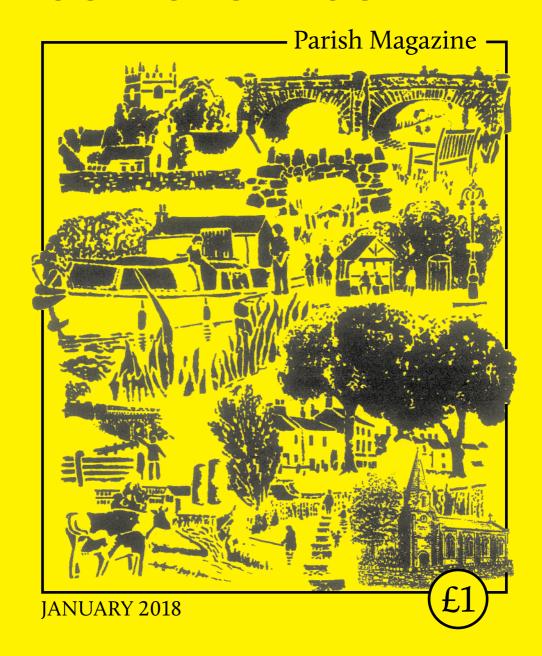
# GARGRAVE & CONISTON COLD



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Honouring Swan, Swan, Swans Hedgehogs and Moles Decluttering



Photo - Chris Faulkner

# Dates for your diary

Trans- Siberian Travels to Down Under	19 Jan
NSPCC Soup Lunch	10 Feb
Pantomime: Peter Pan	15-17 Feb
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#### FIRST WORDS

#### Note from the editors

In the absence of a vicar from this month onwards, we will have an introductory message from a variety of sources both within the parish and from the wider world. This month's contribution is from the Rev Paul Hardingham, via the Parish Pump news service.

#### God's New Year's honours list

We are all familiar with the Queen's New Year's honours list, celebrating those who have made a significant contribution to public life. In 2017 famous names included Andy Murray, Mo Farah, Ken Dodd, Patricia Routledge, Angela Rippon and Victoria Beckham. However, what would *God's* New Year's honours list look like? In 1 Sam. 2:30 God says, *'Those who honour me I will honour'*. In this New Year, how can we honour God in our lives?

Honouring God means giving Him reverence, submission, and obedience; the complete surrender of our entire lives to His glory and loving service: 'in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.' (Romans 12:1). So, we might honour God this year in five key areas:

My Time: how can I use my time to glorify God (Colossians 4:5)?

**My Gifts**: how am I using my God-given gifts and abilities in His service (Matthew 25:14-30)?

My Body: in what ways do I honour God in my body (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)?

My Treasure: who is in charge of my finances (Matthew 6:24)?

My Heart: how do I honour God not just outwardly, but from my heart: 'These people come near to me with their mouth and honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me' (Isaiah 29:13)?

Here's a challenge for 2018: When we wake up each day, let's ask God: 'How can I honour you today? Please help me to honour you with the time, gifts, body, finance, and heart that you have given me.' Jesus Christ gave His life for us, and promises to give us the Holy Spirit to help us to serve Him. 'When the worship is over, let the service begin.'

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



#### DIARY



#### Coniston Cold

Sun 24 Dec	Joint Communion Service, 10.45am, St Andrew's, Gargrave
Mon 25 Dec	Christmas Communion, 10am Church
Sun 31 Dec	New Year Service, 9.30am, Church
Sun 7 Jan	4pm Evensong, Church
Sun 14 Jan	Holy Communion with Revd John Long, 9.30am, Church
Sun 21 Jan	Evensong, 4pm, Church
Sun 28 Jan	Holy Communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 4 Feb	Evensong, 4pm, Church

#### Gargrave

Sun 24 Dec	BCP Communion, 8am, Sung Eucharist, 10.45am, Church
	Christingle Service (for The Children's Society), 4pm, Church
	Traditional "Midnight Mass", 11.30pm, Church

Mon 25 Dec Christmas Communion, 11am, Church

Christmas Dinner, 12.30pm, Neville House Community Room - booking essential – tel 078 62 23 16 91

Sun 31 Dec Prayer Book Communion, 8am, New Year celebration, 10.45am, Church, followed by Jacob's Join Farewell meal for Revds David and Heather- contact Norma 078 62 23 16 91

Tues 2 Jan Luncheon Club, 12.30pm, Neville House, tel 748990

Sun 7 Jan Prayer Book Communion with Revd Geoffrey Spencer, 8am

Family Service, 10.45am Church

Mon 8 Jan Parish Council meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Annexe

