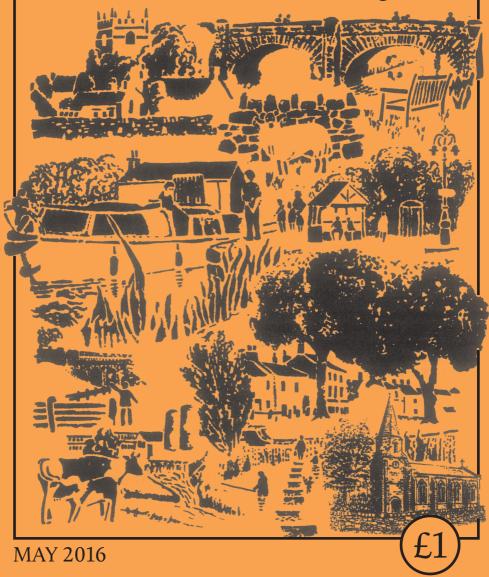
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Andrew's church's font



#### DAVID'S DISPATCHES

THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY seems like a strange thing to associate with new beginnings, but there are plenty of them at the moment.

Starting in Gargrave on Sunday 5th June is the new "Voices of Craven" festival - with local, national and international musicians combining with local adult and junior choirs to provide a month of music and community singing. Local villages and schools are forming scratch choirs that will be supported by choirmaster Tom Leech from the (RC) Diocese of Leeds. Churches and other venues are hosting professional performances with the likes of internationally renowned local soprano, Sarah Fox, Swedish Jazz & Folk Gospel singers Anna & Andreas Andersson, Radio 4 speaker and musician John Bell, opera singers Bibi Heal and Alexandra Lowe, and the Ripon Cathedral Choir. At the end of the month there will be a Grand Finale of musicians and choirs in the Giggleswick School Chapel. And, in the middle, there will be choral Services and other events to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday. Quite a month!

Before that, in May, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked everyone to pray for a new beginnings in England; for Jesus' message and blessing to be received by people who don't yet know Him in their lives. They ask us all to pray in the week leading up to "Whit" Sunday just like Jesus's first followers waited and *Rev David Houlton* prayed before at the first Whit/Pentecost: Suddenly God's Spirit was with them; many more people became Jesus' followers; the good news spread; and the new Church was born.

And the Queen herself has authorised publication of a book about her faith and trust in God. Following Jesus has been so important to our Queen in this era of unprecedented change. There has been much change for the better, but some has been decidedly less good, and through it all she has lived life well - a faithful life of unstinting service even in the face of both tragedies and let-downs. In her own words:

"I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God. Like others of you who draw inspiration from your own faith, I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."<sup>1</sup>

"For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example."<sup>2</sup>

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#### DIARY FOR MAY

#### Coniston Cold

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Sun 1 May	9.30am	Holy Communion, Church
Sun 8 May	4pm	Evensong, Church
Sun 15 May	9.30am	Holy Communion, Church
Sun 22 May	4pm	Evensong, Church
Sun 29 May	10.45am	Joint Service at Gargrave
Sun 5 June	4pm	Evensong, Church
Sun 12 June	11am	Choral Service for the Queen's 90th Birthday

#### Gargrave

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Fri 29 Apr	Tour de Yorkshire passes through Gargrave. School finishes early, library closed Tour de Hall – Village Hall Open Day between 10am and 6pm. Free entry and refreshments available. Come along before the cycle race and see what your Village Hall can do for you.
Sat 30 Apr	Coffee Morning, 10am to Noon, Village Hall. The Jay Walkers theatre group present Godfrey's Last Stand and The Holiday, 7pm, Village Hall.
Sun 1 May	8am Communion, 10.45 Morning Prayer, Church
Mon 2 May	Outing to Ripon Cathedral Revealed festival Bank holiday: Library closed
Wed 4 May	Party for library's fourth birthday, 2-5pm, Library
Thurs 5 May	Local Elections Polling Day, All Day, Village Hall
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- Fri 13 May Dance with Elizabeth Harrison, 8pm, Village Hall
- Sun 15 May 8am BCP Communion, 10.45 Sung Eucharist with Archbishops' Intercessions for England, Church
- Sat 21 May Coffee Morning all proceeds to Ecuador earthquake appeal, 10am to noon, Village Hall
- Sun 22 May 8am BCP Communion, 10.45 Holy Baptism, Church
- Wed 25 May Bingo, 7.30pm, Annex.
- Thurs 26 May Watercolour Painting Class, 9.30am, Village Hall Annex
- Sun 29 May 8am BCP Communion, 10.45am Service of the Word, Church Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
- Sun 5 June8am BCP Communion, 10.45 Sung Eucharist, Church<br/>6pm Opening Concert for Voices in Craven Communities in<br/>Chorus with soprano Sarah Fox and Bishop Nick, Church

