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DAVID'S DISPATCHES

Rev David Houlton

ABRAHAM WAS A GREAT MAN OF GOD, we call him "the Father of Faith". His experience of God, recorded in the book of Genesis long after it took place, sets the scene for the experiences of his physical descendants – the people of Israel – and of his spiritual descendants – us as Christians.

It's not too surprising that his story sets the scene for the Jewish faith - given that it was written down by Jewish scribes. But there are some surprising things in what we read: Firstly, Abraham is not made out to be perfect; far from it! He does trust God's promise to bless him and his family, but he sometimes doubts and takes matters into his own hands... usually not in a good way! Secondly, Abraham does many things that Jewish people are banned from doing – going to pagan places of worship, building his own altars, pretending his wife is his sister to save his own skin etc. Abraham had a lot to learn(!) but his trust in God – the God who had spoken to him - carried him through, and God blessed him and blessed many people through him.

More surprisingly still, Abraham is held up as a model for us as followers of Jesus too – despite that fact that Judaism and Christianity are very different. Biblically, Judaism is about an earthly kingdom; it is about animal sacrifices and a Temple building; it is about following laws and about religious rituals. Christianity, on the other hand, is about a *spiritual* kingdom (in our hearts now, and forever when we die); it is about *Jesus's self-sacrifice* and us becoming *living temples*; it is about following Jesus and about worshipping God "*in spirit and in truth*". Yet, when we look at Abraham's experiences - almost four thousand years ago, in a vastly different cultural era, before the technological age, and written down in a very different religious context to ours - we find that Abraham's experience of God is very similar to ours!

So it is really worth reading about Abraham's experience of God. It's about 12-13 chapters long, starting at Genesis chapter 12. You soon realise that human being haven't changed... and that God hasn't changed (though we do know a lot more about Him!). Abraham was just like us - an ordinary human that God called to follow Him. Abraham listened to God, trusted Him and followed Him in just the same way that Jesus calls us to listen to Him, trust Him and follow Him.

So, just like Abraham, as we make time to listen to God, and trust Him and follow Him, God will bless us... and He will bless many people through us. In Lent, and over the summer, there will be a variety of opportunities to spend time listening to God. Let's find out what He's saying to us!

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

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 1	Evensong, 4pm, Church
Sun 8	Communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 15	Evensong, 4pm, Church
Tues 17	Shrove Tuesday Jacob's Join meal (Gargrave & Coniston Cold), 7pm, St Andrew's Church, Gargrave
Wed 18	Ash Wednesday Ashing Service (Gargrave & Coniston Cold), 7pm, St Andrew's Church, Gargrave
Sun 22	Communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 1 Mar	Evensong, 4pm, Church

GARGRAVE

Wed 28 Jan	3 Machine Workshop, 7-9pm, Crossgates Health, The Barn, North St
Fri 30 Jan	Gargrave Gardening Group meeting, 2.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Sun 1 Feb	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church
Mon 2	Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Annex
Sat 7 Feb	Soup Lunch for NSPCC, 11.30am, Village Hall
Sun 8	Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.45am, Church
Mon 9	Horton Community Café, 2 to 4pm, Village Hall Annex
Wed 11	Women's Institute Meeting, 7.30pm, Annex
Sat 14	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall
Sun 15	Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.45am, Church
	Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
Tues 17	Shrove Tuesday Jacob's Join meal (Gargrave & Coniston Cold), 7pm, Church
	Ash Wednesday Ashing Service (Gargrave & Coniston Cold), 7pm, Church
Wed 18	V Hall Management Meeting, 7.30pm, Committee Room 1
Thurs 19	Pantomime, 7.15pm, Village Hall
Fri 20	Pantomime, 7.15pm, Village Hall
Sat 21	Pantomime, 2.15pm and 7.15pm, Village Hall
Sun 22	Communion 8am; Morning Prayer 10.45am, Church
	Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
Wed 25	Bingo, 7.30pm, Annex
Fri 27	Gargrave Show New Year Buffet Dance, 7.30pm-midnight, V. Hall
Sat 28	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall Modern Sequence Dance, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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

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	Communion Service, Church
9.30am	Gargrave Tuesday Club Cycling, dep The Dalesman Cafe
10 am	Heritage Group, Church
10 am	Pilates, Village Hall Annex (see page 6)
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
9.30 am	Twins and Multiple Birth Group, Village Hall
1.30pm	Wednesday Club, Village Hall Annex
2pm	Mini Movers Group commences, Village Hall

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 (see page 6)

Saturdays:

am	Ballet lessons, Village Hall Annex
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Carried

Two drunks were hoping to travel on the London Underground late at night when they reached the top of the escalator and saw the sign which decrees: 'Dogs Must Be Carried'. "Botheration," one of them muttered in dismay. "Where on earth can we find two dogs at this time of night?"

FORTHCOMING EVENTS




3 Machine Workshop

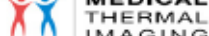
Rebecca from Crossgates

FREE WORKSHOP, **Wednesday 28 January 7–9pm**

We are holding 3 x half hour sessions/demos on the benefits of the following 3 machines used here at Crossgates Health, Hair & Beauty:

Crossgates Bioenergetics Machine - Energetic Hair Analysis used to detect any imbalances within the body, hear all about it at the workshop! 

