hospitality industry students all over Britain and further afield.

In 1980, already with one Michelin star to his name, the 35-year-old Michael was headhunted by the Ritz to breathe new life into the venerable hotel's culinary reputation. And so he did - livening up the stuffy menu (including the radical move of writing the menus in English instead of French), creating a new culture in the kitchen, and generating buzz.

He turned the Ritz restaurant into one of the city's top eateries, and his innovative cuisine and menu ideas were much copied in other establishments.

It made him a star, the "Mighty Quinn" as he was often referred to. He cooked for the Queen, was awarded an MBE, made countless television and radio appearances, and had invitations from all over the world to cook and to judge cooking events.



This remarkable success made what followed all the more shocking. By 1990, the Mighty Quinn, the focused, ambitious, hard-working celebrity chef, was no more.

He was just Quinn, a homeless drunk, sleeping rough under bridges or in Salvation Army hostels, mixing with criminals and doing things he never thought he would, to get another fix of his drug, alcohol.

"I had my first drink at 18 and it felt like the missing piece of the puzzle," he said. "In the early days, alcohol helped me to handle life, but it's only a matter of time before the downside happens.

"Once I began to deteriorate, I went downhill very quickly. But my pride and ego kept me from asking for help."

Michael's story is that of many alcoholics - of a gradual descent into dependence, denying all the while that he had a problem, while his marriages, relationships with his children, his work and the life he had built for himself disappeared.

But the high-profile heights from which he fell, and the depths of misery that almost killed him, make the story that much more compelling. That, and the fact that he is now sober, reunited with his sons, and determined to do his best to prevent other chefs falling down the same dark hole.

In 2001, five years after a moment of personal truth when, while being given the last rites, he had embraced sobriety and, with the help of Alcoholics Anonymous, begun the long, hard road to recovery, he established the Ark Foundation, a charity to take an awareness seminar on alcohol and drugs to Britain's catering colleges.

The first meeting for the foundation was held in the kitchen of London's Savoy Hotel, where an old friend was head chef. Today, celebrity chef Jamie Oliver is an honorary vice-chairman.

"In the hospitality industry, you are surrounded by alcohol all the time," says Michael. "There is the social aspect to it - the winding down after a service, working irregular hours, working under high pressure - and the culture of drinking is enormous in the UK, with an explosion of binge drinking and of young women drinking."

Michael started work delivering seminars in Australia 2008. This was followed by a tour of Scotland early in 2009 and then New Zealand, Australia and Dubai. 2010 saw Michael take Ark Global to the USA for the first time. Running the Ark Foundation has become almost a full-time occupation for Michael, who does little cooking these days.

"I look back at that time now and it is like looking at a different person. I'm the real Michael Quinn now."



A SHORT HISTORY OF HIGH MILL

George Ingle

AT THE AGE OF SIXTY-EIGHT Joseph Mason bought the old corn mill from Isaac Bolton, the miller, and began building a three-storeyed cotton mill on the site. Most of the new cotton mills in the Dales were built on the sites of old corn mills. They had become redundant as the Leeds & Liverpool Canal and the new turnpike roads, particularly the one from Knaresborough to Skipton, had changed agriculture in the area. The inhabitants of Dales villages no longer had to rely on the yearly supply of oats grown in the fields around their cottages. Instead corn or flour could be brought in from East Yorkshire where growing conditions were better. The increasing demand for cotton cloth both at home and abroad, together with the mechanisation of the spinning process, meant that water power sites, such as that at High Mill were now ideal for the new mills.

Joseph Mason was a man of property and position, but having lost his only child, perhaps wanted to provide a career for his nephew with the same name. In 1792 he insured the mill and contents with the Royal Exchange fire office for

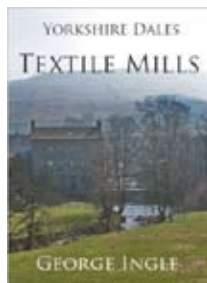
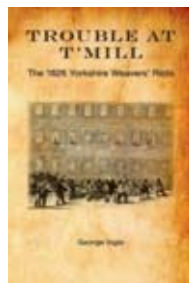
£2,000. Joseph Mason senior died in 1823 at the age of ninety-five and left the mill, cottages and a barn to his nephew. Other property went to Thomas Mason, another nephew, who was also in the cotton business at Airebank Mill.

Joseph Mason continued as a cotton spinner at High Mill for many years. On Thursday 27th April, 1826 the mill was attacked by rioters who smashed the new power looms, which Joseph had recently installed. He obviously wanted to use the latest technology, but in doing so he put local hand loom weavers out of work. Eventually he was compensated for his losses and continued cotton spinning though by 1857 he was also a farmer. By 1853 Thomas Johnson was listed as a cotton spinner and manufacturer at High Mill, but textile production may have stopped in the 1860s.

High Mill was then used for many purposes, including making brakes for tramcars and again for milling by Preston Farmers. One of the most interesting was not its main business use by John Gaunt for making 'ventilated collar bands', but for building Gaunt's aeroplanes. In 1910 he rented a hanger from Southport Corporation and the following year, after several setbacks, he flew his 'Baby' biplane from the beach there and became one of the first Englishmen to fly. He was, of course, wearing one of his ventilated collar bands at the time.

