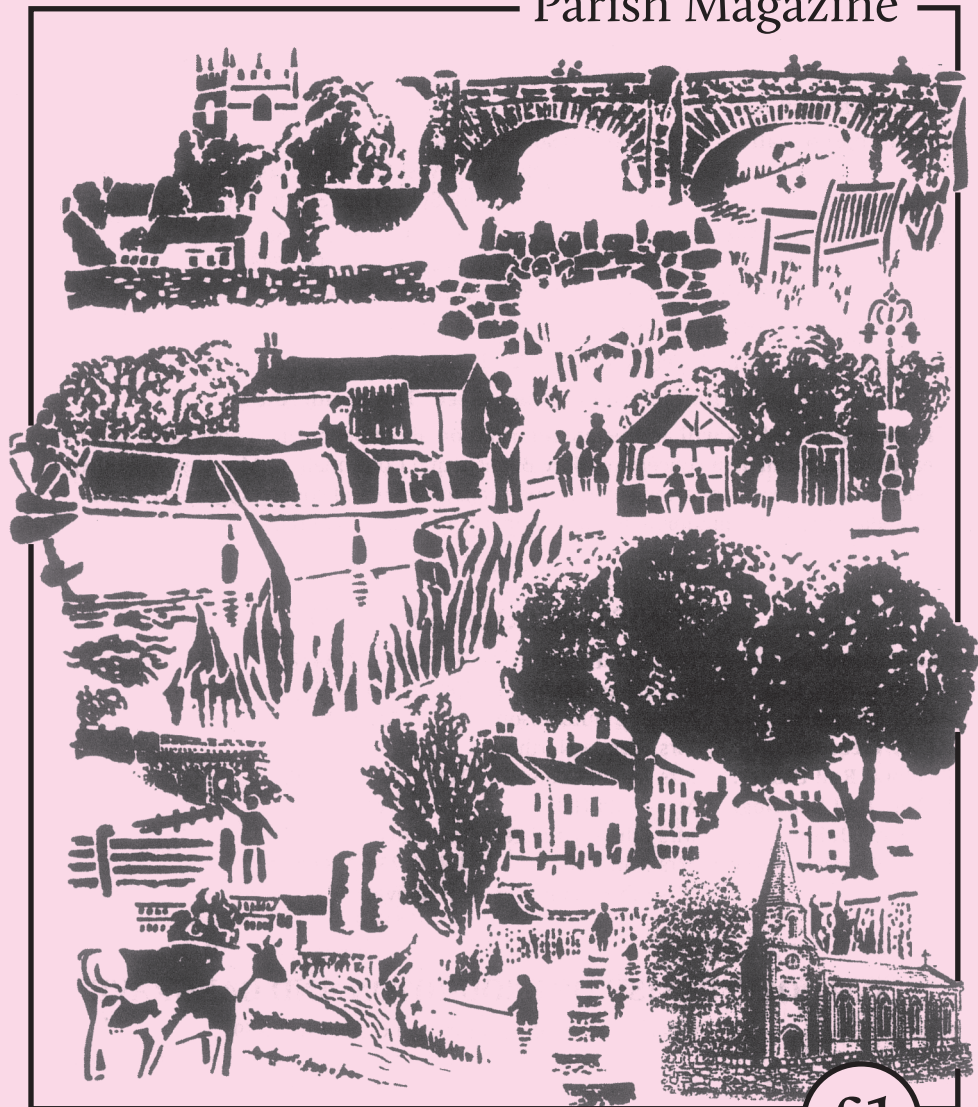


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# DAVID'S DESPATCHES

Revd David Houlton

**CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE** and despite the protestations of my more ecclesiological-inclined colleagues, we will be putting up Christmas trees and starting Christmas celebrations from Sunday 3rd December.

Strictly speaking that is actually the first Sunday of Advent – when we start thinking about God coming to visit His people – both as a human baby 2000 years ago and, in the future, when He comes to judge the world (or, like so many generations before us, when we go to meet Him after this life is over). So there is an interesting mixture of themes in Church Services in the weeks running up to Christmas. On the one hand it is a joyful celebration of life – the new life of a new-born baby child who will bring blessing to everyone who will receive Him. On the other hand there is the reminder that we are responsible for how we live our lives; will we love God, and will we love our neighbour as we love ourselves?

Fortunately, as the life of Jesus shows, God is hoping to “catch us in” rather than “catch us out”. In other words, Jesus came to save us, not to condemn us. He came to die, so that we could be forgiven when we do wrong and could have eternal life (in our hearts in this life, and completely in the next). That experience, almost like new life, is something that several people have had this year. It is an amazing thing to realise that God actually loves you, and **wants** you to be with Him – now and forever. So, although we should never forget the judgement theme of Advent – because our life choices are important, celebration is rightfully the overriding theme in the run up to Christmas.

And there will be **a lot** of celebrating going on again this year – including two performances of the traditional Gargrave Nativity. Full details below:

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10.45: Family Advent Service (breakfast available from 10am) and the start of the village “Posada”- in church. Posada is a tour of the village by a lovely nativity set of the Holy Family in search of a place for Jesus to be born, finishing in St Andrew’s at the Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Sign up in church to host the Posada for a day and reflect on the eternal truths behind Christmas.
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4.30pm: Village Lights switch-on with carol singing *at the Summerseat*. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies etc.
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, 4.30pm: The matinee performance of the Gargrave Nativity at St Andrew’s.
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 4.30pm: The Gargrave Nativity Service - performed and sung by people from across Gargrave every Christmas since the 1950s.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, 10.45: A Kings College style “Service of Lessons and Carols” by candlelight at St Andrew’s.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Christmas Carol Service with the Giggleswick Brass Band, at St Peter’s Coniston Cold.

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm: Carol singing at Milton House and then on to Neville House.
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, 1.30pm: School Christmas Service in St Andrew’s.
- Christmas Eve, 4pm: The annual Christingle Service in aid of the Children’s Society.
- Christmas Eve, 11.30pm: A traditional “Midnight Mass” to see in Christmas Day (bells start at 11pm)
- Christmas Day, 10am: Christmas Communion at St Peter’s Coniston Cold
- Christmas Day, 11am: Christmas Communion at St Andrew’s Gargrave
- Christmas Day, 12.30: Christmas Dinner (contact 078 62 23 16 91).

