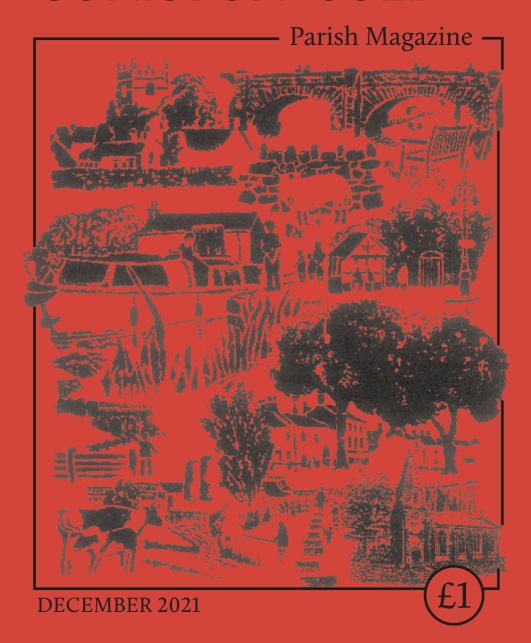
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Revd Andrew Steer

"Christmas is not cancelled!"

Thus read the headline on the BBC News site. Soren Skou, CEO of Maersk Shipping, the largest shipping company in the world, sought to reassure the world that Christmas would go ahead as normal despite backlogs at ports and problems unloading thousands of shipping containers at ports around the world. Well, who knew that Christmas came in a shipping container? (Although to be fair, if Jesus was born today then a shipping container might well make a great make-shift stable).

It's a sad indictment of our times when it seems that, for all intents and purposes, Christmas does in fact come from the Far East on an enormous cargo ship chockablock with huge steel boxes. Behind the glossy adverts from the likes of M&S, John Lewis and Aldi is a narrative that Christmas is about 'stuff' – toys, gifts, food, clothes, gadgets and electronics. So, I wonder what difference it would make if the ports remained log-jammed and container ships couldn't get through? What would Christmas be like without all the wrapping paper, the pointless plastic, the cheap toiletries and the huge amount of debt we get ourselves in to get our hands on the latest life-fulfilling Apple product?

The answer for many might be "a whole lot better". Because in allowing ourselves to believe the lies of consumerism, we miss out on a whole lot more. We lose sight of the sheer joy of just being together with our loved ones – spending time with them, learning how to talk with them again and simply enjoying being together – or even just 'being'.

Even more than this, we miss out on the real meaning and wonder of Christmas – that of hope. Not hope that comes on a container ship with lots of slick packaging and a 6 month guarantee, but real tangible hope that shines through the darkest December day. Bright, constant, glittering hope that breaks into the darkness of our humanity and burns on defiantly even when it feels like our world is falling in and the world outside is beyond redemption.

The real hope of Christmas comes in the shape of a grubby baby whose parents are penniless refugees and who sleeps in a filthy manger. Forget the Christmas card romanticism of a child in gleaming clothes and crisp, white sheets. This is the real Jesus who knows our pain and our struggles because he's lived them all and still does. He shares our torture and heartbreak, our striving and wrestling. But most of all, He shows us a way out of our darkness and a path to a new future.

Jesus lived a life like ours but then broke the rules of this world. In the cosmic events of Christmas, Jesus began to blaze a trail which pointed humanity away from self-destruction towards the wide-open arms of eternal love. Jesus broke down the barrier between us and the One who longs for us to turn to Him. This is the ultimate Christmas gift which never goes out of fashion, doesn't need a warranty and the only one which can truly change lives.

This is the free gift of God's love to all. It doesn't come in a shipping container, it's not dependent on Hermes or DPD and Amazon don't sell it. It can't be wrapped up, it never breaks down and never runs out of battery ("and it simply will not stop"). And the best thing is that it is here for you to enjoy right now.

Christmas cancelled? Not a chance.

May you experience the incredible free gift of Divine Love this Christmas.



DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Coniston Cold

Sun 5 Dec	Compline evensong, 4pm, Church
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Sun 12 Dec Carol service, 7pm, Church, with Settle and Giggleswick Brass

Band, followed by mulled wine and mince pies (page 7)

Sun 19 Dec Compline evensong, 4pm, Church

Sat 25 Dec Christmas Day Holy communion 9.30am, Church

Sun 26 Dec Holy communion, 9.30am, Church Sun 2 Jan Compline evensong, 4pm, Church

Gargrave

Wed 1 Dec Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall annexe

Sat 4 Dec Book Fair, 10am-3.30pm, Village Hall. Thousands of books for

sale from dealers all over the North West of England. Light

refreshments available, 50p admission.

Sun 5 Dec Prayer book communion, 8am, Church

10.30am Breakfast followed by 11am Family service, Church 4.30pm: Gargrave lights switch on at the Summerseat followed

by refreshments in Church

Mon 6 Dec Coffee Monday, 10am-noon, Church – and every Monday

Monthly prayer meeting, 7.30pm, Church

Fri 10 Dec Rejoice! A Christmas song recital. 5pm, Church (p. 6)

Picnic supper dance with live music from Cumbrian musician Denis Westmorland, 7.30pm-11pm, Village Hall. Admission £5,

bring your own supper. Tea and coffee provided.

