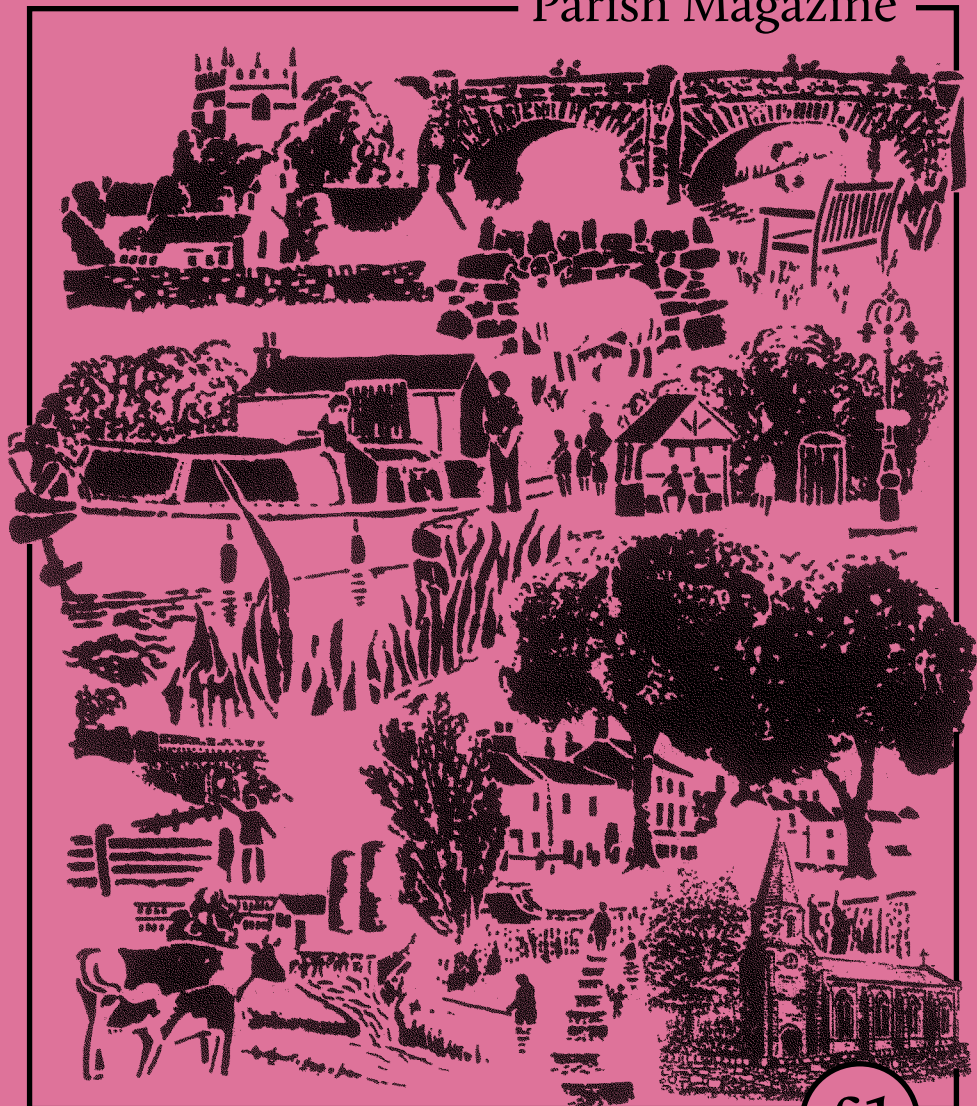


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Croquet – Craven Lawn Tennis Club , Gargrave, Tues 2-6pm, Roy Berry 748065
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DAVID'S DISPATCHES

Rev David Houlton

IT'S NOT EVERYONE'S BIRTH THAT IS USED AS THE STARTING POINT FOR NUMBERING THE YEARS. Yet we tend to take the birth of Jesus Christ for granted nowadays and forget the momentous impact it made on the history of humankind – then and now.

The religion Jesus founded "went viral" – spreading west across the Roman Empire, despite regular persecution and purges, and spreading east across what is now Iraq and Persia - getting as far as parts of south-east Asia and the Indian subcontinent. It spread south into Africa (the Egyptian and Ethiopian Copts are two of the most ancient churches) and it spread north to places like Armenia – the first country to adopt Christianity as its official religion.

In Europe and Britain, the movement Jesus founded survived the dark ages and invasions by pagan hordes – including the pagan Anglo-Saxons. Our forebears in Gargrave were probably converted by Celtic Monks. In fact we still have parts of the crosses that were probably set up in a field (where the churchyard is now) around 800 AD. English law came to be very much founded on the Ten Commandments and other biblical moral codes.

Later, the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer came to define much of modern English. Even today, Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount are still held up as some of the best (but very challenging!) ethical teaching on how to live life well – they still get quoted in Parliament every now and then.

Today there are more Christians in the world than followers of any other religion (or non-religious philosophy). Even in atheistic countries like China, many people are converting and following Jesus - despite the high personal cost. They risk being discriminated against or even persecuted.

The Economist magazine reported in early November that 230 church buildings have been demolished recently – in just one Chinese city*. Yet they also reported that it seems even some of the ruling Communist Party have, quietly, become Christian believers! Similarly, a few years ago, an Arab TV station showed long lines of Africans who had converted to Christianity and were being baptised in the sea.** There are now many Iranian churches, even in Britain, and there is even a Church of England Bishop, Michael Nazir-Ali, who comes from a family that only became followers of Jesus recently!

Jesus' Spirit reaches out in love towards everyone. The spiritual power of Jesus's message and self-sacrifice eventually conquered the Roman Empire - despite discrimination and persecution. And they are still at work in this world.