Christmas is a time to celebrate, to join together, and to reconnect with family and community and God. Heather and I are very thankful that we are able to enjoy this Christmas with everyone in Gargrave and Coniston Cold and, as we move to Ireland in the New Year, we will look back with thankful hearts for our time in such lovely church and village communities.

May your all your Christmases be meaningful celebrations, and blessed by God.

*The views represented in this magazine are those of the various authors, and do not necessarily represent those of the Parochial Church Council.*

## DIARY FOR DECEMBER

### Coniston Cold

Sun 3 Dec	9.30am Holy Communion, Church
Sun 10	4pm Evensong, Church
Sun 17	7pm Carol Service with Giggleswick & Settle Brass band, Church
Sun 24	10.45am Joint Communion Service at St Andrew’s Gargrave
Mon 25	10am Christmas Communion, Church
Sun 31	9.30am New Year Service
Sun 7 Jan	4pm Evensong, Church

*Apologies for two editing errors last month – the 60s/70s night was on the 11<sup>th</sup> November not the 4<sup>th</sup>, and there was no flea market on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Sorry for any inconvenience and disappointment this has caused. Beatrice*

## Gargrave

<b>Sun 3 Dec</b>	<b>8am Prayer Book Communion</b> <b>10am Family Breakfast, 10.45am Family Advent Service, Church</b> <b>10am-3pm, PTA Christmas Handmade Craft and Gift Fair, V Hall</b> <b>4.30pm Carol Singing and Village Lights switch-on – Summerseat</b>
Wed 6	Christmas Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Thurs 7	Luncheon Club, St Andrew's Church
Fri 8	School PTA Christmas Fair, 4pm to 5.30pm, Primary School
Sat 9	Book Fair, 10.am- 4pm, Village Hall 4.30pm Village Nativity Service matinée, Church
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>8am Prayer Book Communion, 10.45am Morning Prayer,</b> <b>4.30pm Village Nativity Service, Church</b> <b>Village Hall Management Committee Flea Market, Vintage, Collectable and Craft Fair (new craft stalls in attendance)</b> <b>10am-4pm, Village Hall.</b>
Mon 11	7.15pm Parish Council meeting, Village Hall Annexe
Tues 12	Luncheon Club, 12.30pm, Neville House
Wed 13	WI Christmas social evening, Village Hall Annex., 7pm for 7.30pm
Sat 16	Chance2Dance Village Hall Christmas production, evening performance.
<b>Sun 17</b>	<b>8am Prayer Book Communion</b> <b>8am BCP Communion, 10.45am A Service of Seven Lessons and Carols (per Kings College Cambridge)</b>
Wed 20	Wednesday 20th December - Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee AGM. Village Hall Annex 7.30pm
Thurs 21	School Nativity, 1.30pm, St Andrew's (sorry, no Luncheon Club)
Fri 22	Library Film show: What We Did in Our Holidays, 7 for 7.30 pm, VH
<b>Sun 24</b>	<b>8am BCP Communion, 10.45am Sung Eucharist,</b> <b>4.00pm Christingle Service (for The Children's Society),</b> <b>11.30pm traditional "Midnight Mass"</b>
Mon 25	11am Christmas Communion, 12.30 Christmas Dinner - booking essential - contact 078 62 23 16 91
<b>Sun 31</b>	<b>8am Prayer Book Communion, 10.45am New Year celebration</b>
<b>Sun 7 Jan</b>	<b>8am Prayer Book Communion, 10.45am Family Service</b>

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### St Andrew's Nativity Play 9 & 10 Dec

*Peter Poulter*



The St Andrew's Nativity play will be performed on Saturday and Sunday **December 9 and 10** in St Andrew's church, starting at 4.30pm.

We hope that you will be prepared to help us make this a good event for the church and the village.

Dress Rehearsal 6.30pm on **Friday 1 December.**

(Please note slight changes of times since November magazine was published.)

If you know anyone else who might be interested in taking part could you ask them to contact me ([buffers.pp@gmail.com](mailto:buffers.pp@gmail.com)) or 07967 107919.

Thank you.



"The vicar's still miffed that one of the parents got £250 from You've Been Framed for their video of last year's nativity play."



### Library events 22 Dec, 19 Jan

*Dave Smith*

On **Friday 22nd December**, as a final Christmas family warmer, we are showing the comedy **"What we did on our Holidays."** Written by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkins of BBC "Outnumbered" fame the film stars David Tennant, Rosamund Pike, Billy Connolly and three wise cracking children.

The customary Café style seating will be in place, so please bring your own refreshments. Village Hall doors open 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5, on sale at the door. Under 16's, free admission.

On **Friday the 19th January** we start the year with an illustrated talk by Gargrave's very own intrepid explorers, Duncan and Bee Faulkner and family, who spent their summer holiday crossing Europe, Asia and Australia.

As usual please bring your own refreshments. Doors open 7pm and the talk starts at 7.30. Tickets are £3, on sale at the door. Under 16s are free,

The film shows will restart in February, more details in next month's magazine.

## Family Service and Breakfast invitation - 3 Dec

*Rosemary Pocock*

Family service at St Andrews:  
Breakfast starts at 10 o'clock, service starts at 10.45. Everyone welcome. The Family Services are on the first Sunday of the month – Sunday 5 November and Sunday 3 December.



...no I don't think you're the real Father Christmas!  
I think you're up there pinching lead off my roof!!

## Christmas Handmade Craft and Gift Fair – 3 Dec

*Helen Oldfield*

**Sunday 3rd December** 10am - 3pm

Cafe ~ Refreshments ~ Tombola ~ etc

Stalls include: Handmade Cards, handmade jewellery, beauty products, jams & chutneys, decorations, Settle Glass wears, etc etc

Come along and get in to the festive spirit by doing your Christmas shopping at Gargrave Village Hall. Support local businesses and make Christmas individual with gifts for your loved ones.

Funds raised for Gargrave Primary School, new bike shelter

## Christmas Lights Switching on – 3 Dec

*Janet Turner & Clare Maslin*

Village Christmas Lights switch on – **Sunday 3rd December** (Advent Sunday) at the Summer Seat for carols and the switch on.

Then we'll move on to St. Andrew's church for mulled wine and mince pies. Along with the refreshments in church, there will be a "journey through the Christmas story" for children in the church, a book/gift stall and a chance to sign up to host a knitted version of the Nativity scene (posada) for a night during advent All are welcome.

