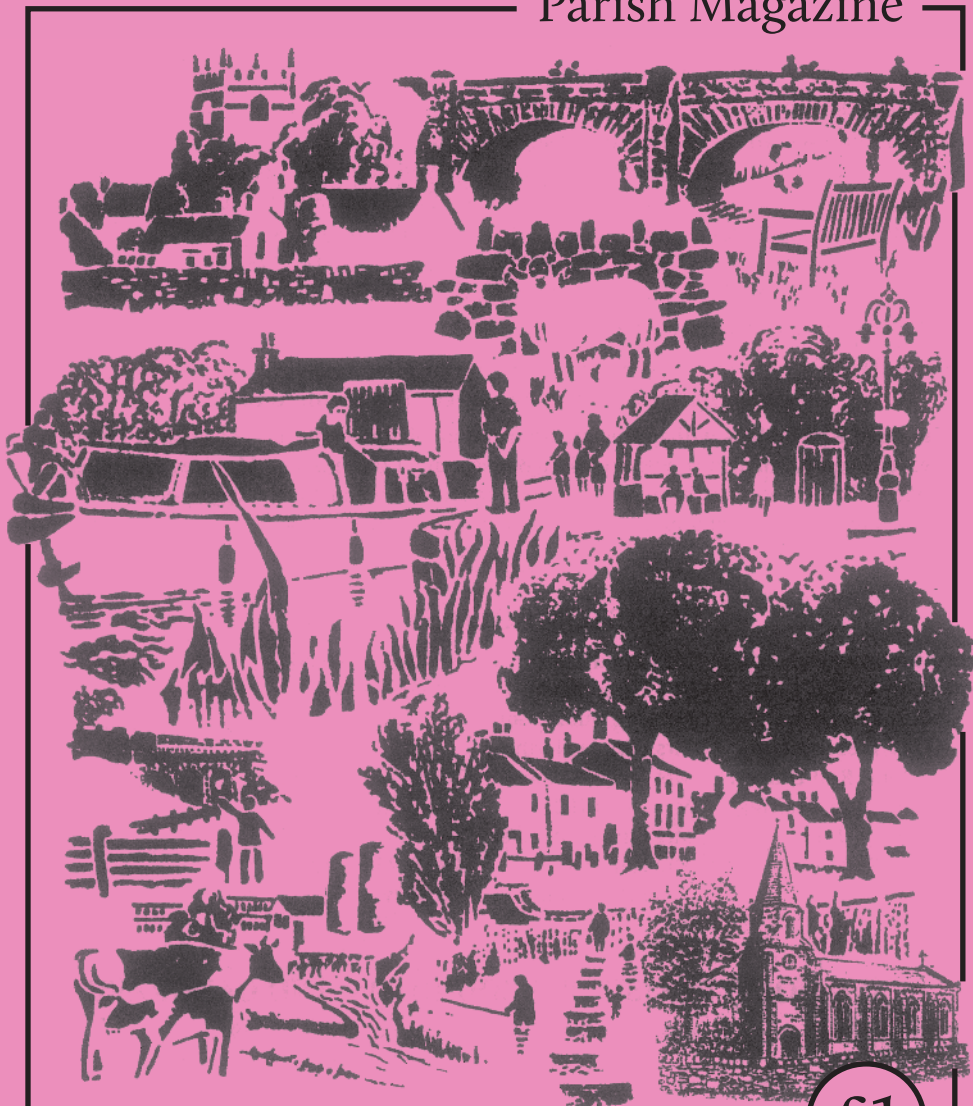


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*Rev Andrew Steer*

## **Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust...**

THIS YEAR IT SEEMS THAT FUNERALS HAVE BEEN ALL TOO COMMON in our communities. At St Andrew's we have had 9 funerals to date with more on the horizon. As I write, the world has just ended a week of mourning for His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, and millions witnessed the occasion of his funeral on television. The funeral was a very simple but very grand affair as befitting his status as our Queen's consort. Our prayers and sympathies go not just with Her Majesty, but with all those who have lost loved ones and are learning to live with a huge gap in their lives.

At Easter we celebrated the resurrection of Christ as told by the Gospel writers and we do well to remember that this was not just a one-off event - Jesus didn't just appear once and then vanish from sight. The Gospels are eye-witness accounts of the life of Jesus Christ, and they all corroborate the fact that Jesus appeared to His followers numerous times after his death. There are at least 13 documented appearances to different people, where Jesus sought to reassure them that He really was alive. Surely, if Jesus had only been seen once after his resurrection, it would have been dismissed as a conjuring trick, but here we see Him living and breathing. By these appearances as a real-life human being, Jesus is fully inhabiting that mysterious place beyond death. He is demonstrating beyond reasonable doubt that He has broken through the limits of time and space.

As Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

At every funeral service I try to reassure those left behind that death is not the end, not a full stop but rather a comma; merely a 'waiting room' where our loved ones rest before their appointment with the Great Physician, (death is also described as 'the great healer').

I usually sense a real desire to believe these words and can almost hear the words "if only it was true". At times I even question it myself and wonder if it really is all just wishful thinking. But we must remember that the prophecies concerning Jesus were written hundreds of years before His birth, and the incredible ways in which they were fulfilled were far beyond His control. The gospels were written as individual eye-witness accounts and Roman historians Tacitus and Suetonius, and the Jewish historian Josephus all corroborate that Jesus really did exist.

So where does that leave us? Is it all just 'pie in the sky when you die', or is there really something else, something far better beyond the grave? Well, the Queen seems to think so, as did Prince Philip, and that knowledge allowed them to live rich and fulfilling lives of service as it does countless other Christians. Without the fear of death we are able to lead richer, more meaningful and much fuller lives – almost living with a taste of eternal life right now. Such a life brings

a new level of inner peace, knowing that we are eternally loved by our Creator who has promised far greater things in this life and in the life to come. May you know for yourself that peace which only comes through faith, and may the peace of Christ rest upon you.