CACI International offering non-surgical face & body lifting, toning & smoothing;

Medical Thermal Imaging: 100% safe breast screening. 

We are offering 10% off any consultation/treatment booked on the evening. If you would like to attend please call in to book your place, or call us on 01756 749901. Crossgates Health, The Barn, North Street, Gargrave, BD23 3RN www.crossgateshumanhealth.co.uk.

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.

Shrovetide Supper

Norma Brothers

This convivial annual event is to take place as usual on **Shrove Tuesday, 17 February** in St Andrew's Church, starting at 7pm. All are welcome, from both Gargrave and Coniston Cold. Please bring your own cutlery to save washing up. If you are able to provide a sweet or a salad please let Norma know by calling her on 748392 or by putting your name on the sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

Aladdin - Pantomime

Duncan Faulkner

Gargrave Pantomime Group
present
Aladdin
19th-21st Feb 2015
7.15pm
(with 2.15pm matinee Sat 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 and heroes who save the day. With a cast of adults and children directed by Anita Eccles and starring some of the award-winning child performers from last year's Wharfedale Festival, this is a show not to be missed.

Tickets are on sale from the end of January at the Dalesman and the library: Adults £5, Concessions £3. Or buy them on the door for £6 and £4.

Gargrave Show New Year Buffet Dance

Lisa Hall

The New Year Buffet Dance is being held on **Friday 27th February** in Gargrave Village Hall from 7.30pm until Midnight. A carving buffet will be followed by dancing to Dennis Westmoreland. There will be a bar and a raffle. To reserve tickets please call Lisa Hall on 01756 749320.

A Night to Remember

Norma Brothers

The Heritage Group are organising a tribute to Dennis French on **Friday 20 March**. A Night to Remember will feature slides from Dennis's extensive collection of village history, with four speakers. The event will be in St Andrew's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 to include tea and biscuits.

NEWS

Gargrave Gardening Group

Martin Harrison

The County Council will no longer be mowing the grass verges in the village. It has been suggested that, for ease of maintenance and attractiveness, wild flowers could be planted. Any work to be completed in co-operation with the households adjacent to the verge. The Parish Council will also need to be consulted.

Other sites throughout the village need care and attention. The Woodland Walk, the raised beds on the High Street and the seating area in front of the Co-Op spring to mind.

If you can help in any way, ideas, labour, please come to a meeting in the Annexe, The Village Hall at 2.30pm on **Friday 30 January**. For more information, please contact Martin Harrison on 01756 748870.

Parish Mag advertising

Bea Faulkner

This month I will be compiling the 2015-16 Gargrave and Coniston Cold Parish Magazine's Advertising Directory that makes up its central pages. **If you'd like an advertisement included, please contact me by 22 February** on editor@gargravemag.co.uk or 01756 749443. The adverts will be printed in early March and will run from April 2015 to March 2016. Prices for 2015/16 are the same as last year: £56 for a quarter page, £112 for a half and £224 for a full page. We are running smaller adverts again too: £28 for an eighth page, £14 for a

sixteenth, and £7 for a 1/32 mini ad. Prices are proportional to advert area. The year's worth of adverts is produced in a single print run, which makes them more economical.

Please supply artwork in Word or pdf format; alternatively we can create it for you, from £10 per advert. Contact details as above. Thank you.

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

Thank you to all who have advertised with us previously, and to those who will be advertising for the first time.

Pilates - February

Bea Faulkner

The 9am Friday Pilates class will unusually be meeting at 10.30am on Friday 6 February and then back to 9am, as normal, on Friday 13th February. There will be a break for half term on Friday 20th February.

The 10am Tuesday class will meet as usual each Tuesday except for the half term break on Tuesday 17th February.

Pilates is good for maintaining and developing core strength, stability, mobility, flexibility, balance, backs, abdominal muscles, posture and a sense of well being. If you would like to find out more or to book a place, please contact me on 01756 749443.

News update from your library

Dave Smith

Those of you who attended the showing in December of White Christmas, will know that the change in format from theatre seating to café style seating is proving very popular.

Using the same format, we will be showing "The 100 year old man who climbed out of the window and disappeared" on **Friday 20th March** in the Village Hall.

The film is an adventure/comedy about a 100year old who 'escapes' from his nursing home. He gets chased around the world by a group of crooks after he inadvertently picks up a suitcase which is packed with their ill-gotten gains. The book of the same title is extremely funny and can be found on the shelves of the Library.

Please feel free to bring your own refreshments and glasses and help turn the evening into a bit of a social event. The doors open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Admission on the door £5

On **Friday 24th April**, crime writer Professor Susan Parry, who lives in Reeth, will entertain us with the stories behind her books and give an insight into the world of Forensic Science.

Christingle thanks

Sylvia Humphreys (Children's Society Representative)

The Christingle Service on Christmas Eve took place in a packed church and, with the help of so many people, it was a joyful and successful event. I am delighted to report that the service raised £408 for The Children's Society.