## North Craven Strollers – Walking for Health

*Jean Maxwell*

Our walk at the beginning of November was one of the best ever. We took cars - and a big thank you to everyone who turned up willing to use their car - and parked in the lay by on Buck Haw Brow near Settle. Once there we walked up the lane to Feizor in glorious sunshine. The views were incredible. Ingleborough and the Lake District were as clear as a bell. We had an excellent lunch at Elaine's Tea Rooms in Feizor. The weather was so good that most of the group sat outside to eat. We walked back with a very different view of the hills to the South and everyone agreed it had been a really good day out. Walking on the lanes meant

that it was good underfoot and is most suitable for this time of year when fields and paths can be a bit dodgy.

In December we are off for a last walk of the year in Settle and will decide on the route depending on the weather. It's probably a bit wet for Watery lane but who knows! We will meet at the Summerseat to go on the 9.59 bus on Thursday December 7th. Then on December 21st we have a walk round Gargrave ending up with our Christmas Lunch at the Wonky Cake Cafe in the High Street.

**We do need to know numbers for this** so if you would like to come but can't be on the walk on December 7th then please let me know on 01756 748851.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year - you could make a simple New Year's Resolution to join us twice a month in 2018 for our free, easy walks which last' no more than 90 minutes and end up with refreshments somewhere - you will find new friends and get some gentle exercise into the bargain.

## Posada

*Peter Poulter*

Last year St Andrew's invited people to reflect on Mary and Joseph's search for shelter as the birth of Jesus drew near. Twenty-five households offered hospitality for a night to a small nativity scene as it travelled round the village. They used it as the opportunity to think about what it meant for the Holy Family to visit in their home, and for the reality of God-with-us in Jesus to come close to their life.

The Posada will make its journey round the village again this year. If you would like to offer to host it for a night, please sign up on the sheet that you will find at the back of the **church**.



## Christmas Dinner? 25 December

*Norma Brothers*

If anyone on their own, and couples and families on their own, would like to join us for Christmas Dinner in Church on **Christmas Day** at 1230, please let Norma know on 078 62 23 16 91 or Jane on 749760. The 5 course meals will cost £12.50 each. We could do with a few more names to make it viable – please don't be shy about getting it touch.

## Lunch

The true story is told of a minister who, the week before Christmas, invited a local homeless man to his home for Christmas lunch. The man sighed, put his hand into his very worn jacket, and took out a grubby diary. "It won't be easy," he said. "I am already booked for Christmas lunches on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. But how about after Christmas? I might be able to fit that in."

## NEWS

### Meals on Wheels – Call for Drivers and Drivers

*Brenda Longbottom*

We are desperately seeking new Drivers and Helpers to deliver a very few meals – cooked by Systagenix – to people twice a week over winter, in order to keep going until Easter. New diners would be most welcome too. Ring Brenda on 749883.

### Gargrave Calendar 2018

*Rob Ingham*

I have put a design together for a 2018 Gargrave Calendar with pictures of mine featured in the magazine, plus a few extra. £9.99 each, reduced to £7.99 for each additional one. If you would like to place an order, please contact me on 07740 339021 or robert\_ingham@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you

### Village Hall News – Snooker & website

*Caroline Thompson*

Our tour of the Village Hall and its different groups continues! Rooms to the right of the Annex corridor are home to the Snooker section. Membership of the section is £25 per person per year which allows access at all times via a touch key pad. The only additional cost is a £1 per hour for the overhead lighting above the tables which is paid via a coin machine. There are three tables in the two Snooker rooms, two practise tables in one room and a match table in the other room (always nice and warm in that area as the table has to be kept in a good playing condition and therefore a consistent temperature has to be in place at all times).

The section currently have one team playing in the Skipton Snooker league who hold games each week during Autumn and Winter. There are also individual competitions. Table bowls can also be played and there is a dartboard in the practise room too.

New members always most welcome, please contact Alan Richardson for further details 01756 749939.

The Village Hall Management Committee are delighted to announce that they now have a Village Hall website up and running, [www.gargravevillagehall.org.uk](http://www.gargravevillagehall.org.uk). Please visit our site, we are rather proud of it!!



### Library news

*Dave Smith*

Hopefully you've all visited the newly refurbished Library and are impressed with the transformation; again thanks go to everybody who worked hard to ensure the success of the project.

Much to our surprise and joy the Library was named as NYCC Library of the Month in September which is a reflection on the dedication of our Volunteers, the success of the Summer Reading Challenge and our performance against the targets set each year by NYCC. Thank you all.

Every so often we start to run short of Volunteers and we are approaching the time when two or three more Volunteers would ease the load and ensure that the Library can continue to operate.

Volunteers usually work a 3 hour shift with two volunteers per shift. Most Volunteers do about one shift a month. Others will not do a shift for a couple of months others two shifts a month. How many shifts and when you do a shift is entirely up to you. We operate a web-based booking system so, at any time of the day, you can see which slots are available and, if any are convenient, enter your name.

As a new Volunteer you will always be on duty with an experienced Volunteer.

Being a Volunteer is a great way to meet people. If you would like to help keep the Library running and are able to spare 3 hours a month, or whatever you can manage, to help behind the counter, please have a chat with one of our current Volunteers or speak to our Volunteer Coordinator, Patsy Simpson (749489), for more information.

Please note that the Library will be closed for the Christmas break from Friday 22nd of December and reopen on Wednesday 3rd January.

### Can't sing? Can't dance? Can't act? Can't sew?

#### Gargrave Pantomime Group needs you!

*Duncan Faulkner*

... as long as you get on well with children. We are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to help with supervision of our groups of lovely talented children. There would be no need to commit to attending every rehearsal (Thursday evenings and, from the start of January, Sunday afternoons). Some occasional help would be much appreciated to relieve the pressure on other volunteers.

All helpers would need to obtain a DBS check. This is quite a straightforward process which we can help you through. For some helping roles we may also ask you to apply for a chaperone licence.

If you are interested to find out more, please contact any of the pantomime committee: a good starting point would be Jo Casper, [joanne.casper@sky.com](mailto:joanne.casper@sky.com).

### Craft and Chat

*Sylvia Humphreys*





The Craft and Chat Group continues to thrive and produce a wide variety of items. In November two large boxes of blankets, hats, scarves, etc. were shipped to the charity Hand in Hand for Syria. The photograph shows Judith Robinson holding another beautiful blanket made by her. Several of the Group's members are shown on the previous page.