## DIARY FOR MAY

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### Coniston Cold

Sun 2	Compline evensong, 4pm, Church
Sun 9	Holy Communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 16	Compline evensong, 4pm, Church
Sun 23	Holy Communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 30	Compline evensong, 4pm, Church

### Gargrave

Sun 2	Prayer Brook Communion, 8am, Church Family service, 10.45am, Church
Sun 9	Prayer Brook Communion, 8am, Church Sung Eucharist, 10.45am, Church
Sun 16	Prayer Brook Communion, 8am, Church Service of the Word, 10.45am, Church Annual meeting of parishioners and annual parochial church meeting, 11.30am, Church
Sun 23	Prayer Brook Communion, 8am, Church Pentecost Holy Communion, 10.45am, Church
Sun 30	Prayer Brook Communion, 8am, Church Benefice service , 10.45am, Church



## EVENTS – AND NON-EVENTS

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### **St Andrew's Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

*Sue Trout (PCC Secretary)*

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 16 May at 11.30am in St Andrew's Church.

#### **The Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

This is a brief meeting to elect two church wardens, at which anyone resident in the Parish or on the Electoral Roll of St Andrew's can attend and vote.

#### **The APCM**

This is an opportunity to hear and discuss reports on the church's life and activities during 2020 and to elect other church officers (see the Vicar's report later in this magazine).

To be eligible to attend and vote at this meeting, you will need to be on the Electoral Roll of St Andrew's. This year there is one place on the Church Council.

Nominations for these roles closed on the 28 April. If you have applied for a postal vote, and if a vote is necessary, you will receive voting papers. These will need to be returned to the vicarage by Saturday 15 May at 5pm.

### **Open Gardens**

*Duncan and Bee Faulkner*

We are still provisionally planning to go ahead with Gargrave Open Gardens on the weekend of 17-18 July. This is a wonderful community event, as well as being the major annual fundraiser for St Andrew's Church.

We'll confirm things nearer the time, but in the meantime if you'd like to register your interest in opening your garden or helping in any way, please contact us at [gargravemag@posteo.net](mailto:gargravemag@posteo.net). Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

### **Gargrave Art Exhibition: Looking forward to 2022**

*Sheila Bamford  
and Sarah Kirk*

It is with huge disappointment that for the second year running Gargrave Art Exhibition Committee has decided not to go ahead with the show. Having explored all the guidance available the committee felt that with the current uncertainties and possible ongoing restrictions there was a risk of not being able to deliver this traditional cultural and social event in a way that would be an enjoyable and relaxing experience for all participants.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our artists, volunteers, visitors, partners and business sponsors from Gargrave and its surrounding area for their support over many years and hope very much that they will understand

our decision. We are already working on the 'Golden Anniversary' show, which should have been held last year.



Pomegranates Four Ways by Hilary McCormac. Acrylic on board

We deeply appreciate the immeasurable tide of goodwill and talent that has kept the Exhibition buoyant and valued as a part of village life since 1970. This Spring the committee is determined to capture the success we experienced in 2019 and in looking forward to 2022 are thoughts of the experience of individual talent and skill as demonstrated by our participating artists, the opportunity to re-connect with the local and wider community, the pride shown by parents, teachers and families, the acts of random generosity and kindness and the serendipity of one artist's creation speaking directly to a stranger.

We will also remember the dislocation and bereavement being experienced amongst all the local communities who unite to make the Exhibition possible. But in looking to the future Gargrave Art Exhibition will, we hope, mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

For further updates and information please visit our website: <https://gargraveart.wordpress.com>, and/or email: [gargravearts@gmail.com](mailto:gargravearts@gmail.com)

## No Gargrave show

*From the show website by Alistair  
Lawn, Chairman*

It is with deep regret that the Committee has taken the decision to cancel both the Show and Sheep Dog Trials for 2021. We would like to extend our sincere apologies to all those who were hoping to attend or exhibit at the Show. It was not a decision that was taken lightly and we are sorry for any disappointment and inconvenience caused.

## Editorial

*Duncan Faulkner*

As spring continues we are seeing signs of new growth in the life of our parishes, after a long season of relative dormancy. Our events diary isn't yet flowering in its usual fullness, but it has at least emerged from the undergrowth. Although we will have to wait another year for some of our summer highlights such as the Gargrave Show and art exhibition, others like Open Gardens are hoping to go ahead and we hope more will emerge.

If you have plans for activities, events or post-lockdown celebrations over the summer that you'd like to share, please send your contributions to me: [editor@gargravemag.co.uk](mailto:editor@gargravemag.co.uk) or phone 01756 749443. The deadline for the June edition is 19 May.

To make up for the shortage of current events, we have a focus on the past this month. We are delighted to introduce a new series by Dorothy Holmes. Turn to page 18 for part 1 of her account of a wartime childhood in Gargrave. Another surprise contribution arrived from a Peter Olpin, who found our magazine online and was reminded of a less than pleasant surprise he had on visiting Gargrave in the early 1980s. Perhaps his article on page 19 will even prompt a confession?

## St Andrew's Church Gargrave: Vicar's report for the year ending December 2020

*Andrew Steer*

This last year has been memorable for all the wrong reasons, with national lockdowns closing our church for extended periods. As a worshipping community we were unable to meet in person for most of the year, but that did not stop us being disciples of Christ.

When the first lockdown began St Andrew's was swift to respond by putting together a pastoral network of willing volunteers who very kindly agreed to become pastoral contacts, so that everyone on our electoral roll had someone who was overlooking their welfare.

Week by week we grew in our expertise with creating online services, developing our skills with video and learning to use the technology available to us. Many people contributed to these services, including the Family Service Team, Rob Berry our tech expert, and lots of people who contributed to the weekly Benefice services. Home group also continued to meet outside or via Zoom during lockdown. Thanks go to all.

At the APCM we were very sad to see Peter Poulter step down from his role as Churchwarden – a role which he had brought great wisdom and joy to. Fortunately, Peter was able to train Jen Rowlands in the time-honoured ministry of 'counting the spoons'. We thank Peter for his years of service, helping to grow St Andrew's through a time of interregnum, and we thank Jen for so ably stepping in to be Churchwarden – a role in which she is fully committed and so very capable.

Some of us continued to learn together in the Prayer Course and an Advent course, both of which were held online and helped us keep sane. Zoom became a large part of our lives with PCC, Standing Committee and Warden's meetings held virtually. I continued to attend School Governor's meetings online, as well as Chapter meetings and Diocesan study days. Regular school assemblies were interrupted by lockdown, but online assemblies continued.