Sun 12 Dec Prayer book communion, 8am, Church

Sung Eucharist, 11am, Church

Flea Market - Crafts and Collectables Fair, 10am-3.30pm, Village

Hall. Light refreshments available, 50p admission.

Wed 15 Dec Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm

Fri 17 Dec Library film night: Dream Horse. 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall (p. 14)

Sun 19 Dec Prayer book communion, 8am, Church

Morning Worship, 11am, Church Carols by Candlelight, 4pm, Church

Wed 22 Dec Christmas concert by Voices of Craven, 7pm, Village Hall (p. 8)
Thurs 23 Dec Gargrave Roving Nativity, 6pm, departing outside Church (p. 9)

Fri 24 Dec Christingle Service, 4pm, Church

Midnight Communion, 11.30pm, Church

Sat 25 Dec Christmas Day Prayer book communion, 8am, Church

Christmas Day Family communion, 11am, Church

Sun 26 Dec Holy communion, 10am, Church

EVENTS

Christmas at St Andrew's

Sue Trout



Sunday 5th Dec: 11am Advent Family Service - Worship & fun for all the

family!

4:30pm: Gargrave lights switch on followed by

refreshments in Church.

Sunday 19th Dec: 4pm Carols by Candlelight Christmas Eve: 4pm Christingle Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day: 8am Holy Communion

11am Family Communion

Boxing Day: 10am Holy Communion



Susan Watkiss and Elaine Dave are presenting a Christmas Recital in aid of the organ fund at St Andrew's Church, Gargrave.

Susan has been the organist there for many years as well as organist at other Churches in the area. Susan is a well-respected piano teacher and accompanist to soloists and several choirs.

Elaine relocated from Beverley 8 months ago to be near her daughter and her family. Elaine was a peripatetic singing teacher for the East Riding Schools' music service as well as having a solo career performing with local Choral societies and the Scarborough Symphony Orchestra and giving recitals. She is delighted to be performing in Gargrave for the first time.

Come along and enjoy Christmas music from Handel to the present day and then enjoy a Jacob's Join supper afterwards!



On Saturday 11 December at 7pm, Pinsuti, the Skipton and Ilkley chamber choir, directed by Robert Webb, will be celebrating Christmas in this concert full of choral favourites drawn from both sides of the Atlantic, in the beautiful setting of St Michael's Church in Kirkby Malham. The choir will be singing some traditional carols from the United States together with well-known and less well-known carols from the UK. It will be a lovely evening.

The ticket price of £10 includes a glass of wine or a soft drink in the interval, and can be booked in advance or paid for on the door.

For any enquiries, please email sue.mcwhinney@leeds.anglican.org or phone 01729 830293, or 07484 181699.

Carol service at St Peters, 12 December

Helen Barrow

Carol Service at St Peters Church, Coniston Cold Sunday 12th December at 7pm.

The traditional 9 carols and readings, singing along to Settle and Giggleswick Brass Band.

A Christmas message will be given by Bishop Helen-Ann.

The service will be followed by warm mulled wine and mince pies.

Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer.

Everyone welcome.



It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas!

The Voices of Craven Christmas Concert

The Choir Presents an evening of Popular Carols and Christmas Music

Gargrave Village Hall Wednesday 22nd December 2021 at 7pm

Tickets £6 in advance or £8 at the door (Children free of charge) to include mulled wine and mince pies

> Tickets available from Gargrave Library or The Dalesman Tearoom From 1st December, 2021



Gargrave Roving Nativity

Thursday 23rd December 6pm ~ Outside Church

Everyone welcome, come and join us ~ wrap up warm and bring a lantern or torch. We will be walking around the village, stopping at various points to sing carols and collecting a real donkey, sheep, shepherds an Angel, a quantity of Kings and a camel (alpaca) on our journey! Arriving at the stable at The Dalesman at around 6.45pm for tea, candy canes & a 'Community Christmas Sing Along' with Gargrave choir.



NEWS

Christmas messages of appreciation

We invited people to submit messages of appreciation for anyone who had gone out of their way to help others over this year. Here are the responses.

From Helen Barrow:

Helen, David and family would like to sincerely thank the neighbours of Olive (mum) for the kindness, help and understanding they offer her throughout the year.

Also to the parishioners of Gargrave who "look out" for mum as she enjoys her many daily walks around the village come rain or shine.

Happy Christmas to each and every one of you, it is hard to put into words how your care and love is appreciated by us all. With love, Olive's family x

From Jane Dallas:

I would like to nominate Bee Faulkner as the one who goes out of her way to help anyone, anywhere she sees need.

From my first recce into Gargrave to find a new place to live, Bee has shown warmth and kindness. When I became ill, she was practical and helpful in my healing and has continued to support my recovery. This is all on a personal level. However, Bee is truly a beacon of light in the village. She sees need before anyone else and is pro-active in securing help, whether in the revitalising the public toilets - mobilising a workforce to improve the facilities or in quietly supporting anyone where she sees a need. Bee is the true embodiment of kindness and thoughtfulness. She is a blessing to all who have the pleasure of knowing her.