The Craft and Chat Group meets in church at 2pm. on Tuesdays except during holiday periods. The last meeting for this year will be on 19th December and the Group will meet again on 9th January, 2018.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Craft and Chat meetings, if only to have a chat. No special skills are required although people with new talents and ideas are greatly appreciated.

## News from the bell tower: Open day

*Joe Alston*

For local residents, parishioners and passers by the sound of the bells cannot be ignored, especially on Monday practice nights, but few will have had the opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes. We hope to rectify this by arranging an Open Day one Saturday afternoon towards the end of January in the lull between Christmas and Easter. So please look out for notices.

We hope to show a short video in the church before escorting small groups, perhaps no more than two or three, to the ringing chamber in the tower for a demonstration and explanation by some of our experienced ringers. We can explain how the mechanisms work and how the bells are controlled and you will hear some of the names and terms used only in bell ringing. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, the tour will be restricted to observing and asking questions but for anyone taking an interest in taking part, we would be pleased to arrange a separate session for tuition.

In addition to safety in the ringing chamber, there is the safety of access to consider. At St Andrew's the 500 year old steps are now well worn. Plans are in hand to improve the handrail but climbing the steps can be a bit of a challenge for some. We will ensure that there are plenty of helpers to escort visitors on the open day; also to supply them with a cup of coffee, or tea and cake!

The bellringers would also like to wish everyone the very best for the Christmas Season and thank Vicar David for his help and support. We have already made arrangements for ringing on Christmas Eve and hope that we can continue with increasing numbers and expertise for the New Year.

## Church tower: urgent repairs

*Hugh Turner*

As many in the village know, a bid was made earlier this year for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the cost of certain repairs to the tower of St. Andrew's church and certain alterations to the interior of the church following on from the completion of the new kitchen. Unfortunately this bid has recently been rejected. The PCC continues to work very closely with members of the Heritage Group. The advice they have taken recently from two structural engineers is that **urgent repairs** are required in particular to one of the finials (pointed bits sticking up from the edge of the top of the tower) which is twisting. If the finial was to fall from the tower outwards it would endanger life and limb and if it was to fall inwards it would be likely to damage the organ very seriously. Further advice is being sought as to whether there has been further deterioration in this and as to whether, for example, fencing should be placed as soon as possible around the vulnerable part of the churchyard next the tower because of the urgency of the situation.

4 A quote of just under £100,000 (including VAT) has been obtained for the work to undertake a full repair of the finials and castellations affected. This includes some £28,000 (including VAT) for the hire of a cherry picker and scaffolding. It may be possible for the cost of the overall project to be reduced if, instead of full repairs, a temporary repair involving supporting the affected areas with a scaffolding collar is undertaken and the cost of this is being investigated but whatever action is taken the cost of the scaffolding and cherry picker will be inescapable.

Currently it is anticipated that the VAT element of these costs will be recoverable but this will no longer be the case for any expenditure incurred after a date during 2020.

The £100,000 referred to above includes some £8,400 for repairs required to the staircase in the tower leading to the bell ringing chamber.

When the updated advice has been received the PCC will be in a position to advise the village of the facts, to consider what funds are required and how they might be raised. As part of this it is anticipated that an appeal will be made for funds by the delivery in the coming weeks of envelopes to all households in the village.



*The Church roof was a matter of urgent concern*



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The price for logs from **Tree Tops Forestry Ltd** has risen above that on A26

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## How about a career in the railway industry?

Kay Craven

For any young people wondering "what to do" on leaving School or College, why not consider working for the Railway Industry.

At a recent Lancaster and Skipton Rail User Group (LASRUG) AGM, the Managing Director of NORTHERN, Mr Richard Isaac, spoke on his earlier career, subsequently changing direction about a year ago to join NORTHERN. He is now the Community and Sustainability Manager for NORTHERN'S East Area and finds his work very interesting, varied and challenging.

There are so many facets to working for a Community Rail Industry (i.e. Engineering, Administration, Project organisation, - the list goes on .....), and much work is going ahead in an endeavour to engage a younger audience (16 - 24 year-olds) and to provide an Apprenticeship Scheme, thus introducing young people into the world of work - and an interesting and satisfying career.

Please contact our LASRUG Chairman, Hugh Turner, (748117) or myself (749748) if you wish further information.

## Pilates News

Bee Faulkner

Morning classes run for an hour on Tuesdays at 10am (mat based) and 11.30am (sitting and standing), and on Fridays at 9am and 10.30am (mat based). Our last class this term will be on Friday 22 December. We will be resuming on Tuesday 9 January for a 5 week block. For further information, please contact Bee on 0777 898 0994 / 01756 749443.

For details of Tuesday afternoon and evening classes, contact Cate on 079 5533 8775.

## Coniston Cold Young Farmers

Charlotte Lambert

Coniston Cold Young Farmers have had a busy programme over the autumn, including trips to the White Hills Golf Driving Range at Stirton and the first points night of the new Young Farmers year, which was held at The Wrights house in Rathmell, judging dairy cows and apple pies. We have had activities such as ice-skating, bowling, a beetle drive and whist drive

If you are interested, or know anyone aged 10-26 who would like to join us, please check our Facebook page, we would love to welcome any new members.

## GRILL A VICAR

Revd David Houlton

Last month I asked for questions that readers might have about life, the universe and everything and below are some answers to the questions I've received and others that many of us have. I hope you will find them helpful.. or at least thought provoking! If anything below touches a raw nerve, or provokes you to want to talk in more depth, please feel free to contact me (details in the front cover)

**Right, wrong and meaning.** Before tackling such questions, it is important to think about **why** we ask questions about right, wrong and meaning. As human

beings we don't just accept the way things are in the world around us, and we don't just trust everyone we meet, or believe everything we are told. We want to understand. Or at least we should!

So, here's the key conundrum: *why* do we feel there is something wrong with the way things are in this world? It has always been like this! There have always been disasters, dangers, sickness, wars and death. So why do we feel there is something wrong with them? And why do we feel it's wrong that we can't trust everyone we meet? Why do we feel it's wrong that we can't believe everything we are told? Since human life began it has always been the case that people cheat, and steal, and deceive, and abuse other people.