Wed 10 Jan WI meeting, 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 12 Jan Dance with Dennis Westmorland (Please bring your own picnic

supper), 7.30pm - 11.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 13 Jan Coffee morning (Pantomime Section) 9.30am – Noon, Village Hall

Sun 14 Jan Prayer Book Communion with Revd John Long, 8am, Church

Sung Eucharist with Revd John Long, 10.45am, Church

Fri 19 Jan "Trans-Siberian Travels to Down Under" talk, 7 for 7.30pm, V. Hall

Sat 20 Jan Coffee Morning (Village Hall Management Committee) 9am-Noon,

Village Hall

Sun 21 Jan	Prayer Book Communion with Linda Wall, 8am, Church Morning Prayer with Janet Turner & Revd Keith Trout, 10.45am
Mon 22 Jan	Gargrave Show Meeting, 8pm, Village Hall Annexe
Wed 24 Jan	Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat 27 Jan	Coffee morning (Pantomime Section) 9.30am – Noon, Village Hall
Sun 28 Jan	Prayer Book Communion with Revd Ian Greehalgh, 8am
	Sung Eucharist with Revd Ian Greenhalgh, 10.45am, Church
	Broadway Fairs Flea Market, Vintage and Collectables Fair 10am- 3.30pm
Thurs 1 Feb	Luncheon Club, 12.30pm, Church
Sun 4 Feb	Prayer Book Communion with Revd Geoffrey Spencer, 8am Family Service, 10.45am Church Oasis, quiet reflective service, 6pm, Church

## Who tore down the walls of Jericho?!

The new vicar decided to visit the Sunday school in his church, to see what the children were like. The teacher explained that that morning they were looking at the book of Joshua. 'That's wonderful,' said the new vicar, 'let's see what you're learning. So tell me, who tore down the walls of Jericho?'

After a short silence, one small lad, Billy, shyly raised his hand. 'Please sir, it wasn't me.'

Taken aback, the vicar said. 'That's silly, and you know it. Come on, now, who tore down the walls of Jericho?'

The teacher interrupted firmly: 'Vicar, Billy's basically a good boy. If he says he didn't do it, then I believe he didn't do it.'

Flustered, the vicar went to the churchwarden and related the story to him. 'That child won't tell me who tore down the walls of Jericho!'

The church warden looked concerned. 'Oh dear. We've had some problems with Billy before. But a wall! Let me talk to him and see what we can do.'

Really bothered now by the lack of biblical knowledge in his new church, the new vicar brought up the subject with his curate the next morning. I was shocked to learn that neither Billy, the teacher, nor the church warden can tell me who tore down the walls of Jericho!'

The curate, a peace-loving young woman, tried to calm the situation. 'Well, vicar, these things happen. I think we just take the money from the general fund and offer to pay for the walls, and leave it at that.'

# With New Year in mind, we think of time and the future...

Parish Pump

Every man's life lies within the present; for the past is spent and done with, and the future is uncertain. *Marcus Aurelius Antoninus* 

Life is too short for us to do everything we want to do; but it is long enough for us to do everything God wants us to do.

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. – *OW Holmes* 

If you are leaping a ravine, the moment of take-off is a bad time to be considering alternative strategies. John Cleese

Men never plan to be failures; they simply fail to plan to be successful. William A Ward

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs. Henry Ford

Life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans. John Lennon

God can do wonders with a broken heart if you give Him all the pieces. Victor Alfsen

One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve. Albert Schweitzer

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

# Ireland visit for Houlton handover -12-15 Jan

Paul Maslin

As you may be aware, Revds David and Heather Houlton are changing not just jobs, but countries in the New Year. From January 12<sup>th</sup>, they will be looking after a Church of Ireland congregation in Letterkenny, County Donegal in NW Ireland.

So, to support them, a group of 5 church members from Gargrave and Coniston Cold are going to be driving over - with a little help from a ferry! We'll be doing this by joining in the special service which begins their ministry, along with seeing the beautiful area where they are going to be.

Letterkenny is apparently a bit bigger than Skipton, yet with the same role as an area hub. Nearby, in 521 AD, was the birthplace of the notable early Christian missionary, Saint Columba.

The group hope to take some photos and share a report of the trip for Feb's parish magazine.

P.S. Info about the road/ferry trip from Fri 12th to Mon 15th January was available at the churches during November. However, if someone is still keen to come then urgently talk to Rev David or organiser Paul Maslin (07958 646509 or 748538) to see if there's still room.

