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Peering into the mystery of Advent

I'm not good at waiting. I hate queues. I have been known to abandon a shopping trolley because the queue was too long. Our modern world encourages us to live in the now, in the moment. Services such as 'Amazon Prime Now' offer us the benefits of same-day delivery, and even promises one or two hour delivery, in some areas. We can purchase music and books and within minutes and have them downloaded onto our devices for immediate enjoyment. Thanks to technology, the way we live is now much faster and convenient, but does that make it better?

Originating as a response to 'fast food', the Slow Movement advocates a cultural shift to slowing down the pace of life. It doesn't mean slowing down to a snail's pace, but rather seeking to do things at the right pace – savouring the hours and minutes, as opposed to just counting them. We see reflections of this in the techniques of mindfulness, which is now recognized by the NHS as an important contributor to mental wellbeing.

Professor Mark Williams, former director of the Oxford Mindfulness Centre, says that mindfulness means knowing directly what is going on inside and outside ourselves, moment by moment. "An important part of mindfulness is reconnecting with our bodies and the sensations they experience. This means waking up to the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the present moment. That might be something as simple as the feel of a banister as we walk upstairs. It's about allowing ourselves to see the present moment clearly. When we do that, it can positively change the way we see ourselves and our lives."

Traditionally, the season of Advent, which leads up to Christmas, has been a season of slowing down, reflection and expectant waiting as Christians prepare for the main event. Devout Christians down the ages have even fasted for 40 days – a tradition still kept by the Orthodox Church. In slowing down we begin to appreciate more of the beauty in life, more of the meaning; we begin to see beyond the visible and start to wonder what lies beyond.

The Franciscan writer Richard Rohr describes how the ancient Christian mystics developed the art of 'third eye seeing' – looking beyond the what and the how into the deeper mystery. This type of seeing takes time and practice – it is intentional.

As we consider the true meaning of Christmas and gaze into the 2,000 year old mystery of a child born in a stable, slow down, take some time with us as we contemplate this cosmic event. Jesus Christ came into this world and changed history. He is still changing lives to this day. How might the Christmas story change your life?



Coniston Cold

- Sun 1** Evensong with Rev. Ian Greenhalgh, 4pm, Church
- Wed 4** Carols with Voices of Craven, with dinner. 7pm, Coniston Hotel.
- Sun 8** Holy Communion with Rev. Andrew Steer, 9.30am, Church
- Sun 15** Carol Service with Settle and Giggleswick Brass Band, 7pm,
- Sun 22** Holy Communion, 9.30am, Church
- Tue 24** Christingle service, joint with Gargrave, 4pm, St.. Andrew's Church
- Tue 24** Midnight communion, joint with Gargrave, 11.30pm, St.. Andrew's Church
- Wed 25** Christmas Day communion, joint with Gargrave, 10.45am, St.. Andrew's Church

Gargrave

- Sun 1** Prayer Book Communion, 8am, Church
- Advent** Family service, 10.15 breakfast for 10.45, Church
- Sunday** Christmas lights switch-on at Summerseat, 4.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in church
- Wed 4** Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall Annex, 7.15 pm
- Fri 6** Book Fair. Village Hall. 10.a.m - 3.p.m.
- Sat 7** Christmas concert by Craven Accordion Orchestra and Carleton Ladies Choir, 7pm, Village Hall
- Sun 8** Morning Prayer with Linda Wall 8am, Church
Sung Eucharist - with Rev Andrew Steer, 10.45am, Church
Nativity play, 4pm, Church
- Fri 13** Picnic Supper Dance with Alan Cookson, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- Sat 14** Village Hall Management Committee Coffee morning, 10am-Noon
- Sun 15** Prayer Book Communion with Rev Andrew Steer, 8am, Church
Carol Service with Rev Andrew Steer 10.45am, Church
Flea Market, Vintage, Collectable & Craft Fair. Village Hall, 10am-3.30pm
- Fri 20** Library Film night: Fisherman's Friends. Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm
- Sat 21** Coffee morning organised by Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library. 10.a.m - Noon.
- Sun 22** Prayer Book Communion with Revd Andrew Steer, 8am, Church
Service of the Word – with Peter Poulter 10.45am, Church
- Mon 23** Roving Nativity, departing outside Church, 4pm, arriving at Dalesman around 5pm
- Tue 24** Christingle service with Revd Andrew Steer 4.00, Church
Midnight Communion with Revd Andrew Steer, 11.30, Church

Wed 25 Christmas Communion by Extension with Janet Turner, 10.45, Christmas Church

Day

**Sun 29 Morning Prayer with Linda Wall 8am, Church
Service of the Word with Mike Maiden, 10.45am, Church**

Regular Gargrave events

Mondays:

9.30am Tai Chi Qigong, Green opposite Bollywood Cottage, riverside of War Memorial
10.40am Tai Chi Qigong for Beginners, venue as above
10-12am Coffee Monday, Church
1.30pm Art Club, Village Hall Annex
1.30pm Bingo, Gargrave Community Centre on Neville Crescent
7.30pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Village Hall
7.30pm Bell ringing, Church

Tuesdays:

10 am Heritage Group, Church
10 am Contemporary Pilates with Bee Faulkner, Village Hall (term time)
10.30am Adult Tennis Coaching and Social Tennis (weather permitting)
11.30am Standing/Seated Pilates with Bee Faulkner, V Hall (term time)
12.30pm Alternate Tuesdays – lunch at Gargrave Community Centre, followed by games.
2pm Craft and Chat, Church
2pm Indoor Bowls, Village Hall
2pm Classical Pilates with Cate Davies: 'Mixed Ability' Village Hall Annex
4pm Tap dancing lessons, Village Hall Annex (term time only)
6pm Classical Pilates with Cate Davies: 'Beginner Athletic' Village Hall (term time)
7.05pm Classical Pilates with Cate Davies: 'Intermediate Athletic' Village Hall (term time)
pm Brownies & Rainbows (school term only)
8pm Quiz Night, The Old Swan

