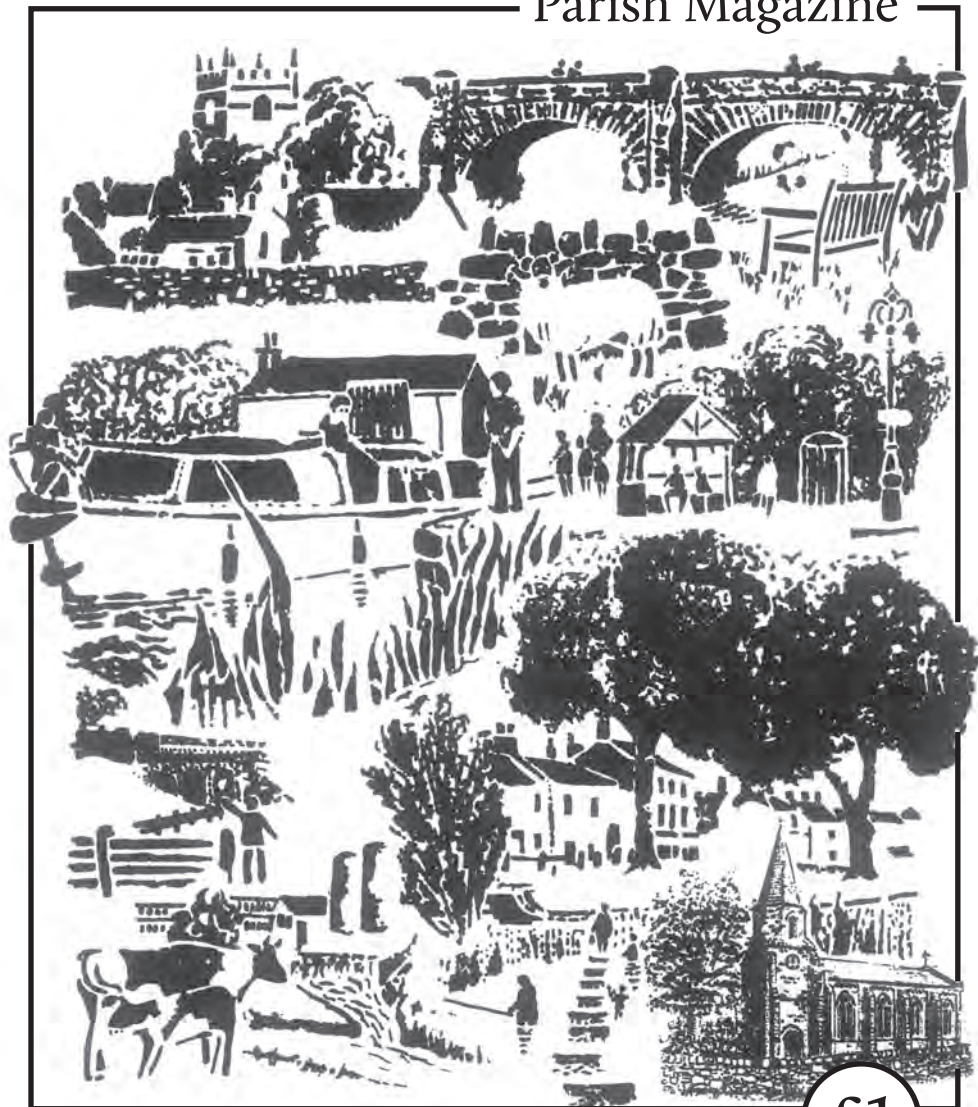


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The ramblings of a reluctant vicar

**“Oh yes He is!!!”**

Well, panto season is upon us, and in the depths of this wintry weather, I am rather looking forward to seeing a certain fellow dame in full make up and gown. Word in the village is that Peter Poulter is rather good at it, and, some say, might have the best legs in Gargrave.

Last month Tony wrote an interesting and provocative article, quoting a book by progressive Anglican vicar Dave Tomlinson. ‘Black Sheep and Prodigals’ is a thought-provoking read and presents an unconventional approach to mainstream Christianity. Reverend Tomlinson leads an inclusive church in Clapham and offers a valuable alternative to dualist theology – the sort of ‘right and wrong’ religion that many of us are familiar with. In the context of South West London this might be rather appealing, but readers further north have found this more challenging (which was Tony’s declared intent, and which I agree is an important stimulus for our own thinking and learning).

Now, whilst most of us would stop short at pointing the finger at other faiths and declaring their beliefs wrong, I believe that it is vital that we are certain of our own, whatever that implies. For instance, I believe that Jesus Christ really is the only way to God. If He isn’t, then what was the point of His dying? Surely it wasn’t necessary if that is the case?

On that cross, it wasn’t just the Son of God who died, but it was a part of the Triune God, almost that the Father Himself had died for us. We cannot fully understand why that had to be – all we know is that it did, and it was all down to love. The love of the Father for His Children.

Furthermore, Jesus claimed quite clearly that “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Jesus specifically used the Greek word ‘the’ not ‘a’, denoting a degree of exclusivity; not that He is one of many ways, but simply that He is THE way. Peter corroborates this in Acts 4:12 where he declares that “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Now, we cannot know the mind of God, and would never seek to denigrate the beliefs of our friends of other faiths whose histories and traditions are as rich and vibrant as our own – salvation is only in God’s hands. However, for me, Jesus is the best way; the most beautiful and most profound way to God, to salvation, to eternal life. In Jesus we are offered a fulness of life beyond our comprehension, a depth of love, joy and peace beyond all words. All of this is offered freely, unable to be earned, bought or traded for.

But as Tomlinson says, “faith isn’t primarily about words but actions. We can argue until the cows come home about words and beliefs, but it is how we live that demonstrates the sincerity and legitimacy of our faith.” Church, creeds and theology by themselves are not enough. If we truly believe that Jesus really is the way, then that way must lead to a radical lifestyle of self-giving, self-emptying

love. It must influence the way we treat others, the way we consider ourselves and the way we care for our world. It must change our thinking, expand our consciousness towards God and draw us into an ever-deepening relationship with the One.

As the pantomime of life plays out, the slapstick loses its attraction and the script grows ever more mundane, I urge you to choose a different way, a better way, the best Way. Choose the Jesus way. Because He really is.