So, as we gear up for Christmas and think again about God becoming one of us: Living as a human being on planet earth; Teaching us how to live; And even being prepared to sacrifice His life for us - to give everyone a chance to know God's blessing and presence in this life and the next - Be Careful. He turned the world upside down then, and He hasn't give up on us yet!

*<http://www.economist.com/news/briefing/21629218-rapid-spread-christianity-forcing-official-rethink-religion-cracks>

** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity#Demographics>

DIARY FOR DECEMBER

See back inside cover for regular weekly events and meetings

Gargrave

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

Every Tuesday: Communion, 9am, Church

- Mon 1 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Annex
- Wed 3 "Lights of Love" - Manorlands Service, 7pm, Church
- Sat 6 Hobbies & Crafts Weekend, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
- Sun 7 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church**
Hobbies & Crafts Weekend, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
- Wed 10 Wednesday Club Christmas Lunch, Noon, Village Hall Annex.
Gargrave Primary School, Christmas Play, 2pm and 6pm, Village Hall
Women's Institute Meeting, 7.30pm, Annex.
- Fri 12 Dance with Elizabeth Harrison, 8pm, Village Hall
- Sat 13 Pantomime Section Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall
- Sun 14 Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.45am, Nativity Service 4pm**
Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall; Christmas Fair, 10-12, School
- Wed 17 Primary School Carol Service, 6pm, Church
Christmas Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
- Fri 19 Carol singing with Playground Group. Meet at Summer Seat, 6pm
Library film night: White Christmas, 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 20 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall
Modern Sequence Dance, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 21 Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church**
- Wed 24 Christingle service 4pm; Midnight Mass 11.30pm, Church
- Thu 25 Christmas Day communion 10.45, Church**
- Fri 26 Boxing Day Hunt meet, Village green
- Sun 28 Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.45am**
- 4 Jan Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church**

Coniston Cold

- Sun 14 Holy Communion, 9.30am
- Sun 21 Carol Service with the Giggleswick & Settle Brass Band, 7pm - followed by Mulled Wine & Mince pies at the Village Hall
- Thu 25 Christmas Day Communion, 9.30am
- Sun 28 Holy Communion, 9.30am

Winterburn

- Mon 22 Carol Service, 7.45pm, Winterburn poly-tunnel

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Hobbies and Crafts Weekend

Sally Thomas

This will take place on **Saturday and Sunday 6 and 7 December**. The Hall will be full of stalls selling a variety of crafts including rag rugs, textiles, jewellery and cards. Many of the stallholders will be demonstrating how their finished products are made. The event is an ideal opportunity to purchase some very exclusive Christmas presents. Entry is free, and refreshments will be available during the entire weekend. Please contact Caroline for any further details on 749235.

Nativity Service: 14 December, 4pm

Ruth Abbott

Thank you to all who have come along to join Stan Drew's Choir; and to all who have offered to help, particularly the actors. We hope to make this service memorable.

The rehearsals in December will be on **Sun 7th for everyone at 12 noon** (to put the music and actors and readers together) and the Dress Rehearsal will be at a time that suits most people during the next week. As you will see time is short so please do your best to attend at the required times.

Sing carols with the Playground Association

Gemma Tetley

The Playground Association will be Christmas carolling on **Friday 19 December** around the village for anyone who wishes to join us. There will be mulled wine and mince pies half way round. Meet at the Summer Seat at 6pm.

Please to remind everyone to dig deep to help us get this playground in for the families of the village, young and old!

Carol Service with Settle & Giggleswick Brass Band

David Houlton

This annual event is on **Sunday 21 December** at 7pm, St Peter's, Coniston Cold. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in Coniston Cold Village Hall afterwards.

Winterburn Carol Service

Duncan Faulkner

This memorable community event will take place on **Monday 22 December** at 7.45pm in the Winterburn poly-tunnel. All welcome.

Christingle

Sylvia Humphreys

Our popular Christingle service will take place in church on Christmas Eve, **Wednesday 24 December**, at 4pm. As usual the money collected will aid the work of the Children's Society so please give generously.

Help is needed to prepare the Christingles so please join me in church at 10am. on **Monday, 22nd December**. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Concert proceeds

The concert with Limited Edition on 9 November raised just over £750 for Church funds. Thank you to all who helped to make it such a success.

Ruth Abbott

News update from your library

As mentioned in the October issue of the magazine, one of our greatest successes has been the Summer Reading Challenge 'Mythical Maze', which is targeted at primary school children. Numbers joining the scheme were well up on last year and NYCC have informed us that, in percentage terms, we were the best performing library within North Yorkshire. Our thanks and congratulations go to the local schools, parents and the Library Volunteers for their efforts in promoting the scheme.

Dave Smith

For pre-school children the Library runs the 'Book Start Bear Club' reading scheme for 0-5 year olds. If you've got a toddler in tow please bring them down to the Library and ask one of the Library Volunteers to enrol them onto the scheme.

Those of you who attended the showing in October of the film Educating Rita will know that the change in format from theatre seating to café style seating proved very popular. Using the same format, we will be showing the classic film "White Christmas" on Friday 19th December. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments and glasses and help turn the evening into bit of a Christmas party. The doors open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. £5 Admission on the door.

Over the Christmas break the Library will close at 1pm on Saturday 20th December and reopen at 2pm on Friday 2nd January.

Finally Seasons Greetings to all our Volunteers, Borrowers and Supporters and special thanks to the Parish Council for their financial support.

St Stephen's pizzas

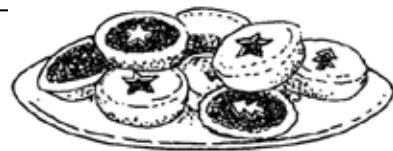
Deep pan, crisp and even.