Wednesdays:

9.15-12 Gymnastics for pre-school children, Village Hall
9.30am Gentle Hatha Yoga, Village Hall Annex
10 am Caterpillar Club, Church
10.am Social tennis
2-3.45 Gargrave Handbell practice, Church
2pm Afternoon Tea & Games, alternate weeks, Neville Crescent Community Room
4pm Gymnastics for children over 5

Thursdays:

9am Phoenix Club, Anchor Inn, alternate weeks
9.15-12 Gymnastics for pre-school children, Village Hall
9.30am Water Colour painting class, Village Hall Annex
9.50am Walking for Health, 1st and 3rd Thurs of the month, meet at Summerseat
10am Coffee morning, Gargrave Community Centre on Neville Crescent
10.40am Alternate weeks: Low-impact chair exercises, Gargrave Community Centre
2pm Indoor Bowls, Village Hall
7.30pm Tai Chi, Village Hall Annex (term time)

Fridays:

9.15-12 Gymnastics for pre-school children, Village Hall
9 am Contemporary Pilates with Bee Faulkner: 'Intermediate', Village Hall (term time)

10.30am Contemporary Pilates with Bee Faulkner: 'beginners', Village Hall (term time)
11.30am Somatic Movement with Bee Faulkner, Village Hall (term time)
7pm Community choir rehearsal, Church

Sundays:

2pm Social Tennis
8.30pm Quiz, Masons Arms

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT IN GARGRAVE

30th Nov-1st Dec



Get the Christmas season off to a great start!



Saturday

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAYRE Village Hall 10 until 12

Sunday

FAMILY SERVICE - St Andrew's Church 10-45

CAROLS & LIGHTS SWITCH-ON - Summer Seat 4.30pm, then:

MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE - St Andrew's Church

***** Everyone welcome *****

Gargrave Nativity Play

Duncan Faulkner

Gargrave Nativity Play has been a central part of our village's celebration of Christmas for many decades. Please come and join us for this year's production on Sunday 8 December at 4pm in St Andrew's Church. Through music, word and mime we will seek to bring alive the stupendous story of how God touched earth in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.





Craven Accordion Orchestra and Carleton Ladies Choir are holding a Christmas concert raising money for Cancer Support Yorkshire.

Join us for an evening of seasonal music for all tastes.

Gargrave Village Hall, Saturday 7th December 7pm onwards

Bar and Tea/Coffee available

To find out more info call Harry 07401768356 or Damian 07746637472

Tickets on sale from various locations and at the Cancer Support Yorkshires centre in Skipton



Gargrave Roving Nativity, 23 December

Linda Hartell

You are all most warmly invited to join in Gargrave's First Ever Roving Nativity on Monday 23rd December.

We will leave from outside Church at 4pm travelling over the river bridge, via South Street, East Street, North Street and West Street on our journey to the stable at The Dalesman arriving at approx. 5pm where tea and buns will be served.

Carols will be sung along the way and we will be collecting a donkey, sheep & shepherds, along with kings and a camel, (which you may think looks rather like an alpaca,) as we go. Looking forward to seeing you and if you wish to dress for the occasion and bring lanterns, that would be splendid.

PS ~ if you would like to join the merry band of musicians planning to accompany our carols ~ please contact Steve Rawson 07795 504072.



"It's easy to tell when it's Nativity Play time – I can never find a tea-towel!"

Bakery

Did you hear about the bakery that was burgled at Christmas? Everything was stolen!

Exchange

My friend reviewed her young son's fill-in-the-blank homework. One line was: "At Christmas, we exchange gifts with _____."

His quick response: "Receipts."

Biscuit

As we were putting out biscuits for Father Christmas on Christmas Eve, one fell on the floor. When I picked it up and placed it back on the plate, my four-year-old was horrified. "You can't do that!"

"Don't worry," I assured him. "Father Christmas will never know."

He shot me a suspicious look. "So, he knows if I've been bad or good, but he doesn't know the biscuit fell on the floor?"

Gargrave Church of England (VC) Primary School

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We are busy reviewing our curriculum and we are delighted that we offer so much variety. In science we have been learning about the planets in the solar system. Year 1 and 2's have worked really hard in 3's to gather facts and create our own powerpoint presentations to share the facts we have learnt. We have also used Modroc to create our own 3D models of the planets – it was very messy, but great fun! We then thought carefully about mixing colours to paint our models. Year 3 revisited the names of the Planets in our Solar System, learnt about the Phases of the Moon and how why we have day and night. As part of our Art & Design work was to produce a mixed media picture of the moon.

Year 4,5 and 6 have learnt the difference between a geocentric and a heliocentric solar system and looked at how great astronomers through time used the evidence available to inform their beliefs.

In art and design we have been concentrating on space themed art. We have looked at the space and science fiction art of Peter Thorpe. We then produced our own pictures by first concentrating on making a colourful abstract painted background. We then chose a space themed object for our foreground and painted it using contrasting colours to make it stand out. Finally, we finished our pictures by using sticky pads to attach our foreground objects, making them stand out.

We always welcome members of the community to our Christmas nativity and this year it is on December 12th at St Andrew's church.

Finally, we send a big welcome to our new vicar, Reverend Andrew Steer, the pupils, parents and staff look forward to working closely with him.



Sarah Peel



St. Andrews Family service report, Nov.

*Peter Gardner,
Family Service Team*

When Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep, I doubt He had the congregation of St. Andrew's specifically in mind. But here at St Andrew's, we take Jesus's words very seriously, and all the Texels and Herdwicks of the congregation certainly got well fed with the sumptuous breakfast prepared for them that morning.