Dr Ingle has published several books on local textile history and is contributing a series of articles to this magazine on the early history of the textile mills in and around Gargrave.

For a full account of the riots in Addingham, Bradford and Gargrave see 'Trouble At T' Mill' by George Ingle. This new publication priced at £6.95 is available from The Grove Bookshop in Ilkley or post-free from the author at 5 South Parade, Ilkley LS29 9AW.



TWIN SCHOOLS

Enid French

THE OPENING OF THE WESLEYAN SCHOOL on the 23rd July 1875 meant that there were now two schools in the village. The earliest record of attendance at this school shows that there were thirty three boys, twenty one girls and twenty four infants registered. It seems that not all transferred from the Church School as the mistress comments that "twelve asked for their books, so that they might transfer".

It seems that it was a fortnight before the school could begin working because no books had arrived. The Head Master, Mr M G Haworth states that he "chiefly engaged the children in singing."

Holidays granted to the children by the managers of both schools were similar, though not always at exactly the same time, and included until after the turn of the century the Annual Gargrave Fair in December. In one of the log books it is mentioned as being a Clothing and Cattle Fair. Over the years this has been

discontinued but the Annual Meet of the Hunt, formerly held just before Christmas is still held on Boxing Day.

More about the twin schools next time.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Lucy Auckland

After 19 years with Gargrave Pre-School Janet Bolland and Kathy Thomson are moving on. We would like to thank them for all their hard work, dedication and commitment, you will be missed. Lizzie Hall and Lyn Picton will be joining the Gargrave Pre-School team and we wish them well in their new roles.

It has been a busy term and we have been fundraising for new blinds by selling Christmas cards, a cake stall and a Christmas raffle. We have also held our nativity play and Christmas party.

Everyone from Gargrave Pre-School wishes you a very happy new year.



GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

"Every child counts, every child contributes"

Babushka – review of whole school production held in village hall

"There was standing room only at the village hall as a packed audience were entertained in Gargrave Primary School's production of Babushka.

The curtains opened and we were transported back to Russia to the first Christmas as Ari Davies dressed as a young Russian girl played the Baltic dance on her accordion.

Acting the lead part as Babushka was Ella Swift who confidently delivered her lines and reminded us all about the real meaning of Christmas.

The play then moved on to show the year sixes performing a jolly Russian dance, followed by the younger children strolling onto the stage dressed as flies, mice and spiders.

After this event the star of Bethlehem glided gracefully past Babushka's window! Unfortunately she didn't notice it and soon it disappeared behind a gravel coloured cloud.



Ella Swift as Babushka

Minutes later there was a knock at the door and three kings, followed by their camels, entered Babushka's freakishly clean house. But Babushka came across extremely rude and informed them that their feet were too dirty and they were to leave at once.

Next the angels arrived on stage and gave Babushka news of a newly born king born in a scruffy stable. She was disgusted by this and set off to find this baby king - performing good deeds on the way.



Angels: Kit Gore, Emma Wills, Megan Webb and Jessica Clemson-Banks.

She finally arrived at her destination, only to find she had given away all her gifts to the travellers! Babushka ran off the stage but the curtains opened to reveal a nativity scene, and Mary beckoning Babushka back.

Babushka immediately reached into her basket for her cleaning polish, but Mary stopped her "don't you want to hold my baby?" asked Mary. As soon as Babushka touched the baby she was filled with the most amazing peace. The narrators, Elle Honeyman and William Jose, announced the cast and the room was filled with applause.

Well done to everyone who took part in this amazing production, come and watch next year.

By Zak Shepherd & Rebecca Pratt

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GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting 7-15 pm, Monday 2 December 2013

Apologies: Craven District Cllr. Simon Myers, Parish Cllr. Pearl Holmes

New Parish Councillor: The Council welcomed Betty Stringer as a new Parish Councillor.

Public participation: Two ladies who have become involved with the village playground reported, with great enthusiasm, where they had got to regarding funding, planning and future developments. The Council thanked them for their efforts and wished them luck.

Rivers and Greens: The Council looked at the information which had been gathered by Duncan Faulkner regarding the Middle Green stretch of the river and asked for its thanks to be passed to him.

2014/15 Budget: The Budget meeting was to be held on Wednesday 4 December. Accordingly several agenda items were deferred for consideration at that meeting.

Tour de France – le Grand Depart: The Council had not received any further information at the time of the meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday 6 January at 7-15 pm in the Village Hall. Except for emergencies, the Parish Council will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period.