The feeling that something is wrong, although it's always been like that, is one of the conundrums of human life. How do we know *how the world should be*, when in reality it has never been like that? How do we know *how people should be* - when in reality everyone has not lived up to it? The reality is that our world has always been dangerous, and human beings have always acted badly. But we don't just accept it - we *know* that things shouldn't be like this! So we want to build a better world: we want to care for the environment, we want justice and equality; we want peace; we want everyone to have homes that can stand up to earthquakes and storms; we want better hygiene and medicines for all; we want to build loving families and communities; and we want generous support people who are poor and homeless... (**but** do we want to pay for all that)?

That conundrum is the source of many people's questions about Life, God and Everything, such as:

***Why does God permit so much suffering?*** Because the only way to get rid of suffering would be to get rid of this world... and us! We couldn't live in a perfect world, because we ourselves aren't perfect (if we were in that world it would be imperfect)!

***So what is God doing about all the suffering?*** God's response wasn't to try to make this world perfect and take away our free will, but to get personally involved in the mess, difficulties and suffering of this world! As we remember at Christmas, when Jesus came into this world He wasn't born into a perfect world. He was born to a young working class couple, in a smelly stable, and laid in a manger. The local King tried to have him killed, so His family had to flee and eventually move back to a safer part of the country. His mother was widowed young. During the three years Jesus taught and ministered to the sick and needy, the civil and religious authorities treated Jesus with suspicion and hostility. And, of course, He was eventually persecuted, prosecuted, beaten and nailed to a cross.

Yet a few days later He was alive again. His followers spoke and ate with Him. And after He went back to heaven, His Spirit came to live in His followers' hearts and lives. Heaven was in their hearts, and they were so inspired that they took His presence, and taught His Way, from country to country - despite being denounced, persecuted and punished. He was alive; death is not the end; we can be forgiven and accepted by God; God is with us! And He still wants to be involved in our lives - with us through the highs and lows of life on planet earth. This world isn't heaven, and we aren't angels, but His response is *forgiveness, presence* and

*help*. He will be with us now, and after this life we will be with Him forever, if we will come to Him and follow Him.

***Why do we need to be forgiven?*** Because to make us fit for that perfect world (aka heaven) we need to be made perfect. Our past has to be forgiven and forgotten, and we have to be changed.

***Aren't all religions the same really?*** Hardly. That was a rather naïve assertion that became popular in the 1960's when most people knew very little about other religions. It's not the same God behind every religion! After all, each religion has its own worldview, and different understandings of the human condition, of God (or gods) and of how we can live a good life at peace with God, with each other, with ourselves, and with the world we live in. I used to be involved in interfaith work in Manchester and it quickly became evident that we all wanted to respect each other, and to build up good relationships and mutual understanding, but it was also evident that it meant understanding and working with ***real differences*** which had serious implications (eg What can we eat together: anything? not pork? not beef? nothing?! Is converting to another religion a serious betrayal of your family? Should men and women talk together, or not?)

***So what does God look like?*** The universe we are part of was created by God. He isn't part of it, so we can't possibly 'see' God physically. But we do know what God is like: loving, joyful, peaceable, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled. That is what Jesus was like, and that is what God wants us to become like too.

***Hasn't Science made Christianity irrelevant?*** No! They answer different problems. Science is about *how life and the universe function*, whereas Christianity is about *the meaning of life and the universe*. Some of the world's top scientists are followers of Jesus. For instance Professor Sir Colin Humphreys, CBE, FREng, FRS (a Director of Research into semiconductors among other things, at Cambridge University), Professor R J Berry, FRSE (a geneticist), Professor D C Burke, CBE, HonLLD, DL (who worked on interferon, and advises adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology), and Professor J C Lennox PhD (Cantab) DPhil (Oxon) who is Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University, and a specialist in Bioethics.

***Is following Jesus realistic in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?*** Yes, because His Way is the right way to live! When we live the wrong way we are actually contributing to the problems of this world and the problems of people around us. What's more, as many of us have discovered, Jesus can actually help us to live life better. Life in this world will never be perfect (though my experience is that He has improved my life a lot)... but even in the horrible times of life on planet earth, God is with us in it.

***What's the point of going to church?*** Jesus-with-us is **the key** to Christian living. However, in this imperfect world we need each other for encouragement and support. Meeting other followers helps us to strengthen our trust in Jesus, and to keep up our commitment to living the right way. That is what church should be for; but sadly, like this world, and us, no church is perfect!

## FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

*John Hall*

A conversation with the Revd David Houlton revealed his coming move to Ireland. We wish him well but will be a loss to Gargrave and especially to the show committee for his great work for the dog show.

It was his move to Ireland and our conversation about my longstanding association with an Irish farmer in my youth that gave me the idea for this article.

A certain Pat Quinn from Attimass in County Mayo, in the northwest of Ireland, along with many colleagues, came to Skipton to hire for haytime. The first time I met Pat was in 1943. He came the last Monday in June for the traditional *hay month*. Haytime of course was all by hand with horses. Most farms in the area would hire one or more for the hay month. The bargain was all hours for a set sum, and if hay was complete before the four weeks they could move on with full pay. If hay was not finished, a new agreement for an extra week or more would be arranged. Pat became part of the family. He came every year for years. In a bad year, he would stop six weeks. While he was here at Scaleber, he would be in contact with arable farms in Lincolnshire regarding harvest. If corn was ready, Pat was gone. If it was not quite ripe, he would head for the Hawes area for a couple of weeks haytime.

At the end of the war, combines were only starting and most farmers were using binders. Corn sheaves were then stooked (stood on end) in stacks of eight to dry. After drying, it was carted into stacks by horse and cart to await threshing. It took a lot of manpower and hard work by hand.

Once onto the larger arable farms, Pat would form a team who made a contract to clear the fields, see the threshing completed, then move on. As a team, they fed themselves and worked all hours. Pat always referred to this as "piece work". The faster they worked, more money was earned. It must have been hard as when you are in a team, you are expected to keep up, or you were out – simple as that. A little Irish skill was exhibited here. As Pat said, if the crop was light, a contract per acre was an advantage. If a heavy crop, a price per ton was on the cards.