Thanks to everyone who supported the service in any way. More people than usual came to assemble the 300 Christingles and the extra help was greatly appreciated. The management and staff of Gargrave's Co-operative Food deserve special thanks for their assistance and the very generous donation of oranges, sweets and raisins.

Hunt news

Elizabeth Adams

The Boxing Day meet on the village green was supported by lots of people. It was lovely to see so many people turn out with their families on a cold morning to see the horses and hounds. The hounds love being fussed particularly by the children, and the horses enjoyed being patted and stroked too ! It was a nice sight when horses and hounds paraded around the green with the hunting horn being blown as lots of people watched and clapped.

There was a similar turn out on New Year's Day when the hunt met at Coniston Hall in front of Mr and Mrs M. Bannister's House. Many children turned out to hunt on their ponies and all enjoyed a thrilling ride around the jumps on the Coniston Estate.

The 2015 Grand Hunt Ball is being held on **Saturday 21st February** at the Coniston Hotel. This promises to be a glittering social occasion with a champagne reception 4 course dinner followed by music and dancing and bacon sandwiches at 1a.m. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a good party. Details and information from Louise Bolton or Racheal Duffy at the hotel, tel 01756 748080.

Gargrave AFC – Sad news

Gargrave AFC

We were very sad to hear that our President Mr. Dennis French has died.

Dennis became involved with the club when he was a lad of fourteen, he progressed from helping at the ground to becoming a player, the progression continued for over sixty years. Over the years he held various positions at the club: Secretary, Chairman, Treasurer and then a Representative on the Gargrave Sports Association. His last job was, as he put it, the `Tea Boy` He worked incredibly hard for the club and we will all miss him very much.

Coniston Cold Young Farmers news

Peter Walton

On Tuesday 25th of November we joined fellow Young Farmers clubs for The Annual Settle District Public Speaking Competition. Coniston members took part in all competitions with Cameron Walton, Aimee and Kate Beresford winning the Intermediate Debate team and Jodie Bolland winning as the Chairman. Paddy Capstick came first in the Junior Speaking. Coniston Cold won the trophy for most points on the night.

On 2nd of December we met for a Christmas crafts evening at the Richard Tottie Memorial Hall, Coniston. The judge for the night was Mrs Michelle Pickles and her daughter Madeline from Coniston Cold. Members had one hour to create a festive masterpiece.

Next came our Annual Whist Drive. There were eleven tables with members playing ten games followed by a Jacob's Join Supper.

Then, on 6th of January, we met at to blow out the New Year cobwebs with a social night. We were joined by Rathmell Young Farmers for some games, a Jacob's Join Supper, and an enjoyable evening.

Upcoming events are The Settle District Bingo at The Rugby Club at Settle, and The District Hedging and Walling Competition to be held at Burton in Lonsdale.

WI news

Marguerite Masons

As usual we had a social evening before Christmas with light refreshments and a chance to chat with our friends. We also had a go at a Christmas quiz and found we didn't know as much about the Season as we expected! However, since the ladies at the winning table shared the sweets they had won with the rest of us, nobody was left feeling a loser. Business was kept to a minimum but we were glad to hear that our finances are in good shape at the end of the year and the programme is complete for 2015.

The North Yorkshire West Federation event, "Festive Food and Flowers", was held this year in Gargrave village hall. This is an annual affair and, as usual, we enjoyed an excellent lunch which several of our own members helped to prepare. The cookery demonstration in the morning was given by John Hutton who is in charge of the kitchens at Grassington House Hotel. He made a range of items for a three-course meal, being very clear in explaining what he was doing at every stage. He was particularly helpful in telling us how to organise a meal for larger numbers of people than usual, with information about what can be safely be made in advance and what should be prepared just before serving. He had arranged for us to taste the dishes he prepared and had printed recipes for us to take home.

In the afternoon we watched a spectacular display of flower-arranging by Jonathan Moseley who is regularly employed to oversee the Christmas decorations at Chatsworth House. Several of the creations were overlarge for the ordinary home but he showed us ideas which could be easily scaled down for use in smaller rooms. He generously allowed the displays to be raffled when he had finished his talk.

In January we have our seasonal celebration dinner at the Boar's Head at Long Preston, taking the place of our monthly meeting.

In February we will be back at the village hall annex, (on 11th February, the second Wednesday in the month) to go for a ramble through the galaxy with Martin Lunn. We don't usually venture so far afield so it will certainly be a change! Anyone who fancies an adventure is welcome to join us at 7pm for 7.30pm.

MOYRA'S MIGRATIONS

Moyra Sonley

MY OWN PERSONAL TOUR DE FRANCE was in 1960. My first husband Peter and I decided to have an extensive look at the Continent. We gave up our jobs and in April we caught the train as far as Peterborough and headed south on our bikes. We stayed in Youth Hostels on our way down England to Southend where there was a small airport. We had booked a flight to Ostend and, landing in Belgium, we found a campsite for our first night. I remember Peter saying, 'Well, we are here for a long time now.' I was thinking, 'Oh what have we done!'

