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Some of these activities are on hold or online at the time of writing.

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<p>Modern sequence dance – Village Hall, Mon 7.45-10pm, John Rainey 749867 or 07840 806698.</p>
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<p>Masons Arms – Quiz Sundays 8.30pm; Acoustic live music 1st Friday of the month</p>

COLLARED!

Rev Andrew Steer

The best-laid plans of mice and men

TURN BACK THE CLOCKS TO DECEMBER 2019, New Year's Eve. Many of us will have made firm resolutions and exciting plans for 2020. A new career, plans to travel, new hobbies, a change of lifestyle or even just to carry on as normal. Little could we have understood then how an emerging virus in China would shape the lives of the entire human race. All of our dreams shattered, plans thwarted or at least put on long-term hold.

One of the things that clergy spend a lot of time doing, as you might expect, is thinking about Christmas! We usually start thinking about it around January, reflecting on what went well the previous year and what we might change for the year to come.

It then drops off the radar for a few months as we prepare for Easter, but when things calm down again over the summer we spend our idle moments trying to remember what we had decided back in January and coming up with wildly creative and completely impractical ideas for things we could do in the winter to come.

Generally those wildly creative ideas never make it off the drawing board, and we end up doing more or less the same as usual – even (and I'll let you in on a trade secret here) re-using the odd sermon if we're confident that the congregation had indulged in enough pre-service sherry or mulled wine to have forgotten our deeply profound and meaningful reflections the previous year.

This year, however, has been completely different. Planning ahead for Christmas this year has felt more like a game of Snakes and Ladders where one roll of the dice can send you sliding back down a completely different path and you have to start all over again!

So we have made some plans for holding services both in Church and online, and we are excited about what we're hoping to offer to help our communities celebrate Christmas this year. But we also know that a word from the Prime Minister, or an upturn in local cases, could scupper some of these plans and send us back to the drawing board.

All this uncertainty leads us to a new perspective on the Christmas story itself, because the more we reflect on it this in this year of disruption, the more we realise how disrupting the events of the first Christmas were for those involved.

Mary and Joseph were engaged to be married, they no doubt had exciting plans for what their lives would look like. Then the angel Gabriel turns up and reveals that Mary is pregnant out of wedlock, sending all of their plans out the window. Then, just as they are getting used to the idea of having a baby, the emperor orders a census so they have to set off away from home on the long journey to Bethlehem. Not what they were planning at all.

Or what about the shepherds, sat happily in their fields minding their own business when the angels appear and send them running into the village to find

the newborn baby Jesus. And then there's the wise men, sent out on a perilous, crazy adventure to a far off land just because of the appearance of a new star in the sky. None of these people could have predicted or planned what was happening to them, but when the disruption came they went with it and in doing so they met God face to face.

We all approach Christmas with our own sets of expectations and hopes, rituals and traditions, and after all we've been through this year it may feel heart-breaking that we won't be able to celebrate in the ways that we usually do. But perhaps this Christmas, this strange and disrupted Christmas, gives us an opportunity to learn anew from Mary and Joseph, the wise men and the shepherds, and to allow the strange turn our lives have taken to lead us closer to the God who is always with us.

In all of the uncertainty, disappointment and glimmers of hope, may you know that God is still with us, and as Jeremiah says, working out His 'plans to prosper us and not harm us, plans to give us hope and a future.' However your Christmas and New Year work out, may you know God's presence and His peace, His power and His love as a constant in your lives.

"I am looking for a Christmas Card that contains inclusive language, and yet retains the richness of 16th century English and is overtly Christian whilst being sensitive to the multi-faith patterns of our day ... any suggestions?"



EVENTS

Christmas at St Andrew's, Gargrave

Sue Trout



Advent Family Service: Dec 6th 10.45am
Worship & fun for all the family!

Carols by Candlelight: Dec 20th 4pm
(No morning service).

By booking only on Eventbrite from beginning of December due to Covid restrictions.

If you are unable to access online bookings please contact :
Rev. Andrew Steer on 01756 749275 to book your seat.

Christingle Service: Dec 24th

We are unable to gather in Church but join us on Youtube:
<https://www.standrewsgargrave.org.uk/christingle>

Collect your **"Fun Pack"** from the main Church porch from Wed 23rd Dec 10am and make your own as you watch the service online!
Donations can be made online to **The Children's Society:-**
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-andrews-church-christingle-2020>

Christmas Day Communion: Dec 25th 11am

Special Notice

Should we be unable to open at Christmas, our plan B is to
make all the Christmas Services available on YouTube.

**However we celebrate Christmas this year
we'd love you to join us!!**



Christmas at St Peter's, Coniston Cold

Andrew Steer

St Peter's will be having a Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9:30 am.

Alpha

Andrew Steer



Got questions? Try Alpha

Starting on January 5th 2021 the churches of Gargrave, Coniston Cold and Kirkby Malham will be running an on-line Alpha course. We'll meet each week on Zoom, watch a short film and then enjoy lively conversation about Christianity and the meaning of life.

Join us at 7pm each Tuesday as we explore faith together. This will be a safe place to ask any question, to share our struggles and enjoy some precious time together.

Everyone is welcome, whether you don't really have a faith or you've been going to church for years.

To join, or just enquire, call Reverend Andrew on 01756 749275 or email andrew.steer@leeds.anglican.org

Christmas Sale of Work

Sylvia Humphreys

Although the Christmas Fayre will not take place in the Village Hall this year a smaller event in church is planned for the morning of Saturday, 12th December from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The event is subject to the lifting of lockdown on December 2nd, as scheduled at the time of writing, and the absence of new restrictions. Items made by members of the Craft and Chat group and others will be on sale. A donation to church funds will be made from the money raised.

Unfortunately refreshments will not be served. Measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus will be in place so please wear a face mask and use the hand sanitisers provided. Also I ask you to avoid touching an item on sale unless you intend to purchase it. A full risk assessment will be carried out beforehand. I appreciate that the situation is far from ideal but please do come along and perhaps you will find that those Christmas gifts you have been looking for.