The team then moved on to potato picking, which really was a back-breaking job. After potatoes, came pulling turnips and making pies, not vegetable pies, but building piles of turnips and covering them with straw and soil to protect from frost. At that time, cattle food was scarce and turnips were one of the most important feeds. I spent many days in potato and turnip fields during the 40s and 50s. It was a tough job in bad weather with a horse and cart – not one of the most exciting jobs on a farm. We were very grateful for the work these Irish men did. Theirs was a hard life, as most had small farms in the west. The came over in June and only returned just before Christmas, leaving their wives to look after the home holding.

Pat was a remarkable man; he brought four sons to spend their first hay month at Scaleber. As he said, it broke them gently into the work pattern, on good food for starters. He kept in touch all his life. Despite a hard life, smoking twist all his life and ..... pints of beer, he lived into his 90s. I have visited the village Pat

lived in: stone houses and burning peat. It does bring into context how the potato famine must have been horrendous. Pat ended his days back in County Mayo. His sons remained in England and his daughters nursing in Leeds. Good memories of a likeable man.

## “ESSENTIAL SELF” LAUNCHED TO COMBAT EMOTIONAL WELLBEING ISSUES

*Jane Ellison-Bates*

World Mental Health Day recently saw the launch of a new mental health service in the Craven area.

An initiative by qualified mental health nurse, Emma Davies, Essential Self provides an alternative to traditional counselling and coaching, offering an initial analysis, overview of available therapies and a suggested route to better emotional wellbeing based on each individual patient's specific needs.



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Operating from Gargrave, Emma works with clients to tackle commonly experienced areas of difficulty such as depression, anxiety, stress, anger and low self-esteem. Often these manifest themselves in problematical behaviours which can impact on family members, including alcohol and drug abuse, and eating disorders.

Emma explains "Many private practitioners specialise in one form of therapy only, but in many cases clients can implement their own coping mechanisms to start their recovery and may benefit from taking elements from different therapies rather than just one. I work with patients to explore treatment options that suit their own issues rather than attempting to pigeon hole all their symptoms in one box."



The new service gives clients the chance to be themselves without fear of being seen as ill, broken or faulty and focuses on developing strategies to harness their own abilities and internal strengths in order to move forwards in life, overcoming many of the issues challenging them.

Acting as a 'life strategist' (a term coined by a client), Emma aims to offer affordable help for people to access emotional wellbeing assistance outside an over-stretched NHS, where only limited support is available.

More information on accessing help with mental and emotional wellbeing with Essential Self can be found at [www.essentialself.co.uk](http://www.essentialself.co.uk).



## GARGRAVE C OF E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Sarah Peel*

*"Every child counts, every child contributes"*

The term has flown by. We have been holding a writer of the week award for an individual from each year group. The pupils win a pencil and they have their work shared.

We have a selection here for you to enjoy, there are more on the school website.

AND-ROSE  
AND-ROSE

Ava-Rose- EYFS- Reception year

Alex Frew, Year 2

My alien is quite small it has a small head it also has two small legs. It has two antennae on its head its name is Bud it has two short arms. My alien has 3 small toes on each foot because its good at climbing trees ✓



Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance?  
Because he had nobody to go with!  
Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance?  
Because he had nobody to go with!  
Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance?

Boudica, Yr 5

★  
Because he had nobody to go with!  
Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance?  
Because he had nobody to go with!  
Why didn't the ~~set~~ skeleton go to the dance?  
Because he had nobody to go with!

We have a carol service and nativity story on **Thursday 21st December** at 1:30pm in St Andrews Church, all welcome.

PTA Christmas fair is on **Friday 8th December**, 4-5:30pm in school. Please come and support us at this fun event and help us to raise valuable funds.

We wish you all a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

## GARGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL

*Judith Metcalfe*

We wanted to start with saying a big thankyou to everyone who attended our fundraiser at the Masons. We raised an amazing £553.50. Without the help of those that baked, made chutneys, and of course all the businesses that donated prizes. we wouldn't have raised as much. A big thankyou goes to John and Nicola and staff at the masons for hosting it, although an easier quiz has been requested next time !! .

We have a lot going on in preschool this term. We have had a visit from the health visitor who talked about the importance of cleaning our teeth. She even brought her friendly crocodile and the children had to brush his teeth which they all enjoyed. We have started our Christmas card project with the children: they have designed their own cards. On the 12th December we are performing our nativity in the school hall at 9.30am. The Christmas party is on the 22nd December at 10.15 in preschool. I'm sure the man in the red suit will pay us a visit.

We held our first parent stay and play sessions which on an evening, so parents could see and discuss what their children do in preschool. We also held a stay and play in the afternoon where parents came and played with their children. These sessions were great to show the parents the new things we are doing. We are holding two more before Christmas.

We are continuing our visits to Neville house, with our next visit we will have a Christmas theme. Our visits to the library continue as well. Finally, wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

*Janet Turner*

We have the road gritting maps of our area showing the frequency with which NYCC will grit the roads and paths.

Of the roads through Gargrave they will grit the A65, Eshton Road and on past Eshton towards Malham and Church Street to Broughton by 7am. In addition they will grit Marton Road past Bank Newton and the road from Eshton towards Flasby and Rylstone by 10am. Other country lanes and housing estates will only be gritted if the conditions last over 72 hours and resources allow.

Busy shopping areas and main pedestrian footways will be treated before 9am in severe weather. Footways will not be treated following normal overnight frosty conditions.

After snowfall and icy conditions busy shopping streets and main pedestrian footways will be cleared first. Remaining footways and cycleways will be treated in propriety order as resources allow.

Around 50 to 60 people were at the War Memorial for the Remembrance Sunday tribute. 121 adults and 18 children attended the rest of the service in St. Andrew's church.

We hope that you can all join us for the Christmas lights switch on at the Summer Seat on Sunday 3 December at 4-30pm. We have been invited to St. Andrew's church afterwards for refreshments.

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22 December until Tuesday 2 January 2018 but over the closure period you can still contact the Parish council by e-mail.

Your Parish council members and staff wish a very Merry Christmas to all Gargrave villagers, their friends, families and visitors as well as our District and County Councillors, Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel who over the last year have worked with us to make Gargrave a pleasant and peaceful environment. We hope that 2018 proves to be beneficial to us all.

### **Community speed watch**

The Parish Council are gathering together a list of names of willing volunteers who would then form a team to provide Community Speed Watch throughout the village of Gargrave.

The main purpose of the Community Speed Watch scheme is to draw driver's attention to speed limits in areas where communities say it is affecting their quality of life and to educate them about the effects that anti-social road use can have on local people.

