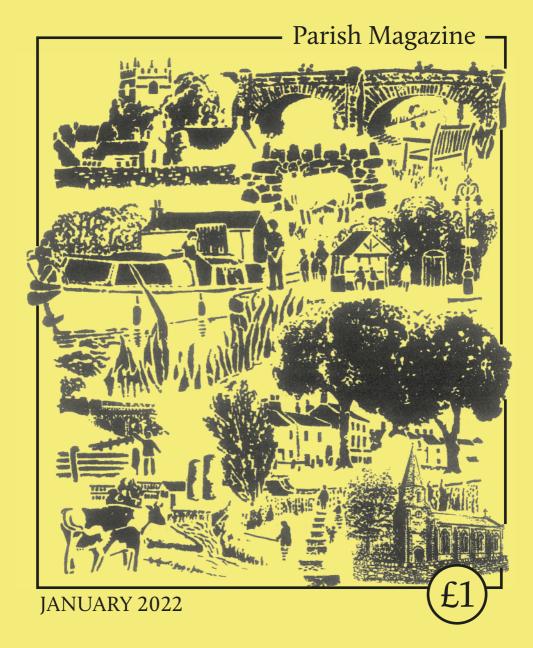
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Revd Andrew Steer

Living with uncertainty

WRITING THIS IN DECEMBER means that I have no idea in what circumstances we will find ourselves as you read this in January. Right now the 'O' word is on everyone's lips – rising infections, more hospital admissions and people being encouraged to be cautious as the Christmas celebration season ramps up. Already, travel plans and events are being cancelled for lack of bookings/ fear of transmission. It will be interesting to see what January brings!

Like most people, I like certainty in life – in fact I need it to survive. Ten years ago my life seemed very certain – I was working in the NHS and living in a house which we thought would see us well into retirement, but little did I know how much change the last decade would bring, both personally and professionally (to be more accurate – 'vocationally'). Had I not accepted the challenge of uncertainty and change, then I would not have ended up serving these wonderful communities in this beautiful part of the world. (I still remind myself how blessed I am!)

The point is that change, and uncertainty are actually normal aspects of life whether we like it or not. That's not to say that change isn't easy, because it can be jolly hard work, as we've all experienced with Brexit, lockdowns, and various other unimaginable shifts in our daily lives. Although human beings have an incredible capacity to survive and adapt to new situations, many of us are completely weary of change and yearn for a bit of certainty in life.

At the time of writing, we are in full swing with Carol Services, the Roving Nativity to look forward to, and lots and lots of Christmas services are in the diary. Through all of these wonderful events, we re-enact the 2,000-year-old story of hope and assurance for all mankind. In singing carols, we enter a nostalgia of past, present, and future and we connect with a cosmic narrative which is far greater than anything else in our lives. Our yearning for Christmas is a yearning for certainty, and in Jesus we see a glimpse of an incredible future. The Christ child helps us connect with a much greater storyline which is being played out almost unnoticed in the background of our uncertain lives.

With Christmas behind us, we look forward to Epiphany which is the time in the church year when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child. It is often celebrated in church services, through winter swimming or in the old tradition of chalking the door frame and house blessing. Then it will be Lent and Easter as we celebrate the risen Lord Jesus. The endless cycle of the Church year offers a real sense of certainty through life, but we must not make the mistake of thinking that we are going round in endless circles. We need to consider the Christian calendar as a spiral – more of a circle with a direction, which draws us closer and closer to God.

In drawing nearer to God, we discover that the more uncertainty and insecurity life presents us with, then the more certainty and security we find in

God. In an ever-changing world, God is the only thing that never changes – He is changeless and constant. As the Psalmist says at various times '...God is my rock... my fortress...my shield...my refuge; in him will I trust'.

As a natural worrier, I am always reminded of Jesus' words to "worry not for the morrow' (as the King James Version says). Not to say that we shouldn't make plans and dream about the future, and make wise provisions, but that we shouldn't waste too much energy on worrying about what the future may bring. Don't get dragged down with it. Consider tomorrow, yes, but don't lose the joy of today; try to live more in the present.