Despite church closures, the tower works were completed in November, and our plans for re-ordering, heating and a sound system continued apace thanks to a small group of people, and especially Mike Maiden who kept the momentum going. We are awaiting a Diocesan faculty now before we can proceed any further. It should be remembered that none of this would be at all possible without a very generous legacy from Ruth Abbott.

In the year 2020 we had 13 funerals at St Andrew's and also one very happy wedding between lockdowns.

### **Looking ahead**

We hope to bring our plans for heating, sound and re-ordering to fruition to make our church a much more usable and comfortable space for everyone. Finances remain a challenge, but we are trying to encourage more regular giving and looking at cost savings.

Plans are afoot for celebratory events to mark our emergence from lockdown and to try to engage the whole village in church life. We look forward to welcoming Sue McWhinney - new Associate Priest for the Benefice. Sadly, Mike will be stepping down as Churchwarden this year, as will Richard from his post as Treasurer - we thank them for their sterling work, and pray for people to step forward in faith to take on these important roles.

Church growth is on our agenda, and we hope to send a small delegation to the LyCiG church growth conference in the autumn. We pray that our church will be anointed by the Holy Spirit and that God will continue to build His kingdom here through St Andrew's.

May I personally thank each and every one of you for your dedication, support and kindness shown to me and my family through this challenging year. God-willing, we look forward to many more happy years of ministry in this lovely place.

### **Your parish church needs you!**

*Andrew Steer*

It is often assumed that parish churches are funded by a central fund within the Church of England. However, it might come as a bit of a shock to realise that most churches, like St Peter's and St Andrew's are completely funded by their own congregations.

This year it is estimated that it will cost around £85,000 to keep St Andrew's church open, and around £20,000 for St Peter's. A large amount of this pays our annual 'Parish Share' which covers a whole host of costs such as the priest's salary, pension, housing, training for clergy and lay people, supporting church schools, youth work, ICT, legal fees etc. The rest goes on heating,

electricity, graveyard upkeep, insurance and all the day to day running costs of a large, ancient building.

For some years now, the Church of England has been struggling with its finances – dwindling congregations (although not in our local churches), increasing costs and now church closures due to recent lockdowns. For some churches the burden is too great, clergy are being made redundant and churches closed even in our own area. Some areas are now finding themselves in the red – our own Leeds Diocese has seen voluntary redundancies. It has made staff pay cuts and is still over a million pounds in the red.

This year St Andrew's church will see a shortfall of over £35,000 in its budget. This shortfall has been growing progressively worse for a number of years now and we have managed by not paying our full contribution to the diocese, which pays for all of the items listed above. However, the writing is on the wall. In this increasingly challenging financial climate, we can no longer assume that we can continue paying less than our Parish Share – after all, if we aren't paying it, then we are relying on other churches to subsidise it for us.

If we wish to continue being 'a village church for everyone,' for baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as our week by week worship life, then we have to be frank about our finances and ask for help. Your help. **We need your help.**

We are asking people to support us financially to help us keep our churches open and thriving for our local communities. Various fund-raising initiatives are being planned, but what we really need is generous, regular giving from the people we serve.

I know these are hard times for many, but if we don't act now, we may no longer have village churches. For the price of a cup of coffee per week you could really make a difference to your local church. If you would like to make a regular donation to St Andrew's or St Peter's, then please get in touch with me.

## Organ restoration

*Duncan Faulkner*

The organ at St Andrew's Church is a remarkably fine instrument for a village church. Much of it is nearly 170 years old, dating back to the original 1852 installation. It is a rare example of an early Walker organ. Behind the decorative row of pipes visible to all is a labyrinth of craftsmanship, with well over a thousand pipes made of metal and wood and varying in length from a few inches to 16 feet. While still fully functioning, it is now in need of some restoration, repair and a good clean-up.

The most urgent tasks will cost in the region of £16,000 and we are hoping to go ahead with this as soon as possible. First, we will need to raise some money. We are looking into sources of grant funding, and hoping to organise an organ recital or two later this year as a way of fundraising. If you would like to make a donation to the organ restoration fund, please contact Richard Pocock, church treasurer (details on the inside front cover).



## Village Hall news

*Caroline Thompson*

Tentative steps are now been taken for a slow return to a little bit of normality at the Village Hall. Currently the children's Gym classes are using the Hall for a few sessions per week, this is an activity which is allowed under Government rules, as it is a supervised and educational class for children. It is really nice to hear the lively music and the children's happy voices.

The regular Hirers who teach Yoga, Pilates and Art have all been contacted to see if they intend to return at the second stage of lifting lockdown from the 17<sup>th</sup> May. Social distancing has still to remain in place along with other conditions which were in place when they made a brief return last summer.

We look forward to the third and final stage of lockdown lifting in June when there may be some possibility of other slightly larger events taking place. However any new bookings may not be considered until later in the Summer.

We are currently considering the possibility of holding some outdoor Coffee mornings, weather permitting. These will be advertised on the outside Notice board at the Hall and on the website and by word of mouth. Get your warm coats and woolly hats out in readiness!

We continue with our improvements and general maintenance at the property and Robert is now turning his hand to some of the exterior work.

The long benches in the Hall have had a makeover, they have been re-varnished and are being professionally re-upholstered. We have also made them a more manageable size , creating two from one, this allows for more distancing when seated and they are easier to move from room to room when and if needed to do so.

Our assistant Caretaker Steve is feeling much better and his condition though not actually cured has now stabilised so he is feeling much more positive. Steve would normally cover our weekend activities but as we have none at present he has more free time for any small jobs anyone requires doing in their gardens as he is also a self-employed handyman/gardener. His contact number is 07906 282306 . It might be worth knowing that he has had both his jabs (who would ever have thought this would be a consideration)!

Remember our mystery man in last month's magazine? The intrigue of the donated portrait of Dennis Peacock Mason to the Village Hall. I wondered what route in life his brothers and sisters may have taken and if they had found the same success as their brother. Unfortunately I haven't been able to donate a great deal of time to this research, blame the young four legged variety! However I have uncovered a little bit about his brothers and sisters. He had two sisters and two brothers.

Sarah Ann was the eldest sister, she was born at Gargrave and in the 1851 census she was living at Burnsall with her parents. She remained unmarried and spent her latter years living with her younger sister and family at Darley. She was laid to rest in the churchyard at nearby Dacre alongside her nephew William Clarkson who was an unmarried Physician. She died in 1921.