If you feel this is something you are willing to get involved with, the Parish Council would like to hear from you. In the first instance could you please contact the Clerk on 01756 668209 for further details.

### **Christmas cards**

A friend of ours waited until the last minute to send Christmas cards. She knew she had 49 people on her list, so she rushed into a shop and bought a package of 50 cards without really looking at them. Still in a big hurry, she addressed the 49 and signed them without reading the message inside.

On Christmas Day when things had quieted down somewhat, she happened to come across the one leftover card and finally read the message she had sent to 49 of her friends. Much to her dismay, it read like this: *This card is just to say a little gift is on the way.* Suddenly she realised that 49 of her friends were expecting a gift from her.

### **Facebook**

Thank the Lord for Facebook. Otherwise I'd have to call 674 people today to tell them I just went Christmas shopping.

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If you live in Gargrave, Flasby, Eshton, Winterburn, Coniston Cold or Bank  
Newton then Gargrave's Lands Charity may be able to help!

Financial assistance readily available in approved cases.

*Contact one of the trustees listed below to discuss your situation.  
Absolute discretion and confidentiality assured.*

**Phil Ellis 748685**

**Christine Charlton 748817**

**Hugh Turner 748117**

**Joyce Garner 748447**

## INFORMATION

### Rotas for St Andrew's Church

*Please arrange a deputy, or a swap, if you can't make your duty.  
If you'd like to join the rota, please contact Janie on 748970.*

		Readings	8am Sidesmen	Church Cleaning
<b>3 Dec</b>	Advent Sunday	Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37	Linda Wall	27-Nov 08-Dec
<b>10 Dec</b>	Trinity 26	Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8	Kay Craven	Jean Banks
<b>17 Dec</b>	Advent 3	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, John 1:6-8, 19-28		Abbie White
<b>24 Dec</b>	Christmas Eve	Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38	Colin Chapman	
<b>25 Dec</b>	Christmas Day	Hebrews 1:1-4-12, John 1:1-14		
<b>31 Dec</b>	New Year's Eve	Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21		
<b>7 Jan</b>	Epiphany	Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12	Linda Wall	
<b>14 Jan</b>			Kay Craven	
		Sidesmen	Intercessors	Refreshments
<b>10.45am</b>				
<b>3 Dec</b>		Family Team	Family Team	Family Team
<b>10 Dec</b>	Janet Turner	Hugh Turner	Lauren Maslin	Ron Humphreys
<b>17 Dec</b>	Dorothy Rishworth	Mollie Blackburn	Ruth Abbott	Peter Poulter
<b>24 Dec</b>	Sarah Curtis	Pauline Gilfoyle	John Bailey	Hugh Turner
<b>31 Dec</b>	Janet Turner	Hugh Turner	Clare Maslin	Clare Maslin
<b>7 Jan</b>	Family Team	Team	Family Team	Family Team
<b>14 Jan</b>	Dorothy Rishworth	Mollie Blackburn	Mike Maiden	Sarah Curtis
				Judith Robinson

### Nearest Filling Stations

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 South; KILBROOK; 8 mi; Texaco, Colne Rd, BB18 6TG; 01282 338332  
 NE; THRESHFIELD; 8 mi; SPAR, Kettlewell Rd, BD23 5PL; 0208 4263700  
 NW; SETTLE; 11 mi; CO OP, Church St. BD24 9JD; 01729 824719

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 SW; BARNOLDSWICK; 8 mi; Gulf, Skipton Rd, BB18 5NB; 01282 853357  
 SW; GIBBURN; 10 mi; Texaco, Gisburn Rd, BB7 4ES; 01200 415953

*Committed to November 2017*

## Public Transport leaving Gargrave Compiled by Peter Hardyman 18 November 2017

### TAXIS from Gargrave (see 3 pages previous):

Gargrave Private Hire - local & distance, airport transfers: 07877 054698, 01756 748112

### TRAINS, from Gargrave [NEW, FROM 10 DECEMBER. Before then, see November Mag.]

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

Mon-Fri	0745	0811	1201	1347	1453	1728	1814	2028	2131
Saturday	0745	0927	1201	1345	1455	1744	1814	2028	2131
Sunday		1121		1352	1455 1554		1851		2106

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

Mon-Fri	0547 <sup>5</sup>	0901	1105	1406	1730
Saturday	0643 <sup>5</sup>	0905	1105	1439	1731
Sunday		0932	1145	1543	1809

**To Settle** (arrives ~ 18 mins later if direct) & **Carlisle\*** (arrives ~ 2hrs later if direct)

Mon-Fri	0547 <sup>3or2</sup>	<u>0901</u> <sup>2</sup>	0932	1105 <sup>3</sup>	1331	<u>1406</u> <sup>2</sup>	1453 <sup>1</sup>	<u>1730</u> <sup>2</sup>	1851 (2006 <sup>4</sup> )
Saturday	0643 <sup>3or2</sup>	<u>0905</u> <sup>2</sup>	0932	1105 <sup>3or2</sup>	1331	1439 <sup>2 (or 3)</sup>	1455 <sup>1</sup>	<u>1731</u> <sup>2</sup>	1840 (2006 <sup>4</sup> )
Sunday		<u>0932</u> <sup>2</sup>	0954	<u>1145</u> <sup>2</sup>	1440	<u>1543</u> <sup>2</sup>	1809 <sup>3or2</sup>		

**NOTES: 1.** Change at Skipton **2.** Not Settle; change at Lancaster for Carlisle **3.** Change at Hellfield **4.** Terminates Ribbleshead **5.** Change at Lancaster for Morecambe. As of 15 Nov: there are no planned engineering works to affect Gargrave trains in December. *However, that can change. Check with northern railway.* For live info on next 2 trains text GARGRAVE to 84950, or go to [www.rail.co.uk/live-arrivals-departures/](http://www.rail.co.uk/live-arrivals-departures/) [NOTE: The Bus Replacement Stop at Gargrave is on Church St, on the village side of the railway bridge.]

### BUSES from Gargrave

**\* Except Bank Holidays**

**To Skipton** (arr. ~15 mins later) (Services 75, 210/211, 580) (M is from Malham)

Mon-Fri*	0821	<u>0911</u> <sup>10</sup>	0956	1056	1057M <sup>7</sup>	1156	1256	1356	1357M <sup>7</sup>	1456	1556	1726
Saturday	0821	0911	0956	1056M		1156	1256	1356		1456	1556	1656M

Sun + B.Hol (No Sunday service in Winter).