What would you like for Christmas?

A little girl went to visit Father Christmas in the local garden centre grotto. He welcomed her with a smile and the question of what she would like for Christmas. The little girl gasped, and stared up at him in horror. "Didn't you get my email?!"

What do you get Dad?

December is the month when the family begins to discuss what to get Dad for Christmas. Some argue for a shirt; others hold out for a pair of socks. But the argument usually ends in a tie.



As usual in October we held our Annual Meeting. This year we had to appoint a new Chairman because Jean Maxwell has stood down after serving for four years. We now have two members who agreed to act jointly as Chairmen, Margaret Hammond and Anne White, and wish them well in the position. Reports given by our Secretary Moyra Sonley and our Treasurer Val Davies were reassuring. We have had a very busy and productive year and we are left in a comfortable financial situation for the future. In her own report Jean thanked these ladies and everyone else who had given their services throughout her term of office, especially mentioning Joan Lawrence who has arranged the programmes and Kate Darley; both have now left the Committee. Members gave Jean a gift token and some flowers to mark their appreciation of all her hard work for the Institute. After all the current business was finished members enjoyed refreshments and the chance to socialise.

At our November meeting we had a chance to learn something about North American Beadwork from Alison Brain and to try out a craft which was new to most of us. Although simple in principle we found it was harder than we expected. We each had a supply of coloured glass beads, some smaller silver beads and some very small gold ones, together with a piece of fine wire and eventually managed to make a Christmas decoration in the form of a five-pointed star. Even with step by step instruction many of us found it difficult to thread the beads and to keep count. Counting was important because, if wrong, the star would be lopsided. Having learnt from experience we were better able to appreciate the skill by which the more complicated items on display had been made. After all our efforts we were glad to have a relatively short business meeting when arrangements for our Christmas meeting and the customary dinner in January were made.

With seasonal greetings to all the readers of Gargrave magazine.

The Children's Society Collection Boxes

Sylvia Humphreys

The recent opening of the Children's Society collection boxes raised the impressive sum of £484. For two consecutive years, the amount collected has increased significantly and I very grateful for this extra generosity. Several people have signed up as new box holders and their offer to help is greatly appreciated. Besides thanking the old and new box holders I thank Michael Bland for his excellent talk on the work of the Children's Society during the 10:45 am service on Sunday, 5th October.

Father Christmas

Of course, I had expected that by the age of seven it was inevitable that my son would begin to have serious thoughts about Father Christmas. Sure enough, one day near Christmas he suddenly said: "Mum, I know something about Father Christmas, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy." Taking a deep breath, I asked him what that might be. "Easy," he said, "They are all nocturnal."

Woodland Walk

Gemma Tetley

On Saturday 14 November we got up to a cold grey miserable day, with hope that our call had been heard on Facebook and around the Village. Today was tree planting day! 100 trees: oak, hazel, silver birch, hawthorn, blackthorn and rowan to help the Woodland Walk prosper but also to commemorate WW1!

We packed our flasks and carrying our tools headed to the Middle Green. Vincent and Poppy were bouncing all over the place, excited to be taking part in the planting of native trees in our lovely village.



We arrived to find that Martin Harrison and his team of gardening enthusiasts were there and of course Emma Davies and her family. Emma had sent for the trees from the Woodland Trust many months back and they were there all lined up, tiny on the bench along with plastic covers and gardening canes. We got straight to it with a team starting to clear and dig a trench to put the Hawthorn, Rowan, Hazel and Blackthorn in to create a new hedge running down the fence line. Mick and I started planting in the silver birch (being my favourite tree) and a few others got planting in the Oak trees. The children ran up and down tirelessly collecting for people and handing out canes, I was so proud of them, they truly loved it!

After a few cold hours we stood back and looked at the 100 trees we had planted in.

It was time to warm up with a hot drink, then we held hands in a circle and wished the trees well. It sounds silly but it was the perfect end to a perfect morning. Nature is a wonderful thing and to do something to help it always grounds us and makes us happy to be alive!

Thankyou, Emma, for your hard work to help the village become a more natural space and we look forward to watching our little sticks grow!

PS. On Facebook I created a page at the beginning of this year for anyone to join, it's called Gargrave's Wildlife and Nature club for the public to post pictures etc of things found in their gardens or on walks.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/613440305398732>

Christmas shopping

It was Christmas and the judge was in a benign mood as he asked the prisoner what he was charged with. "Doing my Christmas shopping early," replied the man.

"Why, that's no offence," said the judge. "How early were you doing it?"

"Before the shop opened," replied the defendant.

Gargrave Playground Association

Sarah Pawson

The Gargrave Playground Association has had an extremely successful and exciting past few weeks and we are pleased to share news on a recent competition we entered with the Skipton Building Society. It was called Grassroots, and any voluntary non registered charity group could enter, giving a profile of their project. There were over 27,000 entries and we are one of the 161 finalists to win £500! We want to thank everyone who went onto the website and voted for us.

We also want to express our thanks and gratitude to the Gargrave Arts Committee who donated £450 towards the playground project, which they raised from their recent Arts & Crafts event. We hope many of you came along and saw our display of the proposed plans, and all our files to date. During this time, we held a cake stall and raised another £201. This has given us such a boost and encouragement with this very important project.

A few weeks back, the Playground group met with the Parish Council and the Proludic rep, who has designed the final proposed plans. We now have to wait for the final decision from the council as ultimately the playground will be their responsibility and we have to respect any decisions or areas they need to check before allowing the project to continue. In the meantime, as a group we are planning our next meeting, and we are completing two of the big application forms for the larger funding from Yorventure and Lottery Reaching Communities. We have started receiving letters of support too, which are essential when applying for funding. So a big thank you to David Houlton, Simon Myers, Sarah Peel and Alan Poxon.

