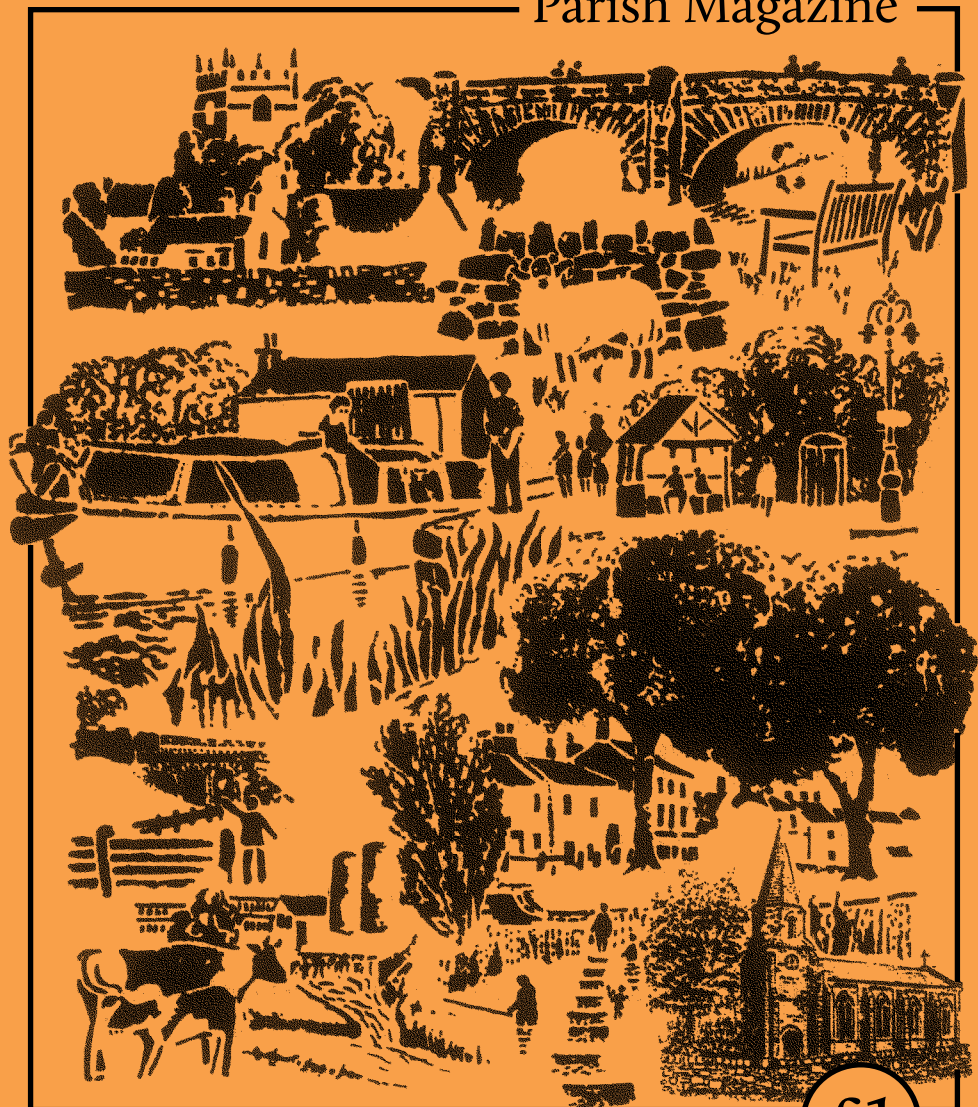


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We do evil in the name of some overriding good – usually, paradoxically, the conquest of evil. - Nel Noddings

Goodness is, so to speak, itself; badness is only spoiled goodness. And there must be something good first before it can be spoiled. - C S Lewis

Organisations Please let us know if you'd like to amend or add an entry

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 – 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
Hunt – Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt, Elizabeth Adams 01756 749772
Pilates – Village Hall Annex, Fridays 9am-10am, Beatrice Faulkner 749443
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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 until 22 April; Thurs 5-6pm, Mon 1-2pm from 28 April Julia Priestley 07769 692471
Modern sequence dance – Village Hall, Mon 7.45-10pm & a monthly Saturday (see diary, p.2), John Stephenson 01535 632935
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Thomson's Dance Centre – (3 - adults) School Hall, Sat am, Kathy Thomson, 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
Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall side room, 1 st Mon of mth, or 2 nd on bank hols
Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt – Elizabeth Adams 749772
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

WHEN THE SUN BEATS DOWN (let's hope it will!) it's easy to feel happy and optimistic. It's great to see the flowers blooming, the lambs and calves growing, the hills and trees in full leaf. The summer warmth means we can relax outdoors and it feels like the whole of nature is on our side. Even many of the difficult things in life seem easier to bear. It is like a sign that God loves us and that life is good.

One of the questions that people often ask is why, if God loves us, life sometimes seems so hard and unfair? Why do tragedies happen to us and those we love? Why are there horrible diseases and natural disasters?

Why doesn't God just stop the wars, oppression and unfair discrimination that people inflict on each other? There is no simple answer, as we saw last month, but we can know that God loves us, and here are three ways:

Firstly, when Jesus came into this world He too lived a normal life with its ups and downs, joys and sorrows. And He too suffered hostility, injustice and even the death penalty. He came to join us in this world where there is right and wrong, good and evil, choices and consequences.