#### Regular weekly Gargrave events

#### Mondays:

- 9 am Morning Prayer, Church (most weeks, see weekly church news sheet or: http://www.standrewsgargrave.org.uk/church-calendar/)
- 1.30pm Art Club, Village Hall Committee Room 1
- 7pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Village Hall
- 7.30pm Bell ringing, Church
- 7.30pm Church 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 & 11.30am Pilates & Standing/Sitting Pilates, Village Hall term time
- 10.30am Adult Tennis Coaching and Social Tennis (weather permitting)
- 2pm Craft and Chat, Church
- 2pm Indoor Bowls, Village Hall
- pm Brownies & Rainbows (school term only)
- pm Tap dancing lessons, Village Hall Annex

#### Wednesdays:

- 9 am Morning Prayer, Church (most weeks)
- 9.30 am Gentle Hatha Yoga, Village Hall Annex
- 9.30 am Twins and Multiple Birth Group, Village Hall
- 10 am Caterpillar Club, Church
- 1.30 pm Wednesday Club, Village Hall Annex

#### Thursdays:

10 am Gargrave Tuesday Club Cycling, dep the Dalesman Café 10.30 am Social tennis

2 pm Indoor Bowls, Village Hall
5pm Theatre-craft lessons, Village Hall Annex
7.30 pm Tai Chi, Village Hall Annex
Fridays:
9 am Morning Prayer, Church (most weeks)
9 am Pilates, Village Hall Annex – during term time
Saturdays: am Ballet lessons, Village Hall Annex
Sundays: 1.30pm Social Tennis

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

the **JAYWALKERS** THEATRE COMPANY present

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by Peter Quilter

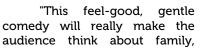
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#### Jay Walkers bring theatre to Gargrave

Jerry Ford

Jaywalkers, a local touring theatre group, are again visiting Gargrave Village Hall to perform 2 one-act plays on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Written by Alan Stockdill, Godfrey's Last Stand tells the story of Godfrey Shackleton, a cricket umpire in the Yorkshire Dales league for half a century, whose big dream is to officiate an England-Australia match with sidekick Freddie Fitton as his fellow umpire. His chance comes thanks to a £3.2m lottery win, but his daughter Donna is definitely not bowled over by the turn of events.



forgiveness, responsibilities, hopes and dreams," says the playwright.

The second play is The Holiday, by Peter Quilter. Shelley and Bobby are getting divorced, but that hasn't stopped them from going on a final holiday together in Spain! How will it all end?

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"Quilter's understanding of human desires and quirks is on show and probed so endearingly ... A warm and funny exploration of love and other bruises." - Daily Telegraph

Tickets are £7 and are available from Gargrave Library, or from Jaywalkers at <u>boxoffice@thejaywalkers.co.uk</u> or 01756 760302.The performance starts at 7:30pm, but you are welcome to come along from 7pm and enjoy a drink from the bar (at your own expense!!)

#### Ripon Cathedral Revealed

From 28 April to 2 May Ripon Cathedral is holding a festival of music, flowers, spirituality, food and drink. Please contact Ruth Abbott as soon as possible (on 748483) if you are interested in joining a group outing by bus from Gargrave on **Monday 2 May**. Activities on that day include a beer festival in the cathedral grounds, flower displays, ceramic art installation, drop in embroidery workshop, tours of the bell tower, a performance by the Rock Choir and even a chance to play the cathedral organ.

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Ruth Abbott

Party for library's fourth on the fourth

Dave Smith

Wednesday the 4th of May will see us celebrating our 4th birthday as a Community Library. To celebrate we will be having a little party in the Library during the normal opening hours when we will be serving, Pimms, soft drinks, savouries and cakes. So, if you're a library volunteer, a regular visitor or just passing by please call in and help us celebrate.