The following day we cycled to Bruges, a picturesque town and on to Brussels. We stayed in the Youth Hostel there and all I can remember about it is that they kept a pig in the garden at the back and this was in the city centre. This is a long time ago so I'm afraid I can't remember a lot of the trip. From Brussels we headed south, crossing into France and on to Paris staying in hostels or camping. The hostels were very basic generally. Washrooms with only cold water and I won't talk about the toilets. It was only 16 years since the end of the war, so I don't suppose they had had time to recover properly and It was the same in the UK of course.

We stayed in the hostel in Paris where the dormitories were tents in the grounds with camp beds. From there we made our way to Chartres where we saw the Cathedral. One of our recent book club books was 'The Cleaner of Chartres' which brought this back to me. We kept on cycling south across France, looking at some of the Chateaux in the Loir region. We went through many small villages buying food as we went on. We were travelling on a very limited budget as you couldn't take a great deal of cash out of the UK in 1960, and we didn't have a lot anyway. I think we lived on bread and jam a good deal of the time.

We were making our way to the Pyrenees as we wanted to go a little way in to Spain. We could see the mountains gradually drawing closer day by day. We eventually arrived in Lourdes which was very busy with tourists and pilgrims. We stayed in the hostel, again fairly basic. One of the things that sticks in my mind was that by this time we were well into May and the hostel still had Christmas decorations up! After two nights there we set off and started to climb into the foothills of the Pyrenees. We went over several mountain passes with magnificent scenery.

It looks as if I have started something with this, so I shall have to carry on in the next edition.

CYCLING, BUT NOT AS MOYRA KNOWS IT!

Ray Payne

AS DESCRIBED IN EARLIER EDITIONS, I was an evacuee to Gargrave from 1941 to 1943. My school, Varndean Grammar School, could not provide Sixth Form education, so we returned to Brighton to study for the Higher Schools Certificate. In those days, pupils aspiring to Oxford or Cambridge, had a further year at school studying for entrance examinations.

At a time when many undergraduates were returning to their colleges to complete their degrees which had been interrupted by the war service, Merton required most new entrants to do military service before going up. I was called up in the last of the Age and Service Groups (78), just before the introduction of National Service.

I spent the atrocious winter of 1947 training on anti-aircraft guns before having a much easier life when I was transferred to the Royal Army Education Corps. I was demobbed in 1948 and was issued with civilian clothing, including a trilby hat!

In order to meet old friends in Gargrave in the summer vacations, and to travel from Brighton to Oxford, I bought a minimotor.

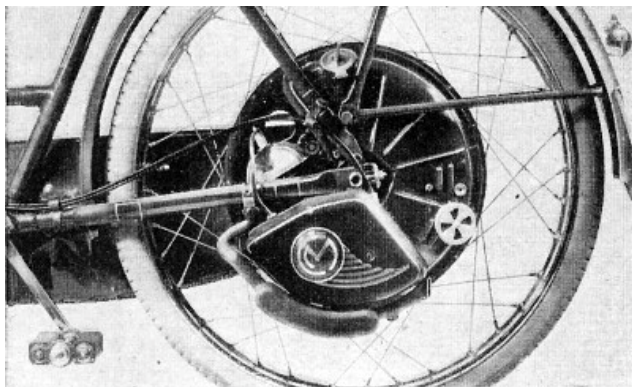
The minimotor was made by Trojan, a firm renowned for making vans. Oil was added to the petrol of the 49cc two-stroke engine and advertisements claimed it would do 240mpg at up to 22mph and cover six miles for a penny. The back mudguard had to be cut so that a serrated roller could engage with a heavy-duty tyre. The engine was started by first pedalling away and then engaging the roller with the tyre, using a lever on the handlebars connected to a cable. In fine weather, it was an exhilarating ride. On hills, pedal assistance was required.



There were two drawbacks. In wet weather, there was loss of traction and pedalling was necessary, and dirt from the road could be thrown down on to the freewheel so that pedalling had no effect. This was rectified by pouring on paraffin. When going to Yorkshire I broke the journey at Stamford, on the old A1, which I used as far as Scotch Corner. At night, when driving in Oxford, undergraduates were required by the University to show a green light at the

front of their vehicles.

This is a picture of a cyclemaster, brought out a little later, I think. Having the engine mounted in the wheel overcame the problems of the minimotor. It would have been worth the extra expense.



HEDGEHOGS

Morris Charleton

THE MAJORITY OF HEDGEHOGS will be in hibernation now and would not normally be active again until perhaps March – depending on weather and location. Those still awake are likely to be regular visitors to that life-saving food bank in your garden. If you happen to have a new visitor to your garden then it may well need to be rescued – again depending on weather, location and condition of the hedgehog.

If there are times when the weather is mild and gardeners are tempted to work out in the garden do take care when moving piles of debris as there may well be a hibernating hedgehog making use of the habitat.