NEWS

Gargrave Church of England (VC) Primary School

Sarah Peel

'Work with all your heart'

LOVE, PEACE, HOPE

The school shared Remembrance day in a new way this year through our MS Teams. The school took part in the silence and watched the service in Westminster Abbey. Our wreath was placed at the cenotaph in the village.



As the country enters into Lockdown Two the pupils and staff start the second half of the autumn term. Along with you and the community, keeping each other safe has become a major part of our everyday lives.

Our main focus though has to be the education of our pupils. A 'boost' curriculum is required. Extra support can be found in many areas of school life. It could be in Maths and English or in well-being where we discuss how we tackle and understand more about our world around us.



Remembering that believing in yourself is something we all must aim for, whether you're a child or an adult. During these unusual times when we are feeling unsure of the changing rules we must take time to care for each other and ourselves.

Our pupils are discovering we have big hearts and lead by example every day.



We continue to 'work with all our heart'.

Introducing the new Parochial Church Council

Sue Trout

Introducing the New PCC at St Andrew's Church from 18th Oct 2020:

Rev. Andrew Steer (Chair)

Mike Maiden (Church Warden & Vice Chair)

I'm Mike Maiden and I've been on the PCC since 2017. I'm currently one of the Churchwardens and I want to see the church sharing the message about Jesus in ways that are relevant to modern society.

Jennifer Rowlands (Church Warden & Disabilities Advisor)

I am Jennifer Rowlands. I've been on the PCC for one year and am a newly appointed church warden. I long to see the village overflowing with the love of God and the church growing in every way.

Sue Trout (PCC Secretary)

Hi my name is Sue Trout. I'm the new PCC Secretary. I want to see people's lives changed by coming to know God as a Loving Father. My longing is for The Church to be relevant and authentic in its expression of the love and power of God.

Jane Dallas. (Deanery Synod Rep)

I'm Jane Dallas. I am new to St Andrew's PCC and the Deanery Synod, although I was on the Airedale Deanery Synod before I moved to lovely Gargrave. I have a heart for the village community and want us all to show and share the love of God.

Jo Ackroyd (Deanery Synod Rep)

I am Joanne Ackroyd, this is my first time on the PCC and my role is as Synod representative. My passion is for accessible worship.

Duncan Faulkner (Health & Safety)

This is my fourth time on St Andrew's PCC. I have been involved in Presbyterian, Baptist, Quaker, charismatic and High Anglican churches. I have experienced something of God in all – but even more so in the natural world.

Norma Brothers

At the moment I don't live in Gargrave, but my heart will always belong. I left once before but found my way back!!! My family and I have always been involved in Gargrave church and I for one consider it my church. We as a village need to keep our church ours. We need more input, it's easy to put a donation in an envelope but how about a visit just to see how things are run. Come on Gargrave, to keep this church ours come on in !!!!!!!

Rosemary Pocock

My name is Rosemary Pocock and I am in my third year on the PCC. My passion is that our building, and the variety of worship and other events at St Andrew's communicate the amazing good news about Jesus in a

way that is relevant and accessible to the people of Gargrave in the 2020's and beyond.

Sylvia Humphreys

I am Sylvia Humphreys and it's my second year on the PCC. I hope our church will provide a welcoming and comfortable environment with services that appeal to a wider community

Sheila Bower

I have previously served on a PCC, but this is my first time at St Andrew's. I am a lifelong member of the Church of England and as such I am keen to uphold Book of Common Prayer worship, alongside encouraging the introduction of more modern worship to attract new people to church.

Tony Bower

I have served on several PCCs and been a Church Warden during a long interregnum, with input into choosing a new progressive incumbent to help grow the congregation. I was also involved in fund raising for Church repairs and am happy to join the PCC at St Andrew's and help in any way I can.

Michael Fordham

My name is Michael Fordham, husband of Rocio Fordham and we have lived in the beautiful village of Gargrave for three years.

Yvonne Poulter

My name is Yvonne Poulter and I am a member of the PCC. My hopes are to encourage the Church to develop its service in the heart of the village community. I bring experience as an elder of the United Reformed Church. I have also lived in a Manse all my life, one way or another, until the last few years.

Robert Berry

Hello, I'm Rob Berry and I'm new to the PCC. I have a young family and so I would like to see the church sharing Jesus's message in a way that is open to all ages.

Richard Pocock

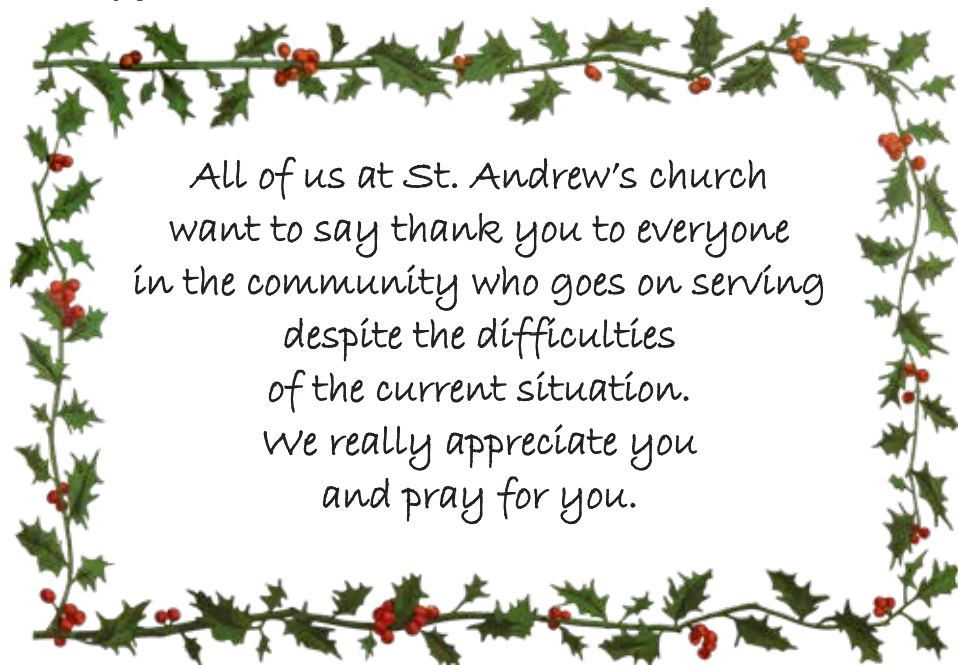
I am Richard Pocock and I have been treasurer for St Andrew for about 3 years. I have really appreciated people's consistent generosity throughout this time and a big thankyou to everyone who has supported St Andrews in so many different ways.