#### North Craven Stollers

Jean Maxwell

On **May 5th** we will be walking in the Settle area so please meet at the Summerseat to go North on the 9.59 am bus. Afterwards we will hopefully have some refreshments at the Naked Man or Limestone View depending on the route chosen on the day, before we catch the bus back to Gargrave.

On Thursday May 19th our Summer Dav Out takes us to Austwick on the 10.59 bus. We will walk to Feizor and have lunch at Elaine's Tea Rooms before walking back to Austwick to catch the bus to Gargrave for 4 pm This was a lovely walk last year and it has been planned a little earlier this year to coincide with the flowers in the



Hay Meadows – let's hope they are cooperating.

All our walks are free, open to all and although the Day's Out are longer we usually walk for up to 90 minutes before lunch and then the same afterwards. Walking makes you happy and keeps you healthy so do come along and join us to meet new people and make new friends.

#### Ceilidh for Scouts, 14 May

Imogen Swales



#### Coffee Morning fund raiser

Alison Ford

There will be a fund raising coffee morning in the Village Hall from 10am to noon on **Sat May 21<sup>st</sup>** organised by St Andrew's Church, with all proceeds going to the Ecuador earthquake appeal. There will be a cake stall, bric a brac stall, raffle, etc. If you'd like to be involved please contact Alison Ford on 748563.

#### Open Gardens, 11 June

Bea and Dunc Faulkner

We are looking forward to another memorable Open Gardens on the Queen's birthday weekend, Saturday 11 June. We have some exciting new gardens in the mix this year and live music throughout the village including Skipton Music Centre's Big Band.

Gardens will be open from 11am to 5pm, with evening opening for one garden in Bell Busk. Please contact us if you would like to help out in any way on the day: phone 01756 749443,

email gardens@gargravemag.co.uk.

#### Decorate a cake for the Queen, 12 June

Christine Baldwin

David Houlton

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**OPEN** 

YOU ARE INVITED...... to enter a competition to decorate a cake to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

There will be a class for the eleven years and under and a class for everyone else.

Please bring your decorated cakes to St. Andrew's Church on Sunday June 12th between twelve o'clock and one 'clock. The judging will then be carried out.

Slices of the delicious cakes with a cup of tea or coffee will be served from two o'clock, and everyone is welcome to join the party.

So Off You Go.

Ready! Steady! Decorate!

#### Voices of Craven: Communities in Chorus, 5-25 June

**Firm details are now confirmed** for this exciting new initiative. The central idea is to encourage community participation - for all ages - through the formation and development of local community choirs, and junior choirs based in schools. Choirs will rehearse selected pieces of music and perform some of these pieces for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, and then all will come together with professional musicians for the **opening concert in Gargrave on June 5<sup>th</sup>** and the **Grand Finale Concert on Saturday 25th June at Giggleswick School.** 

As the central and key aim of the festival is to inspire and foster a greater sense of local community, you do not have to have a professional voice to take part in the choirs – just a willingness to learn and participate, and hopefully have a great deal of fun! The choirs will be supported by local musicians and by professionals including Tom Leech who directs choirs for the (RC) Diocese of Leeds.

The local choir co-ordinators are: Gargrave - Ruth Abbot 01756 748483, <u>ruthismay@yahoo.co.uk</u>: Coniston Cold and Bell Busk - Nick Bannister 07785 240642, <u>nick.bannister@chmans.com</u>.

## Report of the introductory meeting on Thursday 14th April at Coniston Cold, by Ruth Abbott

A small group from St Andrews' attended this meeting and about 100 from other Churches in the area. It was INSPIRATIONAL, and we came away thinking how lucky we are to be able to participate and what enjoyment and fun there will be.

Tom Leech, who is the leader, a very lively and characterful young man, led us in some vocal exercises and some physical exercises to get the best tone out of us. He was not looking for perfection but a good, lively sound. The only request is that you can sing IN TUNE! We did some part singing and he seemed pleased with the result even though most of us must have been in later life ,to put it politely!

All the details of the programmes, times, dates etc are up on a notice board in Church, down the left side aisle.

If you wish to participate YOU MUST ATTEND THE REHEARSAL on Thursday 12th May at 7pm at St Andrews' when we shall be practising the music we shall sing at the Concert on the 5th June, Gargrave and also in the grand finale at Giggleswick on June 25th.