As there is little activity in the wild hedgehog world at the moment perhaps a reminder about the hedgehog's normal habits is in order. Whilst many people know that hedgehogs are nocturnal they do not recognise that a hedgehog out in the daylight could be in trouble. In some cases there may not be a problem as the hedgehog may have been disturbed from its nest by gardening activities, children playing or dogs investigating. In these circumstances the hedgehog be hurrying along looking for another nest site i.e. it is looking purposeful in its movements – in these circumstances it is probably alright. Just keep a watchful eye to see it to safety and check it does not reappear in daylight again. Sometimes females will nest build just before giving birth so are active in the day but watching them will show they are collecting bedding and making a nest.

However if the hedgehog is listless, lies about and (in warmer weather) has flies are around it then it is in serious trouble. If you see a hedgehog like this it is best to seek advice rather than wait too long before taking action. Indeed if you are at all concerned give the BHPS a call for advice.

Contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801. The BHPS can give general advice and perhaps details of a local hedgehog rehabilitator that you can contact. For more information about hedgehogs and how to help them visit the BHPS web site at www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk.

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM is one of the busiest times of the year. The cattle are all inside and need attention: feeding, bedding, watering and never realise that deciding to calve on Christmas Day, develop pneumonia or a calf with scour can be most inconvenient!!

I have often been asked what Christmas was like post war when rationing was very tight. Points were issued for sweets, sugar and commodities. My mother used to save these pre Christmas so as to have a little something special on the day.

Life was not easy as no electricity or running water. Water in the house was a hand pump. Heating was by a fire range with boiler at one side, oven the other. (No cup of tea in the morning until fire was lit and kettle boiled). The only light was a paraffin lamp. There was a set boiler in a washhouse for washing

day. How many readers remember a "Jiffy" for washing clothes with a big mangle, two wood rollers for squeezing water out of the washing?

On most farms at that time, the days prior to Christmas Day were rather hectic, dressing poultry for Christmas was an important source of income. My mother was a very keen task master as they were on display at market. Geese, ducks and chicken had all to be dry plucked and woe betide anyone who made a tear. It was important that the breast looked good when displayed. Geese were very time consuming, with feathers and down kept separate so as to make pillows and feather beds (waste not want not). As all materials were in short supply, everything possible was used for something. As this was an extra task some very long days were worked.

Christmas morning was always an early rise. The milk lorry was always early to enable the driver to finish sooner. After Christmas dinner a couple hours sleep and it was milking time again. I have never minded working over Christmas. Out in that fresh air it avoided that too full feeling.

I always find January a difficult month. The cattle are all inside. The days are short, often cold and wet with the sheep reminding us that grass is becoming scarce, and time to commence winter rations. At the time of writing I have not seen any snowdrops but daffodils are showing through.

I shouldn't wish my time away but roll on February with days longer and on fine days a touch of Spring in the air.

The dairy farms are having a hard time at the moment. The supermarkets have really put the squeeze on by reducing the milk price severely. One cannot switch the milk cow off and on as it takes a five year cycle to change. I don't quite understand why a bottle of water costs more than a bottle of milk in the supermarkets.

I don't have the urge to return to milking cows any more.

A rich American, with bulging wallet, went into the foremost tartan shop in Edinburgh to buy kilts for all his family.

"What is your name Sir?" asked the assistant.

"Dunlop."

"I'll look in our book."

"Sorry, Sir. There is no Dunlop tartan. and we only sell kilts to those who are entitled to wear them."

At this point the manager intervened and asked the customer to come downstairs to see what they had in stock.

After some time they returned with many kilts, for which the American was pleased to pay, and the manager was pleased to accept a considerable sum.

After the customer had left, the assistant said, "They were MacIntyre tartans, not Dunlop."

"Dunlops have been Mackintyres for many years."

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

James Knight, via London Institute for Contemporary Christianity



What price free speech?

Whether it's the murderous attack on free speech in the Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo, or the police investigation into Katie Hopkins' 'Jocks' tweet, the issue of free speech has hit the headlines recently.

Free speech has a rich tradition. The general wisdom distilled from the great writers on human liberty is that we won't agree with every opinion being offered, but we should defend everyone's freedom to offer those opinions. We should do this not just to protect the right of the person with the opinion, but also to protect our right to hear other views too. In other words, in denying someone the right to voice a conviction, we at the same time deny ourselves access to that conviction, so we decline the opportunity to hear something that may challenge us.

We may not agree with everything we hear, and some of the things we hear may be vile, controversial or foolish, but we do ourselves an injustice if we fail to hear dissenting voices, because even the most discrepant opinions may contain within them at least a grain of truth. In assessing them carefully we compel ourselves to question how we know what we do and whether the sources from whence our knowledge came were reliable and verifiable. The more censorious we become the more we become prisoners of our interference.

From a Christian perspective, free speech is vital in being able to express God's word. With Christians seemingly exercising less and less influence in the UK, and all sorts of challenges coming our way, the open availability of the gospel is a key part of its propagation, as the message of the cross transcends all social and cultural barriers.

If the truth will set us free (John 8:32) then we must seek to ensure the continuation of the freedom for the gospel to be proclaimed openly, and the truth of Christ's love to be made known in spite of any opposition we may encounter. For many people we meet, we may be the most influential witness to the truth they have encountered at that point on their journey. Our challenge, then, is to imitate Christ by being a messenger of the gospel in gentleness and love – and to defend the good news against all attempts to marginalise it or make it less socially relevant. Christ is the Truth – and the Truth is always best in the open.