Mary Emma the youngest sister was born in Gargrave too, she married Thomas Clarkson on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1851 ,he was her elder by twenty years. He was a family doctor, they lived at Appleton le Wiske near Northallerton with their family of six young children. In 1871 they were now living at Darley House, near Dacre with the addition of one more child , plus Mary`s mother (now a widow) and un-married sister Sarah. Mary died on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1911, aged eighty one years old. She left the sum of £1517.00 to her unmarried daughter Laura Alberta Lavinia (all the children were given three Christian names each) Clarkson and to one other family member who was a widow, probably the wife of one of her sons. In monetary terms she had married well and in social terms probably achieved a similar success to that of her brother Dennis Peacock Mason. Next month we shall see what path in life his brother`s took.

Briefly just moving back another generation, I find that Dennis, Mary and Sarah`s mother was from York, her maiden name was Peacock pre her marriage to their father Joseph, hence the middle name given to Dennis.

## WI news

*Sarah Kirk*



Gargrave WI staged 'a bit of a coup' on a warm, sunny Wednesday morning just before Easter. Suitably nested on window sills and front

benches, were a fabulous array of knitted chicks all decked out in their best, wearing their traditional comb rather than an Easter bonnet, airing their

delightfully dangly crocheted legs and festooned in embroidered flowers, ribbons and lace! A further delicious surprise, especially for those of us who reckon Easter eggs aren't all they're cracked up to be, was that these fabulous fowl were all sitting on a Terry's chocolate orange. Inspired by Cynthia Hardyman and superbly 'eggs-ecuted' by Cynthia and her fellow indefatigable fabricators, Jean Maxwell, (both pictured) Molly Blackburn, Janet Lane, Pat Traves, Judith Douglas and Moyra Sonley, the



display represented hours of clever crafting, which in turn generated smiles, giggles and appreciation from all of us.

We didn't exactly flock to the Village Hall, (Covid-secure guidance was followed of course!) but it was a real delight to enjoy a quick, socially distanced catch-up as we collected our concealed chocolatey treat. For those unable to make it, the now well-practised delivery system took flight.

At time of writing there is hope that WI members will be able to meet in a garden sometime in late June. In the meantime the dilemma is of a different nature- one slice at a time or... all gobbled down in one glorious go. Of course, that's when the chickens really do come home to roost.

## **Cate Davies Pilates Update: Let's get moving!**

*Cate Davies*

I'm excited to announce that my Pilates group mat face to face classes will restart Tues & Thurs late afternoon/evenings from 18th May in the Main Hall at Gargrave Village Hall.

Please be aware that Covid secure regulations will still be in place until June 21st at the earliest.

You will need a 10-15mm thick Pilates mat & grippy socks to be able to attend & advanced booking is mandatory.

Further information will be emailed to those on my mailing list once details are finalised in May.

Follow me on Facebook for the latest class info.

Some Zoom online classes will continue under a revised timetable.

New enquiries to: [catedaviespilates@gmail.com](mailto:catedaviespilates@gmail.com).

## **From the belfry**

*Ali Lucas*

I am excited this month to be writing about some 'live' ringing we've been doing since the easing of lockdown.

The Rule of 6 means that we are now allowed to meet up to six people outside, which means live handbell ringing is once again a possibility. If you hear the tinkling of bells coming from a garden as you wander around the village it could be us practising. Unfortunately the weather has not been conducive to doing too much yet, but with lighter evenings and hopefully warmer weather to come we shall hopefully have more opportunities in the coming weeks.

Although a return to indoor ringing is unlikely before 17<sup>th</sup> May, we were pleased that the Church of England and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers mutually agreed a concession for bell ringing at Easter, and you may have heard three bells ringing out on that sunny morning. Thanks go to Malcolm Bland, Debbie Fletcher and Allison Wiffen for heading up to the tower to do this after a long break and with no opportunity to practice in advance.

As the bells had been silent for a while we first had to go up into the tower to check everything was still safe and in good working order. We checked that the belfry was free of debris and the bells were able to swing freely. We

looked to ensure the ropes were still on the wheel and not worn or nibbled by any unwelcome visitors. We also checked that the stays that support the bells when they are pointing upwards as they are ringing were still strong and sturdy. I am pleased to report everything was as it should be. These photographs give you an idea of how things look up amongst the bells, and illustrate the wonderful craftsmanship on display in a belfry.



One way in which we can temporarily change the sound of the bells is to 'muffle' them. This means that we dumb the sound on one half of the clapper, so that as it hits one side of the bell, instead of ringing out it makes a very soft echo-like sound. We use muffles for more sombre occasions and at the time of writing we have just heard the sad news of the death of HRH Duke of Edinburgh. As a mark of respect we will toll a single bell half muffled at St Andrews on 17<sup>th</sup> April, the day of his funeral.

Just before Easter you may have heard a single bell tolling on 23<sup>rd</sup> March for the National Day of Reflection, one year on from the start of the first national lockdown. The event was promoted by Marie Curie Charity. At 12 noon there was a minute's silence to remember everyone who has died during the coronavirus pandemic. Then at 12:01 across the country single bells were tolled. If you were listening and counting that day, you may have noticed that Malcolm tolled the bell at Gargrave 88 times. There was a very specific reason for this in that 88 is the atomic number for Radium. Marie Curie discovered Radium in 1898. I read that the name Radium comes from the latin 'radius' meaning 'ray' and hopefully this day brought with it a ray of hope that things are beginning to return to a more normal way of life.

As May arrives it is hoped that rather than sombre tolling the ringers can be putting the bells to more celebratory use in the coming weeks. The signs are hopeful and everyone in the band at St Andrews is looking forward to a return to the tower.

If you are thinking of taking up a new hobby as lockdown begins to ease and you fancy giving bell ringing a go do get in touch with us. You would be most welcome to join us.

## Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library

*Dave Smith*

### **LIBRARY RE-OPENS FOR BROWSING**

For the first time in months, I am not writing about the possibilities of opening the Library as we are now **OPEN**.

Hours as follows:

Mondays            3-4pm

Fridays 2—4pm

Saturdays 10am—12 noon

Having said that, we will be closed on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May for the May Bank Holidays and on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May as the Election Count will be in progress in the Village Hall.