The church tower

Mike Maiden

You will have noticed extensive scaffolding erected around the west end of the church over recent weeks. Contractors are working on the tower to repair the pinnacles and other features that were showing serious deterioration and could have become dangerous. The pinnacles were held in place by reinforcing rods that had corroded and some of the adjacent stonework had also become worn. We were keen that a pinnacle did not fall on the head of a passing bride!

The work is going well, although, perhaps inevitably, some snags have been encountered extending the scope of the project and the length of time it will take to complete. We are very blessed to be able to cover the cost of this project, some £50k, through the generous legacy left to us by Ruth Abbott, to whom we are incredibly grateful.



Parish magazine advertising reminder

Jane Dallas

Here is a reminder to all our valued advertisers. We will soon be reviewing our advertising insert for 2021-22 and will be asking you about your requirements for next year during January and February.

Family service review, 1 November

Peter Gardner

I suppose it had to happen sometime. The balloon - or should I say "balloons" - went up at St. Andrew's today, much to the delight of the children present who could be seen bashing them about at the end of the service and bursting the odd one, before commandeering the rest to take home.

No, it wasn't a party to celebrate the return of lockdown (as if!) They were there to illustrate the theme of the service, which could be summed up in some words from Luke's gospel, "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you."

Really, it was a continuation of last month's theme, which you will remember (or not) was about the power of the Holy Spirit. How do we release this power into our lives? Well, you've guessed it - you ask, you seek and you

knock. The reading from Luke's gospel speaking about this and containing Jesus's parables of the friend who came knocking at the door at midnight and the son who asked his father for bread, was skilfully illustrated by our inspired troop of performing artistes (Yes, it is spelled right. They were all ladies). They definitely drove the message home with the help of the odd scorpion, serpent and cuddly snowman(?).

I mustn't, of course, forget the unforgettable conversation between the balloon lady and Mike, which featured yet more balloons and continued the theme of asking, seeking and finding - or the testimonies of how, through prayer and praise, God's power had been released into people's individual circumstances and changed both the circumstances and the people who did the praying and praising.

Well- I think you've probably got the message now - ask, seek, knock. It worked for those people who gave their testimonies and it worked for the apostle Peter and the apostle Paul in the bible. God is only ever a prayer away, so if you have a problem and need his help - why not ask, seek or knock on his door. It might even work for you.

Village Hall news

Caroline Thompson

Normally at this time of the year I would be getting ready to compile my Chairman's report for the Annual General Meeting of Gargrave Village Hall. The meeting is held annually at the end of December and is attended by committee members, trustees and members of the public. However this year can certainly not be classed as normal. Therefore my full report will have to go on the back burner for now as we have had no alternative but to cancel the Annual General Meeting and it will be re-scheduled for a suitable time in 2021 when there are no restrictions on numbers able to physically attend.

The majority of our monthly meetings since the first lockdown began have gone ahead using Zoom which was an alternative when we were not allowed to meet in person. The option does come with its own restrictions as it needs the user to have access to a computer, iPad or other modern device which then enables you to connect with others over the internet. If all goes according to plan and the devices you use have a built in camera and microphone each participant attending the online meeting should be able to see and hear each other on the screen. Our first time meetings did come with some hilarity until we got used to which buttons to press; "press the mute button, press the video button, can you hear me now, I can hear you, tilt your screen I've got a good view of your ceiling, is there an echo at your end?" were the cries!!

Apparently if you are technically savvy you can create your own virtual background to the online Zoom calls/meetings, even adjusting the shades in the background. There is also a facility called "touch up your appearance" where you use a filter to subtly smooth out your fine lines but it still makes you look natural. We haven't mastered any of these techniques yet!

We did return to the main Hall for a couple of meetings as restrictions were lifted in midsummer, still taking along a couple of devices so we could

connect via Zoom with others who were still isolating at home. These latter meetings seemed so much more normal and they did not exclude those not having modern devices which does concern me but fortunately we are still able to keep all our committee members up to date with matters discussed at the meetings through the powers of the good old telephone and Royal Mail. These members remain just as important on our committee as those who are Zoomers (if that's the correct term)!

Despite not been able to present my yearly report, this would seem to be an appropriate time to thank all our Committee members for their support over such a difficult year, special thanks to Phil who has helped to oversee the building improvements whilst still working long and difficult hours maintaining law and order over the border. Thanks to our employees Robert, Simon and Lynn who have done sterling work throughout the past months. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

Best wishes to our Assistant Caretaker Steve who is currently trialling a new drug as part of his recovery programme. Good wishes are also extended to our President, Michael Fenwick who sadly had a stroke a few months ago.

I feel very proud of how we have dealt with everything that has been thrown at us throughout the Covid period. We have created an extremely safe and clean environment. The risk assessments we have been duty bound to create have been comprehensive and compliant. I applaud the small group of Hirers who have returned to the Hall (at the time of writing this piece, we are still in the second phase of lockdown, so hopefully they will be given the green light to return again very soon). They have been very responsible and aware that they too have a duty of care to their clients. I thank them for making our job as a committee easier in the knowledge that they too are ensuring safety is paramount.

Suffice to say I am confident to report that the Village Hall is in good hands and we shall endeavour to keep up the good work in the future - Covid or no Covid.

A quick trip back now to the sixties, last month we heard about the mystery of the disappearing net underskirt at the tail end of 1965.

In March 1966 a letter was received from a solicitor to



state that proceedings against the Village Hall would begin as a coat had been taken from the cloakroom. It was stressed by those attending the monthly meeting that there were witnesses who could confirm that the coat had been taken from the Grouse Hotel and not the Village Hall.