Our next fund raiser is at the craft weekend, Gargrave Village Hall, December 7th-8th, where we have a stall selling all sorts of pretty things made by and donated by lots of lovely people we know.

Our working group has now grown to 15 members and it's definitely a team effort. We want to say thank you to everyone who has given their time to come and supported us. We appreciate all the help we have received, and we will share more good news in the New Year!



"Sometimes I wonder about the Jones's attitude to Christmas."

Christmas gifts

Grandfather was talking to his grand-daughter, "When I was a child all we got for Christmas was an apple and an orange." The little girl clapped her hands in joy. "Brilliant! I'd love a new computer and a mobile!"



Making Space – Dementia Support Service in the Craven Area

Lesley Reznicek

Over 25 years ago, the Making Space Charity was born and served a much needed role in the North West providing care and housing for those people with mental health problems and support to their carers.

I should know, as it changed the life of my sister who, 25 years on, remains in residential care with the charity. I know firsthand how helpful and caring the team who work for this charity can be. It is because I wanted to give something back that I applied for a position as a trustee. Making Space was looking for someone with human resource management skills and, following an in depth interview, I was offered the position. It is not a paid role: the reward is making a difference to the lives of people who really need our help.

Today, Making Space has developed its mission to support a wide variety of needs including those with physical and/or mental health conditions, learning disabilities and dementia. I am therefore delighted to share with fellow residents in Gargrave that Making Space has come to Craven to set up a Dementia Support Service.

What can Making Space offer you

You can tell us you need help but we can also hear it from a family member, a friend, neighbour or a health professional. Sara Robinson, our support worker will then contact you, as soon as she can, to find out what your needs are. She understands how anxious you may feel and her key aim is to understand and offer practical support.

She will get to know you and recommend what support can be offered to enable you or your loved one to continue to live a full life. She can also put you in touch with other services that may help.

What can Making Space offer the carers

Carers make a massive contribution to society and they are entitled to have support in understanding more about dementia and the skills they may need both now and in the future to manage more effectively. Sara will want to help you develop ways to ensure you keep your loved one at home for longer. You often feel so tired supporting your loved one on your own and she can help you work through what is available and what is right for you.

You will find it is such a relief to talk with someone who really understands the illness. She can also put you in touch with others dealing with the same issues and ensure you are up to date on the latest thinking.

Sara will work out what works best for you.

Sara Robinson is looking forward to your call. Her telephone number is 01535 609192, address is 147 Skipton Road, Keighley, Yorkshire BD21 3B and her email address is NorthYorkshire.DementiaSupport@makingspace.co.uk

Please make that call, Sara wants to hear from you.

My parents made a similar call 25 years ago and they have never regretted it.

Letter

I wonder if your readers could shed any light on a lost friend of my elder sister. Edna Tyrrell lived in Gargrave and met my sister Winnie Robinson from Canada when she was in the UK. She and Edna did a number of coach walking holidays together across the years. She believes Edna may have moved but is not sure. They corresponded regularly until last summer but recently the letters have stopped. Does anyone know what has happened to her?

Many thanks

Dr Rosemarie Chaffers-Jones



Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt

Elizabeth Adams

The Hunting season is now in full swing with hounds meeting every Saturday and Tuesday at 11 a.m If you would like to come along to any of the meets to follow the hounds please contact the Hunt Secretary Tony Holmes on 01756 748200 .

We hope that you will come along to the Boxing Day meet on the Village green to see the Hunt . The hounds are good with children and enjoy the fuss and pats from everyone on this occasion . Come and follow as we set off up the fields for a good walk after the excesses of Christmas Day !

Gargrave Heritage Group

Norma Brothers

Gargrave Heritage Group wants to say thank you. Over 1000 people joined us in Church for our Exhibition "World War 1 – Old Gargrave" and food.

Thank you to all those who lent us their treasured memorabilia, photos etc, all those who baked and helped with the food, and to the Knit and Natter ladies for their stewarding. We made £1750. We hope to put on a "Night to Remember" showing "The French Collection" of Dennis French's slides. We hope you will join us.

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FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

I WRITE THESE NOTES for the magazine on October 8th which is the traditional day for cattle coming down from the hills to prepare for winter. Let me explain: it has been a tradition in this area to send the young cattle on to high farms for summer, to allow more grass to feed the milk cows, and make hay or silage for winter.

My first recollections of this practice was in the 1940s, when ours went to a farm in Malham. It was, of course, all walking, usually on a Saturday, when John was off school!!! It was always a relief for cattle and man - after being tied by the neck in barns all winter - when spring arrived with new grass and some sun. The chosen morning, it was up and off through the village, and up Coulthurst Lane, to Bell Busk and onto Airton. There was a watering trough in a yard in the centre of Airton where stock could rest and drink. The drovers could have a sandwich!

It was rather strange how my grandfather used to arrive and commandeer the horse and float, to accompany us on these trips. His instructions or "advice" were not always welcome or popular. Not a man to argue with.

From Airton to Malham was always easier as the cattle began to tire and were much easier to control.

Droving was part of my life during school days. Most farm animals: cows, sheep, horses, even geese, would be walked to market.

Many times have I walked to Skipton auction before school, walked them to Skipton, and caught the bus back to Gargrave in time for school - not always fun on a wet morning.

As you can imagine it was essential to have a good dog to assist on the roads. I started training sheepdogs whilst at school. It is still one of my hobbies as I have always had good dogs. They are so loyal, and great companions.

Things have changed dramatically: as road transport increased it would be impossible to walk animals on the road. We still send stock to away land, but they are not all moved in trailers.