From Sarah Curtis:

Beatrice Faulkner, for her determination to keep the toilets open for the benefit of all!

Julie Verney, for work behind the scenes, washing up, and cleaning duties! Linda Hartnell for her inspirational efforts to keep us all happy and positive.

From Pauline Chilton:

I would like to mention Helen Foster for her kindness, thoughtfulness and utterly inexhaustible energy to make lovely things happen for this village. Three cheers Helen!

From Sharron Pompey:

I would like to nominate my friend Norma Brothers for recognition.

In April this year my family suffered a terrible tragedy when my son took his own life, we were left totally devastated and could barely function. Norma stepped in without a moment's hesitation and delivered meals, baking and literally kept us fed throughout the following dark days. It was all so very much appreciated at a time when we were all unable to see a way forward, especially when Norma herself was also grieving for my son who she dearly loved. Our heartfelt thanks will forever go to her for her love and endless kindness xxxx

From Hannah Crabtree:

Helen Foster has done so many things for others in the village this year. As well as the village fun day and Hallowe'en trail I'm personally grateful to her for giving her time to help a group of us get through the couch to 5k - it made a huge difference to my physical and mental health this year. She's the best motivator and so willing to give her time to help others.

Thank you to all who have sent in these messages of appreciation. Do feel free to submit others throughout the year. Gratitude is contagious. Speaking of which, the next article is a chance for me to say thank you for...

The new church website

Duncan Faulkner

Thanks to the hard work and computational expertise of Rob Berry, St Andrew's Church has a new website. The address is unchanged but the content and appearance is all new.

standrewsgargrave.org.uk



You will find information on groups that meet in the church, a description of the different types of services, information on funerals, weddings and baptisms and a link for making online donations.

The parish magazine has also migrated to this same website. You will be able to find the current month's issue, along with an archive of issues back to 2011 here:

standrewsgargrave.org.uk/gargrave-coniston-cold-parish-magazine

St Peters remembers

Helen Barrow



On the still dry morning of the 14th November the congregation at St Peters remembered.

Gargrave Village Hall news

This year seems to have flown by and despite the lows we thankfully have appreciated the highs more than perhaps we would have done in ordinary circumstances. It appears, dare I say it, that things are a little more normal now. Certainly in the past few months we have been able to go ahead with our larger events at the Village Hall without incurring any problems. It has been good to see familiar faces returning to enjoying the monthly Friday night dances, the twice a month Flea Markets and the quarterly Book Fairs. We were also able to go ahead with staging our annual Jumble sale last month which provides a great opportunity to source lots of bargains. We are pleased that with staging these events we can provide a safe environment for everyone to enjoy important social interaction once more.

During 2021 we have also been able to hold a few Coffee mornings. I think the two held during the summer were the highlight of the year. We were not able to hold anything indoors at that point but thankfully the weather was amazing and we closed the carpark and put lots of tables and chairs, well spaced, outside. Our Coffee morning team put in a few extra steps as they ferried the refreshments from the kitchen. Everyone (including the team) thoroughly enjoyed the new outdoor experience and I think we may hold some more during the summer of 2022, weather permitting. Indoor Coffee mornings did then return but unfortunately it is difficult to plan regular ones as our team of workers often have their own family and work commitments and on occasions the Hall is also booked with private hires. However we have had a generous offer of help from Gargrave Library volunteers and we intend to collaborate and jointly run some of the Coffee mornings together in the future. Jane, famed for her Lemon Drizzle and Patsy, a prize winning Gingerbread lady already give us some help, so we thank them for their kind support of the Hall. We really do appreciate the help and time they give us and it is a pleasure working with them.

The Indoor bowling group have returned to the Hall on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The afternoons are very popular and all three lanes are in constant use. They are a delightful group of men and ladies who create a very happy atmosphere within the Hall. Despite only just returning for their Winter season we had to ask if they could possibly cancel two of their Thursday sessions as we had requests for funeral teas to be held in the main Hall. All the members were so understanding and realised that the teas were for local families and were more than happy to relinquish the dates. Fortunately we were able to accommodate alternative sessions but we are so grateful for their understanding and we know the families really appreciate it too.

A little bit more news relating to the Jumble sale which we held in October, the remaining clothing, bags and shoes were sent up to Gargrave Primary School and we are pleased to say that £50 was raised for school funds. The items were weighed in for the Bags2School scheme. Two more large bags of warm clothing were taken by a friend who works for a charity in Littleborough

and these will be given to refugees in that area. Remaining Bric a Brac items will be sold at future Flea Markets - nothing goes to waste!

It is the time of year when I look back and begin to compile a Chairman's report for our Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 15th December at 7.30.p.m, this will be followed by the monthly Management meeting. I as always must thank all my fellow committee members who go above and beyond the call of duty. Everyone plays their part and to individually name them and the part they play would fill the magazine! We also have friends in the Village who are not members of the committee but who offer help so again thanks to them. Special thanks to Jane and Cath Ellis for Coffee morning duties and to Peter Hardyman, our doorman at the Book Fairs. Our staff, Robert, Steve, Lynn and Simon, they are a great team, with special good wishes extended to Steve as he continues his treatment.