The Dance section had purchased a revolving sphere and permission was requested to break into a roof panel so the sphere could be fitted and could then be hired out for use at a £1.00 per dance. One member said he wanted to offer fair criticism and hoped it would be taken in the right spirit. He felt that the dances were making a nice profit but less dancers were attending than when more classy bands had been booked. He felt that Kenny Ball and his Jazz band and Acker Bilk should be contacted. Gerry and the Pacemakers were also mentioned. At a later meeting it was confirmed that these bands would be asking for a fee of around £250.00 so it seems the idea was then dismissed. (It seems that a calculation for the value of £250.00 in 1967 would equate to £3,824.08 in today's money, so the bands were a bit on the pricey side).

In September 1967 it was reported that four boys, non-members, had entered the hall and set off fire extinguishers. One unlucky lad was named and his parents informed. The boy to his credit had offered to pay for the damage estimated at £5.00, with weekly payments of ten shillings. The secretary appears to have pleaded his case but to no avail as the committee decided he must pay for all the damage even if the others did not come forward.

In December 1967, it wasn't Covid causing problems but Foot and Mouth disease. The committee appeared to have little empathy with the farming community as a Young Farmers club had cancelled their booking, after a discussion it was decided that any cancellations due to the epidemic should still pay a charge of £7.00.

More news from the Archives next time.

From the belfry

Ali Lucas



Bells have been rung to mark occasions of both celebration and remembrance for many many years.

Traditionally for more sombre occasion the bells are half-muffled. This means that one side of the clapper (the part of the bell that hits the metal and makes the sound) is covered to dampen the sound and it gives a kind of echo effect, which is more mournful. Muffles are usually put on for funerals and for the annual Remembrance service. Sadly the second lockdown occurred before we were able to apply the muffles this year, and of course we were not allowed as a group up into the tower after 4th November. At least we were able to toll a single bell in advance of the 11am commemorations at the war memorial.

However, technology saved us once again this year. The clever people that devised our virtual tower in RingingRoom found a way for us to 'muffle' the bells on line. So on the morning of Sunday 8th November we gathered on Zoom

to ring some stately half-muffled changes, ending with some moving tolling to mark the occasion and remember those that have lost their lives in conflict.

Moving to celebration rather than commemoration, one of our ringers recently celebrated 55 years of marriage. When special occasions such as this arise it is common for ringers to compose a special piece which is in some way linked to the event. Change ringing is so called because each time the bells are rung the order in which they are rung changes at the next stroke. We have two strokes, handstroke and backstroke, as the bell swings. Because there are two strokes it is tricky to get an odd number of changes. So for this occasion we are ringing 110 (55 changes each) for Eileen and David Hoskin.

Then at the end of this month it will be St Andrew's day. Sometimes rather than the number of changes we can use the name of a method to celebrate. There is a special method (the change ringers name for a tune) in existence called St Andrews Place Doubles, which we are now practicing hard with a view to ringing at our practice on 30th November.

At the time of writing it is unknown whether or not we will be able to return to the tower to ring for our next big celebration of Christmas. It seems inconceivable to not have bells at this time, but I guess we shall need to wait patiently to see how things develop. Rest assured, if we are unable to ring out across the village we shall certainly be ringing virtually, and sending the whole village our very best wishes for a happy peaceful Christmas, and looking forward immensely to ringing out loud and clear sometime soon in 2021.

BeeActive Pilates and Qigong ... and Walking

Bee Faulkner

Looking for Christmas present ideas? Thinking about something clutter-free and good for the body and soul? How about giving a 6 week block of Tai Chi Qigong or Modern Pilates classes to a loved one? Virtual Zoom and in-person options available. Or a one-off local guided walk for an hour or two or three? Vouchers purchasable from me via BeeActive@posteo.net or 07778 980994.

Virtual Zoom Tai Chi Qigong classes on Mondays at 9am and Modern Pilates at Friday at 9am are a great way of bookending the week. In November we met for more Pilates on Zoom on Tuesdays at 10am. At the time of going to press, it's unclear what level of group meeting in person will be permitted for December. Hopefully, at the start of December, we will be switching back to the Village Hall for Modern Pilates on Tuesday mornings at 10am, and resuming our former Gargrave Water Street Green for Tai Chi Qigong on Thursdays at 9am. Please visit my website www.BeeActiveBeeRelaxed.com for up to date arrangements, or contact me on 07778 980994 to find out more or to book a place. Thank you to all those who have been participating in my classes - it is wonderful the way that we are able to support and encourage each other.

I'm also now offering guided walks in the local area for individuals or small groups: a great way of exploring more of our intricate network of footpaths and uplifting views. The walks include the option of stops for Tai Chi Qigong along the way: a magical additional dimension. Please get in touch if you're interested.

Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library

Dave Smith

Writing this month there appears to be more uncertainty than usual as to what services the Library will be able to offer on the run up to Christmas.

But to start with the certainties:

The **Home Library Service** will still be offering free delivery of books to your door.

The **Select and Collect Service** will still be available.

Access to the **PC and Photocopying** will still be available through an appointment.

For any of the above services please contact the Library on 01609 536547 or admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk

Being an optimist group on the Library committee we hope that Lockdown 2 will end on the 2nd December and that we are then allowed to re-open our doors. If we do re-open the hours will be:

Mondays	3-4pm
Fridays	2-4pm
Saturdays	10am-12 noon

Books which have been borrowed and were due back during the Lockdown period together with books borrowed in the period up to Christmas are now due back on or before the 11th January 2021.

Christmas Closing: The Library will close at 12 noon on Saturday 19th December and re-open on Monday 4th January.

Finally, Christmas Greetings and a big thank you to everybody who has offered support and given us encouragement over the past year, we look forward to getting back to some sort of normality in the New Year.

Present

First man: 'My wife doesn't know what she wants for Christmas.'

Second man: 'You're lucky. Mine does.'