The British weather has often been a topic of conversation, with droughts, floods, or storms. 2014 must go down as the best year of my life as farming or gardening is concerned: an abundance of growth, sun showers and warmth.

The cattle have returned looking well and content. The sheep and lambs have never been better, with a good supply of silage. In November the cattle are moved inside for winter. On the farm every season changes, there's no time to be bored. The days lengthen in a few weeks!



MOYRA'S MIGRATIONS

Moyra Sonley

I thought I would have a change this month and have a different type of story. This is an indirect result of various journeys I have made over many years, mainly cycling trips. I have noticed some rather strange and amusing street names on my travels, so I started to write them down and gradually collected a long list. I only 'collect' names I actually see, I don't go through A to Z lists. I have printed these names out, and put them into different categories which makes it more interesting. Amongst these are food and drink, money, people, clothing, parts of the body, and various other categories. To start with, I'll mention some of the animal street names I have seen.

I found a Green Dragon Lane in Bridlington, which I imagine was probably called after a pub, unless of course there really was a green dragon living in the vicinity. One of the first names to catch my eye many years ago was Tom Cat Lane near Wetherby. I think that was probably one of the names which started me off with my collection.

Then, beginning with the smallest creatures, I saw a Snail Lane in Hampshire, Wasp Nest Road in Huddersfield and a Beehive Lane in Warwickshire. Moving up in size, we have Crab Lane in Seamer and Frog Lane is in Wiltshire. There are plenty of birds remembered in street names. I used to pass Cuckoo Nest every day on my way to work in Bradford. It was just a small back street in an industrial area of the city. It was a long time before I realised that cuckoos don't have nests of their own, since they lay their eggs in other birds' nests. I've seen Swallow Lane, Magpie Lane, Owls End, Chicken Lane and Duck Hill which is in Ripon. Lots of other birds are remembered in street names too, such as Swan Lane at Ashton Keynes and Goosebutts Lane in Shropshire.

Domesticated animals are not forgotten. What about Piggy Lane in Withernsea or Nanny Goat Lane at Stone in Staffordshire! There is a Shaggy Calf Lane at Slough, and Cowpath Lane is in Somerset. I spotted Donkey Lane at Cheadle and Horse Race Lane was seen in Avon. Finally, just to keep all these animals in order, I was delighted to find Noah's Ark Lane at Uckfield in Sussex.

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Jay Butcher, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity



Those Christmas Ads

You know Christmas is on the way when the adverts start to appear on TV. For me it always used to be the jovial Father Christmas on Coca-Cola's big red lorry, or the buoyant Toys R Us commercials. Nowadays you can't get through most of them without welling up.

The big name brands have already totalled over 30 million views on YouTube alone, with John Lewis, Boots and Sainsbury's creating the biggest stir.

John Lewis have, through Monty the Penguin, touched upon the significance of relationship for each of us. The focus here on romantic relationship is perhaps not the most helpful – but Monty's story is one many of us will relate to. Recognising that it's not good 'to be alone' (Genesis 2:18), we long for authentic relationship, whatever form that takes. Ultimately Monty finds his needs met, in a gift given on Christmas by one who knows and loves him deeply.

The desire for relationship and community is also touched on through Boots' NHS shift-worker. The TUC noted that there were 172,000 workers on duty on Christmas Day 2010, mostly in service-orientated industries, and that number can only have increased. Boots have championed those who serve others, sometimes to the detriment of themselves and their families. As one midwife described her own experience, 'working over Christmas can be lonely. All you really want is to be with your family. So to see them get up early – just to cherish you – that's amazing.'

And so to Sainsbury's cinematic recreation of the Christmas truce, which has, in this centenary year, drawn both critique and acclaim. Whilst the advert clearly doesn't even attempt to capture the true horror of trench warfare – at this point in 1914, one million lives had already been claimed – it does remind us of those extraordinary moments when, even at the darkest and toughest of times, a light might shine in the darkness, and that darkness will not overcome it.

Whatever we make of the adverts, the gestures they embody towards relationship, community and peace come together in the one who is truly able to offer them. Indeed, what a time for Christians and churches to call out that which is good, as we are reminded again of the amazing love of God towards us – reminded that the Father sent his one and only Son into the world. Immanuel. God with us.

MORE THOUGHTS OF CHILDHOOD

Enid French

Last month I missed out at least three shops present in Gargrave when I was young. Memorably one of them was a Saddler, Harry Howard, who, apart from making saddles and other leather equipment for horses, also mended shoes and did other leather work. Occasionally we, as children, would call in his shop, the smell was lovely! However, he once let the cat out of the bag, by telling me that he had finished a music case for my Mother. It had been going to be a secret present for Christmas!

On Saturday nights, in the summer, he would nip into our garden and select the best bloom as a buttonhole and then, with a cheeky grin, wave to Mum, sitting in the window watching the world go by and usually doing some crochet work.

One other worker in leather in the Village was Wilf Inman. In his upstairs workroom at the back of his shop in the High Street, he not only mended but made shoes for people.

Opposite him was the Forge - run by the Sibcy family, father and son. Here, yes, on the High Street, he shoed horses and hammered metal. The son, Arnold, enjoyed the dances held in the then Village Hall and to dance with him was to be virtually carried round the floor!

Not only were there dances in the Hall but also occasional film shows when you queued up on the outside stairs to gain entry. Happy days! even in the rain!

To go back to schooldays - I have to confess to once, and only once, faking illness to avoid going to school in the afternoon. This was during the war and coming home for dinner I knew that in the afternoon we were to have a Ministry of Information film. I hated them. They scared me and, looking back some parts were really quite graphic for nine or ten year olds.