After this initial rehearsal, others will take place at Gargrave, led by Sue Watkiss which you must attend. No half-heartedness. We need total commitment so come on, don't be shy, young, old, middle aged and children and enjoy yourself!

#### Programme of professional events

In parallel with the community singing, the Festival features an excellent and varied programme of professional concerts and events throughout June- see below. Season tickets will go on sale shortly, individual event tickets will also be available.

Date & Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 5th June, 6pm	Opening Concert with international soprano Sarah Fox. We shall be joined by the Lord Bishop of Leeds.	St Andrew's Church, Gargrave
Wed. 8th June, 7.30pm (Workshop from 6.30pm)	Concert with Swedish Jazz & Folk Gospel musicians Anna and Andreas Andersson. To participate in a preliminary workshop, please arrive at 6.30	St Peter's Church, Coniston Cold
Sunday 12th June, 10.45am Gargrave, 11am C Cold	Special Choral Services to celebrate the Queen's official 90th birthday.	St Andrew's, Gargrave & St Peter's, Coniston Cold
Monday 13th June, 7pm	Concert to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday featuring Sarah Fox with a 'Last Night of the Proms' feel about it!	St. Alkelda's Church, Giggleswick
Friday 17th June, 6.30pm	A Musical evening featuring local sopranos Bibi Heal and Alexandra Lowe. There will be a long interval for picnics or dinner at the Hotel.	The Coniston Hotel, Coniston Cold

Sunday 19th June, 3.30pm	Choral Evensong with the Ripon Cathedral Choir. The address will be given by the Bishop of Ripon.	St Michael's Church, Kirkby Malham
Wednesday 22nd June, 7pm	An Evening of Community Singing with John Bell of the Iona Community John is a regular speaker on Radio 4's "Thought for the Day"	Holy Ascension Church, Settle
Saturday 25th June, 5pm	Grand Finale Festival Concert featuring local adult and junior choirs, and professional musicians.	Giggleswick School Chapel, Giggleswick

#### NEWS

Revd David Houlton and Norma Brothers

#### Envelopes of appreciation

The history of our village goes back well over 1000 years. There was a Roman villa here; we are in the Doomsday book; and we even have a (former) vicar who is a Catholic saint! Most of that there has been a time church. Gargrave heritage group and the church council are applying for national grants to restore or repair existing parts of the church, stained-glass windows and tower, and for improvements to make the

building useful for this and future generations.

But the large grant-making bodies need to know that the building is appreciated and useful for our community. So we will shortly be distributing envelopes similar to that in the picture above to everyone in the village. Please could you use the envelope to send in a note of appreciation and/or to make a donation towards the work, and encourage friends and neighbours to do the same? The envelopes will be collected by a representative of the church.

Photo courtesy: www.inghamphotography.com

#### Revival families

After the local mission outreach had concluded, the three ministers were discussing the results with one another. The Methodist minister said, "The mission worked out great for us! We gained four new families."

The Baptist preacher said, "We did better than that! We gained six new families." The Anglican priest said, "Well, we did even better than that! We got rid of our ten biggest trouble makers!" Library news

Firstly a big thank you to all who supported our Film Shows over the winter months, with attendances of over 70 people the shows have developed into lively social occasions. Our next film night will be in September.

Come the autumn we are looking to have a couple of talks by local personalities and, no doubt, we will be showing some more films.

Wednesday the 4th of May will see us celebrating our 4th birthday as a Community Library. To celebrate we will be having a little party in the Library during the normal opening hours when we will be serving, Pimms, soft drinks, savouries and cakes. So, if you're a library volunteer, a regular visitor or just passing by please call in and help us celebrate.

Please note that the Library telephone number has changed to 07960 704509.

#### Pilates News - May and June

Beatrice Faulkner

Dave Smith

The Pilates groups will be meeting weekly throughout May and June except for the half term week at the end of May and start of June when there will be no Tuesday meetings on  $31^{st}$  May or Friday one on  $3^{rd}$  June.

We are now incorporating large "Swiss" exercise balls to increase balance challenges. And we're trying out "Powerfingers" hand exercising devices which help to strengthen muscles on the back of our hands and wrists, helping to counterbalance all the gripping, flexing, typing, texting, chopping, clenching hand movements that we so commonly make.

The Tuesday at 10 am class and Friday at 9am one are largely mat based, the 11.30am one is standing and sitting orientated. For further information or to book a place, please contact me on 01756 749443.