Christmas cake

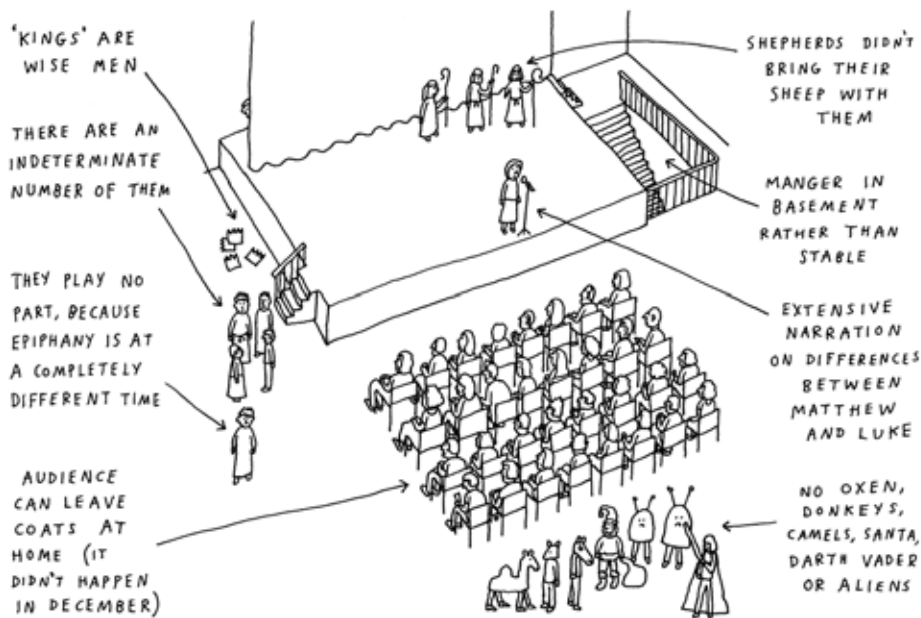
Every Christmas, composer Giacomo Puccini would have a cake baked for each of his friends. One year, having quarrelled with Arturo Toscanini just before Christmas, he tried to cancel the order for the conductor's cake. But it was too late, as the cake had already been dispatched.

The following day, Toscanini received a telegram from Puccini: "Cake sent by mistake."

He replied by return: "Cake eaten by mistake."

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Angels?

Two daughters had been given parts in a Christmas pageant at their Church. At dinner that night, they got into an argument as to who had the most important role.

Finally, the 14 year-old said to her 8 year-old younger sister, 'Well, you just ask Mum. She'll tell you it's much harder to be a virgin than it is to be an angel.'

Attention

With a number of relatives visiting, I was struggling to get my wife's attention. So, I simply sat down and looked comfortable. That did the trick.

Picture

The teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw a picture of a Bible story with a Christmas theme. She was puzzled by Kate's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. She asked her which story it was meant to represent. 'The Flight to Egypt,' was the reply.

Pointing at each figure, the teacher ventured: 'That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?'

'Oh,' explained Kate happily, 'that's Pontius - the pilot!'

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Lock-down blues?

Just to make you smile.....

Please be careful. Because people are going crazy from being locked down at home. I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my coffee, and we all agreed that things were getting bad. I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine because she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly couldn't share with the fridge cause he's been acting cold and distant. In the end, the iron straightened me out: She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out. The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up. But the fan was very optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon. The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion. The front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip! ! You can just about guess what the curtains told me- yes they told me to "Pull myself together"!

So next time you are fed up of lock down - read this a couple of timesor you could always try talking to the microwave ..

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

IT IS SEVERAL YEARS AGO THAT A RESIDENT OF SCALE HILL who worked on the council was greatly respected for the sterling work he did for Gargrave. On his retirement a whip round was conducted as a respect for his efforts. He used his donation to provide a seat for the village on Scaleber Hill with a view of Gargrave and the church. It is positioned in his favourite place and is a very popular choice for people walking up the hill to have a rest or picnic before returning to Gargrave. Pennine way walkers stop to have their snacks and it is also handy for sitting to treat blisters on their feet as it is often the third day walking North on the Pennine Way. The seat has been greatly appreciated by many.

However, it is at this point a problem can arise for walkers going South. One of the maps does have a fault. At this point it states bear slightly right at the cattle grid, it should read slightly left at the cattle grid. The problem is that in the interest of safety for the livestock we removed the cattle grid and replaced it with a system of gates and fencing. We do have the odd walker arriving in the farmyard looking for the said cattle grid! It is at this point we inform them the cattle grid has been removed and the map is outdated. At this point one can have that withering look doubting my sanity, then reality kicks in and good humour takes over.

As far as the farm is concerned, changes are taking place as Lisa's father, Charlie, passed away quite suddenly. Since his retirement several years ago he spent a lot of time on the farm doing all kinds of maintenance. He will be sadly missed, especially at lambing time and for his help with various projects including bird boxes and hedge planting and all the odd jobs he so enjoyed doing.

The last few weeks have been extremely busy. Firstly the cattle were all brought in to be housed for winter. It is at this point that we clip the thick winter coats on their backs to avoid them overheating and sweating which can lead to pneumonia when the weather is as warm and damp as it has been recently. The calves are given a vaccine, similar to our flu jab, as an extra precaution. Fingers crossed the weather will soon turn cooler and drier! We have also been busy with the sheep. The last of this year's lambs have been sold and it is now time to prepare for next year's crop. The Ewes have been treated for fluke, given a vitamin booster and sorted into groups to run with the rams.

An "extra" job this week has been the birth of a calf by caesarean section. Normally our heifers (first time mums) would give birth naturally but in this case the calf was overdue by 10 days and as such quite large. It was decided that to avoid possible distress and problems to both calf and mother the caesarean would be carried out and the vet was duly called out. Due to the fact that the birth wasn't natural, the heifer was unaware that she had given birth and as such bonding with her calf took a little longer than usual. However, we are pleased to report that both are now well acquainted.

A walk in the woods...

WALKING UP MARK HOUSE LANE from the village, I hear songbirds foraging high in the treetops of the spinney that's within the park walls of Gargrave House. I pause to watch a Treecreeper spiral his way up the trunk of a Sycamore, his slender down-curved beak probing for insects.

Another Sycamore, by the edge of the field opposite, has velvety-green moss covering the trunk and this is home to a myriad of tiny cream toadstools that appear to be in ascension too.