The only other time I managed to miss school, apart from childhood illnesses, was when in, I think, 1946, the Pennine bus company decided the weather (snow etc.) was too bad for them to run for a whole week. Hurrah! I was disgusted when someone suggested that I could always go on the train! We always made the most of snow by sledging, quite tamely, down the Crofts, or more adventurously down the hill adjoining Eshton Road and Raybridge.

Thinking of fun and playing out, do children still play "hide and seek" and the version we used, in which you could move from hide-away to hide-away when you thought the catcher wasn't looking! Great fun!



GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

"Every child counts, every child contributes"

Lifestyle Challenge award

PSCO Nicola Smith told us all about the lifestyle award when she came into school in the Spring. She has influenced us to think about the local community, to help it. So, five of us Y5/Y6 pupils last year raised money for the playground selling jewellery and other items at the Duck fair. We held a bake sale at the Co-op. We raised a few hundred pounds and this has been given to the playground scheme. This month we found out that as a result of our efforts we won an award, and this was an individual kindle fire HD, for our efforts.

By Emma Cadman-Bond



Running achievements

William Atkinson, Beth Roberts, Annie Faulkner and Jessie Allen have all progressed to the North Yorkshire cross country finals to be held in the spring at Catterick. To do this they have qualified from two previous rounds at Skipton and Giggleswick. Will and Beth winning these first two races. Well done to them and to everyone else for competing.

Artsmark award

I am delighted to inform you that Gargrave CE(VC) Primary School has recently been awarded Artsmark status for the first time. Artsmark is Arts Council England's flagship programme which enables schools and other organisations to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision. Achieving Artsmark status demonstrates that Gargrave CE (VC) Primary School has a number of very special qualities. It demonstrates that we:

- have an excellent arts and cultural offer
- are forward thinking and open to development
- are committed to investing in our staff and young people
- are committed to listening to our students and providing opportunities for our community
- have an effective approach to building sustainable relationships with arts and cultural organisations
- value the arts and culture through a broad and balanced curriculum



GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Janet Turner

Monthly meeting, 3 November

The Parish Council welcomed a representative from Craven District Council's Finance Department. She spoke about the 2014/15 Budget Survey and asked residents to comment on the Balancing The Budget Survey which can be found at www.cravendc.gov.uk. Responses should be sent before 5 December by e-mail to budget@cravendc.gov.uk. She agreed to find out more detail about the amount of precept which would be passed on to Parish Councils and about the prospect of charges for the use of North Street and West Street car parks.

Correspondence: North Yorkshire County Council have sent the parish Council a map showing the only areas in which they will cut grass in future. These are road junctions where cutting will be sufficient to maintain visibility for road users. No other areas will be mown. The junctions where mowing will take place are:

1. Eshton Road/Swire Croft Road;
2. Swire Croft Road/Smithy Croft;
3. Marton Road/Walton Avenue;
4. Marton Road/Walton Close;
5. A65/Raybridge Lane;
6. A65/Eshton Road;

7. A65/East Street;
8. A65/Chapel Court.

Remember, from October's meeting, that there is a small group seeking volunteers to help maintain the green spaces in the village? Please contact our Clerk for more details.

Finance: The external audit has been completed and our documentation accepted. Villagers have the right to inspect the Annual Return. Please contact our Clerk for more details.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be at 7.15pm on 1 December at the Village Hall.

NB Please also read our response, below, to Craven District Council regarding their Draft Local Plan. By the time you read this we should have held several more meetings with Craven District Council and our consultants, Kirkwells, regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

30th October 2014

Gargrave Parish Council Representation to Draft Craven District Council Local Plan (September 2014)

As you are aware, Gargrave Parish is in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council and the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan Working Group have recently appointed consultants to assist us in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. As part of the Neighbourhood Plan, in general terms, we are looking to allocate land in the village for housing and commercial uses (as deemed necessary by strategic Local Plan policy) and to put in place policies that protect our green spaces and improve our transport infrastructure. As part of this process we are currently working on a number of things:

1. As you are aware, we have commenced engagement with the village on both the Neighbourhood Plan and the Craven Local Plan. We have already undertaken a round of consultation in relation to the sites that have been included within the Local Plan to ascertain village views on the development of that land for the proposed uses. At the same time we asked the village which sites they may alternatively consider to be suitable for development. The results of this work have been written up in detail and have already been informally shared with you. We also include a copy of our report with this letter as a formal submission for your consideration.

2. With the assistance of our appointed consultants, we are preparing a 'narrative' to explain the proposed scope and extent of the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan in terms of draft vision, objectives and key emerging themes and to set out what the Parish would like to see achieved through the proposed Neighbourhood Plan once Made by Craven District Council. This was also discussed as a necessary step to inform the next steps in preparing the Draft Neighbourhood Plan at our recent meeting. We are aiming to have something finalised by the end of November 2014.

3. Again, with the assistance of our consultants, we are reviewing the available evidence base to understand the information available and identify any gaps. In particular we have already identified that there is a distinct lack of evidence in relation to the employment land need and associated draft employment / mixed use allocations for development in Gargrave. We also have some concerns relating

to the site assessment process, in particular in relation to the application of criteria relating to flood risk / the lack of reference to the latest Environment Agency Surface Water mapping. We suggest that these gaps / issues are considered by the Council as the Local Plan progresses, and would request that Craven District Council support the Parish Council in ensuring that Neighbourhood Plan policies, as well as strategic Local Plan policies are underpinned by a robust evidence base.