This may be a good time for a little history. Gargrave and Malhamdale Community Library was born out of the threat in 2011 from NYCC to close several small libraries within the County. In Gargrave a small band of volunteers worked with NYCC over a twelve month period and reached an agreement that the Library would become a community library run by volunteers. It was agreed that Gargrave would remain an integral part of the NYCC Library Service and that NYCC would continue to provide the books together with support services. If you join the Library in Gargrave you have full access to all other NYCC libraries and services. Conversely, if you are a member at any NYCC library, e g Skipton, you have full access to Gargrave. Library books borrowed in Skipton can be returned to Gargrave etc.

The Library opened as a community library to serve Gargrave and Malhamdale in May 2012

As a community library we have a number of expenses such as rent, equipment hire etc. We cover the costs though fund raising events such as the film shows and our 100 Club. The success of the 100 Club is particularly important to the continuation of our operations. If you would like to join the Club an annual subscription of £30 will enable you to help the library and have the chance of winning one of three cash prizes at the monthly draw.

If you would like to join the 100 Club or have any queries about the other services we offer, please contact the Library on 01609 536547 or [admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk](mailto:admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk)

## St. Andrew's Easter Communion Service Review, 4 April

*Peter  
Gardner*

Hallelujah – back in church again, although not quite church as we know it. In fact, you could have been forgiven if at first glance, you thought it was a bank robbers convention with all those masked men and women filling the place. But hey – whose complaining! It was definitely a step in the right direction and lovely to see the church so full, or as full as social distancing would allow.

It was, of course, Easter Sunday, when we remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus after the devastating events of the first Good Friday - the day when Jesus died on the cross taking upon himself the sin of the world and making new life available to all who would believe.

Although covid regulations prevented the congregation from singing, three members of the worship group were allowed to do so and they lead us in worship with a mixture of hymns and worship songs focussing on the Easter theme.

We were transported back to a stable in Bethlehem by a sketch in which the owners seemed to have hired some labourers to clear out their stable. As they worked, they remembered various local characters they used to know. One recollected that a baby that had been born in that stable – Jesus, he had been called. "I wonder what happened to him," he said, as they removed wooden beams from the stable and "coincidentally" held them in the form of a cross. Quite a telling sketch, really.....

Prayers were said and readings read and Reverend Andrew, who had been to the opticians that week, preached a "spectacular" sermon (get it!) encouraging us to see the world differently, through glasses with Jesus shaped lenses. If we have Jesus walking with us and the Holy Spirit within, we will see the world in a different way and have no need to fear or to worry about tomorrow, we were told.

The service ended in the churchyard with us all singing a rousing hymn. What a pleasure it was to be able to do so. Things are definitely looking up!

## Marking the post office closure

*Post Office Press Office (modified)*

Nigel and Susan Taylor who ran Gargrave Post Office after 27 years' loyal service to the community retired on 24 March.

Postmaster Nigel and his wife Susan took on the branch at 7 High Street, Gargrave in 1994. Nigel had previously worked for Barclays Bank. They have now decided to retire from the Post Office and they will be semi-retired as they still have a holiday cottage business.

Nigel said: "We have really enjoyed serving our customers over the last 27 years. We will miss serving them, but we will continue to live in the village. Our customers are upset that we are going, but we decided that it was time to retire. We will have more time for walking and playing golf."

Carol Head, Post Office Area Manager, said: "We thank Nigel and Susan for their long service to the community and we wish them well for their well-earned retirement."

The vacancy for Gargrave Post Office is advertised on [www.runapostoffice.co.uk](http://www.runapostoffice.co.uk). In the interim alternative branches include Airton (Town End Farm Shop), Skipton (Swadford Street or Sackville Street), Hellifield and Earby.

## BeeActive Village Hall Modern Pilates and riverbank Tai Chi Qigong

*Bee Faulkner*

Wahey! **Tuesday** 18th May is the day for our first communal weekly **Modern Pilates** sessions of the year - to which newcomers are most welcome - with classes at **9am and 10am in Gargrave Village Hall's** spacious main hall. We'll be maximising the ventilation with windows and doors open, bringing our own mats etc, and socialising outside before and after the classes. Modern Pilates is accessible to most people and is a great way for keeping you strong, active and mobile, and sharing with others is so good for nurturing the soul. Contact details below for booking in...

On **Friday** mornings at 9am I'll be continuing to run Modern Pilates classes by **Zoom** (7, 14, 21, 28 May).

We'll be having our last Tuesday Pilates Zoom sessions at 10am on 4th and 11th May, before switching over to the Village Hall, with the addition then of the extra class at 9am.

It's been such a treat in April being able to share **Tai Chi Qigong** as a group again beside the **riverbank**, enjoying the spring in the air and basking in the sunshine, warm enough for some of us to be barefoot even, a appreciating connecting with each other, with ourselves and with nature. These 9am **Wednesday and Thursday** sessions are continuing weekly during term time, between the Aire and the War Memorial, as are the **Monday** morning Zoom sessions at 9am, with further places available if you'd like to take part.

**Mondays 9am - Zoom Tai Chi Qigong**

**Tuesdays 9am and 10am - Village Hall Pilates (from 18 May)**

**Tuesdays 10am - Zoom Pilates (4 and 11 May)**

**Wednesdays 9am- Riverside Tai Chi Qigong**

**Thursdays 9am - Riverside Tai Chi Qigong**

**Fridays 9am - Zoom Modern Pilates**

We'll be having a week's break for half term 31st May to 4th June inclusive. Dates and more info available at [www.BeeActiveBeeRelaxed.com](http://www.BeeActiveBeeRelaxed.com).



If you'd to book in for one of these sessions, or would like to find out more, please get in touch with me, on 07778 980994, it'd be lovely to hear from you.

*Yin and Yang, are so relevant in Tai Chi Qigong, Pilates and in all of life, as we contrast opposites: togetherness and isolation, stillness and motion, stability and mobility, lengthening and shortening, tension and relaxation: continually exploring how to find that healthy balance point. In the photo, the Taijitu symbol represents two opposites combined as one, continually changing.*

## FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

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*John Hall*

NEVER HAS MARCH BEEN AS WELCOME as it has been this year. On the farming calendar December, January and February are not very glamorous months – short days, often cold and wet, days spent in wellies and waterproofs. When you then add 12 months of Covid 19 lockdowns, a touch of the lurgy and isolation over the Christmas period things have not been very glamorous at all!