Let's not remember 2021 as the year of Covid but the year of remedial work! Robert was able to create a new access for under-stage storage and treated the main sprung floor in the Hall with specialist floor sealant. Many areas were given a coat of paint and mirror panels were fitted in the Match room. These were jobs which could not have been done if the venue was in full use so Covid did have some advantages. The benches in the Hall were varnished and then professionally re-upholstered (they are so much more comfortable now). Outdoor painting and sealant work was also undertaken. There is always a job to do and we shall continue to take great care of our fantastic venue. Our future plans include the possibility of converting the old Youth Wing into a new self-contained room for hire but this will be dependant mainly on costings and various surveys. We also intend to look into energy efficient heating systems. Therefore we have much work ahead of us in 2022.

We intend to celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee in June 2022 with a right Royal Coffee morning on Friday 3rd June and a Regal Afternoon tea with live music on Sunday 5th June, not forgetting the majestic Book Fair slotted in on the Saturday!!

As the saying goes time flies by, but in the case of our original clock in the main Hall it can sometimes go backwards too! We noticed a few weeks ago that the original clock was initially losing or gaining time by an exact hour, then lo and behold some days it actually began to go backwards. It was difficult to know who to contact as the clock is actually run off electric and to make things a bit more difficult it is just over sixty years old. However I contacted Colin Nesbitt from Grassington who advertises in the Church Magazine so the clock is currently residing up the dale and fingers crossed it may be back in pride of place when this magazine is distributed.

We have a Book Fair at the Hall on Saturday 4th December, a dance with live accordion music from Denis Westmorland on the 10th December and our last Flea Market of the year on the 12th December.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas from one and all at Gargrave Village Hall.

Library news Dave Smith

On **Friday 17th December** we will be showing the film **Dream Horse**: The film is a sports comedy drama starring Toni Collette, Damian Lewis, Owen Teale and Joanna Page. A gentle uplifting film for Christmas.

The film tells the true story of Jan Vokes a cleaner and bartender who, despite her total lack of experience, manages to convince her neighbours in a small Welsh Village to club together to buy "Dream" in the hope that he can compete with the horse racing elite.

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

We have yet to select films for the New Year, but we do have the future film dates for your Diaries.

Friday 28th January Friday 18th February Friday 25th March Friday 29th April Friday 27th May



Home Library Delivery Service

The free Home Delivery Service is still operating for people who have difficulty in visiting the Library or in carrying books because of ill health or permanent/temporary disability. Also, we deliver to people who live in residential and nursing homes. For further information please email John Hewitt at hls@gargravelibrary.co.uk

100 Club

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

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

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

Christmas Closing: The Library will close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 22nd December and re-open at 10.00am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Finally, Christmas Greetings and a big thank you to everybody who has supported us over the rather challenging past 12 months.

Words, death and breakfast probably sums up the family service today, although I think it was billed as, 'How Deep the Father's Love for Us," and we were, of course, still "Following in Jesus Footsteps," our theme for the year. Actually, in the scriptures we were considering, Jesus didn't seem to be walking anywhere at first, but by the end – well, I'll come to that later.

As is usual on a family service Sunday, the great free cooked breakfast was in evidence. If you are a regular reader of this periodical, you will know what it is - but for the benefit of any offcumdens who have recently arrived in the village, you get tea or coffee, bacon and sausage 'butties' (buns to you) and/or a warm croissant and a warm welcome. Sounds all right, doesn't it?

Well, that was the breakfast part, what about the 'Words'? We had a double portion of those. As an ice breaker we had to do a word association thing. You know, like Romeo and? or Pride and? (I bet you got those) and this led on to all sorts of things about love. What do you love? (St Andrew's breakfasts, perhaps?) and 'Who do you love?' This finally lead up to the fact that God loves us – every one of us – always - no matter what we've done. God's love is unique, it's special, and it's deeper than any human love – hence our strapline 'How deep the Father's love for us.' Hmm, something to think about, eh!

We had a worship song next, 'God's not dead.' Well, he isn't is he? Lots of us have got to know him quite well. Then we watched an animated video and this brought us to the third item on the menu, "Death." The video was all about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

When Jesus heard his friend, Lazarus was sick, he just hung around for a couple of days and then, when he knew Lazarus was dead, he and his disciples went off to Bethany where he was met by Lazarus's sisters, Mary and Martha, both of whom were upset and separately said to him. "If you'd been here, Jesus, this wouldn't have happened." Anyway, it's quite a long account, (see John's Gospel Chapter 11) but the bottom line is, that by the time Jesus had got there, Lazarus had been dead for four days and been buried in a cave. Jesus had great compassion for Mary and Martha and he raised Lazarus from the dead – to the glory of God.

In our talk, Mike shared some thoughts he'd had about death and how the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead had redefined death for him. When he'd been in his 20's, death was irrelevant to him. He was immortal! But at 68 it had become much more relevant – not so long left! The account of Lazarus had really spoken to him and redefined death. Jesus had said that Lazarus was just asleep - and Lazarus had come back to life again. The end of our physical life isn't really the end.