Faith is an incredible gift, but it is also hard work. It is something that develops over time. I have heard wonderful stories of people living by faith – some not knowing where their next meal would come from yet trusting utterly in God's provision! Whilst I may not advocate this sort of behaviour yet, there is a reminder that we can and should learn to trust in God. This last year we have seen more than ever that no matter how good our NHS, our government and our scientists, we are all exposed to the vagaries and vicissitudes of life.

If you like certainty, need and anchor for your soul, dream of a better world, and seek security for your being; if you want to place your feet on a firm foundation and live life from a place of assurance, my advice to you is to turn to Jesus. Not the babe in the manger, not the man on the cross, but the risen Lord who 'existed from the foundation of the world'.

Through all the changing scenes of life, trust in the changeless One – Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

May the New Year bring you God's light, peace, hope and certainty.

DIARY FOR JANUARY 2022

Coniston Cold

Sun 2 Jan

Sun 9 Jan

Sun 16 Jan

Sun 23 Jan	Holy communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 30 Jan	No church service
Gargrave	
Sun 2 Jan	Prayer book communion, 8am, Church
	Breakfast 10.30am followed by 11am Family service, Church
Mon 3 Jan	Coffee Monday, 10am-noon, Church – and every Monday
Sun 9 Jan	Prayer book communion, 8am, Church

Compline evensong, 4pm, Church

Holy communion, 9.30am, Church

Compline evensong, 4pm, Church

Sung Eucharist, 11am, Church

Fri 14 Jan	Picnic Supper Dance, 7.30-11pm, Village Hall. Live music from Alan Cookson. £5 admission on the door. Please bring along your own picnic supper. Tea and coffee provided.
Sun 16 Jan	Prayer book communion, 8am, Church
	Morning Worship, 11am, Church
Sat 22 Jan	Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee and Gargrave Library joint Coffee morning. 10am-noon, Village Hall. Bacon sandwiches and homemade cakes. Book and CD stall.
Sun 23 Jan	Prayer book communion, 8am, Church
	Family Communion, 11am, Church
Fri 28 Jan	Library film: Blinded by the Light, 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sun 30 Jan	Prayer book communion, 8am, Church
	United Benefice service, 11am, Church
	Broadway Fairs Flea Market and Craft Fair. 10m-3pm, Village Hall.

EVENTS

Light refreshments available. 50p admission.

Oz the Panto - 24-26 February

Duncan Faulkner



This year's Gargrave pantomime will be staged from **Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 February**, with both a matinee and an early evening performance on the final day as usual. The Thursday and Friday performances start at 7.15pm, and Saturday's are at 1pm and 5pm. Oz the Panto, written by Edward Munday and with a cast of adults and children, will be directed by Chrissy Platt.

Tickets will be on sale from the start of February from the usual outlets; more details next month.

NEWS

More volunteers needed to deliver Parish Magazines!

Tony Wimbush

The Parish Magazine is delivered to some 400 households in Gargrave each month in all seasons and all weathers. Subscriptions are growing every year. We need more volunteers to help deliver magazines and to provide back-up in case of holidays or illness. It generally involves collecting a bundle of up to 20 magazines from the church each month end. If you can spare some time to do this please ring Tony Wimbush (749917).

Messages of appreciation

The messages of appreciation are still arriving.

From an anonymous neighbour of the Swan

I would like to thank the Parish Council, especially Chris Smales for his speed in rectifying storm damage at The Swan Inn. On Saturday morning, 27 November, a tarpaulin was flapping wildly: a danger to traffic and passers by. I tried to get hold of the building contractors to sort it out, but they weren't available until Monday. So I rang Chris Smales and he came down within 20 minutes of me phoning him. He moved the tarpaulin and put it away so it couldn't cause an accident. And he searched the site for further dangers. Thank you very much.