Miscellaneous one-liners

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

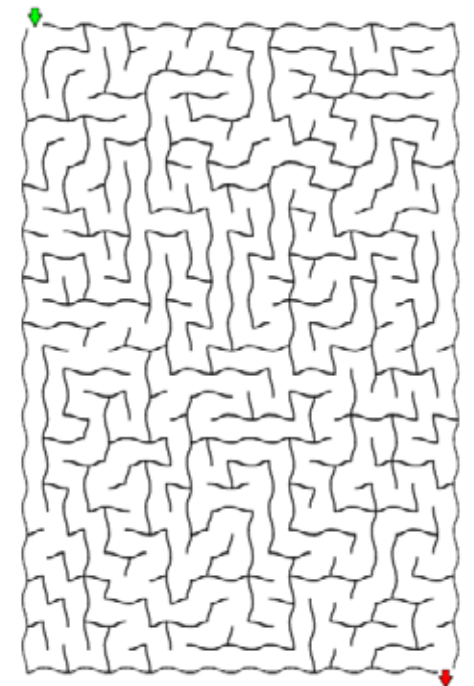
A backward poet writes inverse.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu – the same mustard as before.

Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.



INFORMATION

Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship

5 Jan	<i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i> Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-9(10-18) <i>The Epiphany</i> Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
12 Jan	<i>Baptism of Christ/1st Sunday of Epiphany</i> Isaiah 42:1-8; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-end
19 Jan	<i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i> Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
26 Jan	<i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i> Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23
2 Feb	<i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple / Candlemas</i> Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40

Sidesmen 8am

5 Jan	Marion Scarborough	Eileen Holden	Sarah Curtis
12 Jan	Kay Craven	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey
19 Jan	Janet Sturgess	Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown
26 Jan	Colin Chapman	Sarah Curtis	John Bailey
2 Feb	Marion Scarborough	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey

10.30am

Readings

5 Jan	Pauline Barnes	Pat Cockshott	Eileen Hoskin
12 Jan	Ruth Abbott		
19 Jan	Hugh Turner	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas
26 Jan	John Bailey		
2 Feb	Pauline Barnes	Pat Cockshott	Eileen Hoskin

Offertory procession

Church cleaning

30 Dec – 10 Jan	Sylvia and Ronald Humphreys	<i>If you are unable to carry out your duties, please arrange a swap.</i>
13 – 24 Jan	Susan Lupton and Sarah Curtis	
27 Jan to 7 Feb	Jean Banks and Carol Ballard	

The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved, loved for ourselves, or rather in spite of ourselves. Victor Hugo

Peace is to the soul what health is to the body: a sign of balance and order. Guy Appere

I have had more trouble with myself than with any other man I have ever met. Dwight Moody

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TRAINS from Gargrave to:

Leeds

Mon – Fri	0747	0811	1201	1349	1452	1728	1814	2029	
Saturday	0746	0927	1201	1345	1452	1744	1814	2028	2131 ¹
Sunday			1121	1352	1455	1557	1909		2124

Morecambe

Mon – Fri	0547 ²	0901	1105		1406	1731			
Saturday	0643 ²	0905	1105		1439	1730			
Sunday		0931	1135		1541		1805		

Carlisle

Mon- Fri	0547 ³	0933	1105 ³	1331	1406 ³	1731 ²	1851		
Saturday	0643 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 Hellifield

There don't appear to be any rail engineering works planned during January.

BUSES from Gargrave to:

Skipton

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

Settle

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

Malham

Mon- Fri	0725		1000 ⁵		1300 ⁵			1610	
Saturday			1015		1230	1400	1615		
Sunday ⁶				1102 ⁶	1242 ⁶		1542 ⁶		

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Christmas		Tuesday 7 January 2014
Half term	Friday 14 February 2014	Monday 24 February 2014
Easter	Friday 4 April 2014	Wednesday 23 April 2014
Half term	Friday 23 May 2014	Tuesday 3 June 2014
Summer	Tuesday 22 July 2014	

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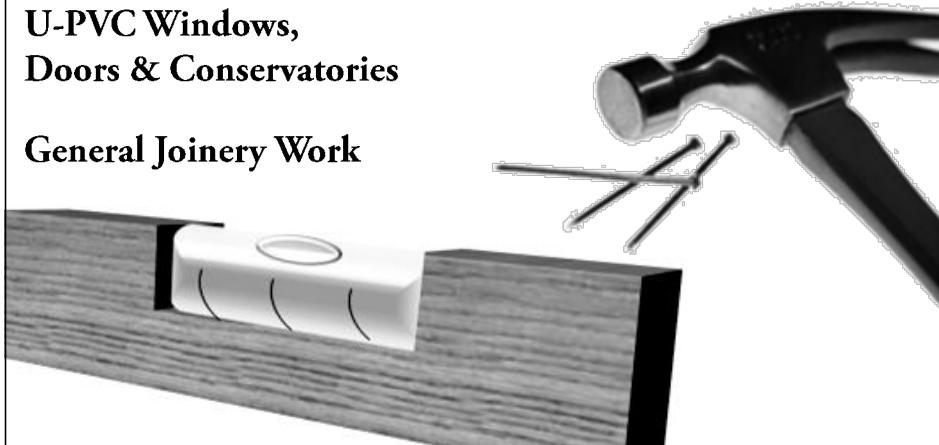
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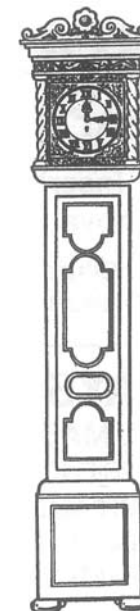
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