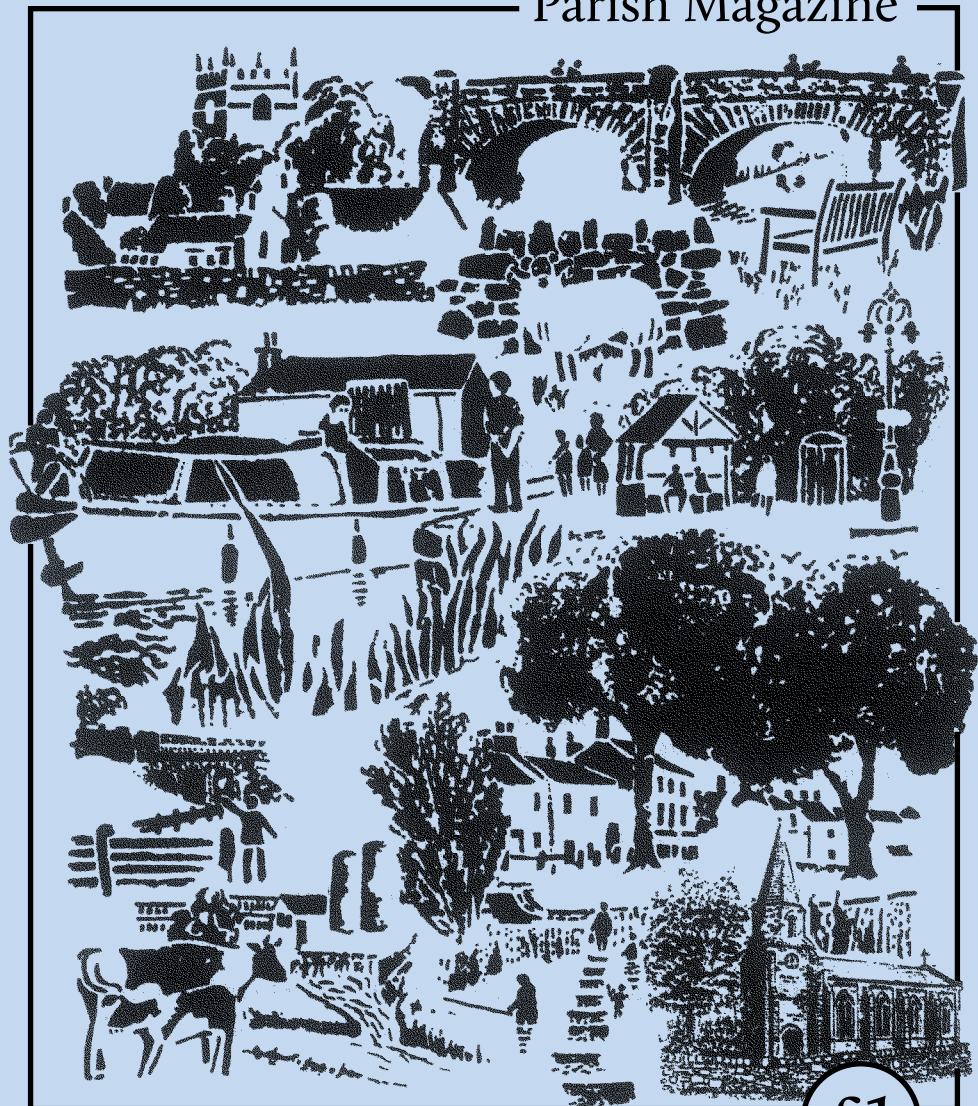


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A smile is a curve which helps to put things straight.

DAVID'S DISPATCHES

Rev David Houlton

WINTER IS HERE and Christmas is behind us. It started with the switch on of the village lights at the Summerseat. After that was the annual Gargrave Nativity Service, and the School Nativity, in church. Then carol singing round the village by the Playground Association, and carol singing in the nursing homes, pubs and Co-op(!) by some of Stan Drew's choir.

Just before Christmas there was the Carol Service with the Giggleswick Brass Band at Coniston Cold, and with the Embsay Band at Winterburn (in a polytunnel - Brr!). On Christmas Eve there was the family Christingle Service at 4pm and Midnight Mass (at 11.30pm) in Gargrave, and then finally on the 25th the traditional Christmas Day Communion Services in church at Coniston Cold and at Gargrave.