#### Luncheon Clubs - 2 Jan, 1 & 15 Feb

Bee Faulkner

The luncheon clubs are looking on the thin side in January.

Neville House will be holding one on **Tuesday 2 January**, and then having a break while Carys and Carol go travelling, resuming again on Tuesday 13 March at 12,30pm in the Neville Crescent Community Room, alternating weeks. Contact 748990.

There will be no Luncheon Clubs held in St Andrew's Church during January as it's hard to get the building warm enough. Alternate Thursday luncheons will resume on **Thursday 1**st **Feb** at 12.30pm – contact Norma on 078 62 23 16 91.

There will also be a Jacob's Join meal in church on Sunday 31 January following the 10.45am service, as a farewell to Revds David and Heather.

## Craft and Chat - 9 Jan

Sylvia Humphreys

The Craft and Chat Group will meet again in church at 2pm on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January. I hope to see all the old members again and welcome any new ones. Please join us if only for a chat.

I have received a very generous donation of 23 beautiful woolly hats and enough blanket squares to make three colourful blankets. At the time of writing I am planning to include these items in the next shipment to Syrian refugees. Unfortunately, I have been unable to discover the identity of the donor(s) or their wishes, if any, for passing on the items. Obviously, I would like to thank the donor(s) in person but without further information I can offer only written thanks for their kindness, hard work and great generosity.

# Afternoon Teas -Jan 7, Jan 21

Bee Faulkner

Afternoon tea with cake and games is held on alternate Sunday afternoons at 2pm in the Neville Crescent Community Room, restarting **January 7**th, then **January 21**st etc. Contact Mary Dawson on 749755.



# Library events - 19 Jan, 2 Feb

Dave Smith

The library is organising a few events to see us all through to the hoped-for better weather in the Spring. On **Friday the 19**th **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 travelling through Europe and Asia to Australia. The talk is entitled "*Trans-Siberian Travels to Down Under.*" Café-style seating will be in place, so please bring your own refreshments. Village Hall doors open 7pm and the talk starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £3, on sale at the door. Under 16's, free admission. Proceeds will go to the Isaiah Trust which provides shelter, education and hope for street children in Kisumu, Kenya.

The first film show will be on **Friday 2**nd **February** followed by further films on the  $9^{th}$  March and  $27^{th}$  April. Details of the films will be circulated once we have received details from our film supplier but please make a note of the dates in your diary.

# Tree planting invitation - 20 Jan, 3 Feb

Chris Faulkner

Looking for a way of undoing the effects of your Christmas dinner? What could be a better way than planting trees in the fresh air of the Yorkshire countryside? In January please feel welcome to come along to one (or more) tree planting sessions in a field between Gargrave and Broughton. The provisional dates are **Saturdays 20th January and 3rd February**; Please come along for as long or little a time as you fancy between 10am and 3pm on these days. If you are interested please contact me at <a href="mailto:cgfaulkner78@gmail.com">cgfaulkner78@gmail.com</a> or 07724 633805 for details, location, etc.

## NSPCC Soup Lunch - 10 Feb

Gargrave Branch NSPCC Committee

The next event of the Gargrave Branch NSPCC Committee will be a Soup Lunch to be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 10**<sup>th</sup> **February** from 11:30am to 2pm. Tickets can be obtained from Poppyfields on the High Street or committee members.

It is some fifty years since a committee was formed here in Gargrave to raise funds for the NSPCC and thanks to the various members over the years and the support of the village we hope we have helped to make a difference.

# Pantomime: Peter Pan - 15, 16 & 17 Feb

Duncan Faulkner

This year's Gargrave pantomime will be staged from Thursday 15 to Saturday 17 February, with both a matinee and an evening performance on the final day as usual. The evening performances start at 7.15pm, and Saturday's matinee at 2.15pm. Peter Pan, written by John Morley and with a cast of adults and children, will be directed by Anita Eccles, a show not to be missed.

Tickets will be on sale from the end of January from the usual outlets; more details next month.

# Looking ahead: Jay Walkers return to Gargrave - 2 Mar

Duncan Faulkner

On Friday 2 March we will be welcoming the Jay Walkers drama company back to Gargrave Village Hall to present The Visitors by Barney Norris, in association with Ilkley Playhouse. More details next month.

# And even further ahead: Open Gardens 2018 - 16 Jun

Bea and Duncan Faulkner

Gargrave Open Gardens this year has been set for **Saturday June 16** - please put it in your diary if you are into gardens, music, community events or simply eating scones! All gardens, musicians and helpers at the Village Hall welcome.

#### Gym

The gyms have a special name for people who sign up in early January and then don't go: 'profit'.