God's answer to suffering was to come to be with us in it... and He still wants to be with us in our lives today, spiritually. Having God with us doesn't stop the problems but it does give life a spiritual, eternal dimension that puts even terrible tragedies into context.

Secondly, in our hearts we know that things shouldn't be like this - despite the fact that, as ancient human remains show, people have always fought and killed, died of horrible diseases and been killed by natural disasters. Despite that reality, we know deep in our hearts that something is wrong, that "things shouldn't be like this"! That is because we are not just natural physical beings, destined to die and return to the earth from which we came. We are spiritual beings too - we are "made in the image of God" - we are not just the product of purposeless chance.

Finally, it's natural, in this world, that our lives have phases of health and sickness, strength and weakness, youth and old age - just like it's natural that there is day and night, sun and rain, summer and winter.

When we can't see the sun at night, or when there are heavy clouds, or when it's winter, we just have to have faith in what we know to be true – that this will pass and we will feel the sun's its warmth again. The sun hasn't stopped shining!

The same goes for God's constant love for us.



DIARY FOR MAY

See back inside cover for regular weekly events and meetings

Gargrave

Sat 3	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall
Sun 4	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church
Wed 7	Fuchsia and Geranium Society, 7pm, Annex.
Sat 10	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall All proceeds to the Sanata Restart Centre in Kenya for children.
Sun 11	Communion 8am; Service of the Word 10.45am, Church Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall.
Mon 12	Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Annex.
Wed 14	WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Thurs 15	Art Class 10am, Village Hall Annex, contact Alison on 07743007784
Fri 16	Library Film Night – Wadjda, 7pm, Village Hall.
Sat 17	Gargrave Open Gardens, 11am to 5pm. Modern Sequence Dance 7pm, Village Hall
Sun 18	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church
Thu 22	Voting, all day, Village Hall for the European Elections
Sat 24	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall
Sun 25	Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.45am, Church Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall.
Wed 28	Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Thurs 29	Art Class 10am, Village Hall Annex, contact Alison on 07743007784 Ascension Day: Communion 7pm, Church
Fri 30	Dance with Elizabeth Harrison, 8pm, Village Hall.
Sat 31	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall Modern Sequence Dance 7pm, Village Hall.

Sun 1 June Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Morning Prayer, 9am, Church

Every Tuesday: Communion, 9am, Church

Coniston Cold

Sun 4	Evensong 4pm, St Peter's
Sun 11	Service of the Word 10.45am, Church ,St Andrew's, Gargrave
Sun 18	Book of Common Prayer Communion 4 p.m, St. Peter's
Sun 25	Rogation Sunday - start at 4pm at the Church, blessing the village
Sun 1 June	Evensong 4pm, St Peter's

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Rogation Sunday, Coniston Cold

Jacqui Coates

Rogation Sunday 25 May, service 4pm, will be a Rogation walk round the village, blessing the church, fields, stream and animals, finishing with afternoon tea (Jacobs join) in the village hall.

This family service has a strong tradition and links both villages together and everyone is welcome. So if you have family visiting over the holiday period bring them along too!



Wadjda film showing

Dave Smith

Our second film night is on **Friday 16 May** when we are showing **Wadjda** a remarkable film in that it is shot in Saudi Arabia by a female Saudi filmmaker, in a country where cinemas are banned and women are not allowed to drive or vote. The film tells the story of a young girl, living in Riyadh, who dreams of owning a green bicycle that every day she passes in a shop on her way to school. In a society that frowns upon girls riding bikes she sets about raising enough money to buy the bike.

Wadjda has won numerous awards at film festivals and has been nominated for a number of BAFTA awards. A film not to be missed.

The film night will be held in the Village Hall with the doors opening at 7.00pm and the films starting at 7.30pm.



Gargrave Open Gardens

Bea and Duncan Faulkner

with live music around the village

Come and discover Gargrave and Bell Busk's garden gems:

Secret, surprising, small, spacious gardens, riverside, cottage, flower, vegetable gardens, gardens for children, for wildlife, for the soul.

Lunches and teas, children's quiz, raffle and plant stall at Village Hall.

Admission £3 per adult in advance (children free) from local shops from early May or £4 from Village Hall, on the day. Proceeds to St Andrew's Church.

Gargrave Gardens open 11 am to 5pm, and a further one in Bell Busk from 9am to 8pm. Call 749443 for more information or if you'd like to help out; see also page 4.



Art Course – mixed media

Beverley Hicks

Local Artist Beverley Ann Hicks is running four one day Art courses looking at mixed media techniques. Each day course will cost £52 which will include: art materials, lunch and tea/coffee. **Dates of courses: Wed 25 June, Thur 26 June, Wed 9 July, Thurs. 10 July**, 10am – 4pm. Venue - The Barn and Meeting House in Airton, BD23 4AE

If you are interested in booking one of my courses, either as an individual or a group, minimum of 6 maximum of 10 per day; or want further information please contact me direct on: 01729 830 325, beverley.hicks1@btinternet.com www.beverleyhicks.co.uk.



Tour de France night film showing

Dave Smith

On the **Saturday** night of The Tour de France (**5th July**) we are planning to show a couple of films, **Jacques Tati's** amusing silent film 'Jour de Fete' and **Alan Bennett's** 'A day Out'. The WI has kindly volunteered to host a French themed Wine and Cheese event, so we should be in for a treat, a couple of films washed down with some wine and cheese.