The service itself began with the band leading us into worship with some rousing 20th century choruses. They were, however, interrupted by a rather feisty woman armed with a feather duster and a vacuum cleaner, who took it upon herself to evict the lady who had set herself up in a comfortable chair at the front of the church, feet up on a pile of kneelers, and who seemed to be enjoying reading the Saturday Times. "It's time to prepare." the feisty woman told her - and indeed it is.

This sketch set the theme for the rest of the service. Not only was it time to prepare for the imminent arrival of Reverend Andrew and his wife, Jennifer, it's time, as John the Baptist preached, to prepare for the way of the Lord in our lives, and as we were reminded in the talk that followed, time to turn away from those things which aren't helpful and turn to the Lord, who really does love us.

Some testimonies of God's love and his help in very practical ways were given, and the children, who had been hearing of God's working in Old Testament times, reinforced the message by telling us how much He loves them. We finished with a spirited rendition by all, of "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine" with encores.

Looking back, the thing that stood out about this service, was that although it had a serious message to it, old and young, those who have attended St Andrew's for many years and those who have recently arrived, all really enjoyed it and thought it was really fun! Perhaps you would have too!

Do come along to our next Family Service. It's on 1st December ... and who knows what will happen!

Christmas Samaritan's Purse thanks

Marie Chapman

700 thank yous for all the kindness shown to the poor children of the world with Christmas shoe-boxes that Christian people in our district have so kindly given.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS from Marie Chapman & Bethany, Poppyfields, Gargrave.

Gargrave Parish Council meeting

Kath Ashby

Gargrave Parish Council hold their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. All minutes of meetings, once approved, can be viewed on our website, <http://gargravepc.org.uk/> and in paper form in the Library.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 December 2019.

Gargrave Parish Council - Notice

Due to other commitments within the village and the costs involved in providing the public toilets, the Parish Council have regretfully taken the decision to close these toilets at the end of the year.

GNAT: Gargrave Needs A Toilet

Bee Faulkner

Are you interested in joining a voluntary group to try and keep the Gargrave public toilets open? Although the Parish Council no longer has the funds to keep running them, there may be alternative options. A group of us have just launched the GNAT campaign: Gargrave Needs a Toilet. One option could be following the example of the library and establish an organisation Gargrave Community Loo (or somesuch) from which we could hope to take on a long term management agreement of the toilets from Craven District Council. If we were to obtain charitable status, we could apply for grants and receive gift-aid on donations.

Current costs cover cleaning, locking, maintenance, water, sanitary and cleaning supplies, and collection of sanitary waste. These costs have been met by the Parish Council coupled with the donation from the slots in the wall.

The toilets have been running smoothly and cleanly for the last decade, since Gargrave Parish Council took them on from the District Council. In the longer term, we could hope to raise enough funds to pay for the return to business as usual. Funds could be raised by applying for grants, by inviting monthly contributions from village residents and businesses, and from bus companies, walking groups, cycling groups, canal groups, and via fundraising events

In the shorter term, if we wish to keep the toilets open from 1 January 2020, we will need to do the unlocking and cleaning through a rota of volunteers. I'm willing to clean, as are our District Councillor Simon Myers and a few others: we'd be glad if more people could join us to spread the load. And we'll need financial contributions for the water rates, sanitary supplies and maintenance.

If you or your organisation would like to be involved with saving our village toilets – practically, or financially – get in touch with Bee Faulkner via gargraveloo@outlook.com or 07778 980994. If a whole network of us pull together we should be able to pull it off... Thank you.

Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library

Dave Smith

This year we have a feel good film for the festive season when, on Friday 20th December, we will be showing the comedy drama **Fisherman's Friends**. The film tells the unlikely but true story of a group of Cornish fishermen who were signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album. The film stars a cast headed by Daniel May, James Purefoy, Tuppence Middleton and David Hayman.

The customary Cafe style seating will be in place, so please bring your own refreshments. The Village Hall doors open at 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 on the Door with under 16s free. Sorry but we can only allow Guide Dogs into the Hall.



To open the 2020 season of films we will be showing **Downton Abbey** on Friday 17th January.

We have yet to select films for the run up to Easter, but we do have the future film dates for your Diaries.

Friday 7th February

Friday 20th March

Friday 24th April

Friday 22nd May

100 Club

The Library, although part of the NYCC Library Service, is required to cover the running costs incurred in keeping the Doors open. One source of vitally needed funds is raised through the 100 Club.

For £2.50 per month, payable by standing order, your name will be entered into the monthly draw and, with a bit of luck, you could join the band of happy winners.

If you would like to like to join the scheme and experience the excitement of the monthly draw application forms are available in the Library, at the Film Shows or by email to gargravelibrary@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning: The Library Committee in conjunction with the Village Hall will be running a Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st December. Apart the usual, tea, coffee, cakes and tea cakes we will be pulling the Christmas bumper draw for the 100 Club.

Christmas Closing

The Library will close at 1.00pm on Saturday 21st December and re-open on Friday 3rd January.

Finally, Christmas Greetings and a big thank you to everybody who has supported our social/ fund raising events over the past year, the Volunteers who have made the Library such a success and of course a big thank you to all our Borrowers.

Craft and Chat

Sylvia Humphreys

The photograph shows the Craft and Chat group enjoying a well-deserved break at Gargrave's new fish and chips café.

Recently the group produced more than dozen beautiful blankets that were part of a container shipment to Yemen by the charity Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire. In addition the group has donated numerous hand-made items of children's clothing for Poppyfield's shoe-



boxes that are part of Operation Christmas Child.

At the time of writing the group was preparing to support its craft stall at the Christmas Fayre on November 30th in aid of Skipton Food Bank.

Coniston Cold Young Farmers

Millie Brennan

Over the past month or so of Young Farmers meetings we have had an AGM meeting in which we voted that Gemma Darwin remained chair for the 3rd year running. Younger members have stepped up this year and taken positions such as the register and minutes.