#### Crossgates News: blood group testing kits

Hannah from Crossgates

At Crossgates Health, Gargrave we can help detect your blood group (A/B/AB/O) and advise on food groups which may be beneficial to your system.

According to the Blood Type Diet, your blood type is the key to the mysteries of health, disease, physical vitality and emotional strength. There are beneficial foods for each blood type, which act as medicine to your body, and foods to be avoided to which your body is intolerant. They may weaken your digestive and immune function, leave you feeling bloated, lethargic and light headed and have a negative impact on your health. Neutral foods can be eaten in moderation. *(cf Eat Right 4 Your Type by Peter D'Adamo & Catherine Whitney, 1998).* 

Please call us for more information 01756 749901 or visit: http://www.crossgateshumanhealth.co.uk/eat-right/eat-right-for-your-blood-type/

#### Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

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#### Prayer request from Canterbury and York

Revd David Houlton

In a recent letter to parish priests, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop of York have asked for prayer for our nation between the 8th and 15th of May:

## "Thy kingdom Come, thy will be done". A Call to Prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost 2016

As we travel around the country, we are continuously encouraged by the faithfulness, commitment and courage of all our Partners in the Gospel. Your ministry in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, often in testing circumstances, is an inspiring testimony to the transforming work of our Lord. We thank God for our partnership in the Gospel.

Like us, you will know that ministry is empty and barren without prayer. That is why we are taking the unprecedented step of writing to every serving parish priest in the Church of England inviting you and your people to join us in a week of prayer for the evangelisation of our nation. In the week leading up to Pentecost (May 8th - 15th) we long to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches.

Our hope is:

- for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ

- for all of us to have confidence to share the Gospel

- for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples, to live out the Gospel and to seek God's Kingdom from day to day

At the heart of our prayers will be the words that Jesus Christ himself taught us - "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done." It is impossible to overstate the lifetransforming power of the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.

But how? We are aware that many dioceses, cathedrals, parishes, and chaplaincies will already be preparing to engage in special times of prayer and witness at that time. If this applies to you, please do not see this letter as an additional burden; we simply ask that your own prayers, as you engage in your Diocesan or parish plans, should include your longing that more should come to know Christ.

Only you know the context in which you minister and the opportunities and challenges you face, so the precise way in which this time of prayer is realised locally will be up to you... If you go to the website: www.thykingdom.co.uk you will find many ideas and resources to inspire you. Amongst them are the following suggestions:

- As a parish, team, or deanery commit to a week of 24-7 prayer
- 'Help my church to pray' guide
- Special prayers in Sunday worship
- Prayer walking

- An hour of prayer before Jesus Christ in the Eucharist
- A novena prayer card handed out to every member of your congregation
- A parish retreat or quiet day or a school of prayer

In addition there will be Beacon events in Cathedrals across the country over Pentecost weekend 14-15 May (Canterbury, Durham, Winchester, Coventry and St Paul's), also at St Michael le Belfrey, York. The dream is this: imagine every Anglican, perhaps even every Christian, in this nation praying that prayer together with the specific intention that all may come to know Jesus as Lord. We profoundly hope that you and those you serve will want to be part of this great movement of prayer. Evangelism is the work of God, and it begins as we seek him in prayer. It is always good for the Church to pray.



#### WI News

#### Jean Maxwell

At our meeting in April Sue Seeger showed us photos about the evolution of the Modern Miss. She began with the days of the Crinoline and the Bustle and Moyra asked the inevitable question – "how did they go to the toilet?". Apparently they had 2 individual legs in their bloomers without a gusset and so it was easier to use the facilities available! As she progressed through to the days of Twiggy many of us recognised the fashions noting how some features occurred more than once as the fashions went round and round. Cynthia had brought the winning "biggest fashion mistake I ever made" item – a hat which she said looked fine in the shop but as she demonstrated – it didn't really do anything to enhance her looks!

For the Queen's birthday celebration the WI are having a cake competition – open to anyone in the village to bring along a decorated cake to St Andrew's Church for 12 noon on Sunday June 12th. The Vicar will judge 2 classes – one 11 and under and the other over 11, and decide the 2 winners. (There will be Prizes!) You don't have to make the cake but be aware it will be eaten as part of the free tea and cake on offer to celebrate the Royal Event.