Magazine News The editors

We are delighted to welcome a new member to the magazine team. Sarah Mitchell has agreed to take on co-ordination of the advertising in the magazine, which provides a substantial source of income to St Andrew's Church, as well as subsidising the cost of the magazine. Please direct all advertising enquiries to Sarah using the contact details below, duplicated on the inside of the front cover and on the last page.

Subscriptions for 2018-19 will be due next month.

# Advertising in Gargrave Parish Magazine April 2018 to March 2019

Sarah Mitchell

The central advertising directory is produced on an annual basis to minimise costs, and runs from April through to March of the following year. Invitations for inclusion are now extended to existing and new advertisers. The deadline for receipt of copy and confirmed payment for the April 2018 to March 2019 edition is noon on Thursday 15 February 2018. Artwork may be supplied, or created on your behalf from £20 per advert.

We are advised that printing costs are to increase imminently, and we will need to reflect this rise in our rates. Fees for the 2018-2019 advertising year will be published in the February edition.

Please contact me on 07724 131 296 or advertising@gargravemag.co.uk if you are interested in advertising your business, charity or social club in this vibrant local business directory.



# Library news

Firstly, a big thank you to everybody who has supported our fund-raising events over the past year and to the Volunteers and Borrowers who have made the Library such a success culminating in our being awarded NYCC Library of the month.

You may recall that this time last year a plea went out for volunteers to run the Home Library Delivery Service as NYCC were about to withdraw funding. Volunteers duly stepped forward and have transformed a very creaky NYCC service into an efficient operation whilst at the same time increasing the number of customers by around a third. Well done and congratulations on reviving this vital social service. If you know of anybody who could benefit from Home Delivery Service, please leave a note in the Library for John Hewitt with details of who he should contact to discuss the Service.

In the New Year a Comment/Suggestion Box will be installed in the Library to canvass Borrowers views on a number of topics. A prompt sheet will be available listing the topics the Committee would like your views on, but the Box can also be used for Borrowers to air their own views on any aspect of the Library service from books through to fund raising events.

# **Xmas Fayre Coffee Morning**

Sarah Curtis

There was a special Christmas ambience at the coffee morning held on the 25th November in the village hall.

The tree was decorated, the candles lit, and we listened to carols sung by the Village Choir. Mince pies were consumed, and some early Christmas purchases made!

Many thanks to all who helped to make this charity event so enjoyable. We raised over £1070 and after expenses were deducted, we were able to donate over £850 to the New Life Foundation to help disabled children. Grateful thanks from all the Churches together and the Christians in Gargrave Committees.

# WANTED! Any surplus Christmas gifts!

Tony Wimbush

Following on from the popular Christmas Fayre 'Christians in Gargrave' will be holding a Village Spring Fayre on 3rd March. Any surplus Christmas gifts such as chocolate, biscuits, wine, toiletries or whiskey! would be gratefully received for their Raffle, Tombola and other stalls. Please give to Joan or Tony Wimbush or Sarah Curtis at the 10-45 Sunday morning service. Thank you!

# Family service review

Helen Wilson

It was the first Sunday in Advent and a warm (for the time of year) sunny morning. People started to arrive at 10 for coffee or tea, and bacon or sausage sandwiches. Church was looking lovely after all the hard work by people the Saturday before. Thanks to Cornerstone, the Christian bookshop in Skipton, tableaux telling the Christmas story were at various points around the church.

The theme was "Getting ready for Christmas." There were activities for the children from 10.30 at the front of church, and the seven children who came made good use of the colouring in of a variety of things to do with Christmas, while the older children wrote advent poems.

The service began with the singing of "This little light of mine" with a change of words to link with Christmas. We were then asked if we were ready for Christmas? The congregation responded with a variety of things that had been done to prepare for the event. Next was the countdown for the switching on of the Christmas tree lights. Four Carol singers then sang, to the tune of "While shepherds watched".

"While people watched their sets by night, all seated round the screen, the Angel of the Lord came down, where the news had been!!"

Emily, who is an angel in the village nativity, lit the first advent candle and then Peter gave a short address explaining that, although we are busy getting ready for a particular day, we are also getting ready for having Jesus with us every day of our lives. The posada was explained, and the congregation were encouraged to sign up to host the holy family for one night during advent. The service closed with prayers, including the Lord's Prayer.

Tea and coffee was served at the end of the service and people were invited to walk around the church and look at the tableaux of the Christmas story.

This was the first family service that my nine year old grand-daughter had experienced, she thought it was great !!!