The film night will be held in the Village Hall with the doors opening at 7.00pm and the films starting at 7.30pm.

NEWS



Gargrave Open Gardens

Bea and Duncan Faulkner

Thank you to all those who have offered to open their gardens this year, and to help out in any way. We've brought the event forward to Saturday May 17 this year to avoid clashing with the Tour de France and the lead up to it.

It is usually a very busy day, and we are glad of all the assistance that we can get. If you are willing to help with manning stalls, manning gardens, selling programs or playing live music please contact us on 01756 749443, or if you're willing to provide cakes or help with the catering rota please let Norma know on 748392. We welcome donations to the plant stall, if you're willing to provide any,



Gargrave Open Gardens tombola

Alison Ford and Janie Kennerdale

We are organising the tombola for the Open Gardens and would be extremely grateful for any contributions of prizes. Please can you pass your donations to Alison or Jerry at Church, or deliver to 27 Marton Road.

Thank you.

Crossgates moves to The Barn, North Street

Julie Dodgson

Crossgates Bioenergetics Ltd & Crossgates Beauty & Holistic Therapies (see advert on page A10). are relocating to wonderful new premises at The Barn, North Street, Gargrave.

Julie Dodgson, owner of Crossgates, is a Registered Homeopath, Bioresonance Specialist & Flower Essence Practitioner. Formerly based in Settle, Crossgates Bioenergetics has traded since 1998 and specialises in *Health For You & Your Animals*.

The Beauty Salon opened 3 years ago with Sally, Crossgates Beauty Therapist and with the move there will be the addition of a Hair Salon and Retail Shop.

Hair & Beauty is open for business on the 1st April with the Natural Health & Wellbeing Centre for Humans and Animals opening on the 7th April

Open Evening **Thursday 8th May**

Open Day **Saturday 17th May**



News from your Library

Dave Smith

As mentioned last month the Library are hosting a number of film shows throughout the summer. In this year of the Tour de France all the films have a cycle related theme. See Forthcoming Events, page 4.

A reminder that Gargrave and Malhamdale Library, although a Community Library, is still part of the NYCC Library service and as such a NYCC Library Card can be used in our Library. So, if you have a card issued in Skipton or any other North Yorkshire Library you can use the card in Gargrave Library. Similarly you can return Skipton books to Gargrave or Gargrave books to Skipton.

NYCC now subscribes to Zinio, which, armed with your Library Card and Pin Number, gives you free electronic access to a wide range of magazines which can be downloaded onto your PC, Tablet or Smart Phone.



Settle Stories

Charles Tyrer

Want to gain new skills, find new friends, make a difference in our community?

Then why not help Settle Stories deliver the 5th Storytelling Festival from the 10 - 12 October 2014

Contact Charles, our Events Manager on 01729 822292 or charles@settlestories.org.uk

Yoga

Sally Thomas

A new yoga 6 week session will commence on Wednesday the 30th April at 9.30 in the Village Hall Annex. You can pay per block, or per session. Bring your mat and come away feeling refreshed, stretched and invigorated.

Tai Chi

Ian Cresswell

We return on May 1, 2014 when we intend to start learning the second "18" exercises. All classes are on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Village Hall Annex, as follows: -

May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, (No class on May 29, 2014 - half term)

June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 3, July 10,

(No classes from July 17, 2014 inclusive until September, 2014 – Summer break)

Payment due at £2 per week.

Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt

Elizabeth Adams

Our point to point, usually known as Skipton Races, will be held on **Saturday 3rd May** at Heslaker Farm Carleton. It is a great day out for all the family. Racing starts at 1.30pm.

The hunt is teaming up with Manorlands Hospice to organise a fund raiser called "Mount up for Manorlands" This is a lovely fun ride starting and finishing from the Coniston Estate. It has the use of optional jumps at the beginning and end of the ride. The ride will be held on **Sunday 1 June**. please come along and support this ride in the wonderful setting of the Coniston Estate.

We also have a fun ride on **Saturday 14 June** from Coniston with Kilnsey. This is around the beautiful area of Kilnsey and affords some spectacular views from the hills combined with a good ride over private land.

Refreshments are available at both rides, and if you don't have a horse come along and enjoy a good walk!

World Challenge Fundraising Update

Ela and Hattie Lindley

We thought you might like to hear where we are with our fundraising challenge. We have now reached £6,120 of our £6,590 total.

Our latest fundraising event was a "Ladies Lunch" at Coniston Hotel & Country Estate on Sunday 16th March. 98 ladies enjoyed a glass of fizz on arrival, with piano accompaniment by Daniel Sealey. After a delicious 3 course lunch, Angela Baker, the original Calendar Girl, captivated guests with stories about her experiences and the achievements of the iconic Calendar Girls to date. There was a tombola, with prizes generously donated by local businesses. Each guest received luxury table gifts and a goody bag. The event was a huge success and raised £1375.

May we also take this opportunity to thank everyone for their very kind and positive comments about the day.



News

Marguerite Mason

In April we welcomed Melanie Fryer who told us about her special interest in Biodynamic Gardening. She is the local representative of a nationwide organisation which exists to promote this in the interest of protection of the environment and provision of sustainable food supplies.