*Editor: See later in this magazine for two more responses to Tony Wimbush's article last month. I don't remember having had so much correspondence about any issue since we started editing this magazine. Thank you to Tony in encouraging us to take faith seriously and be open about our beliefs.*

## DIARY FOR MARCH

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### Coniston Cold

- Sun 1 4pm Evensong, Church
- Sun 8 9.30am Holy Communion, Church
- Sun 15 4pm Evensong, Church
- Sun 22 9.30am Holy Communion, Church
- Sun 29 4pm Evensong, Church (to be confirmed)

### Gargrave

- Sun 1 8am Prayer book communion, Church**  
**10am (breakfast) for 10.45am Family service, Church**  
 Cosmos Planetarium from 10am, Village Hall, Booking essential: see page 4.  
**6pm Oasis quiet evening service, Church**
- Wed 4 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Annexe  
 Fuchsia & Geranium society meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Match room
- Sat 7 Book Fair, 10am-4pm, Village Hall
- Sun 8 8am Prayer book communion, Church**  
**10.45am Sung Eucharist, Church**
- Mon 9 Gargrave Show meeting, 8pm, Village Hall Annexe
- Wed 11 Gargrave W.I meeting, 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
- Fri 13 Picnic supper dance, 7.30pm, Village Hall**
- Sat 14 Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee Coffee morning, 10-12.
- Sun 15 8am Prayer book communion, Church**  
**10.45am Service of the Word, Church**  
 Flea Market, Crafts & Collectables Fair, 10-4, Village Hall

Fri 20	Library film night: Yesterday. 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat 21	Spring Fayre organised by Christians in Gargrave. 10am - noon, Village Hall
Sun 22	<b>8am Prayer book communion, Church</b> <b>10.45am Mothering Sunday service. Sung Eucharist, Church</b>
Sun 29	<b>8am Prayer book communion, Church</b> <b>10.45am Service details to be confirmed, Church</b> Broadway Fairs Flea Market, 10am-3.30pm, Village Hall
Fri 3 April	Ceilidh, fundraiser for GNAT. 7pm, Village Hall

## Regular Gargrave events

### **Mondays:**

9.30am	Tai Chi Qigong, Green opposite Bollywood Cottage, riverside of War Memorial
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: Intermediate. Village Hall Match Room.
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, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
3pm	'Gentle Mat' Pilates with Cate Davies, Village Hall Match Room
6pm	'Beginner Athletic' Pilates with Cate Davies, Village Hall Match Room
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	Gentle Pilates for Recovery and Recuperation 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

## EVENTS

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### **Cosmos Planetarium, Sunday 1 March**

Discover the wonders of the night sky in Cosmos Planetarium, a state of the art, 360° immersive multi-media theatre experience. Journey through space with a Virtual Reality Headset & take part in Cosmic Crafts!

As part of the Yorkshire Dales Dark Skies Festival and Skipton Town Hall touring programme, we bring the Cosmos Planetarium to Gargrave Village Hall.

Tickets are £6 per person and include a 20-30 minute show in the Planetarium. After your show there will be a chance to try out a Virtual Reality headset and take part in Cosmic Crafts. Booking is essential. Tickets can be bought online, over the phone on 01756 792809 or by calling into our Box Office at Skipton Information & Visitor Centre on Coach Street.

Choose from three different shows –

**Ted's Space Adventure | 20 minutes | Best for Under 5's**

Ted and best friend Plant go on an amazing fun journey around our solar system. We learn why some planets are good to live on and others not so much, we also have a cosmic sing-a-long on the way.

**We Are Aliens | 30 minutes | All Ages**

The Search for Extra Terrestrial Life, learn about extreme lifeforms on Earth and the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe.

**CAPCOM GO! The Apollo Story | 30 minutes | All Ages**

An immersive, historical journey that showcases the achievements of the Apollo programme and what it took to put the first human on the Moon.

*Yorkshire Dales National Park*





## Village Spring Fayre – Saturday 21 March, 10-12

*Tony Wimbush*

Christians-in- Gargrave will be holding their annual Spring Fayre in support of the Isaiah Trust. Founded here in Gargrave in 2001 it helps bring hope, education and support to the orphaned street children of Kisumu, Kenya.

Any donations would be very much appreciated: Good quality Raffle and Pre-loved items give to Sarah Curtis, Anything chocolate give to Norma Brothers, Cakes and jams please bring on the morning, Tombola items to Janet Turner, Bric-a-brac - used but saleable items, please bring on the morning (sorry no clothing).

## Young @ Art

*Clare Lamkin*

Gargrave Art Exhibition Group presents **Young @ Art**. We are delighted to have received a grant from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to run 4 workshops for Children and young People in Gargrave and Malhamdale. The first event on Saturday 28th March in Gargrave Village Hall features printmaker, artist and college lecturer Brian Hindmarch. Session 1 at 1.30pm will be for primary school children and Session 2 at 3pm will be for young people aged 11 to 18. If you enjoy painting, drawing and think you might like to become an artist or just love art then these events are for you.

### Key Facts

Date: Saturday 28th March 2020

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Workshop 1 for Primary School Children

3pm - 4.30pm

Workshop 2 for Young

People 11 to 18

Venue: Gargrave Village Hall

Places: 10 places per workshop

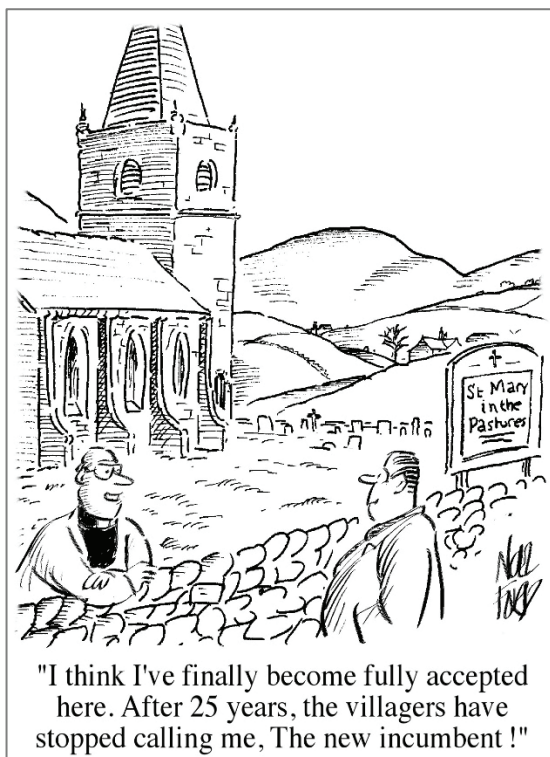
Cost: £1.75 per person

You can collect a booking form from Gargrave library or by emailing

[GargraveArts@gmail.com](mailto:GargraveArts@gmail.com). Pre-

payment of £1.75 will be required and parents/guardian

are required to accompany their children at the workshop. Refreshments will be available.



"I think I've finally become fully accepted here. After 25 years, the villagers have stopped calling me, The new incumbent !"

# Village Spring Fayre

**Saturday 21 March, 10-12pm, Village Hall**

£2 entry to include Coffee/Tea and Homemade tarts and buns  
(children free!)

Something for Everyone!

Cakes and  
Produce - Toys - Tombola - Crafts - Raffle - Pre-loved  
Children's Game and Posy competition (see below)

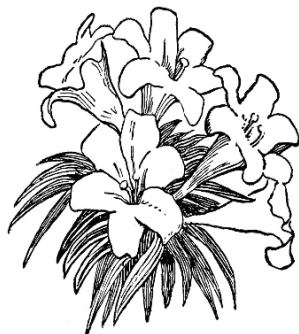
Entertainment by The Village Choir

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**In support of the Isaiah Trust (Kenyan Street Children)**

Organised by Christians-in-Gargrave

\*\*\*\*\* **Children's Mother's Day Posy  
of Flowers Competition** \*\*\*\*\*



Bring along your best compositions  
to the Spring Fayre before 11 am

They can be fresh or artificial  
flowers

All entries will be displayed in  
church on Mothering Sunday the  
next day.