WI News Sarah Kirk

The identity of our speaker for our Christmas Social was a closely guarded secret but as it turned out, to our great surprise and delight, our guest for the evening was himself full of secrets, mystery and wonder. Abbie White introduced Mr. Alex Fisher, 'Magical Excellence' born in Bridgend, this Welsh wizard now living in Manchester, baffled and entertained us in equal measure, with his up-close 'table magic.' We were a tough crowd, thirty gimlet-eved observers, many as Joan Phillip remarked, 'watching his every move, and checking his sleeves.' But we were all very impressed as Alex worked his way round the tables which were bedecked in seasonal greenery, and topped with fruit cake, mince pies, and cheese. Some of us discovered our talent as latter-day Uri Gellers, bending coins taken from purses moments earlier, all remain mystified by the 'flight' of the signed card, and some had the distinctly unnerving experience of a pack of playing cards turning into slabs of opaque plastic beneath their hands. Rather disconcertingly for our treasurer, Val Davies, Alex made coins appear and reappear to order in front of her. Fortunately for us, Val will continue her sterling work in the New Year, without the assistance of Mr. Fisher. Some of us were so spooked we wondered how this man knew our names...forgetting in the 'normal rules don't apply' atmosphere that we were wearing our name badges! Silly patter and daft humour, not to mention the delicious mulled wine, all put us in the mood for the festivities to come.

Many people to thank for a thoroughly enjoyable evening but especially Abbie for booking an excellent entertainer and arranging the hall so beautifully, Janet Davies and Maureen Pratt for being our hostesses and Anne White for bringing in those delicious supplies! Next year Abbie and Margaret Hammond will share the Presidential duties, and Trish Richardson will continue to do a brilliant job as Secretary.

After the success of this summer's jaunt to Salmesbury Hall and canal cruise, Barbara Livingston has conjured up another great day out for July 2018 with us making our own Antiques Road Trip, on an access all areas tour of Tennants in Leyburn, with lunch and afternoon tea of course!

The 2018 programme of speakers co-ordinated by Maureen Pratt was also revealed. Should you fancy creating your own nature reserve from scratch or taking a journey to Peru in January with our very own indefatigable Cynthia Hardyman, try hypnotherapy, massage for well-being or vintage singing; discover the identity of the respectable rebels or unearth the secrets of the Raikes Road Burial Ground in Skipton, it's all happening next year, as well as the monthly lunches and dinners, book club and courses, visits and speakers accessed through the wider WI network. Another year of fun, fundraising and friendship comes to an end, but enthusiasm for a new year is already bubbling. If you fancy coming to 'try us out' and don't know anybody in the group, just phone Trish Richardson on 01756 748847, and we will be sure to give you a warm welcome.









#### Advert amendments:

The current email address for **Craven Nursing Home** is **manager@cravennursing.co.uk** (not the one mentioned on page A8).

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

Joiner James Wilding's landline is now 01756 380172, not that on A25

Goodman Garden Design's phone no is now 07724 131296, not that on A29.

#### Bereavement volunteers wanted



Would you be interested in becoming a **Bereavement** Volunteer?

Cruse Bereavement Care, Craven & Bradford Area will be running a Foundation Training Course starting in February 2018.

We provide training to enable our volunteers to support bereaved people.

To find out more and to request an information pack: tel 01756 796004, email: craven@cruse.org.uk, visit http://www.cruse.org.uk/craven-and-bradford-area, or Facebook: Cruse Bereavement Care Craven and Bradford Area. Registered Charity No 208078.

### Village Hall News

Caroline Thompson

Members of Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee hope to continue with plans for further improvements and re-decoration at the hall during 2018. A lot of work was undertaken last year to enhance various areas both inside and outside the property. The exterior of the building was painted and the garden areas were re-planted and wooden seating was restored. The Annexe lighting was upgraded with new LED lighting panels and completely re-decorated. Extra stage lighting was fitted. A new cooker, extractor fan and larder fridge were purchased for the kitchen and more recently new flooring was laid in that area. A website has been created in the last couple of months and the provision of WiFi is hopefully just around the corner. As they say though, it is work in progress!

Bookings were many and varied and included celebration parties, meetings, conferences, classes, and weddings. It was even the venue for the Northern area Goat societies meeting, thankfully only humans in attendance!

Other events which helped to raise funds for the Hall during 2017 included the annual Jumble sale, and a live performance from the Swing Commanders in the Autumn.

The Management Committee would like to thank everyone for their support during 2017 and wish them a very happy and healthy New Year.