The movement disapproves the use of artificial fertilisers and pesticides and works to preserve the fertility of the soil by conscientious composting of all organic waste for mulching. To supplement this our speaker advised the use of well-rotted farmyard manure and small amounts of finely ground rock containing essential minerals. The organisation is strongly opposed to the introduction of genetic modifications in any organisms and, beside caring for the soil, does everything possible to support natural processes such as pollination by insects, especially bees. Essentially their recommended methods are those traditionally practiced but, in addition, they have worked out a calendar for all annual activities in the garden, including dates for sowing, transplanting etc.,

adjusted for climate and species, following which, it is claimed, ensure the best possible results. It was a thought-provoking talk which was followed by a series of questions; with some determined resolutions to get out in the garden now the weather is picking up.

Our President went to a national meeting held in York to discuss WI matters, in particular how our annual resolutions are followed up. She also went to the Federation Spring Council with Judith Douglas who was acting as our Gargrave representative this year. The usual business was followed by a talk from Sue Hart MBE who spent ten years in Tanzania and set up a craft centre under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society. The idea was to provide women with work to support themselves and their families, It has been very successful and the Federation has agreed to help by collecting craft goods and any haberdashery, EXCEPT WOOL, to send to the centre.. Should you happen to have items to spare, please give them to any member of our local WI and they will send them on.

Next month our speaker will talk about legal matters on **Wednesday 14 May** at 7pm for 7.30pm in the village hall annex; as usual visitors will be welcome. In June we will be going on our annual outing; this year to see the M & S archive in Leeds.

Upper Wharfedale Women's Institutes' Group Show: Saturday 31 May
Grassington Town Hall, 1.30pm to 4.30pm

The Upper Wharfedale Group of WIs (Addingham, Bolton Abbey, Embsay with Eastby, Gargrave, Grassington, Kettlewell, Rylstone, Threshfield and Linton) invites you to attend their biennial Show. This year's theme, 'A Yorkshire Dales Welcome', portrays the area's outstanding beauty and peaceful scenery. The 'welcome' highlights the coming of the Tour de France to Yorkshire in a number of ways including the ever interesting 'co-operative tables'. Visitors to the Show will receive a warm welcome, can sample WI baking and be there to applaud the winners at the Trophies Presentation. We look forward to seeing you there.

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ROGATION DAY – MAY 26

Parish Pump

ROGATION MEANS an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

About 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation is said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. (Do you know yours today?)

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

DURING AND POST WAR many residents of Gargrave had lives which revolved or had connections with agriculture, some worked on farms. There were two corn mills, two saw mills, three butchers shops, three milk rounds, a blacksmith and a saddler to mention a few.

As most able bodied men were called into the forces there was a shortage of staff to produce desperately needed food. Thanks to Adolf blockading the seas, cattle food also became very scarce. In this situation the government decided all farms must plough a percentage of their land: food for the public and for the cattle must be grown.

Craven is noted for growing grass, but not for growing crops, as we seldom have good weather at harvest. However, needs must, the only way cattle could be fed was to grow potatoes, turnips, mangolds or kale.

At that time most was done by hand - due to the shortage of hands the Women's Land Army came into being. I know at least two of the valiant group who came to the rescue, still living in Gargrave: Lucy Taylforth and Doreen Lambert. They milked the cows, helped with haytime and all the chores of farming.

The War Agricultural Society was formed and a fleet of Standard Fordson tractors came into the area and was based at "New Brighton" in buildings where previously tennis rackets were made. These were a great help with ploughing and cultivating as ploughing with horses in the hills is slow and a hard work. Spare a thought for the girls driving the tractors on cold wet winter mornings (there were no heated cabs in those days).

On our farm, potatoes, turnips, mangolds, oats and kale were grown. As for the oats, a threshing machine was taken round the farms I turn, with every farmer helping his neighbour due to the lack of buildings. My father used the house sitting room as the oat room. My task as a lad was to shovel the oats to the back of the room and keep the window clear to allow the oats to be tipped in through

the window. During winter, the oats were bagged and taken to one of the corn mills to be ground or rolled.

Potatoes, turnips and mangolds were carted into pies!!! This meant they were carted and placed in piles to be covered with straw and then covered with soil to protect from frost and stored for winter.

As I write this on the first of April, the TV early news visited a poultry farm live. They introduced a new breed of hen which lays **square** eggs. They take less space when packing!!

The lambing is going very well and I'm listening for the cuckoo.

EVACUATION TO GARGRAVE - PART 4

Ray Payne

THE GARGRAVE LIBRARY was open on Wednesday evenings when large wooden boxes were opened and the books put on display. The aptly named George Reeder asked me to help and paid me two shillings an evening for checking books in and out. To arrive on time I had to leave the farm before milking was finished. Periodically the books went back to the county and a new set was provided. Mr Reeder selected a few which he kept back and offered to certain ladies saying "There's a warm un".

A meeting about forming a youth club in the village was held in the Methodist Chapel. Although Pommer, who was there, saw me afterwards and advised me not to get too involved, I became the secretary of the committee. I was the only evacuee, or 'red cap' as we were called, to belong to the club. Miss Townson, a village schoolmistress, was in charge.

At the end of the summer term 1943 we returned to Brighton for there was no provision here for teaching beyond School Certificate. We had not missed seeing the preparations for D Day or experiencing the V1 flying bombs.

As to my experiences of Gargrave and the Dales - after retiring from working in Kent and London, we now live here.

We'd like to heartily thank Ray for providing us with his series of anecdotes from his evacuee days.