## GNAT Fundraising Ceilidh, 3 April – get your tickets now!

*Duncan and Bee Faulkner*

GNAT: Gargrave Needs A Toilet group will be holding a fundraising ceilidh on Friday 3rd April, 7 for 7.30pm, at Gargrave Village Hall. There will be live music from for the **Batty Moss Ceilidh Band**, a hot meal with vegan option and pudding, a licensed bar, a raffle and more. No partners or ceilidh dancing experience are necessary: caller Mike Benson from Ribbleshead will guide everyone through the steps. Come for the ambience and / or a dance.



Tickets will be on sale in advance only, until 27 March, available from the Dalesman Café, Gargrave library or Bee on 07778 980994, priced £15 per adult, 15p per accompanied child. Look out for further event information nearer the time, including on Facebook [GNAT: Gargrave Needs A Toilet Fundraising Ceilidh](#).

We invite sponsorship, raffle prizes or any help on the night. Please contact 07979 304914 or [gargraveloo@outlook.com](mailto:gargraveloo@outlook.com) to help us in any way. We look forward to making the night one to remember!

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## NEWS

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### Hundredth issue!

*Duncan Faulkner*

This is the hundredth issue of the parish magazine since Beatrice and I started editing it, taking over from Ruth Abbott, Val Cutter, Enid French and their team in 2011. I've been editing it solo for the past 18 months. 100 issues seems like a good innings to me so if there is anyone else out there who is keen to give it a go, do get in touch. I spend most of my working days at a screen and keyboard so would welcome the opportunity for escaping more from them during evenings and weekends.



### St. Andrews Family service report, 2 Feb

*Peter Gardner,  
Family Service Team*

What's in a name? An awful lot it appears, for as we entered church, we all were given a badge on which was written the meaning of the name our parents had given us.

As we settled into the service, it seemed that "names" was going to be the theme for the day, for we were invited to eavesdrop on a "conversation" between two ladies who were quite concerned that the vicar had apparently taken to calling members of the church by strange names. Odd behaviour they thought,

and their discussion turned to talk of his possible impeachment by the Parochial Church Council!

It turned out, however, that all the vicar was doing, was calling people by the meaning of their own first names – which one lady, whose name meant “Divine” felt was very appropriate!

On a more serious note, Mike shared with us how, as a young boy he felt his name was “Mike Worthless.” This ‘name’ shaped how he viewed himself and affected his whole personality and behaviour throughout his childhood and teenage years. Then, one day at university, in his daily devotional readings, he read that ‘God makes us right’ and from that time on, “Mike Worthless” began to die and “Mike Cherished” and “Mike Valuable” began to take its place. The knowledge deep in his heart that God viewed him in that way, over time, changed both his view of himself and his behaviour and Mike came to realise that if anyone is in Christ, he is indeed a “new creation” cherished and valued by God.

This set the true theme of the service. God can help us to put to death old ‘names’ like ‘worthless’ or ‘never amount to anything’ which so strongly affect us and replace them with new names like ‘cherished’ and ‘valuable.’ A point which was reinforced by a testimony given by another lady.

We were then given bookmarks illustrated with the types of new names that God wants us to give us, and the children went off to learn about the special names that God wanted to give them.

Have you been affected by a ‘name’ you were given as a child? God can change that if you want him to. He is only a prayer away!

[And just in case you thought I’d forgotten – breakfast was delicious!]

## 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 March.

## Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library

*Dave Smith*

On **Friday 20th March** we will be showing the feel-good romantic comedy **Yesterday**. The film features a struggling musician who, after a global accident, finds himself the only person who remembers the Beatles and becomes famous after taking credit for their songs.

The film stars **Himesh Patel, Lily James, Kate McKinnon and Ed Sheeran** playing a fictional Ed Sheeran.

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.

Our film scheduled for the 24th April has been cancelled, we hope to reschedule for a date in June.

As part of our agreement with the NYCC Library Service we are obliged to take part in the national **Public Library User Survey**. The survey this year is taking place between the 16th and 28th March and if you visit the Library during this time we would ask that you fill in a Survey form.

Finally please note that the Library email address has been changed to [admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk](mailto:admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk).

### **Volunteers: Your Library Needs You!**

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

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

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

Being a Volunteer is a great way to meet people. If you would like to help keep the Library running and are able to spare 3 hours a month, or whatever you can manage, to help behind the counter, please have a chat with one of our current Volunteers or speak to our Volunteer Coordinator, Patsy Simpson (01756 749489), for more information.

## **From the belfry**

*Malcolm Bland*



February has witnessed good times and difficult times; the former in the ringing room, the latter in the belfry.

In addition to the prospect of adding three more ringers to our Sunday Service Band, we now have a new 'Steeple Keeper' (to maintain the bells in good order and attend to minor repairs), a First Aider and an IT Support Technician (to fix any glitches in the Simulator software)!

All three are now ringing without assistance from their tutors and should be ready to join the Sunday Service Band within a month or so. Bell ringing looks easy, to the casual observer, but swinging over a quarter of a ton of metal through 360° on the end of a 30ft long rope, & having the control necessary to make it strike its note consistently to within a tenth of a second, takes time to master! Bell ringing is very challenging, but it is also immensely satisfying & enjoyable!

Our 'Ringing Simulator' is now in full operation and proving to be of great benefit to all levels of ringers. As a training aid it is enabling us to evaluate our ringing accuracy objectively and we have created an exercise which is bringing out the competitive spirit among individuals as they strive to achieve better scores for their striking accuracy!

It has also been of huge help after the problem created in the belfry by the ferocity of Storm Ciara. During Sunday Service ringing on 9th February, with the wind driving rain almost horizontally through the belfry louvres, water began to drip down the rope of the Treble (lightest) bell which also had water running down its wooden 'stay' and pooling in the socket. This would, in time cause the base of the stay to rot and, indeed, inspection has shown that to be probable so the stay has been removed to dry it out and that bell is temporarily unringable. The simulator is now in use to enable us to practice without using the unringable bell, by generating its sound electronically!

Back in the ringing room, we used part of our Monday Practice Night on 27th January to ring something special for ten minutes to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. This was in response to a suggestion from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for as many towers as possible to mark this 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

## Gargrave WI news

*Sarah Kirk*

### Food and thought

Food and food production is in the very DNA of the WI. One of its founding ambitions was to encourage women to be more involved in producing food during the First World War. In Gargrave we do our bit to burnish the WI's reputation but we are also always eager to try others' offerings! Our annual festive meal was held as tradition dictates, in January, at The Railway in Skipton. The food was judged excellent and so was the company (of course!)