Pilates News Bea 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). 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  $079\ 5533\ 8775.$ 

Swan revival: part 1

Stephen Chappell





Swan in Damside (Chris Faulkner)

During rescue (Yorkshire Swan Rescue)

In early December villagers may have encountered a Mute swan on the riverbank between damside and the bridge on Church street. On Thursday 7 December this female swan appeared distressed and was seen walking in the middle of Church street, where she was nearly knocked down by passing motorists. Fortunately, she was willing to be shepherded back into the water in the damside.

YORKSHIRE SWAN & WILDLIFE RESCUE were contacted (07763 424892) and two wonderful volunteers came out from Bradford to examine the swan, who was found to be undernourished due to having swallowed a discarded length of fishing line. This was removed, and the swan showed immediate signs of improvement. She was then taken away to receive some much-needed T L C in the rescue hospital in Selby.

Discarded fishing lines are a major are a major cause of suffering in wildlife.

The hospital's website (www.ysrh.org.uk) provides a fascinating insight into the wide range of wildlife they rescue and care for. See advert on page 10.

## Swan revival: part 2

Lindsay Williamson

The Old Swan Inn is open again and under new management.

Tim and Lindsay, formerly of The Crown Hotel in Hawes have brought their team, their delicious home cooked Yorkshire pub food, proper sized portions, real ale and the warmest of welcomes to this charming local. Come in out of the cold for a hearty meal in front of a real log fire. Tim and Lindsay look forward to meeting you and giving you a taste of Yorkshire hospitality at its best.

#### Craven Lawn Tennis Club

Beth Whitley

Craven Lawn Tennis Club in Gargrave have presented their award for the Young Achiever of the Year 2017 to Seb Vereker of Hetton.

Seb played in all four of the Mixed Doubles Teams for the Club, in addition to the Men's Doubles Team, during 2017, and also had great success in the Club's John Hill Cup and Teenage Tournament earlier in the year.

The photograph shows Seb being presented with the award by Club President, Trevor Dixon.



#### **FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL**

Iohn Hall

When the swans are flying south and the Belted Galloway comes bellowing to come into the cattle shed, winter must be here. Autumn is my special time of year. The local shows, all the sheep sales, and special cattle sales: a time for reflection on a year's work. With the cattle outside and silage finished, it's a good time for maintenance and enjoying the autumn colours.

The period passes all too quickly and winter is upon us. The clocks go back, the days are short, and with cattle all inside the winter slog begins. The suckler cows were the last to be housed. They have come in good condition. The weather has caused difficulties by changing from cold and dry to warm and wet. Despite vaccinating the calves, several have shown signs of pneumonia, which had to be treated. It is difficult to keep ventilation and temperature even at this time of year.

Farming on Scaleber Hill has seen several changes since the foot-and-mouth. The end of foot-and-mouth coincided with my coming of age. Brian and Lisa took over running the farm, allowing me to choose my jobs!!! I have a wonderful retirement: work as I feel able, and living where I do.

50 years milking ceased. Rearing dairy heifers and selling them newly calved has worked well. What to do with Holstein males was often up for discussion. As they grow tall and lean with a tendency to become stuck under cubicles, Scaleber farm, with its footpaths, is not a farm a Holstein bull can be allowed out on. They are not all gentle chaps, and can be very nasty.

The powers-that-be changed the system. Sexed semen by artificial insemination for the dairy cattle, with a beef bull for others, is proving to be a good option.

The present bull is a Limousin and has been very good to deal with. All calves are reared and there are less problems in the cubicle sheds, as the beef calves appear to manage the cubicles mere easily. Once a stockman, always a keen eye for a smart animal. It is an ever-changing life in agriculture, which one has to adapt to. This year, straw is in short supply due to bad weather at harvest. Plus, the power stations are using large amounts. Being in a stock rearing area, straw is vital to provide roughage to eat and provide bedding. With the price at an all-time high, it does not bode well for the stock farm.

The recent mild winters have helped the hedgehog population to increase. There is another little fellow with four spades on his feet, the mole. We don't farm moles at Scaleber, however, commencing on Eshton Flats, all the Dales are infested. They dig all those heaps of soil. They are a menace in meadows as, if sileage is taken, the soil goes up the chute. If livestock eat it, Listeria can strike, causing serious problems. There is a shortage of mole catchers. How about it? In all my time at Scaleber, I have only seen one who arrived on the hill meadow a few years ago.

I might draw attention to the Fly Tipper who left rubbish on Mosber Lane recently. He is as welcome as the moles.