With the days lengthening, March came in like a lamb and I have never seen such a wonderful show of snowdrops and daffodils in the garden, on the lane side and in the wooded area. The newly laid hedge is beginning to sprout and looking healthy. The call of the curlews and lapwings announce spring is here. The birds are busy building nests and subsequently feeding young. The barn owl has been showing its presence hunting for food whereas the white blackbird knows exactly where food can be found and can be seen regularly raiding the cow proven from Brian's feeding barrow! Sadly, I have not seen the white crow around for some time – father time may have caught up with him as he has been a long-time resident at Scaleber. On the plus side, to see two pairs of hares playing in the same field and to hear the birds in full song compensates for a tough old year due to the pandemic.

If one can forget the harsh Winter months and see Spring at its best, where could one improve on the local landscape.

The dry stone walls around Scaleber took a battering during January leaving five wall gaps of various sizes. I took advantage of the March sunshine and the spell before lambing time to repair them. Brian must have had a rush of blood as he carted new stone to the gaps for me. I find walling on a fine day very therapeutic and it helps me to keep fit – no need to go to the gym!!

We are now into the early stages of lambing. The sheep are in good condition and the first lambs are strong and on their feet which is a good sign. The Lonks and Herdwicks are not due to lamb yet – being inside does not suit them so they will be left out for now. They have wintered well.

Things can change very quickly on a farm. As I went down to the farm on Easter Sunday morning I saw that the vets car was in the yard – this is never a good sign. He had been called out to perform a caesarean section on the Belted Galloway heifer. The outcome was not good as her calf didn't make it. However, there was light at the end of the tunnel in the form of a Limousin calf in the next

pen which the Galloway had taken to and subsequently has become its surrogate mother. The Galloway heifer is the last survivor from our original Belted Galloway cow having lost two of her sisters last year – one being a non-breeder and the other having a rare eye disease.

I look forward to reporting on the lambing antics of the Lonks and Herdwicks next time.

## RUN THE DALES PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

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*Victoria Benn*

A CELEBRATION OF FELL RUNNING, one of the oldest sports of the Yorkshire Dales in Settle, from May 18 to June 25, and then in Hawes until September.

Opening at the Folly Museum, the Run the Dales photographic exhibition is a breath taking insight into the sport of fell running. Through the award winning and charismatic imagery of Stephen Garnett, this exhibition brings to life the sport and its backdrop of the Yorkshire Dales like never before. Run the Dales also incorporates a retrospective of fell running artefacts and memorabilia donated by several legendary runners and curated by Peak Performance author, Victoria Benn.



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## WALKS AROUND GARGRAVE

*Joanne Ackroyd and Duncan Faulkner*

### 3: Canal and Eshton Road

**Starting point:** Gargrave Village Hall

**Distance:** 2.5 miles

**Duration:** 65 minutes

**Difficulty:** easy.

Start at the village hall. With the hall on your right proceed forward into West Street until you reach the canal bridge. Turn right along the tow path toward Skipton and Leeds. Proceed forward, crossing over the road at Fred Greens Wharf and continue along the tow path. Go under Ray Bridge, keeping on the tow path until you reach Priest Holme Bridge.

Cross over the canal by the footbridge and then turn left, proceeding back in the direction of Gargrave on the other side of the canal. Cross over a footbridge then a stile, then when you meet a low wall go around it and immediately turn right following a path downwards to a footbridge. Cross over on this bridge then immediately over a stile to enter a field. Proceed forward crossing the field toward a woodland and a fence. At the other side of the field cross over a way marked stile into another field. Continue forward until you reach a large pile of stones, when our path begins to turn to the left until we reach a clear field track.

Turn right walking along this track until you reach a field gate. Turn left, and at the corner of the field crossover a stile into the next field. Proceed diagonally left across this field to a stile with Eshton Hall ahead in the distance. Cross into the next field by this stile and continue diagonally left toward Eshton Hall and the top corner where Eshton Road turns sharp left.

Fred Greens Wharf is over 200 years, Georgian in origin. The old building by the canal was originally a mill for mixing corn, rolling oats and barley. Fred Green sold the business shortly after WW2.

The stream which flows into the canal at Fred Greens is Chew Lane Beck, which once passed under the canal and flowed between the present-day Airedale Avenue and the cricket ground, then continuing under the road and Airebank Mill before joining Eshton Beck.

The small woodland on your right is Feeder Plantation, named after the defunct channel which once fed water from Eshton Beck into the canal. The current feeder channel is on the far side of Eshton Beck and you have passed over it twice on this walk as it runs under the canal and joins it down from Holme Bridge Lock.

Eshton Hall is an impressive grade II listed building built around 1775 evolving through many guises including a school, currently residential apartments. Back in 2007 this magazine ran an article on its history; perhaps it's time for a repeat.

Cross over a stone stile into Eshton Road. Turn left and proceed down Eshton Road in the direction of Gargrave. After 500m take a road on your right, no name sign but this is Chew Lane and marked as Sustrans 68. Follow this lane to its end where it emerges into West Street. Turn left and retrace your steps back to the village hall.

## IN THE SHADOW OF SHARPHAW A WARTIME CHILDHOOD

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*Dorothy Holmes*

### Chapter One

WHEN I WAS A CHILD, GARGRAVE WAS A SMALL, COMPLETE ENGLISH VILLAGE. Set in the Airedale Bowl, surrounded by hills and woods with the Leeds Liverpool Canal on the north side and the lovely River Aire flowing through the village. There were very few cars in those days so it was a lovely place to grow up in.

My mother was born at number 3 River Place which I believe her Grand Father, Stephen Reeder had as a Grocers Shop. Her father, George then moved to number 9 South Street, where he also had a Grocers Shop with his wife Martha ( nee Bradley). My mother and her siblings, Harry and Ivy grew up there. When my mother and father, Jack (Holmes) married, they still lived with Granddad and my two older sisters Irene and Carroll, who were both born there.