A little further on, I enter the wood and I'm immediately entranced by a group of welcoming golden Beeches and beneath my feet, a thick carpet of leaves of all shapes and sizes, giving me clues to the tree species to be found here.

Within the wood are several groups of Yew trees (*Taxus baccata*) their dark, evergreen needles creating a dense canopy that shades the ground below. There is a cluster of large, cream, wavy-edged mushrooms growing beneath them, which are likely to be a type of Funnel fungus. These grow in lines known as 'troops' and can eventually form large fairy rings.

I stop for a while to watch a scurry of Grey squirrels climb down from the trees and begin foraging in the leaf litter. I haven't seen any beech mast or acorns so I wonder what they will find there to eat.

Growing on a dead Elder branch, I come across the Jelly Ear or Wood Ear fungus (*Auricularia auricula-judae*). This rubbery-looking, ear-shaped bracket fungus has a tan-brown, gelatinous, jelly-like flesh, which is cup-shaped and velvety on the outside but wrinkly and shiny on the inside. As it matures it develops lobes, making it even more ear-shaped. Its original name of Judas's Ear was a reference to Judas Iscariot who it's believed hanged himself from an Elder tree. This is reflected in its proper name, *auricula* meaning ear and *judae*, judas.

A beacon of golden light draws me deeper into the wood. It is another Beech tree, glowing amongst its drabber, now leafless companions. Beneath it, there is a mantle of rich gingery-orange leaves. On the ground nearby, I find the beautiful red, pink and yellow, toothed and palmate leaves of the Norway Maple. This tree was introduced to Britain in the seventeenth century and has now become naturalised. Its leaves provide a food source for caterpillars and the seeds are enjoyed by birds and small mammals.

Rising up from a rotten, moss-covered log are short, spindly club-like fruiting bodies of the Candlesnuff fungus (*Xylaria hypoxylon*). It has a black base, grey mid-section and white tip, giving the appearance of a snuffed candle wick, hence its name. It is quite short, growing to a height of only six centimetres. As it grows, it may become flattened and forked much like an antler, giving it the alternative name of Stag's Horn. This species is very common and can be found all year round. It has the unusual property of bioluminescence, as phosphorus in the mycelium reacts with oxygen and other chemicals within, to produce a

continual glow. Sadly, this is difficult to witness, as the light produced is very weak and often there is too much light pollution around. Although inedible, it has medicinal properties being both anti-viral and active against tumours.

I discover, above me, hiding under a leaf of the Wych Elm, two pale orange ladybirds with sixteen cream spots. These are Orange Ladybirds also known as the 16-spot ladybird (*Halyzia sedecimguttata*) and they feed on mildew (and occasionally aphids) in deciduous trees. As autumn turns to winter they will hibernate in cracks in the wood or in leaf litter on the woodland floor.

In stark contrast to the old and rotting tree trunk from which it emerges, the bright yellow prongs of the Yellow Stagshorn (*Calocera viscosa*) stand out and are hard to miss. Despite the similarity in common names, this fungus is not related to the Candlesnuff fungus. Its prongs can grow into tuning fork or antler shapes and may also be orange or very occasionally white. It is another jelly fungus, which can grow up to ten centimetres tall, although the ones I have found are quite small and single-pronged.



At the top of the wood there is a tree with the most beautiful and tactile bark (see the photo). The deep diamond-shaped fissures are separated by smooth silvery-grey plateaus which are decorated with tiny inset crosses. It is an old Sallow also known as the Goat or Pussy Willow (*Salix caprea*). It is well-known for its soft and furry male catkins that first appear in January. This tree attracts bees and many other insects and is also the food plant for the larvae of the magnificent Purple Emperor butterfly.



Walking back along the lane towards home, I admire the fractal-like patterns of the Sycamore's branches against the darkening sky and consider just how wondrous nature is.

A MAN OF MANY PARTS: WALTER MORRISON

Caitlin Greenwood

To mark the centenary of the death of local MP and landowner Walter Morrison on 18 December 2021 and to celebrate his contribution to Malhamdale, Craven and beyond, a group has been formed to plan a series of events, including talks and exhibitions, throughout Craven in 2021. Led by the Museum of North Craven Life at The Folly in Settle, the committee includes representatives of Malhamdale Local History Group, Kirkby Malham Church, School, and Parish Hall, the Field Studies Council at Malham Tarn House, Giggleswick School, the National Park and other local organisations.



Born in 1836, Walter Morrison inherited Malham Tarn Estate at the age of 21 in 1857. He was a very generous benefactor and had a great interest in education. One of his best known local gifts is Giggleswick School Chapel – its distinctive dome reflects his interest in the archaeology of the Bible lands and he was Treasurer of the Palestine Exploration Fund for over fifty years. He also paid for the new Kirkby Malham School and a school at Malham Tarn. Other local donations were made for the restoration of Kirkby Malham Parish Church and part of the cost of the new Kirkby Malham Parish Hall. In Settle, he paid for the Drill Hall and equipped the Territorials.



Giggleswick School Chapel



Kirkby Malham School

Two of his many gifts to Craven

As an MP, Walter Morrison won Parliamentary elections for Skipton in 1886 and in 1895. He had many business interests and locally he was Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Railway, which hoped to connect Skipton with Hawes. He was a director and subsequently Chairman of the Craven Bank. In the Skipton Head Office, he was noted for often using the office glue to messily stick envelopes, as he disliked licking them.

Malham Tarn House was his “mountain home” and he stayed there for long periods each year, spending the winter months in sunnier climes for the sake of his health. He loved walking and regularly walked to and from Settle, Bell

Busk Station and Kirkby Malham Church, whilst his staff used his carriage. He would often visit his tenants and enjoy a cup of tea in their farmhouse kitchens, with an infant on his knee. Later in life, he was affectionately known as "The Grand Old Man of Craven".

More exciting news about the events in the 2021 Walter Morrison Festival will follow soon.

Help needed

The organising committee would very much like to learn of any photographs or memorabilia of Walter that have survived the years. If you have any such items or any anecdotes that have been passed down through your family, please contact Malhamdale Local History Group at MLHGenquiries@gmail.com

For further details, please see:
www.kirkbymalham.info/KMI/malhammoor/morrison.html

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Matt Jolly, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity

A Saviour from Stateside?