What happens after we die, then? Well, as Mike said, "It's complicated." - but if we give our life to Christ now – all those complications are sorted out.

Our prayers remembered the planet at this time when the climate talks were ongoing. At the end, one of the children came forward to tell us what she had been learning about. Guess what – it was about Lazarus.

Cate Davies Pilates Cate Davies

Are you moving less & eating more? Stressed? Anxious? Do you want to feel healthier & get fitter, stronger & more flexible? Are health or mobility issues making you unsure how to exercise safely? Do you need help with motivation to get moving again and create new healthier lifestyle habits?

I teach ability-based group classes from age 15 upwards, whether you're looking for a chair based sitting/standing class for active ageing to an athletic Classical Flow mat workout or something in between. As a highly qualified studio trained Comprehensive Pilates teacher and retired GP, I am here to help you achieve your goals.

For my latest timetable and online bookings go to

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Classes are automatically discounted (10-25%) at checkout if you make a block booking of 4 - 6 classes or are available as single tickets.

Timetable (subject to change)

Mon: ZOOM 9am Flow mat 10.15 am Chair

Tues: Gargrave Village Hall- Main Hall (GVH) 6 & 7.10 pm Flow mat

Wed: GVH 7 pm Foundation mat

Thurs: GVH 9 am Flow mat 10 am Foundation mat 11.15 am Chair (sitting/standing)

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Upper Wharfedale Concert Club

Ian Clark

Maestro pick up that baton, the Upper Wharfedale Concert Club is coming in your direction. The Club enables residents of Wharfedale – and surrounding areas, as far as Gargrave – to see and hear some of the best symphony concerts, plays and musicals being put on in Bradford, Leeds, Harrogate and surrounding areas.

We are resuming on the afternoon of the 8th January with a post-Christmas relaxing visit to the beautifully refurbished St Georges Hall Bradford renowned as one of the best concert halls in the UK - to listen to a Viennese concert by the Halle Orchestra. Our next outing, in early March, is to the remarkable and extremely popular Bingley Little Theatre to see the Oscar Wilde play "The Importance of Being Earnest". On the 18th March we return to St Georges Hall to hear the Tchaikovsky Orchestra Moscow, which, in addition to works by the composer, will treat us to "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Mussorgsky. In April theatre lovers will enjoy the bitter sweet comedy "The Time of My Life" by Alan Aykbourne at the Ilkley Playhouse.

There are coach pick up points in Hebden, Grassington, Threshfield and Cracoe so don't forget the rule "Leave the car, forget the train, let a luxury coach take the strain"

All information about joining the Club, receiving notifications and booking is on the website www.uwcc.uk.

It has been a busy month in the bell tower and a significant one in terms of strengthening our band. Our newcomers are doing fantastically well. They have spent some time individually learning how to handle and control the bell and have now joined our regular Monday night practice to ring alongside the rest of the band. Annie, Madi and Wendy (pictured left to right) have quickly picked up ringing rounds in time with the other bells. Annie took part in her first Sunday morning service ringing earlier in the month and we look forward to the others joining us on Sundays very soon.



The learning has not been limited to newcomers. Our other ringers are now making use of our simulator to practice and enhance their skills. We are aiming to get members of our band up to a level that allows them to become qualified members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (YACR). This requires them to ring for a particular length of time (a minimum of 720 changes in the order of the bells) without stopping. Progress is good and I don't think it will be too long now before we will be celebrating that achievement.

You may have noticed the different sound of the ringing for the Remembrance Sunday service on 14th November. As is tradition the bells were rung half-muffled to give the beautiful echo effect. This is achieved by attaching a leather pad to one side of the clapper, so that every other stroke you hear leather against metal rather than metal on metal. Attaching the muffles requires some scrambling in the bell tower and squeezing under the bells to reach the clappers. Knowing this was on the horizon, we undertook some preparatory work to sweep up the layers of dust that had gathered. We managed to fill four black sacks with dust, debris and twigs blown in from bird's nests around the outside of the tower!

Activity in the world of bell-ringing is picking up again now as things progressively return to pre pandemic times. You may therefore have heard

additional ringing over recent weeks as visiting bands come to Gargrave to ring the bells. Bellringers like to visit towers across the country and experience the different sounds and sizes of bells. It is a great way to get to know different parts of this fabulous island too. At the time of writing we are expecting a band from across Yorkshire to attempt a quarter peal on Saturday 20th November as part of the YACR Quarter Peal Fortnight that runs every year. I hope by next year with the great progress we are making we will be able to have our own Gargrave band taking part in this event.

In the meantime we look forward to the Christmas season and hope to have a number of opportunities to 'ring out' and celebrate the festive period before we begin another New Year.

BeeActive Pilates and Tai Chi Qigong

Bee Faulkner



Outdoors beside the river is such a great spot for peaceful calming Tai Chi Qigong: Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9am. Come dressed for the weather - thick mittens are handy for the winter. The extensive evergreen tree shelters us from any rain. Or join us for a Zoom session on a Monday at 9am. Sessions continue to 20th December, resuming 3rd Jan

Modern Pilates at 10am in the Village Hall on a Tuesday is another route to keeping you hale and hearty,

stable and mobile. Likewise the companion Zoom group on Fridays at 9am. Classes continue to 14th December, resuming 4 Jan.