The past few meetings we have had are practice public speaking where we selected who will be representing Coniston at district, we have enjoyed a night at the ice rink, we also competed in the district quiz which was enjoyed by all.

Last night on the 2nd of November we had our Young Farmers dinner which was enjoyed by all members where trophies from the past year was given out and we heard a speech by one of Coniston past members on his experiences with young farmers.

We are sadly having Peter Walton leave us this year and retire as one of the long running club helpers, he will be missed by all.

Coffee Mondays

Cynthia Hardyman

Coffee Mondays will continue every Monday throughout December and into January 2020. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped this new venture take off since May 2019. More lively conversations between villagers and visitors in 2020...

Village Hall news

Caroline Thompson

It is approaching the time of year when we tend to both look back on past events but also plan for the future too.

Perhaps we should start this piece by looking back over events at the Village Hall during 2019. The most memorable feature was our celebration weekend back in February. The Village Hall was officially opened on February 14th 1959 so we made the decision to celebrate the 60th anniversary with a variety of events spanning a full weekend. It seemed a good idea in the planning stages but as the anniversary drew nearer the list of to do's grew longer! However our Committee spirit rose to the challenge and despite all the hard work we all really enjoyed working together to provide a programme of Nostalgia for the community to enjoy.

The 1959 Comedy Film night hosted by Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library opened the proceedings, we held a Coffee morning on the Saturday (lots of bacon sandwiches and homemade cakes) with a display of Gargrave Village Hall memorabilia. The fabulous Swing City Big Band entertained us on the Saturday evening (more bacon sandwiches), which was a similar act to Bill Saville and his orchestra who performed at the opening night back in 1959. Staying with the Nostalgia theme we were delighted to welcome Hattie Bee on the Sunday afternoon who entertained everyone with her songs from the 1950s. Homemade afternoon tea (more cakes) complimented the entertainment. We

received some lovely cards and messages thanking us for a great weekend which was really appreciated.

Throughout the year we have continued with our improvement plans and our most recent project is taking up many hours of time. The completion of a new look self contained Snooker Room is heading in the right direction but it has not been without its problems. However the re-decoration is booked to commence shortly and we are hoping the new flooring will be laid by mid December. Everything is crossed!

We are sad to say that at the time of writing this piece we have lost a valued Committee member, Keith Birchall, who sadly died recently. Keith joined the Committee relatively recently and he was the organiser of the Book Fairs held quarterly at the Village Hall. His funeral took place at Tarn Moor Burial ground at Skipton. Keith had spent an interesting life, with some spent in the motor industry which probably nurtured his love of all books related to transport, which he specialised in selling. One of his sons, Andrew, paid tribute to his father relaying the story of his life into chapters which was very apt due to his lifelong interest in books. We had not known Keith for very long but he had much to give as a committee member and his input was both respected and appreciated. His fellow Book Fair friends have rallied round and offered help in the organising of our Book Fairs so will continue with them as a tribute to Keith.

Looking ahead we hope that everyone has a very Happy Christmas, with more News to come from the Village Hall in 2020. (Did anyone read George Orwell's 1984 back in their school days? I could never have imagined that year ever arriving, let alone 2020)!!

Assistance for disabled passengers on the railways

Peter Hardyman

(based on an article published by LASRUG – the Lancaster and Skipton Rail Users Group)

It may be useful to know that the following assistance is available to all passengers with particular needs (including those with hidden disabilities) on the Bentham Line, and across the railway network.

Disabled Persons Railcard (railcard.co.uk)

If you have a disability that makes travelling by train difficult, you may qualify for this railcard. The railcard gives you 1/3 off rail fares across Britain, for you *and for a friend/ carer*. The Disabled Persons Railcard costs £20 per year, or £54 for a 3-year card. Visit the website for further information.

UK Passenger Assist (Freephone 0800 0223 720 – 24 hours a day)

For a helping hand when travelling by train, call the number above to arrange assistance, at least 24 hours before travelling. Or text (free) to 60083. Help could include meeting you at the station entrance, navigating the station, accompanying you to your train, helping you on or off your train (with a ramp if necessary), or helping with your transfer between trains.

Boarding and Alighting from the Train

All trains and staffed stations have ramps to help less able passengers to board and alight from the train, and to facilitate the journeys of those passengers in

wheelchairs. At unstaffed stations the conductor-guard is there to help you. Large stations, such as Leeds, have passenger assistance teams.

On Board the Train

Priority seating for those with additional needs is available on all services, near the entrance doors. There is at least one wheelchair space on every service. On Northern's new and refurbished trains this is adjacent to a fully accessible toilet.

Specifically, in relation to The Bentham Line to Lancaster and Morecambe ...

Platform Access

All platforms at the following stations are fully accessible: Leeds, Bradford Forster Square, Shipley, Bingley, Keighley, Skipton, Hellifield, Long Preston, Giggleswick, Bentham, Carnforth, Lancaster, Bare Lane, Morecambe and Heysham Port.

At Gargrave, Clapham (N Yorks) and Wennington the Eastbound platforms have level access but access to the Westbound services is via a footbridge with steps. If passengers who need level access wish to travel Westbound to or from these stations, they should contact Northern who will provide replacement road transport to or from the nearest accessible station.

Where access to and exit from platforms is via ticket gates (Leeds, Bradford Forster Square and Skipton), there will be at least one wide gate to facilitate travel for passengers in wheelchairs and those with heavy luggage or pushchairs.

Dementia and Community Rail Project

This project has encouraged the front-line staff on the Bentham Line and beyond, both on the trains and at stations to think positively about offering assistance to all, especially those with additional needs whether visible or hidden. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance before, during or at the end of your journey.

BeeActive Dec: Pilates, Tai Chi Qigong, & Somatics

Bee Faulkner

BeeActive weekly classes are running up until Friday 20 December and resuming after the Christmas break on Monday 6 January for a 6 week block.