January jaunt: Mary Rushton, Heather Jackson, Sarah Curtis, Pam Allen, Abbie White, Jean Banks

Every month we get together to enjoy food through our lunch and supper club programme; amongst other local venues this year we will enjoy meals at The Folly in Settle, Town End Farm Shop in Airtion and Ireby Green Farm. In July we welcome former Royal Chef, Colin Anderson as our speaker. To complement this talk a ploughman's supper will be served. If the Christmas buffet rustled up by our own culinary marvels is anything to go by, this summery feast will definitely be fit for a queen.

On January 30 we held a 'Soup and Sweet' Lunch in the Church. We welcomed sixty people who all thoroughly enjoyed the delicious home-made soups and wickedly indulgent desserts in a highly convivial atmosphere. We hope to hold more so please watch out for publicity around the village.

## **A glimpse behind the scenes**

The speaker for our February meeting was an enigma. There was no name listed in our programme and as the starting time edged perilously close, there was no sign of anyone at all and the question was asked if there would be a speaker that evening. Fortunately, just in the nick of time, the case was solved as a man, later identified as Steve Green, was spotted in the carpark bustling in with his boxes of exhibits.

All this anxiety and mystery seemed highly appropriate, if a little stressful for members of the committee, as Steve is a member of the Regional Scientific Support Team covering the whole Yorkshire and Humberside area and had come to share his expertise on scene of crime investigation. Based at Calder Park near Wakefield, Steve is what Chief Inspector 'Jack' Frost in the TV series called a SOCO (Scenes of Crime Officer). Steve recalled that a friend of his who acted as an advisor on 'A Touch of Frost' was frequently ignored. The Frost character never put on the full white suit, boots, hair net and gloves as required and procedures that took hours to carry out were condensed in to three seconds. Steve's current gripe with fictional crime concerns on screen pathologists and their tendency to be shown jostling with the forensics team. Having attended hundreds of scenes of murders, unexpected and unexplained deaths, Steve said he can count on one hand the number of times a pathologist has been present at the scene.

Steve and all his team are civilians (although they are frequently mistaken for the police) and they do not act as experts in a court hearing. In former years the role was seen as one for police officers in the twilight of their careers. Today they are known as Scientific Support Officers and there is a formal career structure. Steve is part of the training team handing down his wisdom gained over many years and also introducing technological and digital innovation which continue to significantly change the way the service operates. A forensics team's role is to take photos, gather evidence from drones, video and CCTV, collect fingerprints and footprints and recover samples, for example, fibres and DNA. Paper is surprisingly too rough to preserve a good fingerprint so it is sent away for chemical analysis. Digital imaging means that photos can be sent immediately to support speedier investigation but all physical evidence including the finger and footprints must be carefully labelled and sealed before leaving the scene to ensure that the evidence trail is uncontaminated.

When we looked closely at what Steve had brought with him the clues to his role were in his possession. Perspex tubes, ranging from small to over a metre long, brown paper evidence bags including those termed 'mattress bags', most frequently used for doors apparently, and pots of aluminium powder. Steve gave us a fascinating masterclass in the art of 'lifting' prints, dusting the jar with the powder and using a low adhesive tape to lift the prints off the jar and preserve them on a sheet of acetate. Steve explained that fingerprints are formed randomly in the womb and not even identical twins' prints are the same. Each one is your unique signature. It is the moisture from the sweat glands which are set in between the tiny ridges that leave the impression on a surface.

Gloves proved an unexpectedly intriguing subject. As the ability to recover DNA from smaller and smaller samples has grown, the protocols surrounding

gloves has developed accordingly. Since the occasion when a suspect's DNA was found at six separate scenes but it was known that he had only been at one of them, an officer now always wears two pairs of gloves at a scene. One is worn permanently and the other pair is replaced every time an officer leaves the scene, picks up another item from the scene or does anything to compromise the sterility of the gloves. Each officer is issued with a catalogued number of gloves and each pair is individually sealed. Steve stated how he impresses upon his students the need for adherence to these rules in order to prevent challenges from legal defence teams. In order for DNA evidence to be submissible in court, two experts must independently agree that a DNA sample belongs to a particular suspect. This is to prevent cognitive bias influencing such a critical decision.

In another demonstration, Steve showed us how a dusty footprint, invisible to the naked eye, can be taken from newspaper. Charging a plastic film placed over the print, the static electricity draws the film onto the surface bearing the print. For Steve, a print on a window sill is a 'gift', as is one on glass. Interestingly it is not unusual to find that when a window pane has been broken to gain entry, thieves have piled up the smashed glass neatly so as not to tread on it and leave incriminating prints. As soon as a shoe is put on, its sole becomes unique due to the owner's gait and travels. If footprints are only partial or not detailed enough to provide conclusive evidence, they can be used as part of the data to link a suspect to a spate of burglaries, for example.

Another very interesting observation from Steve was that often a break in succeeds because you think you hear 'something' and then because you hear nothing else you carry on with whatever you were doing. The thieves know this and will wait... until everyone has gone back to what they were doing. The message from Steve was 'Keep listening!' Our reply came loud and clear 'We will now!'

We all agreed with Margaret Hammond giving the vote of thanks, that we had found all the different techniques so interesting. The competition this month evidenced all the creative talent within our group. We had been asked to make a craft item and what a scene they made. Chosen by Steve, Glen Riley was runner-up with a delightful, big-eyed, felt mouse and Abbie White was the winner with an amazing golden Venetian style mask. An obvious if unusual disguise, perhaps Steve was thinking about the day job when he chose the winner!



## **GNAT News and AGM - 13 March**

*Bee Faulkner*

Gargrave Needs A Toilet group will be holding our first AGM on Friday 13 March at 6pm at Simon Myers' Antiques Shop, adjacent to the Dalesman Café. All are welcome. And we look forward to our fundraising ceilidh at the village hall on April 3<sup>rd</sup> – more details in separate article.

The outdoor lighting at the toilets is now greatly improved, thanks to Jon Trimble who replaced the bulbs and Peter Hardyman who programmed the lights so that they are now off overnight. Linda Hartell has kindly made posters and frames for the toilets – explaining humorously "how to pee and pay" and inviting poetry contributions for the poet loo-reate frame. We welcome Janet Lane to the volunteer cleaning team. Thanks to all those pairs of volunteers who are cleaning



each night, the morning unlockers, all those who have helped or donated so far, and to all who have completed Gift Aid Forms. Freya Jackson has been promoting our presence online including : <https://www.facebook.com/GNATGargrave/> and <https://www.gofundme.com/f/gnat-gargrave-needs-a-toilet>

Many Direct Debits or Standing Orders make light work! Regular income will greatly assist in the day to day operation and maintenance of the Toilets. eg £2-£4 per month to **GNAT** account **53123018, 01-07-93**, ideally with Gift Aid - details from GargraveLoo@outlook.com The Constitution of GNAT will allow us to use funds for the repair and improvement of other Village facilities that are beyond the resources of the Parish Council but which contribute to the wellbeing of our community. If you would like to help financially or practically, please contact Bee on 07778 980994.