I'm also running a self-physio type neuromyofascial release group, exploring techniques from <u>MELTmethod.com</u>, on Tuesdays at the hall at 9am. Currently a small group, I'm looking to expand it further from January, once I've completed my instructor training. It's a wonderful way of releasing 'stuck stress' in the body, using an 'indirect before direct' approach with

the help of small soft balls and foam rollers. It helps release, relax and rehydrate tight parts of the body, improving alignment and ease of movement. It's helpful for recovery from and prevention of injury: rehab and prehab.

For further info, do get in touch with me on 07778 980994 or visit www.BeeActiveBeeRelaxed.com.

Snowmen

Two snowmen were standing next to each other. One said to the other: "Can you smell carrots?"

Santa a man?

How do you know Santa is a man? Well, no woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year.

Threefold celebration for GNAT (Gargrave Needs A Toilet...)

Bee Faulkner



Left to Right: Ian Reed-Peck, Julie Verney, Tony-Baldwin-Lewis, Pete Haken, Allison Wiffen, Jon Trimble, Dot Haken, Graham Fletcher, Brian McDaid, Chris Smales and Bee Faulkner. Photos by Rosemary Gibbs

It's our **Second Birthday!** Community Group **GNAT** (Gargrave Needs A Toilet...) was rapidly formed in early December 2019 in response to the unexpected news that the village toilets would be closing at the end the year. It was at the community library film night in Nov 2019, the week the impending closure was announced, that I floated the idea of running the loos as a volunteer group. We held our first meeting the following week. Offers of help started flooding in -both practically and financially.



achievable for us. commented:

Two years on, thanks to the work of the Toilet Transformation Team, and with funding from individuals and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, we now have a great garden, modern handwashing facilities, nappy changing facilities in the Gents and Disabled as well as the Ladies, and even a water bottle filler. This has helped us achieve our recently received Platinum Grading from the Loo of The Year Awards, the highest grade The blind judging was held in August/September. They

"The Baby Changing facility is a benefit in a male toilet."

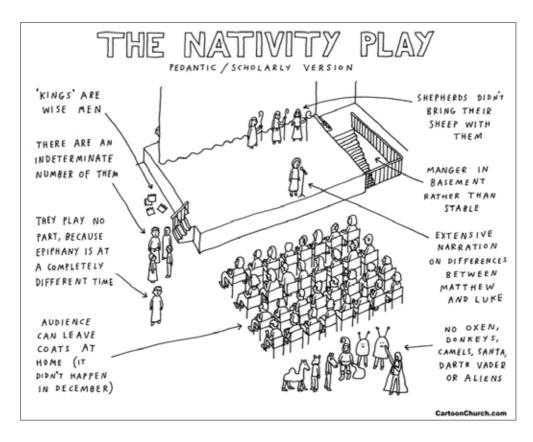
[&]quot;Overall, these facilities are to a very high standard. Credit must go to the cleaning team, who do a great job to keep them nice, clean & hygienic."

[&]quot;Very much like the rainbow painted doors. A nice touch."



And we're delighted that, to mark our birthday, we are able to fund now cleaning! This is thanks to the many individuals, along with Reliant Installations Ltd, who have kindly set up regular monthly standing orders. This reliable income has given us confidence to be able to pay for cleaning on daily basis. We've recruited our paid cleaners from our

existing volunteer cleaning team. We are so grateful to all the cleaning and unlocking volunteers who have turned out morning and night, every day, since 1 January 2020.



FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

Iohn Hall

IN FARMING ONE NEVER CATCHES UP with all the jobs you would like complete. Seasons change all too quickly, none more so than in this present year.

The planned repairs and maintenance on the barn and buildings is now in full swing despite a delayed start. Having removed the slates from the barn it became apparent it was more a case of the slates holding the roof up than the timber supports! One hundred and fifty years plus of damp and woodworm have taken their toll. Replacement of the timbers is now underway with the stone slates to put back on shortly. Provision has been made for an owl nest hole. Life has been quite hectic with builders, joiners and numerous delivery waggons. We are really looking forward to a watertight and draft-proof barn!

As the weather started to deteriorate it was the opportunity to bring in and house all the cattle for winter. With heavy rain and floods it was pleasant to see them all dry, warm and settling in to their winter routine munching good silage and not trampling the sodden fields. On the other hand with the clocks back and dark nights the long winter slog has started!

We finally found time to take this year's wool clip (fleeces) to the wool warehouse in Bradford. Unfortunately, despite wool being a premium product, what we will receive in payment will not even cover the cost of shearing. In sharp contrast, in my father's day the wool cheque covered the cost of the annual farm rent.

The sheep breeding season is now well underway with tups running with the ewes. A harness is placed on the tups chest with a brightly coloured marker crayon attached – thus when the sheep is mated a coloured mark is left. The colours are changed weekly thus allowing us to know when the sheep is due to give birth and the sheep can be batched accordingly in spring. Brian came across a very distraught walker this week. She had seen the tup laid motionless down the field and covered in what she thought was blood. Fearing that it had been attached by a dog she approached Brian to see what could be done. However, to her slight embarrassment it was soon pointed out that the "blood" was in fact the above mentioned red crayon and the tup was having a good rest after what had probably been a hectic night!