It dominated every front page and conversation last month. It had people glued to their phones, constantly refreshing feeds to find out any updates. It sidelined all other news, such that a vote in Parliament about a national lockdown barely got mentioned.

But why, in a country over 3,500 miles away from where the action was unfolding, did Britons seem to care so much about the US presidential election?

Joe Biden won't be our president, and though a post-Brexit trade deal will be important, his victory probably won't dramatically change our lives. We don't normally take an interest in elections in foreign countries, even when we have a 'special relationship' with them, so why the exception now?

Perhaps an answer lies in an unlikely place: the book of Judges. Here, we find a nation who is oppressed, fearful, facing uncertainty. In desperation, Israel cries out for a leader who can deliver them.

Fast forward to 2020, and our world feels in a similar place. We're under oppressive restrictions, fearful of the future, and facing an uncertain journey back to normality. Who, we may wonder, will deliver us? The hope for a political saviour can loom large.

But judges fail. Israel's corruption continued. 'The time when the judges ruled' (Ruth 1:1) served as a byword for moral and spiritual decline.

No human leader, Trump and Biden included, can save us, and we shouldn't expect them to. That would amount to political idolatry, to looking for a saviour in the wrong place. Whichever side of the Atlantic we're on, and no matter how good our leaders are, this winter will probably be tough, division will likely course through our cultural veins, and COVID will continue to dominate our lives and newsfeeds.

About a millennium after the time of the judges, Israel once again found themselves oppressed by foreign forces and crying out for a charismatic political leader. Yet the saviour didn't come in the form of some general or revolutionary, but as a baby. In Bethlehem's dark streets shone an everlasting light.

That baby grew up to be the only man ever to walk the earth who could sustain the weight of our hopes and fears – even in 2020 – and never leave us disappointed. There is light in our darkness. Though we misplace our trust and misdirect our cries, the truth remains 2000 years later: we all need a king like Jesus.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Duncan Faulkner

BY DECEMBER 1939 THE WAR had established itself as an ever-present reality in the pages of the Parochial Magazine. The vicar's letter started with a description of a "new terror" in the form of mines which were sinking ships indiscriminately. Rev Arthur Blunt reports on a practice air raid drill for Gargrave, with members of the ARP, First Aid Post and Special Constabulary called out in force. Two "motor ambulances" and a field hospital attended to the pretend casualties in the pouring rain.

A practical impact of the war was on the timing of services. Evening services moved to 3.15pm due to the lighting regulations. The midnight communion was replaced with an 8am service. The ladies of the parish rallied round, forming a "large and representative committee" to arrange knitting parties, whist drives and "buying cigarettes etc. for our men". It seems they had identified the "key workers" of their era.

It's interesting to read the vicar's final paragraph in light of our present circumstances. Try swapping the word "war" for "virus"...

"The war is bound to cast rather a gloom over Christmas this year; but I wish that yours may be as happy as possible under the circumstances, and that your New Year will bring to you and all of us the peace that we desire and an end to this horrible war".

Let's hope that in our time the end comes sooner than it did back then.

A CORONA OF PSALM POEMS

Malcolm Guite

Malcolm Guite is a poet, priest, rock musician and friend of our own Andrew Steer. We are grateful for his permission to include his poetry in our parish magazine, from his blog: <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/> in which he is working his way through the book of psalms.

WE HAVE COME TO AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE or staging post in our journey through the psalms: 50! A third of the way through! So I thought I'd take this occasion to confirm that this collection of responses to the psalms will be coming

out as a book next year, published by Canterbury Press under the title 'David's Crown: Sounding the Psalms'.

Psalms 50 gives us a glimpse of God's beauty and majesty as it glimmers already through the light and beauty of the world:

THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken: and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty.

But it also promises a greater presence when he shall come in the fulness of his glory to bring justice at last to the earth:

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

He shall call the heaven from above: and the earth, that he may judge his people.

These themes added a sense of joy and promise to my poem.

L Deus deorum

Your heart's in heaven, keep your treasure there,
For Heaven itself is coming to the earth!
Our God is coming, and he will appear

In perfect beauty. All these pangs of birth
Will turn to joy as our whole world is born
Again in him. The pain, the want, the dearth,

The dark, will vanish in that rising dawn,
And all the creatures on a thousand hills:
People and beasts and birds, that holy morn,

Will join in one dawn chorus. Glory spills
Already from beneath that glad horizon
And even now you hear his voice. He calls

You through your conscience, and your reason,
He calls you through your deep imagination
He calls you to discern his time and season.



QUIZ OF THE YEAR

David Pickup, Parish Pump

1. Job applications from weirdos and misfits were invited from people to work at which place in London?
2. Which famous actor who died this year is associated with the phrase "I am Spartacus?"
3. In February the Church of England advised against the practice of 'intinction' – what is it?
4. In a world "where you can be anything, be _____" – what, wrote actress Caroline Flack on Instagram in December 2019?
5. What were we supposed to do in March while singing the National Anthem or Happy Birthday twice?
6. This year was a leap year. What do we call other years?
7. Which village in the Peak District is associated with self-isolation during a previous plague?
8. How long, literally, is quarantine?
9. Why did President Macron visit Britain on 18th July? What other Anglo-French anniversary could he have remembered but for some reason it was not mentioned?
10. How many countries launched space rockets to Mars this year?
11. Who, in their resignation letter in August, on Twitter posted, "I have championed our work, built our relationships and celebrated the diversity of our staff... and will always be an ambassador for the UK and the new Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office" after a four year career in Downing Street which had included scraps with a neighbour? He was going to spend more time with a family in the country.
12. Which day is the furthest away from Christmas Day?
13. What was the Battle of the Tennis Court and why was it remembered in August?
14. The BBC banned singing the lyrics from which song from the Last night of the Proms, because it had a link in their mind with slavery and colonialism?
15. This year marked the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower. What event did they start which led to a public holiday?

Answers available on request to the editor. No Googling!