Eventually, Grandad bought our parents a house on Sun Moor Drive in Skipton, where I was born in 1935 followed by Jacqueline in 1938. My first recollection was of fireworks!. Standing in the garden on Sun Moor Drive, it must have been Bonfire Night, not knowing that soon all the world would explode.

When war broke out in 1939, our father joined The Royal Engineers. We all moved back to Gargrave to live with Grandad, Grandma having died in her early forties with Pancreatic Cancer and never saw Irene her Granddaughter.

The shop was a double fronted building facing the river. The centre part was the shop with a cellar beneath, which always flooded when the river was high. The shop wasn't very large but I remember the long counter with the tall shelves behind . Along the front of the counter were biscuit tins with glass lids so you could see the contents. On the back wall was the bacon machine, where Grandad sliced the bacon etc. At the front of the shop to the right of the door was the weighing machine for potatoes and vegetables . Butter was cut from a large slab and sugar was weighed into blue paper bags. Customers would come in and place a written order which was then packed and delivered to them.

The Reps used to call for Grandad to order and I remember one a Mr Pethybridge, a true gentlemen who once took my sister Carroll and I with him on his rounds up the Dales. We had a picnic with Ginger Beer which was not to our taste, so naughtily we poured it away when he wasn't looking.

Behind the shop was a small living room, where mother had her piano. She was a very good pianist achieving L.R.A.M (Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music) often acting as an accompanist at local concerts. Mother was a very talented lady, passing her City and Guilds for embroidery in her teens. She was a good designer and made lovely trousseau's for the local ladies. She still found time to make all her daughters beautiful clothes, plus being a good cook and baker. From the corner of the sitting room was a staircase leading to the first floor. First right at the top of the stairs was our parents' bedroom and opposite was where we four girls slept in two double beds.

We bought song sheets from Woolworths and sang ourselves to sleep every night.

To the left of the shop was a second sitting room with a door leading onto the street and a second staircase, leading to the third bedroom, which was Grandads room and was opposite a large bathroom which I assume would have been a bedroom. I remember the bath but not a toilet. The toilet being across the yard, a long drop with newspaper on a nail.

The main hub of the house was the kitchen, a large room looking onto the yard. It had a big square table in the middle and a large black leaded oven which incorporated an oven and hot water boiler. Monday was my favourite day for me as mum always used to make us chips over the fire when we came home from school.

Across the road from the shop, surrounded by iron railings was a long grassy area which stretched from River Place to the river bridge, and had many sycamore trees. We called this area the plantation. It was an ideal playground for children. Mum used to hang her washing out there after squeezing through a gap in the railings.

On Sundays mum would send us to Great Uncle Fred's to get some cream. Aunt Ada would be sat in her rocking chair in the kitchen. She was a rather stern lady, whereas Uncle Fred was very jovial. He was Grandma Martha's brother and they lived at Red Barn, South Street, so called because it was covered in ivy which turned a glorious colour in Autumn. Aunt Ada would rise from her chair reluctantly and cross to the Dairy to get the cream.

## THE MYSTERY OF THE VANISHING CAR SEATS

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*Peter Olpin*

THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE STORY I would like to share with the residents of Gargrave. At the time of the incident, I was understandably annoyed and frustrated by the events, but it's not my intention to cast aspersions on your beautiful village and its people but I think it's worth the telling if only to have a bit of a chuckle at my expense.

In the early eighties, a friend and I planned to walk the section of The Pennine Way between Gargrave and Hawes knowing it included some of the most beautiful areas in Britain. We set off from our home town in the county of Kent, having arranged through the AA to leave my car at a garage in your village.

(The car was a Daytona Yellow Ford Capri 2.0S, and was my pride and joy). We arrived in Skipton to meet the local AA man who gave us the address and directions to the garage. We duly arrived at a garage in your village only to find it was the wrong one. We had a conversation with a lovely lady who was the proprietor, who offered us the use of her drive beside her house at no cost. We declined her kind offer as the other garage was expecting us. The conversation was overheard by a young girl serving costumers their petrol. (her role in this story will become apparent later).

We checked in with the other garage, left my car there and started out on our walk. A few days later we reached our objective of Hawes. The following day I hitchhiked back to Gargrave to pick up my car. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that the two front seats were missing! The garage owner knew nothing about it and was as surprised as I was.

I went to the Police station (yes.... a police station in a village!), and in a scene reminiscent of "Heartbeat" three Bobbies with their feet up on the table stood up and inquired of my problem. One of them said that a local man was renovating a 3ltr Capri and he was a bit of a rogue "known" to the police. Myself and two officers jumped in a little Hillman Imp and drove to the man's address in the village. Nobody was home and his garage was empty. A neighbour informed us that he had gone to London to sell his car. All the police could do, lacking any evidence, was put it in the book and give me a crime number for my insurance claim.

It came out in conversation with the policemen back at the station, that the young girl I spoke of earlier was in fact the girlfriend of the guy suspected of stealing my car seats....now I'm no Miss Marple, but....?

The owner of the garage gave me an old Singer Gazelle seat he happened to have lying around and I drove back to Hawes to pick up my friend.

Nothing ever came of the police investigation. My insurance company almost wrote off the car because the replacement value of the seats was half the value of the car!

A couple of weeks later the car was due its MOT, and believe it or not....it passed! But that's another story.

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## Disperse them

A young clergyman, fresh out of training, thought it would help him better understand the harsh realities his future congregations faced if he first took a job as a policeman for several months. He passed the physical examination; then came the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in an emergency. Among other questions he was asked, "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?"

He thought for a moment and then said, "I would pass an offering plate." He got the job.

# INFORMATION

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## Rotas for St Andrew's Church

	8am SIDESMEN	10.45am SIDESMEN/WELCOMERS			BIBLE READER	INTER- CESSOR
2 May	Kay Craven	Family service				
9 May		Jennifer Rowlands	Sue Trout	Rocio Fordham	Paul Maslin	Duncan Faulkner
16 May	Colin Chapman	Jo Ackroyd	Helen Wilson	Robert Ackroyd	Pam Bolas	Sue Trout
23 May		Jean Banks	Sue Trout	Paul Maslin	Annelies	Jennifer Rowlands
30 May		Peter Gardner	Zena Gardner	Jane Dallas	Peter Gardner	Ron Humphreys
6 Jun	Kay Craven	Family service				
13 Jun		Yvonne Poulter	Pauline Gilfoyle	Peter Poulter	Lauren Maslin	Jo Ackroyd

## Gargrave C of E Primary School & Pre-School holiday dates

	First day of holiday	Last day of holiday
Half term	Mon 31 May	Fri 4 June
Summer	Mon 26 July	Fri 3 Sept

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

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

**Face coverings compulsory on all public transport**, including masks, reusable cloth coverings + other options: scarves & bandanas - the wearer's nose & mouth must be covered.