## BeeActive March: indoor Pilates, outdoor Tai Chi Qigong

*Bee Faulkner*

What a joy it has been seeing otter swimming down the centre of the frothing river mid Qigong class!



We wish John and Anne Henderson well for their move down south to be nearer family. It was they who spurred me into Gargrave Pilates teaching, saying "Can't you take us – you know a lot about Pilates" several years ago on hearing of our former teacher's resignation. It's been a great journey and I feel most grateful to them.

BeeActive classes will run for the first 4 weeks of March, breaking for Easter on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Modern Pilates (mat based) Tuesdays** 10am and **Fridays** 9am

**Gentle Pilates for Recovery and Recuperation -Fridays** 10.30am

**Seated & standing Pilates) Tuesdays** - 11.30am. Gargrave Village Hall / Annex

**Tai Chi Qigong – Mondays & Thursdays** 9.30am & 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. Gentle somatic movements, stemming from Feldenkrais technique, are melded into the sessions, helping relaxation and release of habitually held muscular tension. Equipment is provided and individual conditions are accommodated. Benefit from group support and building better body strength and awareness, flexibility and balance.

## Celebrating fifty years of Gargrave Art Exhibition

*Sarah Kirk, Gargrave  
Art Exhibition Committee*

This year Gargrave Art Exhibition is delighted to be celebrating its Golden Anniversary. We are already preparing for this year's show and would love to hear your stories - funny, poignant, joyful! If you are a past volunteer, contributor or visitor and would like to share a memory that would help us celebrate, please get in touch. Or if you are able to share anecdotes or artefacts from people who have

been involved with the show, and are now no longer with us, we would very much like to hear about those too.

The cartoon below was retrieved from the exhibition archive and was drawn in the early years of the show. If you have additional information about it, we'd be delighted to learn more.



Please contact in the first instance: [GargraveArts@gmail.com](mailto:GargraveArts@gmail.com). Thank you for your interest.

### **An Early Outline**

In 1963 the first art class began and in those early years the occasional one day exhibition was held. The Men's Section of the Village Hall organised a One Evening Art Exhibition in 1968 and 1969 and because of the popularity of these the idea for a three day exhibition was nurtured. On 11 June 1970 the first Gargrave Village Hall Art Exhibition opened, designed to reflect local talent and achievement and in turn inspire artists, both young and old, in the locality.

'Wonderful to see such talent and such a community spirit,' wrote Mrs Flanagan from Redcar on the first page of the 1970 visitors' book. Looking back through the archives it is reassuring to see how the initial aspirations of the group have been cherished through the decades. The show is still very much a village event with contributions from many local artists, the Gargrave Art Group and Gargrave WI, local businesses and Gargrave Primary School children. Dozens of villagers take on many roles essential to the smooth running of the event. Familiar names in the archives show that some of our current volunteers have been involved for nearly four decades! And as a fundraiser for the Gargrave Village Hall charity the show supports this essential hub of village life. All these factors combine to give the show its unique flavour and perhaps help to explain its continued success and popularity.

## **Filling in the details**

Naturally change and evolution have taken place over the years. Initially June was selected to 'take advantage of maximum daylight' but the exhibition now nestles happily in July between the Gardens Open Day in June and the agricultural show in August. Originally the show opened for three days but in 1972 was extended to its current four days. Thanks to the WI's involvement the refreshment opportunities have certainly expanded from the original offering of coffee and biscuits on weekends and evenings! Five years ago the Young Artists Competition was introduced to encourage our aspiring local artists: in 2019 nearly 40 children and young people aged 3-16 participated.

In the 1970s and 1980s the exhibition had 'featured artists' within the show. This aspect of the show has evolved into the highly popular People's Vote Award, granting the artist of the 'favourite' artwork in the main exhibition an extended display the following year. In 1992 a 'hanging fee' for artists was introduced; fortunately, the AGM minutes for that year record that this did not have an adverse effect on the number of entries! The artwork prices have increased over the years but as our Golden Anniversary attests, the support for this 'selling' show, its professional and amateur artists, remains strong and steadfast.

## **Subject Matters**

A June 1970 review by the Yorkshire Post Group's then art critic W.T. Oliver noted the show's unique dynamic created by the juxtaposition of youthful exuberance shown by the school children and adult artistry. Reviewing the main exhibition, he reported: 'The paintings are of a surprisingly high standard in view of the fact that there has been no selection. The spacious village hall, given to Gargrave by the Coulthurst Trust, makes an admirable setting.' Not surprisingly subjects that W.T. Oliver enjoyed then still come back year after year: our beautiful northern countryside, picturesque towns and villages, not forgetting interesting local characters and sheep. Of course, artists are inspired by many aspects of life, sometimes idiosyncratic, often wonderful, all contributions adding to the eclectic nature of the show.

## **Different perspectives**

The Exhibition has always welcomed visitors from near and far. On the first day in 1970, the Noble family from Washington DC, USA noted their delight: 'A super show, congratulations'. Visitors also came that day from as far afield as Nelson, Airton and Bell Busk! A certain B. Gill from West Street praised 'the very high standard of presentation and painting'. Year after year the show welcomes back adults brought up in Gargrave, returning to the village with their own children to enjoy a fondly remembered childhood event. Rounding off the 'international' theme, last year our artworks found new homes in Kent, Scotland and New Zealand.

## **Framing the Future**

On 12 June 1970, Mrs Thompson of South Street, wrote in the visitors' book: 'Very good work. Hope it continues.' Thanks to all the efforts of generations of Gargravians it clearly did!

The current committee, as with all its predecessors, seek to honour the intentions of those early pioneers in maintaining Gargrave Art Exhibition's presence and relevance in the heart of village life. Reaching out for new opportunities wherever appropriate and working together with our many existing partner groups and supporters, we aspire to ensure that Gargrave Art Exhibition is as forward looking and as enterprising an organisation as it was in its founding year. Please look out for more details on how to enter the exhibition, the Young Artists Competition and volunteering opportunities in the months to come.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Golden Anniversary Exhibition on Thursday 16 July, Friday 17 July, Saturday 18 July and Sunday 19 July, 2020.

## Pantomime: Dick Whittington

*Duncan Faulkner*

The pantomime is still to happen at the time the magazine goes to press, so we have no review available, but here are some photos.



Dick (Laura Lipscome) and Alice (Anna Burke)



Scene in a Morecambe nightclub, with the Emperor of Morecambe (Richard Smith)



Vital ingredients for a Gargrave panto...

A dozen dances

A scene at sea

A crowd of happy children



Sarah (Peter Poulter)

meets the Captain (Neive Roberts) and mate (Emma Hargraves)



## Village Hall news

*Caroline Thompson*

Let's hope by the time everyone receives this month's magazine the rainfall will have decreased. Fortunately, the Village Hall managed to avoid the flooding which affected a number of other properties nearby during storm Ciara. It was a close call and at the height of the storm it really did look like a river was coming down Neville Road and the water was only a couple of feet from the Village Hall front door!



Thankfully there were no bookings at the Village Hall that weekend though the Pantomime section did have to cancel their rehearsal due to the road and general conditions.

The Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee monthly Flea Markets return on the 15th March after their customary Winter break. The organisers enjoy a couple of months off , historically to avoid bad weather and also free up extra Sundays in January and February for the Pantomime to rehearse. This year the plan worked!

Regular stallholders have pre booked most of the 2020 Flea Market dates, and there are also a good variety of bookings from sellers who may just be attending on the odd occasion through the year. The latter to perhaps have a downsize of general items or to test out the selling potential of their Craftwork . Some stallholders are local but many travel some distance. A lot of the customers are regular and again many miles are covered as they enjoy seeing the bargains and unique items there are for sale. Many friendships have been forged over the years and there is some great camaraderie between everyone.

This month's piece as you can see is both short and sweet. February has gone much too quickly and the Magazine print date has come around more swiftly than I have put pen to paper or fingers to the keyboard. There is as always much

happening behind the scenes at the Village Hall but perhaps the topics of boilers, lighting, signage and bins don't make too interesting a read!

## News from the river bank: Storm Ciara breaks the record

*Duncan  
Faulkner*

Gargrave and Coniston Cold have been battered by Storms Ciara and Dennis. Ciara was particularly vicious, with houses flooding in both our villages, whether from the canal overflowing down Neville Road, a small beck flooding at Coniston Cold or, perhaps in some cases, from the River Aire.

Around lunchtime on Sunday 9 February, the river reached its highest level at the Environment Agency's Gargrave Weir gauge since records began, back in 1976. It exceeded the previous joint records of January 1995 and October 2000 by about 3cm. Strangely, the water didn't come as far up our garden as it did in October 2000. Flood levels in most places are affected by changes in river channels and floodplains, and by the amount of vegetation and debris present, as well as by the flow. The rainfall measured at Bank Newton was 78mm over 2 days. I think most of this fell within 30 hours, in which case the depth of rainfall was quite extreme: the annual probability of exceeding this depth around here is just 3%.

So why do we tend to see such a close correlation between extreme river levels and extreme canal levels? I can't think of anywhere upstream from Gargrave where the river could overflow into the canal. Perhaps it's just that both are fed by small local watercourses that tend to receive the same amount of rainfall.

I was heartened by the community spirit in evidence during the flood, with villagers wading out in their wellies to help each out with sandbags, accommodation etc.



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## Gargrave United Juniors – News from the side-lines

*Helen Carruthers*

Last year was a great time for the teams, we now have an under 10's Team, under 9's team and an under 7's team. Lots of players from the village and surrounding areas have joined up and it's great to see so much support from the parents, grandparents and brothers and sisters.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Gargrave Co-op who kindly funded Gargrave United Juniors Christmas party through their community funding. We had a great time in the village hall, with all the families bringing food and drinks and the Co-op's donation paid for the hire on the hall and a DJ. There were fantastic games, music, and team work to pull this together.

The under 7's have done amazingly well with some awesome games, they came 3rd in their tournament at Goals in Bradford.

The under 10's team have been promoted and are going from strength to strength, we are seeing some great football skills and are working really well as a team. Keep it up Gargrave.

We have a great day out planned out over half term, football mum, Liz MacGregor has organised us to go and visit the home of Liverpool United at Anfield stadium.

More good news is that we were successful in our bid for the lottery grant to purchase our new goal nets. This will be so much better for our home games and practice sessions.

We have also been successful in securing the local council ward grants for the club. Thanks to Cllr Simon Myers and Cllr Alan Sutcliffe from Craven District Council.

We held a fundraiser on election night providing refreshments to the hard working volunteers and councillors at the election count. Again thanks goes to Cllr Simon Myers for helping wash up and serve refreshments.

We are currently appealing to The Coulthurst Trust to secure the use of the Gargrave Football pitch (near the cricket pitch). The facilities here are just what we need with changing rooms and toilets etc. However as the Trust require a fee for each match we hold there and for each time we have training there, over the year this will take up a large percentage of our income, therefore we will need to do a lot more fund raising and grant applications to secure this.

The Parish Council have kindly let us play on Low Green for our home games but increasingly this is becoming more difficult with the amount of dog poo on and around the pitch and not being able to use the pitch in the couple of months on the run up to and after Appleby Fair.



We are sad to report that we have experience some vandalism to our lining equipment and goal nets which were left on the pitch whilst setting up for matches. If any residents around Low Green have space in their garage or shed for us to house our lining machine (vacuum size) we would be most grateful.

Our AGM will be held shortly, and we will report back on this.

Thank you for your support and interest, please encourage any boys or girls you know who would like to join to contact us, or come along and watch. GO GARGRAVE!!!!

Follow our Facebook page or see our website for further details or contact our secretary - Liz MacGregor, 07966 757940.

## #LIVELENT: CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

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*Church of England*

# #LIVELENT

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020.

Each day has a suggested reading, a short reflection and a practical action, all on the theme of caring for and honouring God's creation, as a way of delighting in its Creator.



A message from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York: "This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to "Care for Creation". It is an opportunity for us to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and in turn with the God who is Lord of everything. During this time, we hope

you might engage in prayer, learn more about the remarkable world we have been given and build habits that last beyond the season to protect and honour the earth"

Booklets and daily emails are available from the C of E website.

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### Where babies come from

For weeks a six-year old lad kept telling his teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. Then one day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event.

The teacher finally took the little boy aside one day, and asked: "James, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" James burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mummy ate it!"

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## FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

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*John Hall*

A mild Christmas and dry fortnight eased our way into the new year without any serious calvings or breakdowns. We have been known to have storms of rain or snow causing difficulties. After three years of political stalemate with MPs unable to agree we now have Brexit, for good or bad.

We have to move on as farming cannot change overnight. My policy has always been to back my own judgement and prepare something for sale which the customer wants.

The last of our lambs from last year were sold at the end of January on a good trade. Two days later we were scanning for this year. Rather a lot of triplets!!! Fortunately, we have Lisa. The Herdwicks are mostly twins. The Looks are sensible and have some singles.

Having had a bumper year for grass last year the ewes are in good condition. We are of course feeding accordingly

The new year is the non-glamorous side of being in farming. Short dark days, often wet and muddy, hungry animals which, like humans, have health problems. With most shows and sales of autumn over it can be a hard slog, seven days a week with all types of weather.

In general, the non-growing season soon passes by as snowdrops soon appear with the daffodils following and Spring takes over.

January is the month for the annual meeting of the show committee. A dedicated group of enthusiasts has kept the society alive. Sadly, age has taken its toll on several long standing members. If the show is to continue, we need new members to take over some sections. The two most needed are someone to organise the sheepdog trials and likewise for the poultry section. Anyone interested in keeping the show going we would be pleased to hear from you.

The next to calve are a group of Lim X heifers for the suckler herd as some old favourites like the Belted Galloway and White Park are showing signs of age some new heifers will be welcome. The Lims have less problems than the dairy heifers. The likes of loss of a teat or any other problems can drop the value drastically of a dairy heifer, plus the extra care of the milking, two or three weeks in preparation for sale.