Modern Pilates (mat based) Tuesdays 10am, **Fridays** 9am and 10.20am,
Gargrave Village Hall/Annex

Modern Pilates (seated & standing) - Tuesdays- Gargrave Village Hall -
11.30am

Somatic Movement Relaxation - Fridays- Gargrave Village Hall Annex
11.30am

Tai Chi Qigong – Mondays 9.30am and 10.45am **& Thursdays** 8.45am
- Water St Green BD23 3LY (between river and the War Memorial).

Newcomers welcome: contact Bee on 07778 980994 to discuss which classes would be most appropriate for you – the groups vary in pace and focus, to accommodate individual needs and conditions.

From the archives

Duncan Faulkner

The June 1937 magazine gushingly describes the coronation of "His Majesty, King George VI", "amid scenes of unparalleled splendour, never to be forgotten by those

who were privileged to witness them". Celebrations in Gargrave included two united services, afternoon sports, teas for old people and for children, who were each presented with a Coronation Mug, a fancy dress parade through the village, and a magnificent bonfire and fireworks.

The vicar was concerned with the comparatively small congregations at Sunday services, "a common complaint in many parishes". The Archbishop of Canterbury had recently issued a "Recall to Religion". The vicar's suggestion was that each regular church attender makes a real effort to bring at least one friend or acquaintance with them. "If you were successful in this, it would mean doubling our congregations. An invitation from you would have considerably more weight than one from me, because it would be entirely 'unofficial', with no suspicion of an axe to grind". Arthur Blunt goes on to encourage his readers: "I know that you would find it infinitely worth while, in the knowledge that you had helped some one along the way of life, by bringing him or her nearer to God, and to share in the blessings which, from your own experience, you know that religion can and does bring".

Meanwhile, the Gargrave Institute Football Club were celebrating a successful season, having won the league championship with 116 goals scored and only 9 goals conceded. "The team played splendidly together as a team, and always in a clean, sportsmanlike manner". Jolly good show.



*George discovered Christmas this
year is December 25th*

If there had been three wise women...

they would have asked for directions
they would have been on time
they would have assisted with the birth
they would have cleaned the stable
they would have brought more practical
gifts (i.e. disposable nappies!)

Chimney

Why doesn't Father Christmas suffer
from claustrophobia when he climbs
down the chimney? Because he has
had his flue jab.

Christmas present for dad

December is the month when the children begin to discuss what to get Dad for Christmas. Some insist on a shirt; others a pair of socks, and the agreement always ends in a tie.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Joanne Ackroyd

A series of interviews with folk of interest in Gargrave. This month: Duncan Faulkner (Ed – I have been putting off including this as long as possible but Jo has craftily stopped supplying me with more interviews so this is the only one I have left to put in the magazine...)

1. Can you please provide a pen sketch of yourself? What brought you to Gargrave?

I'm from Northern Ireland, although I don't sound like it most of the time. I grew up surrounded by the Bramley apple orchards of County Armagh, where my father and stepmother still live.

Like many people we went to church about twice a year – Christmas and Harvest Festival. In RE lessons I picked up that no sensible people believe in these religious fairy tales any more. But then at age 14 I, along with several friends, encountered God, initially through starting to read the Bible. A transforming experience.

After a few years living in Oxfordshire, where Bea and I met, I was missing the hills, stone walls and rain. My grandmother was from Pateley Bridge and I had fond memories of childhood visits to uncles living in the Dales. So when I saw a job advert for a little engineering consultancy called JBA, based at Broughton Hall, I didn't take much persuasion to move north. We wanted to live somewhere within cycling distance of Broughton, with a railway station and enough room for hens and vegetables. Having both grown up in villages, we found Gargrave an obvious choice!

Twenty years on I'm still working for JBA, these days with about 700 colleagues. I'm a hydrologist, working on flooding projects around the world.

We've been members of St Andrew's since coming here, currently also involved in Skipton Baptist and Bolton Priory. I'm involved in a church house group, the pantomime group, local environmental causes, editing this magazine, organising Open Gardens, 3 or 4 choirs, and probably some other things that I've forgotten. Too much, perhaps? Our children like to come along to village events as well, which seems to be an unusual thing in Gargrave.

2. What things do you like about Gargrave?

My first view of Gargrave, that I remember, was from the top of Butter Haw, cycling over from Broughton. From that perspective, Gargrave nestles into the Aire Valley, at the foot of Sharphaw, with the higher hills around Malham and Wharfedale providing a distant backdrop. I enjoy that special view every day, because one of the things I like about Gargrave is that it's near enough work for me to commute by bike. It's kinder on the climate and on local air quality, it means I can hear the owls in the winter and the curlews and lapwings in the spring. I get to know every field, every tree on the route, and many people who live along it too. It gives me a little burst of exercise twice a day.

There's much more that I like about Gargrave: the people, the sense of community, the river (and its resident kingfishers), the greens, the Village Hall, the warm fire at the Dalesman Café...

3. If you could change anything about Gargrave, what would it be?

Gargrave is a great place to live for many people, but I have noticed that not everyone feels included. Like anywhere I suppose, there are some divisions, some people on the margins, some that don't get involved. I would like this to be a village where everyone feels at home. I would hope that when we disagree we can learn to do so courageously, listening to and understanding each other.

FAREWELL TO DOROTHY RISHWORTH

Mollie Blackburn

Editor: We are so grateful to Mollie for agreeing to share this heartfelt letter of goodbye, which was read out at Dorothy's funeral in October.

Dear Dorothy

I miss you so much. This is a thank you for being my best friend all these years and helping me to come to terms with the loss of Harry my husband.

You would not take no for an answer when I was so reluctant to join anything as I said (I did not feel like it) but you knew the benefit of knocking on the door to collect me to make sure I would not change my mind 'I felt safe when I was with you' as you knew the ropes and first names and history of almost everyone.