### TRAINS from Gargrave from 18 Jan **BUT CHANGES EXPECTED IN MAY '21**

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

Mon-Sat (From 18 Jan) 0744 0754 1150 1645 1813 1850 2237

Sunday (From 24 Jan) 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 18 Jan) 0528 0902 1504 2006

Sunday (From 24 Jan) 0922 1115 1412 1615 1815

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

Mon-Fri (from 18 Jan) 0832 1133 1732

Sat (from 23 Jan) 0832 1133 1732

Sunday (from 24 Jan) 0950 1311 1509

**NOTES: Location of Pick Up in Gargrave for Rail Replacement Buses is uncertain: may be beside The Summerseat on High Street OR at Station Entrance: CHECK WITH NORTHERN.** 1. Change at Skipton for Leeds. Generally, **only DIRECT journeys are shown.** AT THIS TIME, Northern recommend consulting National Rail on 03457 48 49 50 or the Journey Planner: <https://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search> **As of 8 April:** No planned engineering works affecting trains from Gargrave during May are identified. That may change. Check with northern railway. For live info on next 2 trains text GARGRAVE to 84950, or go to [www.realtimet trains.co.uk/](http://www.realtimet trains.co.uk/)

### BUSES from Gargrave

**\*Except Bank Holidays**

**To Skipton** (arr. ~15 min later) (Services 210/211, 580, 884) (M = from Malham)

M-Fri\* 0820 0910 0955 1055 1057M<sup>7</sup> 1155 1255 1355 1357M<sup>7</sup> 1455 1555 1755

Saturday 0820 0910 0955 1055 1155 1255 1355 1455 1555 1755

Sun + B.Hol: [884] from 18 Apr 1210M 1512M 1652M

**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++

Sunday + B.Hol: **NO WINTER SERVICE**

**To Malham** (arrives ~ 25mins later) (Services 210/211, 884)

Mon-Fri\* [210/211] 1000<sup>7</sup> 1310<sup>7</sup>

Saturday [75] **Expected to resume from 15 May 2021**

Sunday + Bank Hol: from 18 Apr 1057 1242 1542

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

## Public Transport back to Gargrave

### TRAINS to Gargrave **CHANGES EXPECTED IN MAY** *Last DIRECT train*

#### From Skipton (arr. Gargrave ~ 6 mins later) **LEEDS to GARGRAVE**

Mon-Sat (From 18 Jan) 0522 0826 0856 1127 1458 1727 2000 **1648**

Sunday (From 24 Jan) 0917 0945 1110 1305 1406 1503 1609 1809 **1732**

#### From Lancaster via Giggles'k (Trains arr. Gargrave ~ 65 mins later)

Mon-Sat (From 18 Jan) 0648 1046 1745 2131

Sunday (From 24 Jan) 1106 1344 1552 1751 2018

#### From Carlisle (direct: arr. Gargrave ~ 2 hrs later)

Mon-Fri (From 18 Jan) **0713<sup>3</sup>** **0824<sup>45</sup>** **1049<sup>45</sup>** 1450 1618

Sat. (From 23 Jan) **0713<sup>3</sup>** **0824<sup>45</sup>** **1049<sup>45</sup>** 1450 1618

Sun. (From 24 Jan) 0925 1225 **1520<sup>15</sup>** **1607<sup>15</sup>** **1725<sup>15</sup>** 1911

**NOTES: 13.** From Ribbleshead only. **15.** Stops at Hellifield & Skipton, **but NOT GARGRAVE**. Living in BD23 post code, you can buy a DALES RAILCARD: £10.00/ year. 1/3 off Anytime and Off-peak rail tickets between Gargrave, Leeds, Bradford, Carlisle, Morecambe, Lancaster. Discount for children with you.

### BUSES to Gargrave \*Except Bank Holidays (M is service to Malham)

#### From Skipton Bus Stn. (arr. Gargrave ~ 15 mins later) (Services 210/ 211, 580, 884)

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Sun + B.Hol: [884] from 18 Apr 1045M 1230M 1530M

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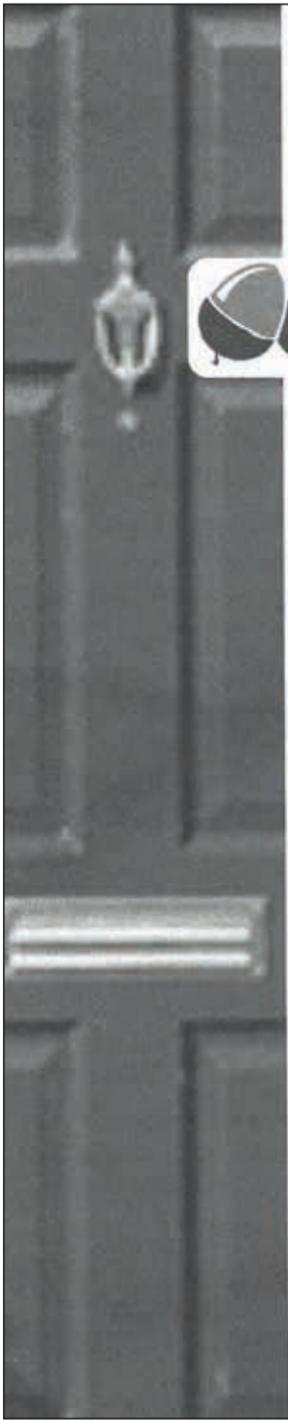
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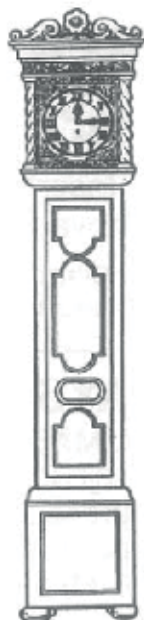
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