It was interesting to hear from some Scottish farmers who are arable farmers. Oh yes, the Scots don't all have Highland cows with large horns. It is a family farm who specialise in potato growing. Having had problems with supermarkets over the size of the potato, too small or large, rejected with large amounts wasted, one of the sons at university came home with the recipe for making potato vodka. They have set up the equipment on farm producing vodka with their first sales at the local show. Scottish seed potatoes have been famous for years (could the good old spud have another use?)

Who knows, it could help their rugby team.

*GNAT: Gargrave Needs A Toilet... Fundraising*



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# NATURE NOTES

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Bathie

## A winter ramble

Out for a stroll one bright and frosty afternoon, alongside the railway embankment, a diminutive wren crosses my path. After watching me for a second or two, he vanishes into an impenetrable mass of twigs and bramble.

In the field up ahead a brown hare, disturbed by my presence, makes haste towards a break in the wall and disappears from view.

A nearby meadow has some temporary shallow lakes which have attracted several bird species. I see a striking pair of Common Shelduck pecking at the grass. This large duck resembles a short-necked goose. Its white upper body has a distinctive wide, chestnut stripe around its belly. Shiny dark green heads and necks are complemented by red bills. The sexes are alike, but the male is larger and his bill has a prominent knob at the forehead. Shelduck are resident in the UK and are found most frequently near coastal salt marches and estuaries, making their nests in old rabbit burrows or tree holes.

Mixed flocks of Fieldfares and Starlings are also investigating the meadow, periodically flying up *en masse* into the Hawthorn bushes and trees around the meadow's edge. Then, after resting briefly, drop down again one after another to search elsewhere in the pasture.

There are lapwings too, gulls and crows all taking advantage of the waterlogged ground which provides a feeding bonanza for the birds, as seeds and small invertebrates are brought to the surface by the flood water.

Further on, I see three Cormorants flying purposefully above the river, heading westwards. Their necks stretched out, their streamlined bodies with shiny black plumage, reflecting the late afternoon sun.

Now homeward bound, up ahead, I see a heron landing on a barn roof, he quietly watches my approach. While I am still some distance away, he springs gently from his perch and now airborne, his great grey wings languidly wave farewell as he journeys towards the river.

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## RESPONSE TO: JESUS – NOT THE ONLY WAY?

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Bee Faulkner

I was encouraged to read Tony's open-minded article of February as what he describes strongly echoes my own prodigal faith journey. Whilst travelling in Peru when I was 18, it dawned on me that it was impossible for me to love my neighbour as myself. The repercussions for me were massive: having grown up in the Church of England and been confirmed age 9, I gave up my faith on the grounds of hypocrisy and saw myself as an atheist for several years. Eventually I realised that perhaps I could instead be a theist, if God is "Love, Truth and Beauty" - one of the lines in my primary school's songs. Through the alpha course that ran in Gargrave in 2000, I subsequently came to appreciate that Jesus just said "follow me", and that his was a message of love and forgiveness and grace, in which it is ok to fall short. I now try to keep my focus on this big picture rather

than getting overly distracted by arguments about how literally to interpret certain bits of the Bible or getting hung up about its inconsistencies. I have found the home group in Gargrave a safe place in which it is ok to explore questions about faith: had I belonged to one when I was 18, my journey may have been very different. So, thank you Tony for sharing what is clearly controversial, but which may yet speak strongly to some.

## JESUS – NOT THE ONLY WAY? A RESPONSE

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Mike Lord

*'I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me' – John 14:6*

Christians are followers of Christ; they are entrusted with a message that needs to be shared. The Christian message is laid out in the first four books of the New Testament, called the Gospels. If we are not careful with what is written in the gospels, we can water the gospels down until there is no gospel left. Whilst some of what is included within David Tomlinson's article is in the gospels there is a lot that is missing that warrants consideration.

I'm sure many of us, like David Tomlinson, will know lots of people whose values we would applaud and who are indeed good people. But in just focusing on Jesus' moral teaching his article fails to give due consideration to who Jesus claims to be. This is in fact the very challenge presented to any reader of the verse that was considered in the February magazine. It is sad that his article does not prompt his readers in that direction.

Whilst it is true, that the word 'creed' is not there in the bible, there are many verses in the bible relating to **who Jesus says he is**. These are encapsulated within the creeds, which in themselves are the agreed statements of orthodox Christian belief. And the fact is that for many they still stand the test of time and cultural change.

Hindus believe in a multitude of Gods, Muslims believe in one God but only see Jesus as a prophet, JW's see Jesus as the son of God, whilst traditional Christians hold on to a belief that Jesus and God are one and that the fullness of God is seen in Jesus. This position is based on the many bible verses that emphasise that the true nature of God is reflected in **who Christ is**, and are **not in fact** reflected in the tenets of other faiths.

Nowhere in the bible does Jesus claim to be a prophet, he claims to be much more. As Church we should not shy away from the fact that Jesus' life gives us a clear insight into a God who loves us. In doing so he is opening the door to further the disciples understanding, and he is wanting them to take stock of the evidence. The disciple's faith was affirmed in witnessing Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

Jesus states above all things we should 'love the LORD our God with all **our** heart, with all **our** soul, with all **our** mind, and with all **our** strength, and 'love our neighbour as ourselves'. Whilst the world would be a better place if we learnt to 'love **our** neighbour as ourselves' it is linked to a broken relationship with God which is re-established through Jesus. And that it is Jesus who helps us

connect with, and gain a greater understanding of the nature of the God who loves us and created us.

This is the point of the message on the #DOYOUKNOWHIM banners outside a number of churches in Skipton. For two years the churches together in Skipton have been challenging people to take a closer look at Jesus. In finishing I challenge anyone to do the same, whilst the bible is a good place to start, I'd suggest that anyone interested might find the next ALPHA (an enquirer's course) more than interesting. The next course starts after Easter, details to follow.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

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*Graham Fletcher*

Last Wednesday my grandson (Alfie who is 9) asked "What are you doing Granddad about the planet getting hotter?"

Deep breath, pause — how to respond ? Errrr.....

Recycling my paper hardly cuts it really!

95% of the world's best scientists tell us that Climate change is the greatest challenge facing us today; forget Brexit and Village plans, this stuff is not going to go away so what can we do now to begin to make a difference? So for Alf and his friends, cousins and siblings I've come up with some actions I'm going to try and stick to:

- One: Stop ignoring the seriousness of the predicament we (my generation) have got us into. Talk about it with those who are willing to and come up with some real practical steps that help.
- Two: Plant as many trees as I can, by Volunteering to help Aire Rivers Trust and other local organisations, whenever and wherever I can.
- Three: Educate myself about the science and impacts of climate change.
- Four: Buy local, avoid plastic and eat less meat.
- Five: Contact my MP and local Councillors to ask them to make promises and take actions as well.
- Six: To use my bike and public transport whenever I can and use the car less and less then go electric when we can if we still need a car.
- Seven: Work out my own carbon footprint [www.footprint.wwf.org.uk](http://www.footprint.wwf.org.uk) and do a home energy check. See the Energy Saving Trust website.
- Eight: Use less water and turn the thermostat down. Probably put a jumper on if I'm cold. Generally, consume less stuff that only ends up at the tip. Less pressies for Alf and his cousins!
- Nine: Stop taking fancy foreign holidays that involve expensive carbon transportation.
- Ten: Try to get solar panels and get rid of our gas boiler. Grow more veg and fruit.