4. We are currently preparing to undertake our own site assessment process to ensure that any proposals that the Parish Council / Neighbourhood Plan Working Group put forward as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process are grounded in our own localised and robust evidence base. As part of this process we are intending to undertake a short Call for Sites in November. We will be assessing the existing SHLAA sites, and any other sites submitted as part of the Call for Sites process according to the SHLAA site assessment criteria and any agreed local criteria prior to Christmas. The results of this process will feed into an emerging preferred option draft plan.

5. We propose to consult with the community early in 2015 in relation to a proposed alternative approach to the Draft Local Plan allocations, alongside other Neighbourhood Plan proposals in line with our narrative.

In order to progress with our approach in a manner that allows Gargrave the autonomy to formulate our own plan for the village, as intended by the NPPF and the Localism Act 2011, and as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, and to ensure the village community understands and contributes fully to the evolving process, we suggest that it is necessary for Craven District Council to review their approach in the next version of the emerging Local Plan.

The Parish Council therefore formally requests that the site allocations process is undertaken as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process for Gargrave, rather than through the Local Plan. It would be far from ideal for the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan to be progressing with different allocations - this would cause confusion and duplication and stand to undermine both processes. Our consultants, Kirkwells, have experience of this approach in other Local Authority areas and will continue to provide professional planning policy advice and support throughout the process.

We propose that a meeting is convened in mid-November between the Council, the Parish Council and the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and our consultants. At this meeting we will be able to present you with our emerging narrative, our proposed site assessment criteria, and most importantly discuss and agree a way forward for the progression of the two plans. Neither the Council nor the Parish Council want to see a void or unnecessary delay in local planning policy at the Gargrave level, but it is important that the Parish is given the ability to plan for its own future via the Neighbourhood Plan. The Council has a duty to support the Parish in its efforts, and we believe that working together, through setting suitably evidenced policy at the strategic Local Plan level, and setting local policy and allocations via the Neighbourhood Plan would achieve the best outcome for the village.

We will be in touch in due course.



INFORMATION

Rotas for St Andrew's Church *We need more volunteers for 8am Sidesmen and pairs of volunteers for cleaning. Please contact Janie Kennerdale.*

Readings for worship

7 Dec	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
14 Dec	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Isaiah 61:1-4,8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28
21 Dec	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Romans 16:25-end; Luke 1:26-38
24 Dec	Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14(15-20)
25 Dec	Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-4(5-12); John 1:1-14
28 Dec	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> Jeremiah 31:15-17; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 2:13-18
5 Jan	<i>Epiphany</i> Genesis 2:4-7, 15-25; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12



Sidesmen 8am

Sidesmen 10.45 am

7 Dec	-	Sarah Curtis	Eileen Holden
14 Dec	Kay Craven	Dorothy Rishworth	Mollie Blackburn
21 Dec	Janet Sturgess	Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown
24 Dec			

4 pm Christingle Service

Ruth Abbott, Sylvia Humphreys, Eileen Holden

11.30 pm Christmas Eucharist: Janet Sturgess, Eileen Holden

10.30 am Christmas Communion: TBA

25 Dec			
28 Dec	Colin Chapman	Joyce Brotherton	Isabel Lacey
5 Jan	-	Sarah Curtis	Eileen Holden

10.45 am:	Readings	Offertory procession		Intercessions
7 Dec	Pauline Barnes	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey	Pat Cockshott
14 Dec	Hugh Turner			Jean Coldwell
21 Dec	Jerry Ford	Norma Brothers	Judith Douglas	Sarah Curtis
24 Dec	Hugh Turner			
28 Dec	Ruth Abbott			Alison Ford
5 Jan	John Bailey	Eileen Holden	Pat Cockshot	Duncan Faulkner

Church cleaning

1-12 Dec	Beatrice Faulkner	Annie Faulkner
15-26 Dec	Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown
29 Dec to 9 Jan	Ron Humphreys	Sylvia Humphreys

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

Public Transport leaving Gargrave

Information compiled by Jerry Ford, Peter Hardyman and Beatrice Faulkner

Services may be reduced at Christmas/New Year – check with operators

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

TRAINS, from Sunday 14 December, from Gargrave to:

Skipton (arrives approx. 5 mins later) & **Leeds** (arrives approx 50 mins later)

Mon-Fri	0747	0811	1201	1349	1453	1728	1814	2028	2131
Saturday	0747	0927	1201	1345	1452	1744	1814	2028	2131 ¹
Sunday			1121	1352	1455	1557	1907		2106

Giggleswick (arrives ~ 20 mins later) & **Morecambe** (arrives ~ 95 mins later)

Mon-Fri	0547 ¹²	0901	1105		1406	1730			
Saturday	0643 ¹²	0905	1105		1439	1730			
Sunday		0931	1140		1541		1808		

Settle (arrives ~ 18 mins later) & **Carlisle** (arrives ~ 2hrs later)

Mon-Fri	0547 ³	0932	1105 ³	1331	1406 ³	1730 ²	1851	2006 ⁴	
Saturday	0643 ³	0932	1105 ³	1331	1439 ³	1730 ²	1840	2006 ⁴	
Sunday		0953	1140 ²		1438	1541 ²	1808 ³		

Notes 1. Change at Skipton 2. Not Settle; change at Lancaster

3. Change at Hellifield 4. Terminates at Ribbleshead 12. Change at Lancaster

No engineering works are planned to affect trains from Gargrave during December.

NB See November magazine for train times to 13 December.