From a grateful parishioner

Thank you to the bus companies that provide such a good service to keep Gargrave connected.

Oasis at St Andrew's

Peter Poulter

Oasis is a 30 minute service of readings, music and silent reflection in St Andrew's church at 6.00 on the first Sunday of the month. It has not been held since lockdown, but the plan is to restore it in the New Year.

The first occasion will be a celebration of Candlemas on 6 February. Candlemas traditionally marks the end of the Christmas/Epiphany period when we focus on the birth and childhood of Jesus. From then onwards the concentration is on preparation for the reflective journey towards Easter.

Gargrave Village Hall news

Caroline Thompson

We currently appear to be in some uncertain times again. Masks have made their unwelcome appearance once more, and its back to the misted up glasses. We have displayed our new NHS posters at the entrance to the Village Hall which state that masks must be worn on the premises to combat the Omicron virus. Government guidance is again comprehensive yet incomprehensible and open to some interpretation. Masks need not be worn when exercising in an indoor venue as it is thought that they may restrict breathing, nor need they be worn obviously when eating or drinking. If anyone attends an event without wearing

a mask then the responsibility is on that individual not the owner of a premises nor the organiser of an event.

Apparently our ladies and gentleman of a certain age who attend the monthly dances at the Village Hall should strictly speaking be wearing a mask when they dance as this is not thought to be exercise! Extra safety measures have been added as the musicians leading the dances are not currently playing for progressive dances which I think involves changing dance partners throughout the number so basically it keeps couples within their own social bubble. We are also in the fortunate position that the hall is both spacious and well ventilated and the vast majority of those attending will have been triple jabbed some time ago. Despite the slightly restrictive nature of the mask wearing all those attending the December picnic supper dance had a really good time borne with great fortitude and good humour and they are already looking forward to the next one on the 14th January when Alan Cookson will be providing the live music. We also anticipate the raffle will be making a return.

The Coffee morning went ahead in December and was jointly held again by the Village Hall Management Committee and Gargrave Library. It is a really good arrangement and shares the responsibility of the organising of the event. We hope to hold another on the 22nd January, Covid rules permitting. Table service will be available, and so too the great bacon sandwiches and delicious homemade cakes. The raffle proceeds are in aid of Gargrave Library so please support them. Keep your eye on the Village Hall website and the Hall noticeboard for confirmation of both this event, the dance and the Broadway Fairs Flea Market which is scheduled for the 30th January.

The AGM was held on Wednesday 15th December. Unfortunately three of our five trustees were unable to attend due to other plans. The practise is that as many trustees as possible attend the Annual General meeting, reports are received from the Chairman and Treasurer of the Management Committee and a President is elected. This meeting enables the trustee's to meet members of the Management committee and to make any contributions. We intend to invite the Trustees who couldn't attend to a meeting in the Spring when they can have a look around the improvements we have made at the Hall and hear of our plans for the future.

Sadly, we had been informed some weeks ago that Mr. Michael Fenwick of Eshton was unable to continue in his position as President of Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee due to poor health so it was necessary to appoint someone to fill his position. Mr. Fenwick was our last connection to the Coulthurst family who so generously provided the Hall to the community back in 1959. Mr. John Henderson another representative of the family stood down as Chairman of the Trustees back in 2019 due to a move from the area. Everyone thought long and hard of a suitable candidate to replace Mr. Fenwick and the Management Committee were delighted when our past Chairman Mr. Peter Perls was proposed and seconded to fill the position and even more pleased when he accepted so graciously. Peter and his late wife Sue were instrumental in getting the Hall to the position it is today. They put an enormous amount of time, effort and devotion into creating a thriving and vibrant venue, working with great

friendship and humour alongside their fellow committee members. We can think of no one better to keep us in line!