I have very much enjoyed catching up with my fellow retired farmers during the very busy autumn sales at market. However, sadly quite a few have passed on or suffered health deterioration, be it legs, knees or shoulders. Agriculture can be a tough life as one guy retorted "had work harmed no-one but can make you into funny shapes!

Like most farmers I keep a natural garden. Lambing time in Spring, silaging, sheep shearing and walling in Summer along with frequent visits to the bowling green does not bode well for the garden. I usually manage three cuts with the strimmer and trim the hedge! However, I have to consider the hare which reared her young under one of the bushes - at least that is my excuse!

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GETTING TO KNOW ME!

Helen Barrow

Introducing parishioners from Coniston Cold and Bell Busk: Bell and the Belle

SINCE ITS ALMOST CHRISTMAS TIME I thought to do "getting to know you" with a twist.

Do you know of "Our brass Bell" "Our canine Belle" of Bell Busk?

Did you know that Bell Busk has a Bell, which is believed to have been used to call employees to work in the nearby silk mill. It can still be seen on the end gable of one of the rows of cottages in the hamlet village.

The last time the bell was officially rung was in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Day in 1953. However, unofficially, the bell has been known to be rung on mischief night well into the 1970s by the local youths. They would climb a ladder up the house side and ding dong the bell on the 4th November.

The brass bell hangs on a wooden gantry and has a dangling chain. It however, no longer has a rope to activate the bell. Do come and search out the bell and who knows one day the bell may be rung again.

Now the second Belle in Bell Busk is a black labrador who lives in the village and has four very large black feet. Belle was a gift to the Barrows in celebration of their 25 wedding anniversary and as she is beautiful Belle was named after the wedding bells. Belle loves the walks around the village and has canine friends galore, one of which is also called Bell! However, there is also a big black and white cat which they dare not approach, as he can whip the canines into a rapid departure.

Wishing you all a "Ding Dong Bell(e) of a Christmas!

ANN HESELTON: MY LIFE STORY

Ann Heselton

Part 3: Factories and table tennis

AT THE AGE OF FIFTEEN I LEFT SCHOOL and went to work in a factory. I had no choice, as we needed the money. I worked there for five years, and decided it was time to move on.

I got a job at John Wyeth Laboratories. It was an American firm; they produced all sorts of medication. And on the day of the Queen's Coronation they set up a big T.V. screen so we could all watch it.

The gate man at the time, he was called Jack, ran a table tennis club in the evenings and he asked me if I'd like to join. I'd never played table tennis before, but I'd give it a go. There were a few of us learning. After about a month he said I was good enough to join the team. We played against all the local factories

around Portsmouth. It was mainly men that we played. I was a defender. I kept getting the ball back. They would get up the poll and lose their temper, so I ended up winning. I had several mentions in the local newspaper.

Time to move on. I went to work in our local Spar grocers. Of course had a meat counter, nothing was pre-packed, it was all fresh. There were a lot of poor families in that area. They would come in for two slices of spam, two eggs. We gave them what they could afford. Pete the manager taught me how to joint up a side of bacon. Eventually he offered me the job to manage the shop in Fareham. But for me it was time to move on. I decided I would like to become a nurse.



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Half term	Mon 21 Feb	Fri 25 Feb
Easter	Mon 11 Apr	Fri 22 Apr
Half term	Mon 30 May	Fri 3 June

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2 Jan		Family service							

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To Skipton (arrives approx. 9 mins later) & Leeds (arrives approx 55 mins later) Mon-Sat 0744 0754 0949SO 1019SX 1047 1150 1349 1522 1550SO 1551SX

1645 1813 1848SO 1850SX 2019 2134 2216SX 2218SO 2237¹

Sunday 1121 1210 1420 1448 1656 1855 2107 2123

To Giggleswick (arr. ~ 20 mins later) & Lancaster (arr. ~ 65 mins later)

Mon-Sat 0525SO 0528SX 0731 0902 1103 1304 1504 1814SO 1815SX 2006

0922 1115 1412 1615 Sunday 1815

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

Mon-Sat 0604SX 0711SO 0832 1004 1133 1604 1732 1902 2033²

0950 1315 1509 Sunday

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.** Generally, **only DIRECT journeys are shown. 1.** Change at Skipton for Leeds. 2. Ribblehead only. AT THIS TIME, Northern recommend consulting National Rail on 03457 48 49 50 or the Journey Planner: https://www.nationalrail.co.uk No Trains on 25 & 26 December. As of 18 Nov: Between 25 Dec & 3 Jan 2022 (during works at Leeds) Carlisle and Lancaster trains will start/ terminate at Skipton; change there from/ for Leeds. That may change. Check with northern Railway. For live info on next 2 trains text GARGRAVE to 84950, or go to www.realtimetrains.co.uk/

BUSES from Gargrave *Except Bank Holidays

To Skipton (arr.~15min later) (Services 75, 210/211, 580) (M = from Malham)