Chocolate bars

MOTHER: "Bobby, last night I put two bars of chocolate in this cupboard and now there is only one. How do you explain that?"

BOBBY: "I expect it was so dark I couldn't see the other one."

Pancakes

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons Kevin, five, and Ryan, three. When the boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake, she decided to give them a moral lesson. 'If Jesus was sitting here, He would say: 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' There was a brief pause of astonishment and then Kevin rallied. Turning on his younger brother he said: "Ryan, you be Jesus!"



GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

"Every child counts, every child contributes"

Worship

The themes this term are 'thankfulness' and 'respect and reverence'. As a Church school it is important to us that we share with the pupils the messages from the Bible and the Christian values within it.

We are delighted that Rev David Houlton is able to lead worship fortnightly on a Tuesday and a group of Governors and parishioners lead 'Open the Book' worship on alternate Tuesdays. If you are interested in contributing to our worship please speak to Mrs Peel or to Mrs Curtis (governor).

Learning

The themes this term are '*machines*' then '*local history*'. We are working with Helen Peyton, a local artist, who uses print making. If you have any resources, information for our local history learning, then that would be most welcome. Please ring the school.

Nell Bank Report by Isaac Turner

On the 9th January we went to Nell Bank in Ilkely. We set off at 9:25am and arrived back at school at 2:45pm.

We did four activities. The first one was when we had to save a Nellbanian frog and bear, we skied down a hill on wooden planks in pairs whilst carrying plastic balls in our coat hoods [apples and yellow berries.] The bear team won in the end but it was a close call at 24 to 21.

Our next challenge was called Frustration Station. There were three teams and we had two Lilly pads and two planks of wood. First we had to get to the middle and then get to the end and get the treasure, then bring it back to the start and whoever did that first won. My team had a terrible start but after a while we got the hang of it. Will's team won by a 'mile' but we came second.

Then we did orienteering, I partnered up with Dan, we came 4th and got all the answers correct. We went round without any adults around us all the time. Richard and Andrew got a Nell Bank record of 12 minutes!



had lunch in the classroom then talked about the next activity, it was called Mountain of Nellbania. You had to carry a chicken and a baguette - the person with the chicken and the baguette couldn't move so we had to pass them down the line and go round and round. It was tricky but great fun.

Just before we left Nell Bank we played on the adventure playground. We played tag and I was on 3 or 4 times. Everyone had a great time and some people said it was the best day of their lives.

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Janet Turner

Monthly meeting, 5 January

In the time allotted for parishioners to comment and ask questions the issue was raised of vehicles thought to be speeding along several roads within the village and the speed limits applying. These are as low as 20mph around the school and only 30mph on other highways. A concerned resident has looked at the information provided by BRAKE (the road safety charity, www.brake.org.uk) and encouraged the Parish Council to look into how we can make our roads safer.

A parishioner showed concern about aspects regarding Damside. The Parish Council agreed to look into the issues raised.

The Parish Council had met earlier that day to consider the Budget for 2015/16. This cannot be finalised until Craven DC confirm the amount of money from the Government grant which will be passed on to Parish Councils.

The Playground Group gave an update on its progress.

A note from North Yorkshire Police that they urge you to safeguard all your valuable items which have serial numbers, frame numbers, chassis numbers of unique identifying marks You can do this **FREE** with the National Property Register. It is a great way to protect your personal valuable items. Just go to www.immobilise.com and enter the IMEI serial number or other unique identification numbers. Any item can be added including mobile phones, Playstations and Xbox consoles. You can also add other household items ranging from TVs to toasters, bikes to jewellery. Give it a try! It is easy to do!

To report a power cut go to www.northernpowergrid.com, "My Power is off" and enter your postcode.

The next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 2 February at the Village Hall.

Land for development

If you own land in Gargrave and would like the land to be considered for future development, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01756 668209 or by e-mail at gargravepc@yahoo.com for a site assessment form, to be completed and returned by 28 February. Alternatively, a form can be downloaded from the page of the Neighbourhood Planning Working group within the Parish Council website at www.gargravepc.co.uk/workinggroup/index.html.

LENT IS COMING

Bishop Nick Baines' article in Feb 2015 News of The Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales

Let's face it: Lent is a bit of a trial, isn't it? We are encouraged to give up things we like, do things we don't want to do, and examine our souls in the process. I think the reason I don't look forward to Lent is simply because the examination of my own soul is not a pretty exercise.



Yet, it is precisely this self-examination that keeps us clean(ish). A couple of years ago I began Lent with an address that focused on Jesus's words in the Sermon on the Mount: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." And that's where the problem started: I wasn't convinced my heart was where it should be. There was a gap between my perception of the object of my worship ... and the reality. I suspect I am not alone.

But, this recognition is actually the beginning of freedom and the key to Christian discipleship. Acknowledging the gap between reality and aspiration means I can only receive the grace of God in forgiveness, reconciliation and renewal. No claim, no right, no demand - just receipt.