As Christmas approached, we all prepared ourselves for it, and we got involved. And we did that as a community, and as families, not just as individuals.

And that's a bit of an allegory for the whole of life, isn't it? We all affect each other and need each other, so we should always be getting ready... We should be getting ready, but not just for Christmas. We should be getting ready for Jesus Christ himself.

Jesus came to earth to bless us, and He still comes to us spiritually – to bless us and to make us a blessing to each other. So it's worth always being ready spiritually - ready to be blessed by God, and ready to be a blessing to each other. After all, the time we have on earth is all too short. And it's all the time we have: time to get close to God; time to be close to our families and friends; and time to care for others and make a positive impact in this world.

That's why Heather and I often spend part of a day at Christmas or New Year thinking, talking together, and praying to God. How are things going - spiritually and personally? What about our families and friends? What should we be involved in doing this year to contribute to our community, and to bring good into the world? Then we make choices about our weekly commitments, and the coming year. It isn't as dramatic as making bold New Year's resolutions (which I never managed to keep for more than a few days anyway!). But it is a way of carefully seeking to follow Jesus throughout our lives – so that, at the end, we won't be looking back with too many regrets.

Jesus called His first disciples to "Come, follow me" and He is still calling each of us "Come, follow me". He loves us! He calls us. And He gives us time to choose. To choose to live life with Him – in the good times and the bad.

"Father God: as we start 2015, help us all to turn to away from wrong things and to turn towards the good. Bless us, bless our families and friends, and bless our community. Send your Holy Spirit to each of us, so that we know you more and more in our hearts and lives, and to help us to follow Jesus in our lives."

Amen

DIARY FOR JANUARY

See back inside cover for contacts and further details

Please contact the editors on 749443 if you would like to make any amendments

CONISTON COLD

Sun 4	Evensong, 4pm, Church
Sun 11	Communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 18	Evensong,, 4pm, Church
Sun 25	Communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 1 Feb	Evensong, 4pm, Church



Additional regular weekly Coniston Cold events

Tuesdays:

7.30pm Young Farmers Club

GARGRAVE

Sun 4	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church
Mon 5	Art Club meetings resume, 1.30pm, Village Hall Committee Room 1 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Annex
Tues 6	Pilates classes resume, 10am, Annex Indoor Bowls resumes, 2pm, Village Hall
Wed 7	Twins and Multiple Birth Group resumes, 9.30am, Village Hall Mini Movers Group commences, 2pm, Hall
Thurs 8	Tai Chi classes resume, 7.30pm, Annex
Fri 9	Pilates classes resume, 9am, Annex Denis Westmoreland Dance, 8pm, Village Hall
Sat 10	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall
Sun 11	Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.45am, Church
Mon 12	Stay and Play Sessions resume, 10am, Annex
Wed 14	Yoga classes resume, 9.30am, Annex Women's Institute Meeting, 7.30pm, Annex
Sat 17	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall Modern Sequence Dance, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sun 18	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall;
Wed 21	V Hall Management Meeting, 7.30pm, Committee Room 1
Fri 23	Library film night: 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat 24	Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall Modern Sequence Dance, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sun 25	Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.45am, Church Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall.

Wed 28 Bingo, 7.30pm, Annex

Sun 1 Feb Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.45am

Sat 7 Feb Soup Lunch for NSPCC, 11am, Village Hall

Additional regular weekly Gargrave events

Mondays:

9 am	Morning Prayer, Church
10 am	Stay and Play, Village Hall Annex
1.30pm	Art Club, Village Hall Committee Room 1
pm	Brownies & Rainbows (school term only)
7pm	Modern Sequence Dancing, Village Hall
7.30pm	Bell ringing, Church
8pm	Home Group, see "Weekly Sheet" in church for venue

Tuesdays:

9 am	Morning Prayer, Church
9.30am	Gargrave Tuesday Club Cycling, dep The Dalesman Cafe
10 am	Heritage Group, Church
10 am	Pilates, Village Hall Annex (school term time only)
2pm	Knit and Natter, Church
2pm	Indoor Bowls, Village Hall
pm	Tap dancing lessons, Village Hall Annex

Wednesdays:

9 am	Morning Prayer, Church
9.30 am	Gentle Hatha Yoga, Village Hall Annex
1.30pm	Wednesday Club, Village Hall Annex

Thursdays:

9 am	Phoenix Club, The Anchor, (alternate Thursdays)
10am	Gargrave Tuesday Club Cycling, dep the Dalesman Cafe
2 pm	Indoor Bowls, Village Hall
5pm	Theatre-craft lessons, Village Hall Annex
7.30pm	Tai Chi, Village Hall Annex

Fridays:

9 am	Morning Prayer, Church
9 am	Pilates, Village Hall Annex (school term time only)

Saturdays:

am	Ballet lessons, Village Hall Annex
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NSPCC Soup Luncheon

Eileen Holden

Gargrave NSPCC Committee invite you to our Home-Made Soup Luncheon on Saturday 7th February in the Village Hall, 11.30am to 2pm. £7.50 – includes soup, cheese and biscuits, homemade cake and tea or coffee. Raffle. Tickets are available from Poppyfields Florist, Committee members, or pay on the door.

Aladdin - Pantomime

Duncan Faulkner

Date for your diary: as usual the Gargrave Village Hall Pantomime Group will be putting on four entertaining performances at the end of **February half term: Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and two performances on Saturday 21st**. This year's playwright is 17-year old Ruth Garrett who has written a pantomime about a theatre group putting on a play: look out for all the old favourite corny jokes, evil laughing villains (me) and heroes who save the day. Tickets will be on sale in February.

NEWS

Winterlude – The First Online Art Exhibition from Art Connections

Available until 11 January 2015

Art Connections presents, Winterlude, an online exhibition of new contemporary art bringing together the best work from North Yorkshire based artists. This curated selection of high quality art and craft is available exclusively online, offering a unique opportunity to buy original artworks direct from the artist's studio, delivered to your door with a personal touch.

France-Leigh Hadrysiak



Why not treat yourself to something special in this Winter or buy a unique gift for a loved one? Winterlude invites you to take a step away from the season's hustle and bustle and explore an exclusive selection of paintings, prints and sculptures, precious jewellery, distinctive ceramics, glass, hand crafted textiles and wood by over 30 artists.

Curator for the exhibition, Grace Whowell, commented, "The work is diverse in its subject matter and creation; each artist has a story to tell but it is evident that they are inspired by this amazing place, Yorkshire, in which they live and work."

Whether it is your first piece, an addition to your collection, or an investment for the future, buying and owning original art is always a pleasure. Winterlude ensures secure and easy payment methods and safe delivery of all artwork. Most of the items for sale have been created exclusively; many are one-offs or very limited editions, so don't miss out, sign up for special previews and updates about the exhibition at www.art-connections.org.uk/Winterlude

Craven artists taking part: David Cook, Heather Cook, Anna Lambert, Frank Gordon, Helen Slinger and Katharine Holmes.

Art Connections is a Chrysalis Arts project providing a range of services for visual artists in York, North Yorkshire and beyond. For more information on Art Connections and Chrysalis Arts, visit: www.art-connections.org.uk / www.chrysalisarts.com

For more images or information about Winterlude, contact France-Leigh on 01756 748529 / franceleigh@chrysalisarts.com

Samaritans Christmas Child Shoe-box appeal

Marie Chapman

800 Thankyous from the poor children of the Philippines who received a shoe-box filled with goodies this Christmas.

Also, thank you to Norma and the Knit and Natter for the lovely woollen hats and scarves.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year

Marie & Helen at Poppyfields

Gargrave Nativity Service

Bea Faulkner

It was a pleasure to take part in the Gargrave Nativity once again this year. Many thanks to all involved, and particularly to Ruth Abbott and Katie Milner for providing the driving force and direction for this year's powerful production.

It was great having new members joining both cast and choir. Not so welcome was the organ breaking down during the dress rehearsal the night before. Organist Sue Watkiss came to the rescue by borrowing the electric organ from her other church – it sounded much like our one!

Alas one of the shepherds slipped on the ice on the way home from the dress rehearsal, damaging his ribs; his part was gallantly filled in by visiting Will, who'd thought he was there to help with the lighting.

We look forward to the next re-enactment of this classic Gargrave tradition.



Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt

Elizabeth Adams

We hope that the weather stays kind to us in January as the snow and frost is difficult for the hounds to hunt on. The hunt hosts a party in January for all the farmers whose land we go over. It is our Thank You to all our farmers. The hunt members serve the dinner to each farmer and guest followed by entertainment and a disco.

Our huntsman hosted a Christmas "get together" at the kennels where all the hounds came out to be play and be fussed over. Everyone enjoyed drinks and mince pies and several of the hounds had to be refrained from helping themselves to the Christmas biscuits!

GARGRAVE AUTHOR IS A HIT IN CHINA

Chris Emmett

Bank Newton resident, Chris Emmett, has made a splash in Hong Kong where his autobiography, 'Hong Kong Policeman,' has topped the former colony's bestseller list.

The book started life as an after dinner speech but turned into a 260 page account of the author's early days as a colonial police inspector. "I wanted to write about an exciting time and of the wonderful people I worked with," Chris told us. "It was hard finding a UK publisher so I pitched the book to Earnshaw Books, a Hong Kong based company owned by Graham Earnshaw. Graham has lived and worked in Hong Kong and Shanghai for decades. He guided me through several rewrites, which was hard work but well worth it."

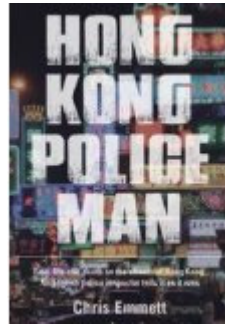
As it turned out, the critics agreed. The South China Morning Post reported "...Few descriptions of the decade's colour match the author's vividly streetwise portrait..." The Post's sister publication, the South China Morning Post Sunday Magazine, called the book, "...honest and often hilarious..."

The book covers Chris's early years in the Hong Kong force, which he joined in 1970 having spent three years as an English bobby in Warrington. "Those early years in Hong Kong were a wild, maybe even crazy time," Chris told us. "After a year in general uniform duties, I moved to the Chinese border. This was the tail end of the Chairman Mao era and things were pretty tense. After that, I did a tour with the paramilitary Police Tactical Unit then went on to command a regional drug squad before moving to CID."

In August last year, Chris returned to Hong Kong to launch the book. "It was my first visit since I retired in 1998 and I saw a lot of changes," he told us. "There's a sense that Hong Kong is becoming part of the greater China. There are Chinese flags everywhere and all public announcements, including those on public transport, are in Mandarin as well as the local, Cantonese, dialect. The military Headquarters in the heart of the business district has a neon, People's Liberation Army, symbol on its roof. There's a lot of nostalgia for the colonial era, particularly with Hong Kong's youth, who probably don't remember much about that time."

"Hong Kong Policeman," is available in paperback and e-book form at various online outlets including, WHSmiths, Foyles and Amazon.

South China Morning Post Review and South China Morning Post Sunday Magazine:
<http://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/books/article/1600847/book-review-hong-kong-police-man-chris-emmett>
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MORE THOUGHTS ON EDUCATION

Enid French

READING LOG BOOKS from the time of the First World War, one of them states that the school had to be closed slightly early because the gas was not turned on until five o'clock and, as it was December and one of the darkest months of the year, it was too dark to work. The installation of gas must have been very

welcome as presumably beforehand the school relied on candles, Tilly (oil) lamps etc. Remember at this time there was no general electric supply, it would be some twenty years before that became more general. In fact electricity was installed in the Church School during the summer holiday of 1939 at a cost of "£44.3.9, subscribed by scholars, old scholars & friends. Grant made by W.R.C.C. of £10.12.9." On the 28th August a "wireless set sent by W.R.C.C. temporarily fitted for use in connection with the Crisis Evacuation of Children Scheme."

It is easy to forget that most things we take for granted have only come about in recent times. Probably education, like everything else, has changed more since the Second World War than any other period of history. It has evolved from the Victorian idea of passive children being fed facts, often by rote, to allowing children to develop in their own time and ability, and now back to a much stricter curriculum again. Every child is different and every child needs different things and at different times, and, in any case we need a variety of people to keep our world safe and happy. The practical people are just as important as the academics! - they are the ones who make our lives more comfortable. But we do also need dreamers, forward thinkers and scientists, academics, researchers - in fact people with every sort of interest and ability. That is what makes life so interesting!