First you introduced me to the ladies section of the Village Hall. There was a supper dance every month and occasionally two a month, although to be honest it felt a bit of an honour to be asked to join. How many evenings did you come from River Place, when it was cold and dark with your cakes? You looked a bit dishevelled when you came into the Hall but with your rain mate on your hair was immaculate. I used to tell you it looked like a bird's nest with all that lacquer on and to keep away from naked flames. The times you have said "with friends like you who needs enemies"

When I think of all the cakes you have made over the years. Why did you sometime use a fork for mixing when you had perfectly good electric mixer? "I didn't really need it you'd say" and all those sandwiches and cakes you must have made over the years. You and Joan were the chief cake cutters knowing the art of cutting the most portions.

The next thing was the Women's Institute. Without you I would definitely not have joined but knowing you were there made a big difference. I really needed your help. If there were more people like you to help and guide us, just to shout out through the door "Hello" or "are you ready yet".

Such lovely times we all had in the W.I. Trips and outings, meals enjoyed together. You will still be with us in thoughts. One of us without thinking may just say "where's Dorothy" as we did all the time.

What lovely afternoons we had at the bowling club. We have both been members for years, you much longer than me. You enjoyed the social side of it but you did like to win as well, which you did quite often. I still see you waiting at the summer seat for me to join you ready for a game, having a rest as it was the half way mark.

Thank you for introducing me to Church, Dorothy. We mostly went together. You felt so at home there having being a member most of your life. At first it was a bit daunting for me being brought up a Methodist, I did not know the procedure or a lot of the hymns but of course you did so I just had to sit with you. We did have little giggle together sometime during the service and our remarks to one another were a bit loud at times.

You loved to help and hand out the hymn books collect and count the money which you were better at than me. You felt so much at home there and loved being in the choir. Nothing lasts forever sadly, but you have been a very special person Dorothy. Thank you.

love Mollie

INTO THE DISTANT PAST

Kevin Jackson

Tudors to the 17th Century

I LEFT YOU LAST MONTH at the end of the Mediaeval period. We now move forward in time to that of the Tudors.

Very little evidence remains in Gargrave of this period. In the church is a carved wood tablet bearing the date 1521 in Roman numerals. This is thought to be the date that the previous church was built with the tower now being the only remnant.

The next period of interest comes along during the 2nd English civil war in the 1600's. (I can see you asking the question 2nd! Indeed, the 2nd. The 1st was between Stephen and Matilda 1135-1154 in the 12th Ct). A garrison is said to be held at Gargrave. Evidence of this period has come about through the finding of two small cannonballs from a falconet cannon, both found near to the church. This would suggest that the garrison was in or near to the church.

We move further on in time now to just after the civil war and it is believed that Paget Hall was built at this time, although this building has evidence of a spiral staircase and a garderobe. So there may be the remains of an earlier building on the site, remains of which were incorporated into the present building. Old Hall near to the canal also looks to have been at this time and dating evidence of the boundary wall comes along when the archaeological excavation at Old Hall Croft found a 17th Ct musket ball under the base of the wall.

From the 17th Ct we move forward into more modern times and the era of plenty of written documents and this period is most certainly out of my scope and better left to local historians who have better knowledge than I.

When we started this small series of articles it shows a progression of human influence in the area for many thousands of years. So what of the next few thousand years?

Finally what is the derivation of the village name 'Gargrave'.

'Gara's grove-the grove belonging to Gara.

The copse in a triangular plot of land (old Norse+Old English)

The meaning of a copse and grove are the same, so it is very likely that 'Gara' was the owner of the trees in a triangular plot of land that gave Gargrave its' name.

I've enjoyed writing these small pieces for the Parish magazine and I hope that they have given some insight into the rich and varied history of our village and who knows what further archaeological information may come to light with future developments.

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

EARLY IN OCTOBER is the traditional time for the islands and highlands of north-west Scotland to have special sales in Oban. For years many Yorkshire farmers attended these sales. At one, 400 dairy in-calf heifers would be on sale, mostly shorthorn and Ayrshire, with many brought back to Yorkshire.

My first ever holiday was at one of these sales when an uncle invited me to join him. It was an experience I have never forgot. Being a regular customer, he introduced me to many Scottish families which I am still in contact with.

At that time the ferries had pens on the deck to bring cattle from the islands for the sales. The highlight was being invited by a ferry captain to join him on a trip to Loch Sunnart to collect 70 cattle off a pier.

The bug had bitten as I have missed very few October sales over the last sixty years.

In the 1970s dairy cattle disappeared in favour of beef. In fact the last dairy heifers to come to Oban, which I bought, were off the Isle of Lismore. I still meet up with the family.

Sadly it is all change in the area. Many farms and crofts have gone. Where there used to be a week of sales now one day. The Highland cattle sale is a special day with an evening dinner, the banter with the Scots, the autumn colours. The Scots who farm in that area must have a tough life, but they know how to enjoy themselves. The Scotch may be "tight", the Yorkshire man "careful", together a very good combination!! A wee dram and a good ceilidh, both are happy.

Back to reality. The cattle are inside. Clocks are back. The cycle starts all over again. The sheep to prepare for winter, to dip, dose, check feet, gather down off the hills into groups with the rams, and process starts all over again.

I did spend forty years breeding Swaledale sheep. Out of interest I visited Hawes Swaledale ram sales in October. I was not impressed. I feel they are being bred too long, narrow and tall. I could say they are being bred like Holstein cows. I might as well be controversial. The horns so close to the head in the rams, close to the jaw in the ewes, close to eyes, having to be sawn off.

I found several breeders who agree,

I rest my case!!!

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Emma Davies

I LIKE TO RUN MY EYEBALLS over anything to do with mental health online, and my interest was recently piqued by a couple of articles on the Stray FM website.