On Wednesday June 8th our Annual Outing is to Media City at Salford. We do have 10 spare places on the coach so if you would like to go and look at Salford Quays (there would be opportunities to see The Lowry Centre, Imperial War

Museum and lots of shops) The cost will be £5.00 and the coach leaves the Village Hall at 11.45 and leaves Salford about 5.30 after we have eaten. Please ring Barbara Livingston on 01756 749511 to book your place.

At our meeting on Wednesday May 11th we will have Eric Scaife on Tyke Talk – should be fun! You are welcome to come along and join us at the Village Hall Annex at 7pm.

#### FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

After one of the wettest winters I have ever known, it is a relief to have a dry spell of weather. Last winter was the first time I have ever been unable to use a quad bike off-road; I had to leave the quad on the track and carry the sheep food so as to find a dry patch of ground – it was impossible to even feed them by the track! We had to bring as many sheep as we could inside the sheds for the winter.

At the time of writing this, the first lambs are starting to appear and the ewes seem and are in good condition.

What a wonderful time of year – the days are longer; daffodils are in full bloom; birds are singing; lambs are playing; everything seems so fresh and alive!

There is never a dull moment on the farm; life is always changing. Even the sheepdogs have had a shock! It is now compulsory for all dogs to be microchipped. The vets arranged a day to have all farm dogs implanted at the surgery in one day. This proved quite an occasion. Can you imagine farm sheepdogs who live away from the public, spending their lives happily tending sheep, wanting to be taken to the vet? This was a thoroughly entertaining event...

We have four sheepdogs. Two don't like each other, which therefore meant two trips in the Land Rover. Three dogs were no problem as they are friendly and happy amongst people. Not so is the fourth, a dog named Buff, who is not very sociable, especially to vets (as they tend to stick needles in). A one man dog, my constant companion for the last ten years and pride and joy as a work dog, he has never worn a lead in all his life. Buff hops into the Land Rover at any time and works all day quite happily, as long as **nobody touches him!** I'm sure he felt betrayed when he had to be dragged into the vet. Buff is now an ageing dog and sadly slowing down but is still so faithful.

I have been training sheepdogs all my life. I bought a pup when I was ten years old. She was difficult to train; she didn't believe in running round a field to collect all of the sheep, instead she thought that the first one she saw was the one to bring. I spent many hours trying to persuade her to go round the field. Shortly after, my father's bitch had one pup of unknown breeding, which no-one thought would be any good. I claimed him. He became the best dog I ever had. He was a natural, who always seemed to know what I wanted to do, He could work cattle and sheep. I then had two dogs but my father insisted I sold one. I never forgave him.

There were no quad bikes or land rovers, and no lambing sheds. One had to rely on your own two feet and a good dog. At lambing time, all sheep lambed outside. The lambing ewes were brought into a field close to the house at night so they could be seen during the night, often with a paraffin light. A good dog was essential.

Training sheep dogs has been one of my pleasures. I would have a pup every year, sometimes home bred, or bought out of Wales or Scotland. It is a lottery, even with the best of parents. Out of one litter, one may be outstanding and another not interested in sheep. To sum up, out of every ten I have had, one would be outstanding, four would useful, four would be "also rans" and one just not interested.

One good thing about collies is they do make good pets. Several of my missfits have gone to obedience trials successfully. The others as pets. There are few people training sheepdogs today: quad bikes have taken over to a certain extent. As a result, a good dog is a valuable animal. It takes two years to really train them, with luck followed by eight years good work. They then age and slow down. There is nothing quite like **youth**!!!

#### A SPIRITUAL REVOLUTION – PART 1

Tony Wimbush

#### The First Revolution!

The first spiritual revolution took place some 2000 years ago according to the Christian New Testament as narrated in Acts 2:1-13. The Spirit of God that had energised Jesus of Nazareth throughout his life on earth was poured out on his disciples as a gift. That ignited a spiritual revolution which eventually spread out from the Mediterranean right across the globe and down through history. It gave birth to the off-shoot of the Jewish religion which we now call Christianity. Known as Pentecost it was a continuation, some would say the culmination, of the Easter event - the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. If you want to know more it will be celebrated this month across nearly every continent on the planet including your local church here in Gargrave.