Happy New Year 2015

OUR CHURCH I DIDN'T GO TO

Rev Paul Bradbury

Note from Duncan Faulkner: My friend Paul who is a C of E minister in Dorset wrote this article about his village church which I thought would be a thought-provoking read for us in Gargrave & Coniston Cold. Comments welcome!

I AM IN A DILEMMA which has caught me by surprise. The church in the village in which I grew up is going to close. It is a small church in a small village of perhaps 120 houses. When I lived in the village 20 to 30 years ago the congregation was small. On some Sundays it now numbers 3.

When we first moved to this village in 1979 the pub had already closed down but there was a village shop, a garage, a village hall and the church. By the time I left home both shop and garage had closed and village life, though strong, centred around the hall, the annual village fete and the church.

In the churchyard are now the remains of my grandmother, my father and my sister. I never went to this church and nor did my family - it was our church that we didn't go to. But it was, as for so many other villagers, our church. It holds a significance and a memory that unites me with all those with whom we shared life in those years. And so as I hear news of its demise I feel that this is undoubtedly a loss to a village and community which is slowly losing all of the communal resources that quietly make community life what it is.

And yet...there is a reality here that can't be ignored. The 120 houses of this village were all leafleted and all given an opportunity to offer time and skill to keeping the church a village church. Only 3 people responded. The cost of maintaining and heating this building, even for the occasional service, on the

basis of an electoral roll in single figures, is not sustainable. The local vicar has this, plus another 7 or 8 churches in the area to oversee. The clergy resource is being spread ever more thinly across these small villages and their historic buildings. This makes clergy less and less effective and more and more exhausted and liable to stress and burnout.

Since leaving home and the village church which I didn't go to I have found faith and a vocation as a vicar in the Church of England. I have ministered so far in urban settings and now lead a ministry that is seeking to create church communities amongst people who are unlikely to engage with traditional forms of church.

I am a little surprised then about my feelings toward the closure of a church I never went to. Except that perhaps it connects with the feelings so many feel toward the gradual erosion of something precious in villages up and down the country, the loss of a way of life that has survived for centuries. Even I am open to a dose of nostalgia for something that seemed boring when I was growing up, but which I now realise has immense value.

And yet... two principles tell me that this is the right thing to do, and indeed that we ought to be braver and do it more.

1. The people of God are nomadic not sedentary and their gathering places should reflect that.

God's people have always been sojourners, nomads, people called from place to place. We need structures. We need places to gather and places that can focus our worship and our sense of God's presence. But once those places become so rooted, so fixed, that we cannot move on we risk losing something of who we are as God's people. We are much more people of the tent than the temple – when we are truly living up to our call.

2. The church is ultimately future oriented because it is animated by God's Holy Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit that births the church and then sends it out into the world and into the future. Of course there is an important dimension of celebrating and reflecting on the work of God in the past, but only in so much as we can be encouraged to move on into the future, in our own walk with God and as communities in mission. The Holy Spirit is sent into the world and then calls us to where He already is – so we are constantly moving into the place and time where God already is – not back to somewhere where God has been.

So in a small way I have to do what I believe the church constantly needs to do in order to continue to fulfil its call to be nomadic people of the Spirit – let go of the old structures, listen to the Spirit and move into God's future. This is a death and so will be accompanied with pain and sadness. But that is what we must do if we are to truly be the church we are called to be.

Some might say that my old village church will just turn into a symbol of the demise both of the church and of the community. Well, perhaps it will. But in a world longing for community, but sometimes struggling to know how to recreate it, it must surely be an enlivened church that, listening to God's Spirit, will discover new and more relevant ways of building community and creating new communities of faith in our historic rural villages.

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

I WAS FASCINATED TO READ the articles of Ray Payne, the Brighton evacuee. If my memory serves me correctly, could there be two Thompson brothers who lived at West Field on Marton Road: could they also have come from Brighton? There may be other readers who could enlighten us further.

I seem to remember two tall brothers attending Ermysted's, one of whom was suddenly struck down one morning with polio. He spent a time in an iron lung and it left him with a leg in irons. Within a few days, polio struck again, this time a man who worked on the War Agriculture Committee driving the threshing machine round the local farms. Brian drove the tractor and thresher to Scaleber one night to thresh the corn next day. He never came the next day – he was seriously ill with polio. I remember him well - his son Bevin Summersgill and I were good school friends.