So that's me for now - what can you do to help the future generations? We really don't have that long left to try? Good luck.

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	8am	10:45 am	10:45 am	
	Sidesman	Sacristan	Readers	Intercessors
01-Mar	Linda Wall	-----	Family Team	Family Team
08-Mar	Kay Craven	Norma Brothers	Hugh Turner	Janet Turner
15-Mar	-----	-----	Richard Pocock	Rosemary Pocock
22-Mar	Colin Chapman	Judith Douglas	Paul Maslin	Clare Maslin
29-Mar	-----	-----	Diane Maiden	Duncan Faulkner
05-Apr	Linda Wall	-----	Family Team	Family Team
12-Apr	Kay Craven	Norma Brothers	Annalies Vanoyen	Ron Humphreys
10:45am	Sidesman	Refreshments		
01-Mar	Family Team	Family Team	Family Team	Family Team
08-Mar	Yvonne Poulter	Pauline Gilfoyle	Judith Douglas	Norma Brothers
15-Mar	Michael Fordham	Paul Maslin	Cynthia Hardyman	Peter Hardyman
22-Mar	Jane Dallas	Mollie Blackburn	Clare Maslin	Sheila Brook
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"But Ma'am," protested John Brown, "the Lord Jesus was in a boat on the Sabbath."

The Queen sniffed: "Well, two wrongs don't make a right."

**TAXIS from Gargrave (see advertising directory, page A3):**

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**TRAINS from Gargrave**

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

Mon-Sat 0745 0755 1045 1150 1349 1522 1550[SO] 1551[ SX] 1645 1732<sup>3</sup> 1813

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**<sup>5</sup> (arrives ~ 66 mins later)

Mon-Sat 0525[SO] 0528[ SX] 0805 0902 1103 1304 1504 1814[SO] 1815[ SX] 2006

Sunday 0922 1115 1415 1615 1815

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

Mon-Fri 0528<sup>2or3</sup> 0805<sup>2</sup> 0832 0902<sup>2</sup> 1004 1103<sup>2</sup> 1133 1304<sup>2</sup> 1504<sup>2</sup> 1604 1732 1815<sup>2</sup>  
1902 2006<sup>2</sup> (2033<sup>4</sup>)

Sat. 0525<sup>2</sup> 0805<sup>2</sup> 0832 0902<sup>2</sup> 1004 1103<sup>2</sup> 1133 1304<sup>2</sup> 1504<sup>2</sup> 1604 1732 1814<sup>2</sup> 1902 (2033<sup>4</sup>)

Sunday 0922<sup>2</sup> 0950 1115<sup>2</sup> 1311 1415<sup>2</sup> 1509 1615<sup>2</sup> 1815<sup>2</sup>

**NOTES: [SX] Saturdays eXcepted, [SO] Sats Only. (1. Change at Skipton) 2. Not Settle;**  
change at Lancaster for Carlisle **3.** Change at Hellifield **4.** Terminates Ribbleshead **5.**  
Change at (or via) Lancaster for Morecambe.

**As of 13 February:** No planned engineering work affect Gargrave trains during March.  
*That may change. Check with northern railway.* For live info on next 2 trains text  
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*NB: 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)

M-Fri\* 0820 0910 0955 1055 1057M<sup>7</sup> 1155 1255 1355 1357M<sup>7</sup> 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] 1000<sup>7</sup> 1310<sup>7</sup>

Saturday [75] 1001 1559

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

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



## 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] 0705<sup>3</sup> [SO] 0759 0826 0856 0959 1057 1127 1258 1458

Mon-Sat [continued] 1559 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 0543<sup>2</sup> 0551 0824<sup>3</sup> 0832<sup>2</sup> 0934<sup>2</sup> 1133<sup>2</sup> 1333<sup>2</sup> 1340 1450 1618 1631<sup>2</sup> 1824 1857<sup>2</sup>  
2007<sup>2</sup> 2013<sup>11</sup> (2145<sup>9</sup>)

Sat. 0544<sup>2</sup> (0714<sup>9</sup>) 0754<sup>3</sup> 0807<sup>2</sup> 0927<sup>3</sup> 0933<sup>2</sup> 1135<sup>2</sup> 1335<sup>2</sup> 1340 1450 1618 1633<sup>2</sup> 1824  
1911<sup>2</sup> 2015<sup>11</sup> 2017<sup>2</sup> (2145<sup>9</sup>)

Sunday 0925 1225 1233<sup>2</sup> 1433<sup>2</sup> 1635<sup>2</sup> 1852<sup>2</sup> 1911

**NOTES: [SX] Saturdays eXcepted, [SO] Sats Only. (1.Change at Skipton) 2.Not Settle; change at Lancaster 3.Change at Hellfield 9.Not Carlisle: Departure time is from Ribbleshead. 11.Change at Settle.**

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**\*Except Bank Holiday.** (M service to Malham)

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

Mon-Fri\* 0850 0945 0950M<sup>8</sup> 1045 1145 1245 1300M<sup>8</sup> 1345 1445 1545 1645 1745 1845

Saturday 0850 0945M 1045 1145 1245 1345 1445 1545M 1645 1745 1845

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

**From Settle** (arr. Gargrave ~25 mins later) (Service 580)

+ 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**

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

Mon-Fri\* [210/211] 1035<sup>8</sup> 1335<sup>8</sup> from opp. Buck Inn, Malham

Saturday [75] 1030 1630 from opp. Buck Inn, Malham

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

**NOTES 8.** Tues & Thurs service stops at Coniston Cold 4 mins before Gargrave

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	School closes	School opens
Easter	Fr 3 Apr 2020	Tue 21 Apr 2020
Half term (Summer)	Fri 22 May 2020	Mon 1 June 2020
Summer	Fri 17 Jul 2020	Tue 8 Sep 2020

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**Gymnastics** (5- & 5+) – info@ambitionsgymnastics.com

**Rainbows** (5+) – Debbie Gomersall 01729 830589

**Brownies** (7+) – Rose Turner 01729 825886

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**Afternoon tea**, Neville Crescent Community Centre, alt Sun, 12.30pm, Mary Dawson 749755

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Ceilidh	3 April
Gargrave Open Gardens	20-21 June
Art Exhibition	16-19 July
Gargrave Show	22 August

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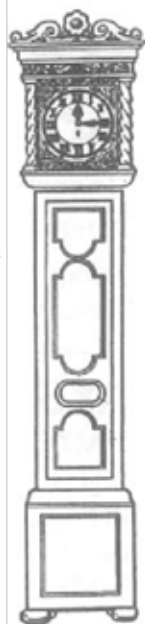
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