#### **Another Revolution?**

That was then but what about now? Some are suggesting another, different sort of spiritual revolution has been guietly taking place in the west in recent decades. That religion, particularly Christianity, may be slowly being eclipsed by spirituality. Increasing numbers of people prefer to call themselves 'spiritual' rather than 'religious' while others specifically dis-identify with religion by calling themselves 'Spiritual but not Religious' or - 'SBNR' for short. Apparently some modern dating web sites even offer 'SBNR' as a faith option alongside the usual categories of Christian, Jew and Muslim etc. Allied to this a whole industry of wholeness and wellbeing has sprung up offering a range of alternative therapies and spiritual practices often with their own language. Terms like New Age, mindbody-spirit, holistic, true nature, higher power, harmony, balance, centred, becoming, soul, sacred, inner knowing, chi, chakra, yoga and mindfulness are now more common in our culture and the media than traditional Christian vocabulary. A cursory glance round bookstores will show that the mind-body-spirit section will dwarf the books on all the traditional religions put together. People may be a lot less religious but they are just as spiritual, whatever that may now mean. Our

church attendances may continue to decline but spirituality seems to be alive, growing and well embedded in our communities and in the market place!

#### Religion, spirituality and the 'holistic milieu'

Although generally dismissed by our churches, a number of people have researched and commentated on this 'New Age' phenomenon to help us understand what is going on and to assess its importance. A respected research project by Heelas and Woodhead (which inspired this article) was carried out at the turn of the century centred on Kendal in Cumbria. It was supported by the University of Lancaster and published in 2005..

Their aim was to explore the claim that traditional forms of religion, particularly Christianity, were giving way to 'New Age' spirituality and whether we were, in fact, living through a 'spiritual revolution' or, if it was of little consequence.

They first of all had to make clear the distinction between religion and spirituality. The dominant understanding of religion, such as Christianity, is that of taking on a set of beliefs that conform to a higher, external truth revealed through sacred texts and mediated by clergy through teaching, liturgy, creeds, doctrines and rituals and so on. It is characterised by being institutional, hierarchical, centralised, congregational and moralistic, and is often bureaucratic and male dominated. They acknowledged that a minority of congregations, such as charismatic and Pentecostal, were much more subjective, experiential, expressive and emotive.

Defining spirituality is much more problematical. It means different things within and outside a religious context and it is also used in a diversity of ways within culture. In religion it remains objective in the sense that it is focused on something external to and higher than the self and is considered to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, scripture or tradition. Outside religion it is regarded as being about looking inwards to discover truth and goodness by trusting and exploring one's own feelings, intuitions and experiences. The other problem is, as previously mentioned, is that spirituality is commonly used in association with such a vast spectrum of ideas, experiences, therapies and practices. For this reason Heelas and Woodward introduced the term 'holistic milieu' as a catch-all description. From their perspective the key difference is that the 'holistic milieu' is person centred and, therefore, subjective while religion is essentially externally focused and objective.

So what did they find? What does it mean? Does it really matter? All in part (2) next month!

Acknowledgement: Inspiration and information provided by The Spiritual Revolution - why religion is giving way to spirituality, Heelas and Woodhead, 2005.



#### GARGRAVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Peel

"Every child counts, every child contributes"



On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the year 5 pupils from Gargrave, Ings Primary and Thorntonin-Craven walked to Malham from Gargrave. There were 29 of us altogether. Our favourite parts were walking across the water at Janet's Foss, completing the long walk and getting muddy!

We stayed in the YHA, and walked to the cove the next day. Unfortunately we didn't see the peregrine falcons.

It was great to meet new people, be with our friends and being outside in the 'class-field'.

Written by Zara Pratt, Jessica Starkey and Zoe Gaskell.

#### Children's exam papers (not at Gargrave Primary School)

The following answers to various exams explain why teachers need long holidays ...

What is a nitrate?

Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common? Unusual names.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements. Learning to speak Latin.

Name six animals which live specifically in the Artic.

Two polar bears. Four seals.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed? At the bottom.



#### GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Janet Turner

#### Monthly meeting, 4 April 2016 Matters arising from the last meeting:

The Parish Council agreed to install extra signage in the public toilets to remind visitors to donate money into the collection boxes.

Cllrs. David Syms and Janet Turner met two CDC officers to accept a consignment of sandbags and to look at the problems on Damside where, over the years, outlet pipes from various properties in that area have been installed. They agreed to return and investigate with dyes when more of the mud etc. had been cleared. To this end the barriers at the "waterfall" end have been removed and the paperwork and quotes are progressing.