My recollections of evacuees was somewhat different. I accompanied my mother to the railway station to meet a group of children from London's Tooting and Mitcham area. They had been bombed out of their homes - the area they lived in was flattened due to the Blitz (nights had been spent in underground stations). They arrived in what they stood up in, with a card round their necks with a name on.

The local volunteer groups found homes to take a good number in, and they attended schools.. A certain Miss Preston from Flasby Hall comes to mind as one of the organisers. We were to meet one, a boy called Geoffrey Cheek, who was taken in by my grandfather who lived at Stoneycroft down Skipton Road. He and I became very good friends, and as a result, he spent most of his time on the farm.

A John Cann lodged with a Miss Davis on Scale Hill; Miss Frankland who lived next door had a Heather Smith. A Mrs Hodgson who lived at New Brighton, across the field from Scaleber, had two girls whose names escape me. Being on a farm, with a mother who always kept an "open house", surprise, surprise, weekends and school holidays, this little group drifted up to Scaleber. They had never seen a cow or a sheep. At first they were terrified of a cow, and called them all "boos", in their cockney accents, (bells to us). They had no idea of where milk came from. When some chickens hatched out of an egg, it was unbelievable!

When one looks back, one thinks what a lot they went through, and how we escaped the bombs, and how tough it must have been to be put on a train, not knowing where you were being sent, at ten years old.

In 1944, rationing became very severe. For instance potatoes were rationed to 3lbs per week, likewise 2 oz bacon, 2 eggs and 2 oz sugar. Life must have been very difficult in town at this time. Living on a farm did have some compensations. Milk, potatoes, vegetables, meat, and oatmeal porridge kept us well fed.

We always had several "visitors" at weekends who arrived with various bags, sacks or baskets. On these occasions, John was always sent on an errand or somewhere. How many my mother supplied with eggs, milk, bacon and, at

times, potatoes, I'll never know. It may have been illegal, but she could never say "No". (Could it be black market?)

Contact with Geoff was lost on his return to London. His parting words were that he enjoyed the farm, but not being with my grandfather. I am not surprised as he was very strict and not easy to live with. I often think of the tough life those evacuees went through.

MOYRA'S MIGRATIONS

Moyra Sonley

ANOTHER CATEGORY OF STREET NAMES which I have collected includes parts of the body and clothing. One street that is quite close to Alma House in Ripon is Barefoot Street. I wonder if that was where the poor of the city used to live? We could keep those feet warm with Stockings Lane in Staffordshire and Clog Sole Road in Brighouse, but what happened to the upper part of the clogs? At the other end of the body there is Head Street in Pershore, though I suspect it probably means the head of the town. Warning Tongue Lane is near Doncaster and Elbow Lane is in Bradford.

Leaving Salisbury Youth Hostel one year on a trip to the south coast, we passed Petersfinger Road. I've just looked this up on the internet and it is a corruption of Peter and Vincula which means Peter in chains, referring to St Peter. If you want to know more I suggest you also look on the internet as I could write an essay on it (but I'm not going to). If you haven't got the internet, this is a good reason to learn as there is such a wealth of information on it. Right, end of lecture and back to my article. Knaresborough has a Blind Lane and I think quite a lot of you will know of Bare near Morecambe, well there is a Bare Lane there, sounds draughty!

I think we should have some clothing here after that. Bonnets Lane is in Dorset, Black Hat Lane is near Exeter and Cocked Hat Road at Sowerby near Thirsk. That is the head taken care of and all I can offer for the body is Swapcoat Lane in Lincolnshire. There must be a story there, but I don't know where that comes from. Well, I'm afraid that's it, I don't have any more clothing or body parts to offer.



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Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

"Every child counts, every child contributes"

Christmas play reviews - A Tale of Two Birthdays

Bet Ellis and Daniel Wills

"THE SHOW WAS ON the 10th of December, as Gargrave Primary School took the stage. It was held at Gargrave Village Hall. The main part was King Casper, played by Harry Dean, a future actor! There was another two kings called King Melchior played by Oliver Hill, and King Balthazar, played by Finlay Greenway. There was two amazing Narrators telling the story, played by Neive Roberts and Kitty Turner: they were amazing! Evie O' Neil played the star - that

was quite a hard part because she was on and off - I wouldn't be able to remember to go on and off like that, so well done!!