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27-Dec		Jo Ackroyd	Helen Wilson	Robert Ackroyd	Annelies Van Oijen	Paul Maslin

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To Skipton (arrives approx. 9 mins later) & **Leeds** (arrives approx 55 mins later)

Mon-Sat (From 14 Dec) 0744 0754 1150 1522 1551 1645

1813 1848SO 1850SX 2019 2134 2237²

Sunday (From 13 Dec) 1121 1210 1421 1448 1656 1855 2107 2123

To Giggles'k (Trains arr. ~ 20 mins later) & **Lanc'r** (arr. ~ 65 mins later)

Mon-Sat (From 14 Dec) 0525SO 0528SX 0902 1304 1504 1814SO 1815SX 2006

Sunday (From 13 Dec) 0922 1115 1412 1615 1815

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

Mon-Fri (from 14/12) 0832 1004 1133 1604 1732 1902 2033⁹

Sat (from 19/12) 0832 1004 1133 1604 1732 1902 2033⁹

Sunday (from 13/12) 0950 1311 1509

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As of 15 Nov: No planned

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BUSES from Gargrave (from 20 July)

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

M-Fri* 0820 0910 0955 1055 1057M⁷ 1155 1255 1355 1357M⁷ 1455 1555 1755

Saturday 0820 0910 0955 1055 1155 1255 1355 1455 1555 1755

Sun + B.Hol: [873/884] **NO WINTER SERVICE**

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

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

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

Saturday 0905++ 1000 1100++ 1200 1300++ 1400 1500+ 1600++ 1700++ 1900++

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

Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1000⁷ 1310⁷

Saturday [75] **NO WINTER SERVICE** Sun + B.Hol: [873/884] **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		FROM 13 DECEMBER		Last train	
From Skipton (arr. Gargrave ~ 6 mins later)		<u>LEEDS to GARGRAVE</u>			
Mon-Sat (From 14/12) 0519SO 0522SX 0826 0856 0959 1127		<u>1949</u>			
1258 1458 1559 1727 1808SO 1810SX 1856 2000 2027					
Sunday (From 13 Dec) 0917 0945 1110 1305 1406 1503 1609 1809		<u>1732</u>			
From Lancaster via Giggles'k (Trains arr. Gargrave ~ 65 mins later)					
Mon-Sat (From 14/12) 0648 1046 1448 1745 2030 2131					
Sunday (From 13/12) 1106 1344 1552 1751 2018					
From Carlisle (direct: arr. Gargrave ~ 2 hrs later)					
Mon-Fri (From 14/12) 0549 <u>0824</u> ¹⁵ <u>1049</u> ¹⁵ 1340 1450 1618 1824 2013 ¹⁴					
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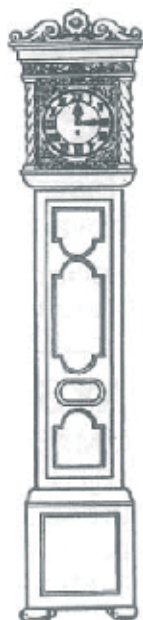
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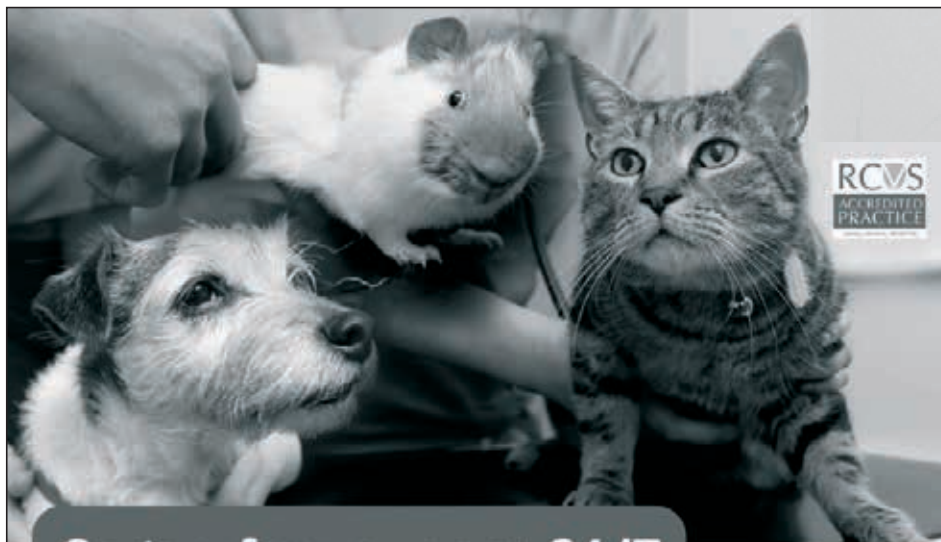
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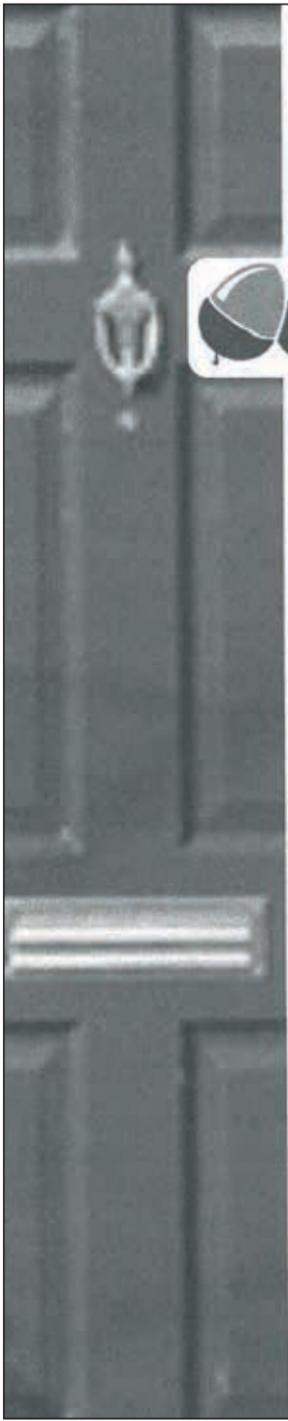
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