Both these CDC officers are qualified Environmental Health Officers and commented how pleased they were to see the notices warning of deep mud and the wooden fence on the side of the path along Damside.

Whilst walking from the lock-up to Damside the Councillors discussed dog fouling with the officers who provided a great deal of information and agreed to look at the legal procedures available to the Parish Council.

During March two meetings took place regarding flooding. At one in the village various kind residents offered ongoing assistance and at a liaison meeting at CDC's office involving Parish Councils, CDC and NYCC an agenda item on resilience has led to the Parish Council agreeing to work with NYCC to create a plan which will include the volunteers as well as direct information to the village and resources from various agencies and, as it was put, "the blue light brigade".

#### Parish Council vacancy

We are looking for a resident of Gargrave who has been here at least one year to fill a casual vacancy on the Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

**The next monthly meeting** includes the Annual Parish Meeting at 6-45 pm followed by the May monthly meeting at 7-15 pm on Monday 9th May 2016 in the Village Hall. All are welcome at your Parish Council meetings!

Congratulations- reading this, by now:

The Queen will be 90 years old;

The Tour de Yorkshire cycle race will have been run.

So we shall have a **village litter pick on Friday 6th May and Saturday 7th May** starting each day at the Summer Seat at 10-00 am.

However there is much more to come, with the Concert at St. Andrew's on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Open Gardens on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Duck Race in July and on Sunday 12th June the Queen's Official 90th birthday with a Civic Service at St. Andrew's and throughout the land BUT we get a WI afternoon tea in church – Cake Competition and all!!

To this end we thank all who have contributed time and effort to make and install bunting, put up flags and School designs for banners (lots of them in St. Andrew's Church) as well as efforts in the weeks and months to come.

#### INFORMATION

#### Rotas for St Andrew's Church

1 May	6th Sunday of Easter: Ephesians 5:21-6:9, John 14:23-29
8 May	Ascension Sunday: Ephesians 6:10-24, Luke 24:44-53
15 May	Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-21, John14: 8-17, 25-27
22 May	Trinity Sunday: Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15
29 May	Trinity 1: Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1b-10
5 June	St Robert: Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17
12 June	Queen's 90th birthday: Luke 10:25-27

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Over Sixties' (over 60s) – Village Hall Annex, Wed 1.30-3.30pm,
Phoenix Group (over 65s) – On hold?
Meals on Wheels – Mon & Wed, Brenda Longbottom 749883
<b>Bowling – outdoor</b> Gargrave Bowling Club, Michael Cox, 748285
Bowls – indoor, Village Hall, Tues & Thurs 2-4pm, Mary Rushton 748908
Cricket – Gargrave Cricket Club (over 13s) Tony Cockshott, 07788 100199
Croquet – Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Gargrave, Tues 2-6pm, Roy Berry 748065
Cycling – Gargrave Tuesday Club, Dalesman Café, Tues 9.30 for 10am start,
Thurs 10 for 10.30am start, Trevor Pickles 01282 844788
Football – Gargrave AFC (over 16s), Tues eve training, Sat games
www.gargraveafc.co.uk, Caroline Thompson 749235
Golf – Mason's Arms Golf Society, www.masonsarmsgolfsociety.com, 749304
Hunt – Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt, Elizabeth Adams 01756 749772
Pilates – Village Hall/Annex Tuesdays 10-11am, Fridays 9-10am, Bea Faulkner 749443
Tennis – Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Beth Whitley 749664, www.craventennis.org.uk
Tai Chi – Village Hall Annex, Thur 7.30-8.30pm, Ian Cresswell 748540
Walking for Health – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 10am, Jean Maxwell 748851
Yoga – Village Hall Annex, Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am, Sally Thomas 748098
Modern sequence dance – Village Hall, Mon 7.45-10pm & a monthly Saturday
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Gargrave Heritage Group – Tues 10am, St Andrew's Church, Martin Thomson 748309
Craft and Chat – St Andrew's, Tues 2pm, Sylvia Humphreys 748779
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> – Village Hall side room, 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon of mth, or 2 <sup>nd</sup> on bank hols
Snooker Club – Village Hall Snooker Annex, every day, Stewart Smith 749340
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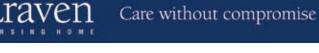


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