# HOME FREED: THE THEOLOGY OF DECLUTTERING

Jane Brockleburst (via Parish Pump)

Editor: One popular New Year's Resolution is the decision to do something about the TOO MUCH STUFF in your home. But where do you begin? Jane Brocklehurst has worked as a professional 'declutterer' for many years, helping people to get their homes back under control. Here she begins a simple theology of decluttering. This is a four-part series that begins this month.

#### Part 1: Goal!

Forgetting what lies behind, I press on towards the goal. (Phil 3:13)

An important aspect of spirituality is to live in the present, without letting the past hold you captive, or the future make you anxious.

But in a house full of clutter, paying close attention to what is immediately in front of you may be the last thing you want to do! Heaps of clutter demand attention, because it occupies the space you need to work in, because it hides the important thing you are looking for, because it is difficult to keep clean, because you literally risk falling over it and injuring yourself if you don't pay attention.

The desire to clear clutter and live more simply can be strong, but people often don't know how to begin. Just throw it all away and start again? There may be treasures buried in the junk! (And anyway, recycling is more responsible than simple disposal.)

For the past decade, I have been helping people to declutter their homes and also to organize what they want to keep. No matter how the process ends,

decluttering always begins the same way – we **set a goal**. What are you aiming to achieve? What will be the end result?

Your goal provides motivation, a sense of purpose when the mess is at its worst. With no goal, you might just move stuff from one place to another, without sorting through it. One room is cleared, but another is newly cluttered! So, it is better to go through things by type — shoes, tools, pans, books, and so on — rather than room by room. For example, do you really need 20 pairs of shoes, and eight screwdrivers? If your goal is to keep only things you use at least once every year, then the answer becomes easier.

Often clutter is inherited. Although you don't really want it, there is a sense of obligation, guilt, or fear of what might happen if you give anything away. So, part of your goal could include a change of attitude. Pray you will be able to see things for what they really are. Pray for wisdom as you choose what to keep. Pray that you can open your hands to let go of what you do not need. Pray for perseverance until your goal is reached. Remember that clutter is as much in the mind as in the home.

Then begin. Gather your possessions into 'like' groups, and look at each thing in turn. Make positive choices. How will this possession help you to reach your goal? Surround yourself with beautiful, useful things that make living in the moment a joy and a delight. Take the rest down to the nearest charity shop – where they may well go on to light up someone else's life.

#### GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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#### Monthly meeting 7-15 pm, Monday 11 December 2017

On one of the coldest nights of this winter so far, the Resilience Plan was discussed. This is a document, using a NYCC template, to agree the places, people and services which Gargrave might need in the event of a catastrophe. Our Clerk is well on with the preparation of this Plan. The Parish Council welcomed a new Councillor, Bryony Lebeter, to fill the available vacancy.

Work is continuing to add pieces of play equipment to our village playground off Airedale Avenue and Sharphaw View. Thanks were given for the work of the Playground volunteers and Parish Clerk for their fundraising efforts.

The new addition to the village Christmas lights seem to be a success. About 150 people of all ages attended the switch on and most enjoyed the hospitality at St. Andrew's church afterwards.

Our next meeting will be at 7,15pm on Monday 8th January 2018. As always, all are welcome.

## That's telling

Young Charlie finished his Christmas holiday and headed back to school. Only two days later his teacher was on the phone, telling his mother that he was misbehaving. "Wait a minute!" protested his mum. "Thad Charles here for two weeks over the Christmas break, and I never once rang YOU when he misbehaved!"

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Financial assistance readily available in approved cases.

Contact one of the trustees listed below to discuss your situation.

Absolute discretion and confidentiality assured.

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Christine Charlton 748817

**Hugh Turner 748117** 

Joyce Garner 748447

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TAXIS from Gargrave (see 3 pages previous):

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#### TRAINS, from Gargrave [FROM 10 DECEMBER.]

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							1744	1814		
Sunday		1121		1352	1455	1554		1851		2106

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

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Mon-Fri	0547 <sup>5</sup>	0901	1105	1406	1730	
Saturday	06435	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> 0901<sup>2</sup> 0932 1105<sup>3</sup> 1331 1406<sup>2</sup> 1453<sup>1</sup> 1730<sup>2</sup> 1851 (2006<sup>4</sup>)

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NOTES: 1. Change at Skipton 2. Not Settle; change at Lancaster for Carlisle 3. Change at Hellifield 4. Terminates Ribblehead 5. Change at Lancaster for Morecambe. As of 10 Dec: there are no planned engineering works to affect Gargrave trains in January. 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/ [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)

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

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+ 095910 1059+ 1159 1259+ 1359 1459+ 1559 1644+ 1759+ 0904+ 1059+ 1159 1259+ 1359 1459+ Saturday 1644+ 1759+