The youngest children in the school had a part as they remembered all their places and did brilliant, they were Eastern Dancers - well done! There was three Queens called Queen Casper, played by Crystal Ashworth, Queen Melchior, played by Jessica Clemson-Banks, and Queen Balthazar, played by Lulu Starkey. They did an argue over the star, and they were amazing shouting at their husbands!



There were Oak class and Willow class that helped with the singing: they went back to 100 years ago, thinking about the war when they sang Silent Night and played a game of football. So Willow class sang 'Silent Night' in German while Oak class went along playing on the bells!

So well done to all the children who took part in the Christmas production: A Tale of Two Birthdays!!

First day back

It was the first day of school. As the Head made his rounds, he heard a terrible commotion coming from one of the classrooms. He rushed in and spotted one boy, taller than the others, who seemed to be making the most noise. He seized the lad, dragged him to the hall, and despite his protests, told him to wait there until he was excused. Returning to the classroom, the Head restored order and lectured the class about the importance of good behavior. Now," he said, "are there any questions?"

"One girl stood up timidly. "Please sir," she asked, "May we have our teacher back?"

"Where is exactly is your teacher?"

"He's in the hall, sir."

Monthly meeting, 1 December

THE PARISH COUNCIL WELCOMED Carol Conroy, our latest (volunteer) Parish Councillor. This appointment brings us up to the full complement of Councillors.

Christmas lights: The Council was pleased with the village's response (about 120 people) to the previous evening's gathering at the Summer Seat to sing Carols before the Christmas lights were switched on. Our electrician is to be thanked.

Playground: Cllr. Janet Turner reported on the work by the Parish Council over the previous week to assist the application to Yorventure by the Playground Group for funding. This followed the meeting of the Parish Councillors the previous Monday evening at which they considered the options for the Playground proposed by the Playground Group and decided on the best course of action. The Parish Councillors also agreed to explain what they believe to be a practical way forward for future fund raising by the Playground Group.

Tree planting: The Parish Council thanked the emerging group of people in the village which are interested in biodiversity for their sterling work in planting trees. The Parish Council hopes their hugs work!

Neighbourhood Planning Group: The village's Neighbourhood Planning Group is asking landowners to offer for consideration for development sites which they have not already put forward to be considered for housing under the SHLAA. The Group, working with the help of its consultants, has created its own list of criteria upon which to evaluate sites in considering the village's needs now and in the future. To offer any sites, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Christmas arrangements: The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 5 January for the monthly meeting of the Parish Council (please note that the time of this meeting will be 7-30pm, slightly later than normal). Please leave a voicemail message or e-mail in the event of an emergency during the period of closure.

The non-emergency number to contact the Police is 101 and the NHS Helpline is 111 (these numbers are also on the top of the back page of this magazine). The Parish Council hopes that you will not need either services and have a safe Festive Season.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 5 January at the Village Hall.

In place of cabbage

A woman confided in her minister that when she sent her husband to buy a cabbage for lunch, he had fallen and broken his leg. "That's terrible!" said the minister. "What did you do?"

"I opened a can of peas", she replied.

Rotas for St Andrew's Church *We need more volunteers for 8am Sidesmen and pairs of volunteers for cleaning. Please contact Janie Kennerdale, tel 748970.*

Readings for worship

4 Jan	<i>Epiphany:</i> Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 2:1-12
11 Jan	<i>Baptism of Christ/1st Sunday of Epiphany:</i> Genesis 12:10-13:2; Mark 1:4-11
18 Jan	<i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany:</i> Genesis 15: John 1:43-end
25 Jan	<i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany:</i> Genesis 16: John 2:1-11
1 Feb	<i>4th Sunday of Epiphany:</i> Genesis 18:1-15; Mark 1:21-28

Sidesmen 8am

4 Jan
11 Jan
18 Jan
25 Jan
1 Feb

Sidesmen 10.45 am

Sarah Curtis	Eileen Holden
Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey
Dorothy Rishworth	Mollie Blackburn
Ruth Abbott	Yvonne Poulter
Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown

10.45 am:	Readings	Offertory procession	Intercessions
4 Jan	John Bailey	Eileen Holden	Pat Cockshot
11 Jan	Pauline Barnes		
18 Jan	Hugh Turner	Judith Douglas	Norma Brothers
25 Jan	Ruth Abbott		
1 Feb	Alison Ford	Joyce Brotherton	Isobel Lacey

Church cleaning

29 Dec to 9 Jan	Ron Humphreys	Sylvia Humphreys	<i>If you are unable to carry out your duties, please arrange a swap.</i>
12 to 23 Jan	Susan Lupton	Sarah Curtis	
26 Jan to 6 Feb	Alison Ford	Jerry Ford	

The week after the month before

After a hectic December full of Christmas events at the church, the vicar went wearily into the chemist's shop. He asked: 'Have you got anything for laryngitis?'

The chemist replied: 'Good morning sir. What can I do for you?'

Sin

A very earnest member of the local church was praising the obvious spiritual gifts of the new vicar, adding, "We never knew anything about sin until he came."

Public Transport leaving Gargrave

Information compiled by Jerry Ford, Peter Hardyman and Beatrice Faulkner

Services may be reduced at 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 Hellfield 4. Terminates at Ribbleshead 12. Change at Lancaster

NB No engineering works are planned to affect Gargrave trains during January.

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 18 Jan 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 18 Jan 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

7. Except bank hols. Tues & Thurs service stops at Coniston Cold 4 mins before Gargrave

8. Except bank hols. Tues & Thurs service stops at Coniston Cold 4 mins after Gargrave

9. Service 884 10. Service 884 continuing to Harrogate & York

11. Service 884 from York & Harrogate 14. 3rd Sunday of the month only

15. During school term only 16. During schools holiday only, ie until 5 January

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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12. Change at Lancaster

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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 18 Jan 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 18 Jan only ¹⁴			1135 ⁹		1435 ⁹	1630 ¹⁰			

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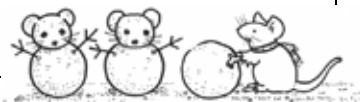
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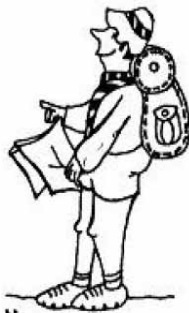
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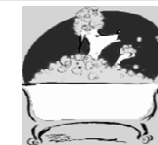


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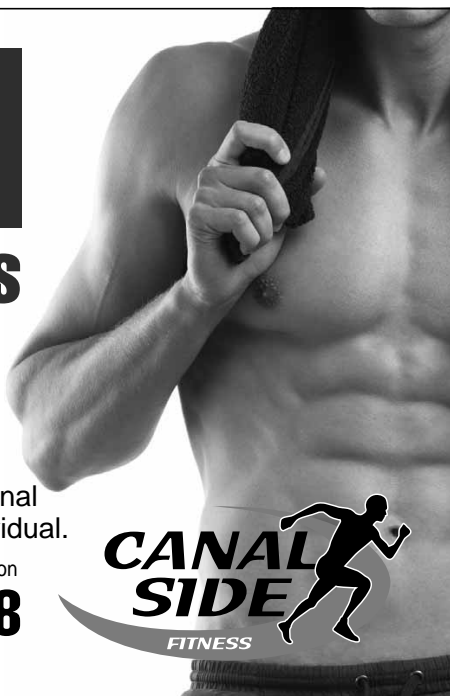
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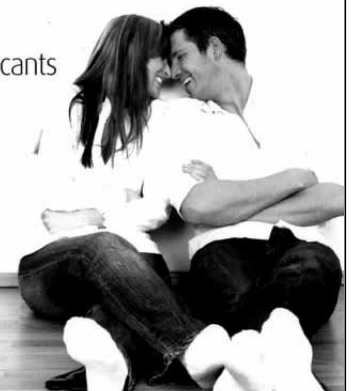
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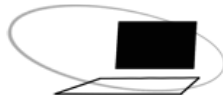


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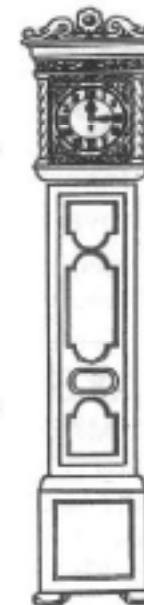
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