BUSES from Gargrave to:

Skipton (arrives ~ 15 mins later) (Services 580, 210,211, 884)

Mon-Fri	0821	0956	1057 ⁷	1156	1356	1357 ⁷	1506 ¹⁵ /1556 ¹⁶	1656 ¹⁵ /1806 ¹⁶	
Saturday	0821	0956	1105 ⁵	1156	1356		1556	1705 ⁵	1806
Sunday 21 Dec only ¹⁴			1200 ⁹			1500 ⁹		1655 ¹⁰	

Settle (arrives ~ 25 mins later) and onward to **Kirkby Lonsdale** (Service 580/581)

Mon-Fri	0904	1059	1259	1459 ¹⁶	1559 ¹⁵	1659 ¹⁶	1759 ¹⁵	1839 ¹⁶	
Saturday	0904	1059	1259	1459	1659	1839			No winter Sunday service

Malham (arrives ~ 25mins later) (Services 210/211, 75, 884)

Mon-Fri		1000 ⁸			1310 ⁸				
Saturday			1006 ⁶			1606 ⁶			
Sunday 21 Dec only ¹⁴			1056 ¹¹	1251 ⁹		1551 ⁹			

Notes 5. Service 75 connects at Skipton with X75, arr Harrogate ~75 mins later, Sat only

6. Service 75 connected at Skipton with X75 from Harrogate, Saturdays only

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Public Transport back to Gargrave

TRAINS, from 14 December, to Gargrave from:

Leeds (arriving Gargrave 45 mins later)

Mon-Fri		0817	0849	1019	1249	1314	1639	1806	1919
Saturday	0544	0819	0849	1019	1249	1353	1639	1750	1919
Sunday		0840	0901	1057		1355	1457	1725	

Morecambe (arriving Gargrave ~ 95 mins later)

Mon-Fri	0610 ¹²	1034	1333	1619	1908				
Saturday	0736 ¹²	1034	1331	1616	1909				
Sunday		1222	1446	1741	1946				

Carlisle (journey time is dependent on route - check timetables)

Mon-Fri	0550	1155		1505 ¹	1618	1814 ³			
Saturday		0926 ³	1151	1426 ¹	1618	1807 ³			
Sunday		0925	1133 ¹²	1259	1520 ¹	1852 ¹²			

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Mon-Fri	0850	0950 ⁸	1045	1245	1300 ⁸	1445	1545 ¹⁵ /1645 ¹⁶	1745 ¹⁵ /1825 ¹⁶	
Saturday	0850	0950 ⁶	1045	1245	1445	1550 ⁶	1645	1825	
Sunday 21 Dec only ¹⁴			1040 ¹¹		1235 ⁹	1535 ⁹			

Settle (arrives Gargrave ~ 25 mins later) (Service 580)

Mon-Fri	0755	0930	1130	1330	1530 ¹⁶	1630			
Saturday	0755	0930	1130	1330	1530	1740			No winter Sunday service

Malham (arrives ~ 25mins later) (Services 884, 210, 211, 75)

Mon-Fri		1035 ⁷		1335 ⁷					
Saturday			1040 ⁵			1640 ⁵			
Sunday 21 Dec only ¹⁴			1135 ⁹		1435 ⁹	1630 ¹⁰			

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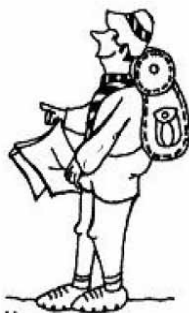
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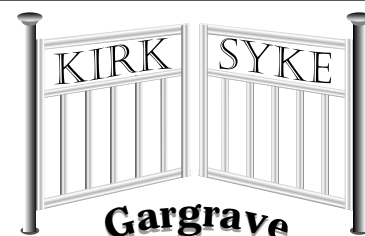
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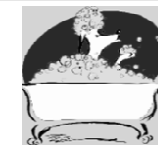


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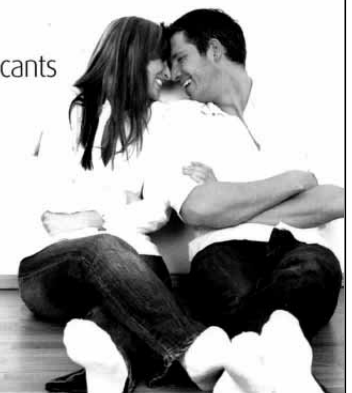
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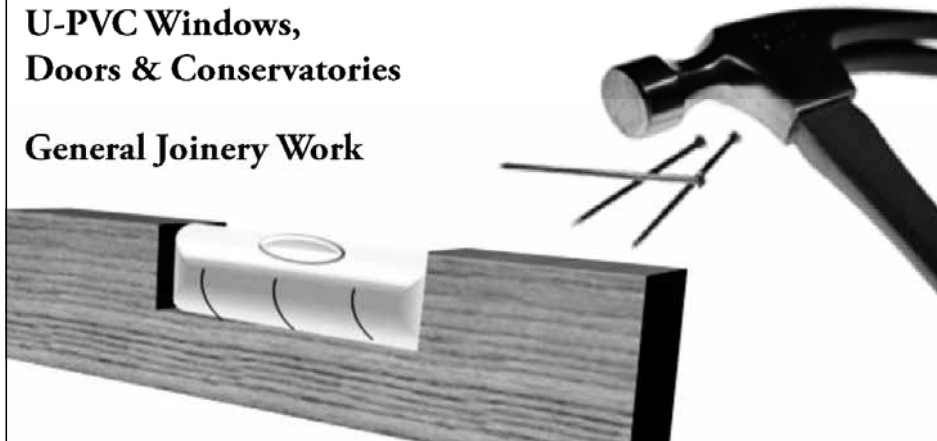
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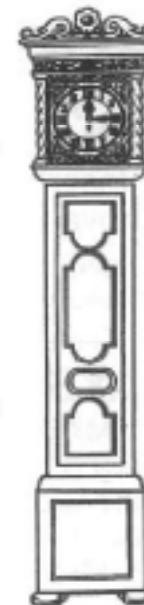
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