Now, some will say this is just a religious version of the sort of navel-gazing spirituality that we see in magazines. Here we see people obsessed with their own self-realisation - a sort of narcissism that elevates 'me' and 'my needs' above any others and justifies all sorts of selfishness. But, this is not what the self-examination of Lent is about.

Let me put it like this: if I have the courage to expose my heart, I will turn not inwards (to self-obsession), but outwards to the world to which God commits himself through me. Faith might be personal, but it can never be private. In this election year the examination of our treasure - our values and how we use the resources we have ... our generosity or otherwise - must then shape the way we vote. Or, to put it differently: if I claim to love my neighbour, what will that look like in terms of which policies I will support?

Lent is there as a gift for those who are brave (and disciplined) enough to look in and turn out.

COMMENT ON LAST MONTH'S ARTICLE: "OUR CHURCH I DIDN'T GO TO"

Tony Wimbush

I am sure The Rev Bradbury is not the only one in a dilemma. On the one hand church buildings are a vital and very visible part of the Christian tradition and a focus for local communities particularly in rural areas like Gargrave. On the other hand they are increasingly becoming giant millstones soaking up time, energy and vast amounts of money often from a diminishing and ageing congregation. I've even heard it cynically suggested that the C of E is at risk of becoming a branch of the historic buildings society! Fortunately times of dilemma, uncertainty and crisis are usually the circumstances under which the Spirit thrives and moves us forward not just individually or as a church but, more importantly, as a community.

INFORMATION

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

1 Feb	<i>Candlemas / 4th Sunday of Epiphany:</i>	Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 2:22-40
8 Feb	<i>2nd Sunday before Lent:</i>	Genesis 18:16-33; Mark 2:13-22
15 Feb	<i>Sunday before Lent:</i>	Genesis 21:1-7 & 22:1-19; Mark 2:23-3:6
22 Feb	<i>1st Sunday of Lent:</i>	1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
1 Mar	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent:</i>	Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Sidesmen 8am

1 Feb	
8 Feb	Kay Craven
15 Feb	Janet Sturgess
22 Feb	Colin Chapman
1 Mar	

Sidesmen 10.45 am

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

10.45 am:

1 Feb	Alison Ford	Isobel Lacey	Joyce Brotherton	Duncan Faulkner
8 Feb	Yvonne Poulter			Janet Turner
15 Feb	John Bailey	Eileen Hoskin	Pat Cockshott	Jean Banks
	Pauline Barnes			Michael Bland
	Hugh Turner	Judith Douglas	Norma Brothers	Jean Coldwell

Church cleaning

26 Jan to 6 Feb	Alison Ford	Jerry Ford
9 to 20 Feb	Jean Banks	Carole Ballard
23 Feb to 6 Mar	Phyll Harrison	Alan Brown

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



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Public Transport leaving Gargrave

Information compiled by Jerry Ford, Peter Hardyman and Beatrice Faulkner

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

TRAINS, 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 if direct) & **Carlisle** (arrives ~ 2hrs later if direct)

Mon-Fri	0547 ³	0901 ²	0932	1105 ³	1331	1406 ^{2 (or 3)}	1730 ²	1851	2006 ⁴
Saturday	0643 ³		0932	1105 ³	1331	1439 ^{2 (or 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 for Carlisle
3. Change at Hellifield 4. Terminates at Ribbleshead 12. Change at Lancaster
NB No engineering works are planned to affect Gargrave trains during February.

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 15 Feb 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 15 Feb 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
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9. Service 884 10. Service 884 continuing to Harrogate & York
11. Service 884 from York & Harrogate 14. 3rd Sunday of the month only
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Public Transport back to Gargrave

TRAINS, to Gargrave from:

Leeds (arriving Gargrave ~ 45 mins later)

Mon-Fri	0817	0849	1019	1249	1314	1639	1806	1919
Saturday	0554	0819	0849	1019	1249	1353	1639	1750
Sunday	0840	0901	1057		1355	1457	1725	

Morecambe (arriving Gargrave ~ 95 mins later)

Mon-Fri	0610 ¹²	1034	1333	1619	1908	Living in the BD23 postcode, you can buy a DALES RAILCARD for £13. Save 1/3 off Anytime rail tickets between Gargrave and Carlisle, Morecambe, Leeds, Bradford.			
Saturday	0736 ¹²	1034	1331	1616	1909				
Sunday		1222	1446	1741	1946				

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

Mon-Fri	0550	0949 ²	1155	1249 ²	1505 ¹	1618	1814 ³	It also has a seasonal Winter Day Return offer.	
Saturday	0702 ²	0926 ³	0949 ²	1151	1426 ¹	1618	1807 ³		
Sunday			0925	1133 ²	1259	1520 ¹	1852 ²		

Notes 1. Change at Skipton 2. Not Settle; change at Lancaster 3. Change at Hellifield
12. Change at Lancaster

BUSES to Gargrave from

Skipton (arrives Gargrave ~ 15 mins later) (Services 580, 75, 210, 211, 884)