Other Officers were re-elected en bloc as were all the Committee members who had all been previously proposed and seconded. Chairman: Caroline Thompson, Treasurer: Ian Cresswell, Vice Chairman and Minutes Secretary: David Town and Bookings Secretary: Christine Town. Their fellow Committee members are: Phil Ellis, Maralyne Cadman, Carol Charlton, Jennifer Heselton, Sally Jennings, Michael Johnson, Joan Phillip, Alan Richardson, Edward Sawdon, Stewart Smith and Moyra Sonley.

We do approach the New Year with some trepidation due to the changing circumstances with Covid but we are up for the challenge and look forward to welcoming everyone back to our events and classes. Please do however keep an eye on the Village Hall noticeboard and our website as rules can change so quickly.

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

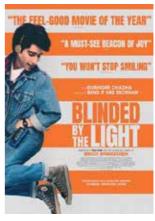
Library news Dave Smith

Film Shows

On Friday 28th January 2022 we will be showing the film **Blinded by the Light**: This feel good film portrays the uplifting coming of age of a British Muslim boy growing up in 1980s Luton who learns to live life and understand his family through the words and music of Bruce Springsteen.

The film is based on the memoirs of journalist Sarfraz Manzoor and stars Viveik Kalra, Kulvinder Ghie, Hayley Atwell, Rob Brydon and Sally Phillips.

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

Coffee Morning

Following the success of the joint Village Hall and Library Coffee Mornings another one is planned for Saturday 22nd January from 10.00am until 12 noon. The usual bacon butties and tea cakes will be on offer.

Just a reminder that the Library will re-open, after the Christmas Break, at 10.00am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

The opening hours will be as follows:

Monday 3--5pm

Tuesday 10--12.00noon

Wednesday 2--4pm Friday 2--4pm

Saturdays 10.00-12.00noon

St. Andrew's Family Service Review, 5 December

Peter Gardner

Advent, you may perhaps know, comes from the Latin words "ad" and "venire" meaning 'to come to,' and so, today, in the second week of our 'coming to' the season of Christmas, we began our service with two little girls lighting two candles and switching on the lights of our Christmas tree.

Next, we moved on to the telling of the legend of St. Nicholas (from whom we get the Santa Claus). St. Nicholas was a bishop who lived many centuries ago in Myra, now in modern day Turkey, and he had a heart for the poor. Among his many good works, he is reputed to have dropped gold coins into the stockings of a poor man's daughters as they were hanging on the washing line (the stockings not the daughters!) and this enabled the poor man to pay his daughters dowries. Four little girls helped us imagine the scene by pinning stockings on a washing line - and gold coins also managed to find their way into the stockings.

Well, perhaps we can't all be quite as generous as St. Nicholas, but an opportunity <u>was</u> given to help those less fortunate than ourselves, by contributing to the Skipton Foodbank and £306 was raised.

Our theme for the day "Who needs a gift at was, Christmas?" We were reminded many children make a Christmas present list and in a new twist, Jo suggested we make a Christmas list with three columns. one headed 'What I want' another headed. 'What I need' and the third, 'What I deserve,' She then asked the questions, "Do I deserve the ultimate gift of Jesus Christ?" The answer was clearly, "No." -None of us deserves it. She then



asked, "Do I need it?" and this time, the answer was, "Yes, absolutely." We all do. Finally, she asked "Do I want it?" Well, that's a question each one of us needs to ask ourselves. If the answer is "Yes." and we have never asked Jesus to be our Saviour before, now is the perfect, time to do so. If you feel you need any help with this, why not contact a Christian friend or Vicar Andrew and I'm sure they will be only too happy to help you receive this ultimate Christmas gift.

In our prayers, we were encouraged to think and pray about others who need Jesus and his power in their lives and those who are living through terrible circumstances such as floods or famine.

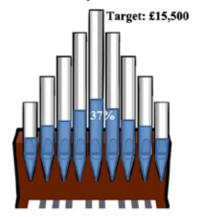
The children then returned with their coloured drawings and told us that they had been learning about Jesus being born in a manger in Bethlehem - and we ended with a special Sabbath blessing from Andrew.