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

Mon-Fri*	0904+	<u>0959</u> <sup>10</sup>	1059+	1159	1259+	1359	1459+	1559	1644+	1759+
Saturday	0904+		1059+	1159	1259+	1359	1459+		1644+	1759+

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

Mon-Fri*		1000 <sup>7</sup>		1310 <sup>7</sup>	
Saturday		1001			1559

Sun + B.Hol (No Sunday service in Winter).

**NOTES. 7.** Tues & Thurs (as service 211) stops at Coniston Cold 4 mins after Gargrave

10. During School term only **North Yorkshire CC Sch Holidays: 23 DEC – 8 JAN incl.**

## Public Transport back to Gargrave

<b>TRAINS, to Gargrave [FROM 10 DEC. Before then, see Nov. Mag]</b>										<b>Last train from</b>
<b>From Skipton</b> (arriving Gargrave ~ 5 mins later)										<b>LEEDS to Gargrave</b>
Mon-Fri	0541	0855	0926	1100	1326	1401	1725	1846	2000	1919
Saturday	0638	0900	0926	1100	1326	1433	1725	1835	2000	1919
Sunday		0926	0948	1140	1435	1538	1803	1815 <sup>3</sup>		1720
<b>From Morecambe</b> (arriving Gargrave ~ 95 mins later)										
Mon-Fri	0610 <sup>6</sup>	1034	1333	1619	1908					
Saturday	0736 <sup>6</sup>	1034	1331	1616	1909					
Sunday		1222	1446	1723	1946					
<b>From Carlisle*</b> (journey time is dependent on route – check timetables)										
Mon-Fri	0544 <sup>2</sup>	0550	0853 <sup>1</sup>	0949 <sup>2</sup>	1155	1249 <sup>2</sup>	1404 <sup>1</sup>	1449 <sup>2</sup>	1506 <sup>1</sup>	1615 1808 <sup>2</sup> 1814 <sup>3</sup> (2100 <sup>9</sup> )
Saturday	0702 <sup>2</sup>	0752 <sup>1</sup>	0924 <sup>3</sup>	0949 <sup>2</sup>	1148	1231 <sup>2</sup>	1421 <sup>1</sup>	1540 <sup>2</sup>	1615 1807 <sup>2</sup> or <sup>3</sup>	(2100 <sup>9</sup> )
Sunday		0925	1133 <sup>2</sup>	1259	1307 <sup>2</sup>	1520 <sup>1</sup>	1636 <sup>2</sup>	1852 <sup>2</sup>		
<b>NOTES:</b> 1. Change at Skipton 2. <u>Not Settle</u> ; change at Lancaster 3. Change at Hellifield 6. Change at Lancaster 9. <i>Not Carlisle: Departure time is from Ribbleshead</i>										
<i>Living in BD23 post code, you can buy a DALES RAILCARD: £10.00/ year. 1/3 off Anytime and Off-peak rail tickets between Gargrave, Leeds, Bradford, Carlisle, Morecambe, Lancaster. Discount for children with you; also Winter Offer.</i>										

BUSES to Gargrave				* Except Bank Holiday							(M service to Malham)		
From Skipton (arrives Gargrave ~ 15 mins later) (Services 75, 210/ 211, 580)													
Mon-Fri*	0850	0945 <sup>10</sup>	0950M <sup>8</sup>	1045	1145	1245	1300M <sup>8</sup>	1345	1445	1545	1630	1745	
Saturday	0850	0945M		1045	1145	1245		1345	1445	1545M	1630	1745	
Sun + B.Hol (No Sunday service in Winter).													
From Settle (arr. Gargrave ~ 25 mins later) (Service 580) + from Kirkby Lonsdale													
Mon-Fri*	0755+	0845+ <sup>10</sup>	0930+	1030[+ <sup>11</sup> ]	1130+	1230	1330+	1430	1530+	1700			
Saturday	0755+	0845+	0930+		1130+	1230	1330+	1430	1530+				
From Malham (arrives Gargrave ~ 25mins later) (Services 75, 210/ 211)													
Mon-Fri*		1035 <sup>8</sup>	1335 <sup>8</sup>	from opp. the Buck Inn, Malham									
Saturday		1030		1630	from opp. the Buck Inn, Malham								
Sun + B.Hol (No Sunday service in Winter).													
NOTES 8. Tues & Thurs service stops at Coniston Cold 4 mins before Gargrave													
10. During School Term only 11. From Kirkby Lonsdale on Sch Hols Only.													

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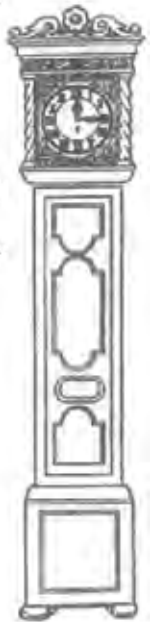
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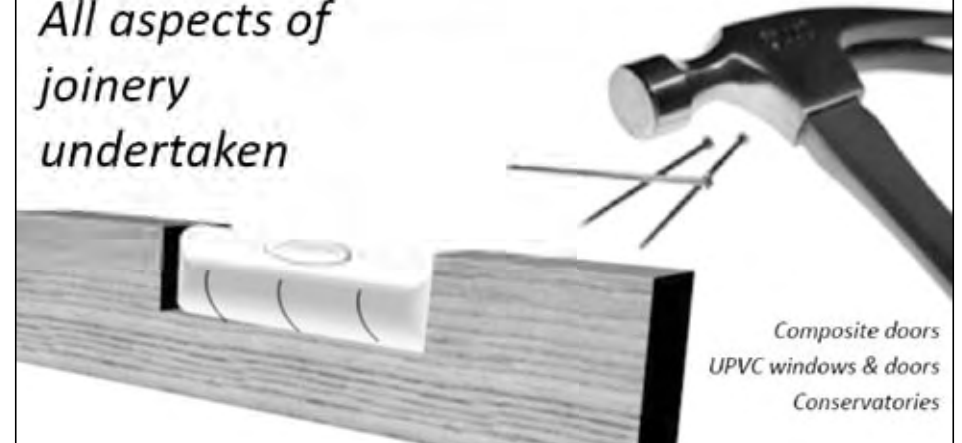
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