The articles show that there have been two sets of figures released this year relating to drug and alcohol misuse. Whilst figures are always released retrospectively, and relate to numbers from 2016-2018, what they do show is an increase or rising trend in two areas.

The first figures relate to deaths related to the misuse of illegal drugs like cocaine and heroin and also alcohol. The statistics show that the number of deaths related to these substances has almost doubled in the Harrogate district in a 6-year period. North Yorkshire as a whole has seen the biggest increase in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

The second article relates to a large rise in people accessing alcohol addiction services in North Yorkshire – over 1000 in 2017/2018 up 30% from 818 three years earlier. Both sets of figures come from Public Health England in collaboration with the ONS.

Like the rest of mental health services in this country, there is a need for investment in frontline services. As Alcohol Change UK state,

"Over half a million people in England are in need of specialist alcohol treatment, yet four out of five dependent drinkers are not receiving it."

Within our region, the main drug and alcohol recovery providers are Project 6 in Keighley, CGL in Bradford, and much closer to home, we have a charity called North Yorkshire Horizons who have 5 main hubs – Northallerton, Harrogate, Selby, Scarborough and Skipton.

In Skipton, Horizons are a service provided on behalf NYCC and they aim to reflect the idea that everyone's experience with addiction is unique. Treatment is client-guided so after a full assessment, a person might use a combination of harm-reduction, recovery or abstinence in order to promote their wellbeing. CQC have given the service a rating of 'outstanding', stating 'Clients were truly respected and valued and empowered as partners in their care, practically and emotionally, by an exceptional service.'

This sentiment is reflected by previous client Paul Hobson: "They are an absolutely fantastic service. Without their help I would not be where I am today. A couple of years ago I decided to become a smart facilitator and hopefully now I inspire people to help them in their own recovery. Thank you very much."

If anyone is struggling with drug or alcohol in their life, you can access Horizons in Skipton through a GP or through self-referral. 4A Mill Bridge, Skipton Freecall 08000 141480.

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Mark Greene, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity

THE CROWN'S THIRD SEASON burst back onto our screens last month, only to be rapidly upstaged by Prince Andrew's poorly judged interview and 'resignation'.

Indeed, Olivia Colman's poignant portrayal of the Queen's fortitude, self-control, clarity and astuteness reminds us that these are qualities she surely still needs. However, for all **The Crown's** strengths, it fails, like most biographies of the Queen, to understand how her deep sense of divine calling and her living faith in Christ have shaped how she does everything – from the way she engages with staff to the content of her Christmas broadcasts.

Of course, showing the Queen at prayer, or pulling her Land Rover to a screeching halt outside the Sandringham church don't obviously compete with the riveting storylines of her eventful life. Nevertheless, trying to understand the Queen without understanding her Christian faith is like trying to understand a Ferrari without looking at the engine.

I vividly remember the moment this hit me. I was trying to think of some public figure who lived out the six Ms of fruitfulness – modelling godly character, making good work, ministering grace and love, moulding culture, being a mouthpiece for truth and justice, and being a messenger of the gospel. The Queen came to mind with a clarity and weight, as if from above: the most famous, most photographed woman in the world is a fantastic exemplar of Christlike engagement in public life. And that was the beginning of a series of providential events that led to the distribution of a million copies of **The Servant Queen and the King she serves** (still available).

The more research we did, the more examples we discovered. Small things like inviting a Church of Scotland minister to Balmoral every weekend of her summer break. Big things like bringing former exploited colonies into a circle of purposeful friendship in the Commonwealth. Or her Christmas broadcasts: gently summoning her people to neighbour love, and unselfconsciously witnessing to Christ's centrality in her life.

Season 3 of **The Crown** will no doubt bring us much insight into the Queen's response to national, monarchical, and familial challenges. But after two seasons and the two Season 3 episodes I've somehow managed to limit myself to this week, it has given us no glimpse of the resources in Christ which have enabled her to be God's woman for all seasons – through crises even greater than this week's.

And that's a story to celebrate. And tell.

NATURE NOTES

Bathie

Ed: Introducing our new nature correspondent. We've been without one for many years so huge thanks to "Bathie" for stepping forward!

Recently, whilst taking a stroll along the canal towards Ray Bridge I came across a flock of chattering Fieldfares. Some were in the Hawthorn trees by the towpath,

enjoying the abundant red berries (haws). They tolerate me watching them, but as I walk, they keep ahead of me, moving swiftly from tree to tree. The rest of the flock are perched, merrily chit-chatting high up in a nearby Ash tree.

This winter visitor, with colourful grey and brown plumage, is a type of large Thrush that migrates here from Scandinavia and northern Europe, to enjoy a milder climate and plentiful food. Their Old English name "Traveller of the fields" describes their nomadic nature, moving on once a local food source has been exhausted.

Walking along the dam side, over the beck a flash of bright turquoise catches my eye. Mesmerised, I observe a handsome Kingfisher, perching on a branch over the water, watching and waiting. I return that way a few days later and I am rewarded with another sighting. He does not seem too concerned when folk come by, perhaps flying down to a quieter part of the beck to resume his vigil or disappearing out of sight, hidden by the reeds.

Returning home, I hear the bubbling trill of a Curlew. A Curlew? Ah no, of course not, just a cheeky Starling up in a Sycamore tree doing an exceptionally good impression!

IN PRAISE OF GOOD KING WENCESLAS

David Winter, via Parish Pump news service

When I was a choir boy many years ago, 'Good King Wenceslas' was a very popular carol. A man sang the King's lines, a boy sang the Page's, and the choir filled in the narrative. It was not of course technically a Christmas carol but one for which most people know as 'Boxing Day' – the 'Feast of Stephen' the first Christian martyr.