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

Saturday 0820 0910 0955 1155 1235M 1355 1555 1655M 1755

Sundays + B.Hols: No Winter Service

To Settle DIRECT (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++ 1100++ 1300++ 1500++ 1700++ 1800++ 1900++

Sundays + B.Hols: No Winter Service

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

Mon-Fri* [210/211] 10007 13107

Saturday [75] 1000 1445

Sundays + Bank Hols: 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 12 Dec 2021 (before then see Nov magazine)

Last DIRECT train

LEEDS to GARGRAVE From Skipton (arr. Gargrave ~ 6 mins later) Mon-Sat 0519SO 0522SX 0559SX 0705SO 0725 0826 0856 0959

1057 1127 1258 1458 1559 1727 1808SO 1810SX 1856 2000 2027

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Sunday 0917 0945 1110 1309 1406 1503 1609 1809

From Lancaster via Giggles'k (<u>Trains</u> arr. Gargrave ~ 65 mins later)

Mon-Sat 0647SO 0648SX 0941 1046SX 1047SO 1245 1447SO 1448SX 1745 2030 2131 Sunday 1105 1344 1552 1751 2017

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

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1450 1618 1824 2013¹⁴SX 2015¹⁴SO 2145¹³

Sunday 0925 1223 *1520*¹⁵ *1607*¹⁵ *1725*¹⁵ 1911

NOTES: 13. From Ribblehead only. 14. For Gargrave, change at Settle. 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. The Winter Offer returns for 2021-2022.

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From Skipton Bus Stn.(arr. Gargrave ~15 min) (Services 75, 210/211, 580)

Mon-Fri* 0850 0945 0950M8 1045 1145 1245 1300M8 1345 1445 1545 1645 1845

Saturday 0850 0945 0945M 1045 1245 1430M 1445 1645 1745 1845

Sundays + B.Hols: No Winter Service

From Settle DIRECT (arr. Gargrave ~25 mins later (Services 580, 75)

+ from Kirkby Lonsdale (581) and ++ Lancaster (582) M= service 75, via Malham

Mon-Fri* 0755+ 0845++ 0930++ 1030 1130++ 1230 1330++ 1430 1530++ 1730++

Saturday 0755+ 0845++ 0930++ 1130++ 1135M 1330++ 1530++ 1555M 1730++

Sundays + B.Hols: No Winter Service

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

Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1035⁸ 13358 from opp. Buck Inn Saturday [75] 1210 1630 from opp. Buck Inn

Sundays + B.Hols: No Winter Service

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

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

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Bowls – indoor, Oct to March, Tues & Thurs 2-4pm, Joan Griffin, 749277

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Cycling – Gargrave Tuesday Club, Dalesman, Tues and Thurs Trevor Pickles 01282 844788

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Hunt – Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt, Tony Holmes, 748200

Pilates - Contemporary, V. Hall, Tues 9am & 10am, Bee Faulkner 07778 980994

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Tennis and Croquet – Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Beth Whitley 749664, www.craventennis.org.uk

Tai Chi & Qigong – See https://gargravevillagehall.org.uk

Tai Chi Qigong – Village Hall, Tues 11am; Green by War Memorial, Wed and Thurs 9am, Zoom Mon 9am, Bee Faulkner, 07778 90994

Walking for Health –1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 10am, Helen Wilson 748977 or helen_thunder_bay@hotmail.com

Gentle Hatha yoga – See https://gargravevillagehall.org.uk

Modern sequence dance – Village Hall, Mon 7.45-10pm, John Rainey 749867 or 07840 806698.

Art – Gargrave Art Group – Village Hall, Mon 1pm-3.30pm, Bev Parker 749910

Bell Ringing - St Andrew's, Mon 7.30pm, Sun 10.00am, Ali Lucas, 07921 970961

Bingo – Gargrave Community Centre, Neville Crescent – Mondays 1.30-4pm, Carol/Carys 748990

Gargrave Community Choir – 749802

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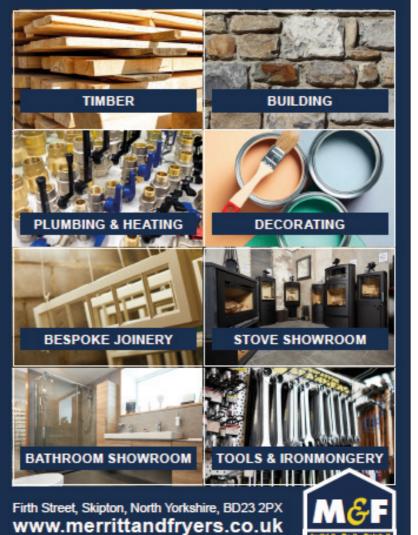
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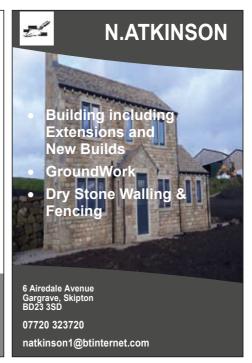


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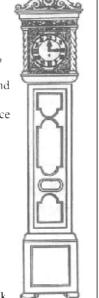
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