HEDGEHOGS IN MAY

Morris Charlton

IT'S HEDGEHOG AWARENESS WEEK this month (4 - 10th May) and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society is asking everyone make a promise to do one extra thing to help hedgehogs during the week. You could make a 5" square hole in a boundary fence to allow easy access for 'hogs, put out suitable food and water, display an information poster from BHPS, make a log pile, the list is endless and most tasks will only take a few minutes, so please do get involved. See www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk for more information.

It is difficult to know when the first litters of hoglets will be born. In most years it is late May to June that the first litters appear but this year the weather has been milder and the adults may have come out of hibernation that much earlier.

Do bear this in mind when gardening. Under a shed is an ideal place for a female hedgehog to make her nursery nest. However, every year we get calls about sheds being demolished and gardeners then find a nest with mother and hoglets under the flooring. If there has not been too much disturbance and the mother is still around she may well move her hoglets to a new nest. However if she does not return overnight then the hoglets may need to be rescued. If you do disturb a nest give the BHPS a call ASAP for more detailed advice on how the help the family stay together.

Any hoglets found out in the day will need to be rescued and remember they do not come in ones so search for other "orphans". Listen for a high pitched squeak, this is their distress call. Also watch out for both domestic and wild creatures that are interested in a certain spot in the garden, they may have spotted a potential meal in an abandoned hoglet.

If a pile of leaves appears overnight in the garden this may also be an indication of a new nest. Sometimes female hedgehogs move their nursery nest at the last moment and can be seen gathering nesting material and making a new nest. This can even be seen in the daytime. However the hedgehog will be moving with a purpose, and unlike most hedgehogs seen out in the day, will not need to be rescued. Watch the area and with luck around 4 weeks later the hoglets may be seen venturing out of the nest for the first time.

Try to make your garden safer for hedgehogs. See the BHPS's leaflet on "Gardening with Hedgehogs" which gives lots of ideas on helping your local hedgehogs stay safe. If in doubt about whether a hedgehog needs to be rescued give the BHPS a call, it is better safe than sorry and the sooner one is rescued the more chance it has of surviving.

If you are concerned about any hedgehog that you see contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801 (if you can weigh the hedgehog first that is always helpful). For more information about hedgehogs and how to help them visit the BHPS web site at www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk



Parking space

Angus was driving down the street worried because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. So, looking up toward heaven, he said "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up whisky." A moment later, miraculously, a parking place appeared. Angus looked up again and said, "Never mind. I found one."

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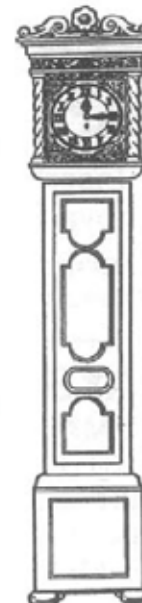
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THE FABLE OF THE AUTOHARP IN THE NORTH

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The story so far...

An autoharper put his autoharp into its bag, slung the bag over his shoulder and began to travel north. He came to a small and pretty village, took out his autoharp – but he did not play it. He sat on a bench, and put the autoharp on the bench beside him.



So, they sat there, the man and his autoharp, until a passerby passed by. I cannot tell you much about this passer-by – but I can tell you this: he had a very big nose. The passerby paused, gave a nosy look, and said, 'That's a strange looking chilli-dryer...'

The autoharper said not a word, packed his autoharp into its bag, slung the bag over his shoulder, and travelled on, north. He can be criticised for this, I know. But I think that his behaviour is understandable. In the circumstances.

And he came to a charming town, sat on a bench, took out his autoharp – but he did not play it. He put the autoharp on the bench beside him. And they sat there together, the man and his autoharp, ignoring each other. Until a passer-by passed by. I cannot tell you much about this passer-by – but I can tell you this: he had one eye bigger than the other. The passer-by paused, aimed a beady eye, and said, 'That's a strange looking pasta machine...'



And the autoharper sighed, and packed up his autoharp, and travelled, north.

Then he came to another pretty town, and – as before – sat and waited, with his autoharp beside him. And there was a bystander. I cannot tell you much about this bystander – but I can tell you this: he needed a shave. And the bystander pointed a whiskery chin, and said, 'That's a strange looking cheese grater...'



And the autoharper said not a word, not a word. He packed up his autoharp and travelled on, still north.

And he came to a very pretty village, with everything you would want, a pub, an old stone church, an old stone bridge over a clear river, a tea shop. And the autoharper took out his autoharp, and put it on the bench beside him. And he waited. And there was a passer-by. I cannot tell you much about this passer-by – but I can tell you this: she had a very good ear. And she said to the autoharper, 'Are you going to play that autoharp or not?'



And by this he knew that he had finally reached Gargrave, where everyone knows what an autoharp looks like. And they like to hear the autoharp played, in the pub, in the church and in the tea shop. And, of course, in the Gargrave Village Hall.

And the autoharper picked up his autoharp, cuddled it to his chest, and played and played and played. Until his fingers bled.

Which was not wise. But is understandable. In the circumstances.



Obsessive narratologists will recognise 'The Fable of the Autoharp' as a version of the very old story of the Sailor and the Oar - except that I have turned it on its head.

In the story the Sailor who is tired of the Sea - or is afraid of the Sea - puts an Oar on his shoulder, and walks inland, until he meets a passer-by who has never seen an Oar. The passer-by says, 'Where are you going with that threshing flail?' Or some such. And so the Sailor knows that he is finally safe from the Sea. Obsessive narratologists who need footnotes - are there any other kind? - should contact me directly on osullivan@villanous.ie.



GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

"Every child counts, every child contributes"

Oak Class Year 6's London Trip

Charlotte Barrett, Ebony Doran & Alex Egan

On Monday 24th March the Year 6's went to London for the day. We got on the train at 6.55am. The journey took three hours, it was really exciting!

When we got to London we went on the Underground to the Houses of Parliament, I could only just reach the handles – I felt really small. Inside Parliament we had a tour guide, she was called Ann. We looked in the House of Commons where they hold debates, we also went in the House of Lords. There was a seat where the Queen would sit, it was made out of twenty three and a half carat gold. Princess Anne & Prince Charles can also sit on either side of her. Prince Phillip would sit next to her if he was there.

After Parliament we went to have lunch on the south bank, which was next to the Thames, we could see all of Parliament & Big Ben.

After lunch we walked to Downing Street, we visited the house where David Cameron lives. We all had our photo taken in front of his super shiny front door!



Next we walked up to see the Household Cavalry, the men were all dressed smartly in their uniforms & sat very still on their horses. After this we had a bit of a break in the park, we played scarecrow tig, had a drink and relaxed.

Then we set off to Buckingham Palace – the Queen was in!! The palace is absolutely enormous! There were guards in uniform outside, they were wearing Bearskin hats.

Lastly we went back to Kings Cross station – we all wanted to go to Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ – the platform where Harry Potter left for Hogwarts. We all had our photo taken.

After a visit to M & S to get our tea we boarded the train for our journey back to Skipton.

We all had a great but tiring day!



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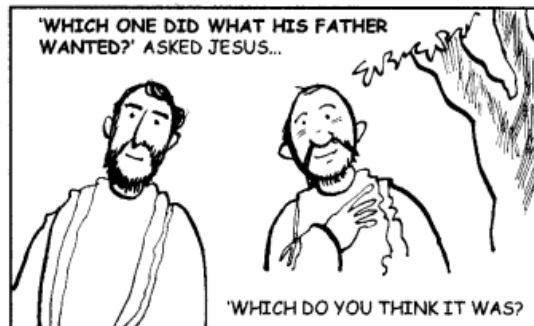
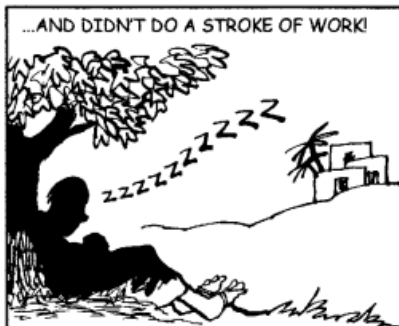
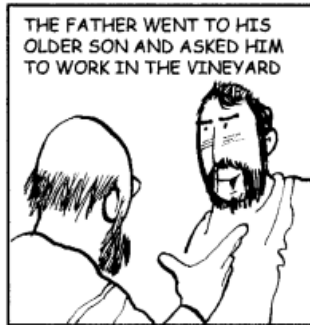
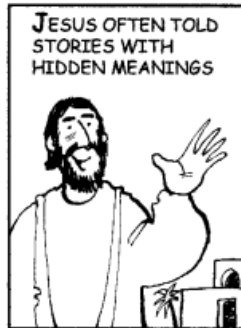
Enid French

ENTRIES IN THE LOG BOOKS of both Wesleyan and Church Schools in the 1880's highlight that discipline could be a concern. The Church School log books include an entry which points out that *"This morning Rev M came into school and called out the choir-boys in order to make an investigation respecting a notice paper taken down in the Vestry and on finding out the offender, opened my desk to search for the cane and on finding it caned the boy five times on his hand."* Later in the same month another entry states *"Vicar returned and I informed him of the occurrence recorded and received from him a confirmation of my authority over the school."*

The Wesleyan Head Master also was concerned to establish that any corporal punishment inflicted on his pupils should be given by him and no-one else. This entry states that he *"had a complaint about Miss W... striking a child. Requested that no child should receive any corporal punishment whatever, especially children in the infant's room."* In June 1885 he *"Tried to do without 'stick' for a fortnight but could not say that it was a success, but perhaps that is owing to the staff, Miss C...not being as energetic as usual while Tom (his pupil teacher) as yet scarcely understands his duties."*

PICTURE PARABLE

Parish Pump



OBITUARY – KEITH FRENCH

Enid French

BORN AT 15 HIGH STREET, Gargrave, he attended Gargrave Church School and eventually went on to Keighley Technical College. He was an apprentice engineer at Landis Lunds and later moved to Rolls-Royce where he was a Draughtsman and at one time a Test Rig Designer.

His love of motors began in the 1950's with his purchase of a second-hand two-stroke motor bike which could be heard a very long way away and caused the next door neighbours to complain that he was "poisoning their food" by running it in the back yard at home. Later he had numerous cars, never new, and including one that was upturned on the front lawn with the help of some pints and a gang from the Mason's Arms.

He loved sport and played football enthusiastically for quite some time. However his real passion was cricket. He was a fast bowler, proud of his speed and accuracy and winning the club (Gargrave) bowling prize and featuring in the Airedale and Wharfedale league averages on several occasions.

He continued to play until his health would not let him and he then transferred to bowls. He never would admit that the proximity to the Mason's Arms was a factor in his pleasure.