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 15 Feb 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	No winter Sunday service		
Saturday	0755	0930	1130	1330	1530	1740			

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

Mon-Fri		1035 ⁷		1335 ⁷					
Saturday			1040 ⁵			1640 ⁵			
Sunday 15 Feb only ¹⁴			1135 ⁹		1435 ⁹	1630 ¹⁰			

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210/211 – NYCC – 08458 725282; 580/581 – Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire – 01524 733831

Buses (general) www.dalesbus.org; **Traveline** 0871 200 22 33, www.traveline.info

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09-Feb / 10-Feb	Green bin	Green bin
16-Feb / 17-Feb	Blue bin & blue bag	Blue bag
23-Feb / 24-Feb	Green bin	Green bin
02-Mar / 03-Mar	Blue bag	Blue bin & bag & brown bin

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	School closes	School opens
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Easter	Fri 27 Mar	Tue 14 Apr
Half term	Fri 22 May	Mon 1 June
Summer	Fri 17 July	

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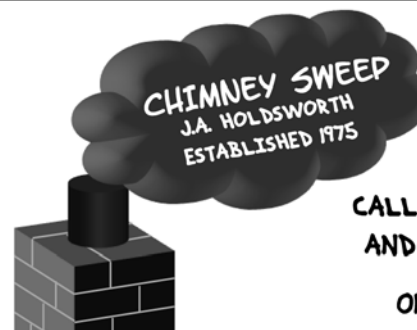
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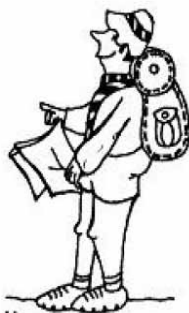
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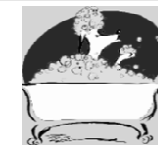


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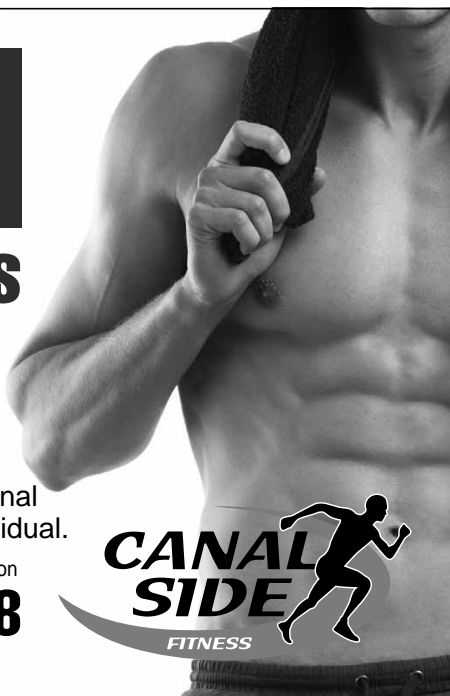
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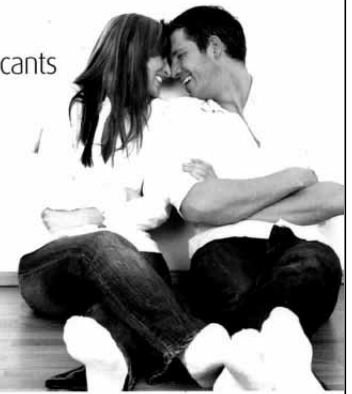
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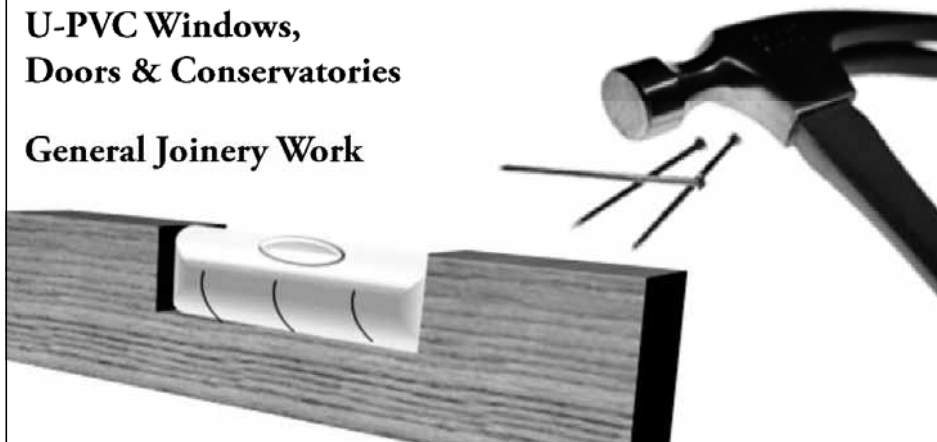
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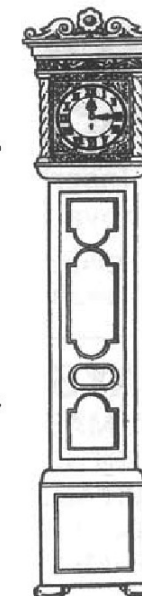
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