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

1000<sup>7</sup> Mon-Fri\* 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

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From Morecambe (arriving Gargrave ~ 95 mins later)

Mon-Fri 0610<sup>6</sup> 1034 1333 1619 1908 Saturday  $0736^{6}$ 1034 1331 1616 1909 Sunday 1222 1723 1446

From Carlisle (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>)

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0925 1133<sup>2</sup> 1259 1307<sup>2</sup> 1520<sup>1</sup>  $1852^{2}$ Sunday 1636<sup>2</sup>

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

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From Settle (arr. Gargrave ~ 25 mins later) (Service 580) + from Kirkby Lonsdale

Mon-Fri\* 0755+  $0845+^{10}$  0930+  $1030[+^{11}]$  1130+ 1230 1330+ 1430 1530+ 1700

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

Mon-Fri\*  $1035^{8}$  $1335^{8}$ from opp. the Buck Inn, Malham 1030 1630 from opp. the Buck Inn, Malham Saturday

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West St. BD23 3RD 07960 704509

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23-Jan	26-Jan	Green bin
30-Jan	02-Feb	Blue bin

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Half term (Spring)	Fri 9 Feb	Mon 19 Feb
Easter	Thu 29 Mar	Tue 17 Apr
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Rainbows (5+) - Debbie Gomersall 01729 830589

Brownies (7+) - Rose Turner 01729 825886

Young Farmers Club – Coniston Cold, Tues 7.30pm, Janet Bolland 01729 830505

**Luncheon Club**, Neville Crescent Community Centre, alternate Tuesdays, 12.30pm, Carol & Carys 748990

Luncheon Club, Št Andrew's alternate Thursdays, 12.30pm, Norma 078 62 23 16 91

Afternoon tea, Neville Crescent Community Centre, alternate Sundays, 12.30pm,

Mary Dawson 749755

Over Sixties' - Village Hall Annexe, Wed 1.30-3.30pm

Phoenix Group (over 65s) – Anchor Inn, alternate Thurs 9am-1pm, Sarah 07596 452385

Meals on Wheels - Mon & Wed, Brenda Longbottom 749883

Bowling – outdoor Gargrave Bowling Club, Michael Cox, 748285

Bowls – indoor, Village Hall, Tues & Thurs 2-4pm, Mary Rushton 748908

Cricket - Gargrave Cricket Club (over 13s), Mark Jones, 07498 288654

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

Golf - Mason's Arms Golf Society, www.masonsarmsgolfsociety.com, 749304

Hunt - Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt, Elizabeth Adams 01756 749772

Pilates – V.Hall/Annexe Tues 10 & 11.30am, Fri 9am and 10.30am Bee Faulkner 749443 V.Hall Annexe, Tues 2pm, 7pm (athletic), 8pm, Cate Davies 079 5533 8775

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 – 1st 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, John Rainey 01756 749867 or 07840 806698.

Chance 2 dance – Village Hall Annex, Tap (3-18, adult) Tues 4.15-7.30pm

Ballet (3-18) Sat 9am-2.30pm, Theatre-craft Thur 5-6pm Jaki 0758 2086345

Art - Gargrave Art Group – Village Hall, Mons 1.30-3.30pm, Bev Parker 01756 749910

Bell Ringing - St Andrew's, Mon 7.30pm, Sun 10.00am, Joe Alston 01729 851663

Bingo – Village Hall Annex, 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of month 7.30pm, Joan Philip 749468

Bingo - Gargrave Community Centre, Neville Crescent - Mondays 2pm

Fuchsia & Geranium Club – V.Hall, 1st Wed of month 7.30pm, Paula Jackson 752175

Gargrave Community Choir – rehearsals Sundays noon, St Andrew's Church, 749802

Gargrave Heritage Group - Tues 10am, St Andrew's Church, Martin Thomson 748309

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Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall side room, 2nd Monday of the month

Snooker Club – Village Hall Snooker Annex, every day, Stewart Smith 749340

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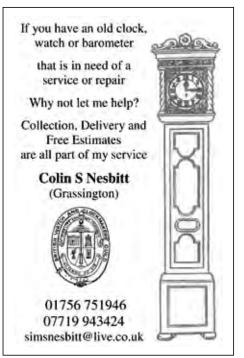
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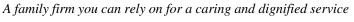
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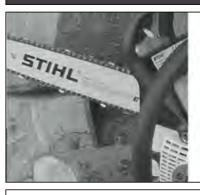
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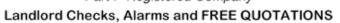
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