He was Chairman of the Men's section of the Village Hall, introducing the speakers and thanking them afterwards - always trying to find something amusing or interesting to say - apart from helping make a "good" cup of tea!

He served on the Parish Council for a number of years and would always listen to people with worries.

Over the last twenty plus years he has been Verger at most Weddings and Funerals. For some forty years he took part in both the Nativity and Passion Plays in Church, being promoted to the dizzy height of Chief Shepherd and being one of the non-running disciples in the Passion Play.

Taking early retirement in his fifties he was able to do the things he most enjoyed - helping his friend re-build a boat in his back garden and fettling numerous mowers, Hoovers and other objects. He took great pride in returning "useless" articles in working order!

MOYRA'S MIGRATIONS

Moyra Sonley

Phoenix to Salt Lake City Part 1

BY THE TIME we got to Phoenix we were hot, tired and jet lagged. From England we had flown to Atlanta where we had to change flights, Atlanta is a very large airport, but we found the right departure lounge and then flew on to Phoenix where we reclaimed our bikes and other baggage. We hadn't anything booked re accommodation, all we had was an open date return ticket from Salt Lake City. The temperature was in the upper 80s Fahrenheit. There was a very large board in the airport with the phone numbers of many different places to stay. There was a free telephone, so we picked the number of a motel at random and rang them.

By this time it was dark, but a man arrived shortly with a pickup truck which easily accommodated two bicycles and luggage. We were driven through Phoenix and arrived at a motel where we checked in and paid for two nights' accommodation. The following morning was bright, sunny and hot so we decided to have a look round Phoenix. We got our bikes ready and went for a ride. It is a large city built on the grid plan, not very exciting, just a lot of wide roads and numerous traffic lights. The traffic was heavy and it wasn't easy to cross the road.

When we got back to the motel I commented to Dave on this and said what a lot of ladies were having problems getting across the road. Dave gave me a pitying look and said they didn't want to cross the road, they were waiting for customers, they were all 'Working Girls'. Well, how was I to know!! I think I've led a sheltered life.

The following day we stocked up with food and set off northward through Arizona. (Atlases out again.) It seemed to take a long time to get away from the suburbs of Phoenix and into semi-desert country. We were very fortunate as the temperature had dropped into the 70s, which made it quite comfortable cycling. Towns were few and far between once we had left Phoenix. There are a lot of wide open spaces in the western USA.

We had to find accommodation each night and fortunately most small towns at least had a motel and a store. One day on our way through this arid landscape, we were very thirsty and came to a small town called Congress. There was a store there which sold nearly everything and the proprietor, name of Bill, made us coffee. There were no other customers, but he had a friend there and they both looked and sounded like characters out of a Western. Bill just wanted to talk about our trip and about the UK. He thought the Queen was responsible for everything that happened in the world. While I was looking round the shop, he tried to sell Dave a large, live tarantula which he had in a jar. I'm pleased to say that Dave declined and told me about it after we had left. A good job! When we did finally get away, he wouldn't take any payment for the coffee. We left and continued north towards the Grand Canyon.

Song

The curate often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.

Found

On the church noticeboard: Contact lens found in church. See vicar. If you can.

Diet

I have a sea-food diet - every time I see food, I eat it!

Cow

What do you get if you cross a cow with a crystal ball?
A message from the udder side.

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting, Mon 7 April

Apologies: Cllrs. B. Atkinson, Police Officer Jane Carpenter.

Acting Chairman Cllr. David Syms introduced Kathryn Ashby as our new Clerk

Police report: The report for March and April had been received by e-mail:

- a) A theft from Swire Croft Road.
- b) Criminal damage to a vehicle.
- c) Eggs and money stolen.
- d) In the Marton Road area a cat and its owner had been attacked by two lurcher type dogs.
- e) Attempted burglaries at Old Hall Croft and Smithy Croft.
- f) Attempted shed break in on Meadowcroft.

Arrests have been made in Lancashire in connection with sheep thefts.

Rural officers have searched vehicles in connection with rural crime resulting in three people arrested and bailed and the seizure of two vehicles containing diesel barrels. All three people are known cross border criminals. Also officers stopped two vehicles containing well known criminals from the Bradford area. One of these vehicles was seized.

Operation Hawk continues so please contact the Police on 101 if you see anything suspicious including reporting any suspicious doorstep sellers.

River Aire work: New quotes are to be sought for the work on the river and the bank.

Footpath closure: The Council agreed to continue with the application to keep the path open between the A65 and Neville Road. NYCC has sent a formal application pack.

County Councillor's report: Cty. Cllr. Shelagh Marshall explained that work is going on to maintain some form of bus service for our community.

She agreed to follow up a complaint about the amount of soil and debris on the roads between the two Wooler building sites and asked to be kept informed about the NYCC definitive footpath application (see 4 above).

District Councillor's report: After his recent meeting in Leeds about the Tour de France Councillor Simon Myers stressed that people need to be aware of and plan for both the inconveniences and the opportunity of a major sporting event coming to our area because of the large number of visitors expected.

Next meeting: Because of the May Day bank holiday the next meeting will be on **Monday 11 May** at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

Before that there is a Neighbourhood Planning Meeting on **Wednesday 7th May**. On your behalf the group has made outstanding progress and is at the point of appointing consultants to help with the continuing process. They are to be congratulated on their work thus far.