But you don't hear Good King Wenceslas these days. It fell foul of political correctness. The king was wealthy and very kindly, helped a poor man, but the last verse was the problem. It called on 'Christian men, wealth and rank possessing', to help the poor and be blessed in doing it. All very patronising, class-conscious, and chauvinistic. So, it has simply disappeared.

I think that's a pity, and I also think it's a serious misunderstanding of the carol. It relates to the good deeds of a tenth century Duke of Bohemia, Wenceslas I, and concerns a king and his page, and a poor man freezing and potentially starving whom he saw from his window.

The king didn't, as he might well have done, simply order some minion to take the man some food or fuel. He decided to do it himself assisted by his young page. Together they braved the bitter wind and snow in order to take pine logs and food to this humble dwelling. That is not patronising but true Christian grace.

Yes, the last verse does express a Victorian view of characters but that's when it was written. No one should condemn the carol and its message. Who would shrink from following its example? I'm afraid texting a token ten quid to a charity does not quite qualify.

Love requires action, if we don't see that then we have missed the point. That is the message of this lovely carol.

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We three kings of porridge and tar

On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me

Noel, Noel, Barney's the king of Israel

With the jelly toast proclaim

Olive, the other reindeer

O come, froggy faithful

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	8am	10:45 am	10:45 am	
	Sidesman	Sacristan	Readers	Intercessors
01-Dec	Linda Wall	-	Family Team	Family Team
08-Dec	Kay Craven	Judith Douglas	Annalies Vanoyen	Ron Humphreys
15-Dec	-	-	Yvonne Poulter	Mike Maiden
22-Dec	Colin Chapman	Janet Turner	Hugh Turner	Hugh Turner
29-Dec	-	-	Mike Maiden	Peter Poulter
05-Jan	Linda Wall	-	Family Team	Family Team
12-Jan	Kay Craven	Norma Brothers	Clare Maslin	Paul Maslin
10:45am	Sidesman		Refreshments	
01-Dec	Family Team	Family Team	Family Team	Family Team
08-Dec	Michael Fordham	Paul Maslin	Sarah Curtis	Judith Robinson
15-Dec	Yvonne Poulter	Pauline Gilfoyle	Abbie White	Sylvia Humphreys
22-Dec	Jane Dallas	Mollie Blackburn	Judith Douglas	Norma Brothers
24,25 Dec...	no duties arranged			
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Mon-Sat [continued] 1850 2019 2134 2216 [SX] 2218 [SO] 2237

Sunday 1121 1208 1421 1448 1656 1855 2107 2123

To Giggleswick (arrives ~ 20 mins later) & **Lancaster**⁵ (arrives ~ 66 mins later)

Mon-Fri 0528 0805 0902 1103 1304 1504 1815 2006

Saturday 0525 0805 0902 1103 1304 1504 1814 2006

Sunday 0922 1115 1415 1615 1815

To Settle (arr. ~18 min later if direct) & **Carlisle** (arr. ~2hrs later if direct)

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2006² (2033⁴)

Saturday 0525² 0805² 0832 0902² 1004 1103² 1133 1304² 1504² 1604 1732 1814² 1902 (2033⁴)

Sunday 0922² 0950 1115² 1311 1415² 1509 1615² 1815²

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M-Fri* 0820 0910 0955 1055 1057M⁷ 1155 1255 1355 1357M⁷ 1455 1555 1725 1810

Saturday 0820 0910 0955 1056M 1155 1255 1355 1455 1555 1656M 1810

Sun + B.Hol: **No Winter service**

To Settle (arrives ~ 25 mins later) (Service 580) and

(+)onward to **Kirkby Lonsdale** (Service 581) and (++)thence to **Lancaster** (Service 582)

Mon-Fri* 0905++ 1000 1100++ 1200 1300++ 1400 1500++ 1600 1700++ 1800++ 1900++

Saturday 0905++ 1100++ 1200 1300++ 1400 1500++ 1700++ 1800++ 1900++

Sunday + B.Hol: **No Winter service**

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

Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1000⁷ 1310⁷

Saturday [75] 1001 1559

Sun + B.Hol: **No Winter service**

Public Transport back to Gargrave

TRAINS to Gargrave

Last train

From Skipton (arr. Gargrave ~ 5 mins later)

LEEDS to GARGRAVE

Mon-Sat 0519 [SO] 0522 [SX] 0705³ [SO] 0759 0826 0856 0959 1057 1127 1258 1458 1559

Mon-Sat [continued] 1727 1808[SO] 1810[SX] 1856 2000 2027 **1949**

Sunday 0917 0945 1110 1305 1409 1503 1609 1809 **1732**

From Lancaster via Giggleswick (arriving Gargrave ~ 66 mins later)

Mon-Sat 0648 0941 1046 1245 1447[SO] 1448[SX] 1745 2030 2130

Sunday 1102 1344 1552 1751 2018

From Carlisle (journey time depends on route – check timetables)

Mon-Fri 0543² 0551 0824³ 0832² 0934² 1133² 1333² 1340 1450 1618 1631² 1824 1857²
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Saturday 0850 0945M 1045 1145 1245 1345 1445 1545M 1645 1745 1845

Sun + B.Hol: **No Winter service**

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+ from Kirkby Lonsdale (581), ++ from Lancaster (582)

Mon-Fri* 0755+ 0845++ 0930++ 1030 1130++ 1230 1330++ 1430 1530++ 1700 1745++

Saturday 0755+ 0845++ 0930++ 1130++ 1230 1330++ 1430 1530++ 1745++

Sun + B.Hol: **No Winter service**

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Sun + B.Hol [873/884] **No Winter service**

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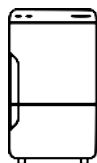
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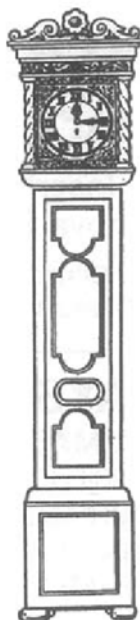
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