INFORMATION

Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship

4 May	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> (Zephaniah 3:14-end); Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35
11 May	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> (Genesis 7); Acts 2:42-end; 1 Peter 2:19-end;
18 May	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> (Genesis 8:1-19); Acts 7:55-end
25 May	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> (Genesis 8:20-9:17); Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-end; John 14:15-21
1 June	<i>7th Sunday of Easter; Sunday after Ascension Day</i> (Ezekiel 36:24-28); 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11



Sidesmen 8am

4 May	Marion Scarborough	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey
11 May	Kay Craven	Dorothy	Mollie
18 May	Janet Sturgess	Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown
25 May	Colin Chapman	Sarah Curtis	Eileen Holden
1 June	Marion Scarborough	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey

10.30am

	Readings	Offertory procession	
4 May	Ruth Abbott	Judith Douglas	Norma Brothers
11 May	Pauline Barnes		
18 May	Hugh Turner	Eileen Hoskin	Pat Cockshott
25 May	Ruth Abbott		
1 June	Pauline Barnes	Judith Douglas	Norma Brothers

Church cleaning

21 Apr to 2 May	Sylvia and Ron Humphreys	<i>If you are unable to carry out your duties, please arrange a swap.</i>
5 to 16 May	Susan Lupton	Sarah Curtis
19 to 30 May	Alison Ford	Jerry Ford
2 to 13 June	Jean Banks	Carole Ballard

Anxiety is an attempt to carry the burden of the future oneself; prayer is leaving it safely in the hands of God.

Comfortable truth isn't.

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Saturday	0747	0927	1201	1345	1452	1744	1814	2131 ¹
Sunday			1121	1352	1455	1557	1909	2124

Morecambe

Mon – Fri	0547	0901	1105		1406	1730	
Saturday	0643	0905	1105		1439	1730	
Sunday		0931	1140		1541		1807

Carlisle

Mon- Fri	0547 ²	0932	1105 ³	1331	1406 ²	1730 ²	1851
Saturday	0643 ³	0932	1105 ³	1331	1439 ²	1730 ²	1840
Sunday		0953	1140 ²	1438	1541 ²		1807 ³

Notes

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

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Sunday				1205		1505	

Settle

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Saturday		0740 ⁴	0859	then every 2 hours until	1659		
Sunday				1102 ⁶		1542 ⁶	

Malham

Mon- Fri	0725		1000 ⁵		1300 ⁵		1610
Saturday			1017				1617
Sunday				1102	1242		1542

Notes

4. Saturdays during term time only, 5. Mon, Wed & Friday only
6. Change at Malham Buck Inn

There is still some uncertainty about the continuation of the bus services in the shaded boxes after 16th May. You are recommended to check via www.Dalesbus.org!

There are some slight revisions to train times from 18th May which are reflected above. Please check times if you are travelling before then.

There are no planned engineering works affecting rail travel from Gargrave during May.

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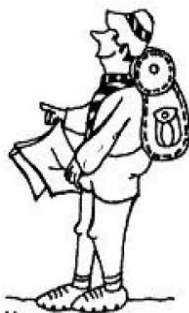
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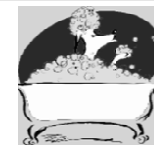


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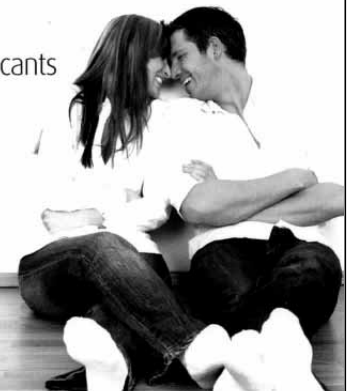
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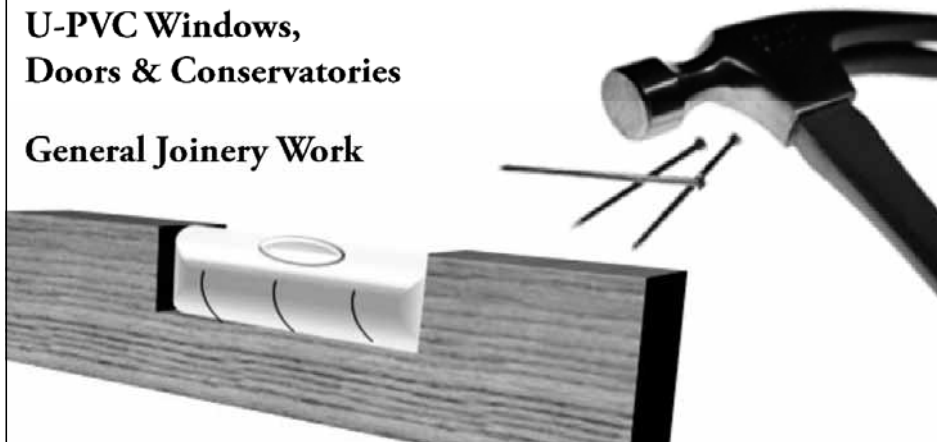
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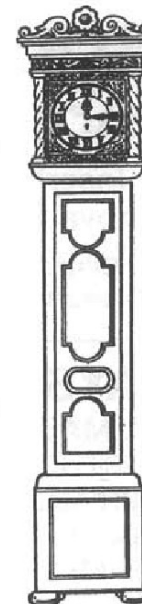
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