Update on organ restoration fund

Duncan Faulkner

In the May 2021 magazine I mentioned a project to restore, conserve and clean the organ at St Andrew's Church. For this we need to raise nearly £15,500.

The church is very grateful for generous support from the Gargrave Heritage Group and an anonymous donor, who got the fundraising off to a good start. This received a boost in December thanks to the talents of Elaine Dave and Sue Watkiss, whose Christmas music recital raised about £360. It was a delightful evening – thank you! Another substantial contribution has come from ChurchCare with financial support from the Pilgrim Trust, who have offered a grant of up to £4500. This needs to be claimed within two years, so the pressure is now on to find the rest of the money and get the work under way.



We are now 37% of the way to our target. Please get in touch with other donations, fundraising ideas etc.!

News from GNAT (Gargrave Needs A Toilet...)

Bee Faulkner

Happy New Year! We're happy indeed to be into our second month of being able to pay for cleaning. Thanks to all of you who have set up standing orders to enable this. And thanks to two of our former volunteer cleaners, Drew and Nick, for taking the paid work on.

Thanks to Steve Rawson for donating some daffodil bulbs to the loo garden and to Jane Brennan for rejuvenating the hanging baskets.

Date for your Diary: our AGM will be on Friday 11 March at 6pm, probably at 2 Riversway. All welcome - contact Beeactive@posteo.net or 07778 980994.

Happy New Year from us all in the bell tower! We hope the festive season was good to you and we are looking forward to plenty of ringing opportunities in 2022. The ever growing band will be working hard to improve their skills, achieve new goals and learn more methods.

As I write this article in mid-December we are bracing ourselves for more of the winter weather to come in January and February. Whilst the winter weather doesn't stop us ringing, it does bring some challenges, as the ropes become cold and damp. Aside from being unpleasant to handle these conditions can sometime affect the length of the ropes and make them stiff, making it more difficult to ring. So we have some special winter equipment to ward off these problems.

The first of these are some little coats for the Sallys (the coloured fluffy part of the rope). These were made by one of our ringers, Madi, from special material that helps to keep the moisture out. Each sally is popped into a drawstring bag at the end of practice night to keep the snug and warm before the next time we ring.



Our other prop brought some intrigue into the Masons Arms this week after practice night as my husband had part of it under his arm to take home and mend. It was a wooden step and a piece of drainpipe! One of the locals pondered for a while to try and work out what it was and how it would help. but gave in eventually and came over to find out. It was actually the base of our rope warmer. When we finish ringing the ends of the rope, below the sally are put into a drainpipe, which sits on the aforementioned base in the middle of the ringing room. In the base of the drainpipe there is a 5 watt pygmy bulb, which emits sufficient warmth to prevent the rope ends getting damp without drying them out. A simple yet effective solution to keep the ropes flexible for ringing.

The length of the ropes on each bell at any time is another issue that we have to contend with as we are band of varying heights. Like me some of our band members are a little vertically challenged, whilst others have no trouble reaching high. Whilst we can adjust the positioning of the rope on the wheel, it is a time consuming job and cannot be done to order, so we have a large set of boxes of varying size for the shorter ringers to stand on whilst they are ringing.

Being comfortable on the end of the rope is essential to ring well and the boxes work brilliantly to bring us all to an equal footing.

If you are looking for a new hobby in 2022 and would like to find out more about bell ringing, do get in touch. We would love to see you.

Living in Love and Faith: open conversations about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage

Rev John Davies

How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church? This is a series of meetings in Lent for anyone who would like to share in discussion with others in a supportive, affirming way. Run by the churches of the Bowland and Ewecross Deanery coordinated by Revd John Davies. People of every faith and background are welcome: there is no 'hidden agenda' to this series, it is designed for mutual sharing and understanding. Find out more at bit.ly/livinglovefaith or contact Revd John at john.davies@leeds.anglican.org, 01524 805928.

Settle Parish Church, 7.30-9.00pm Tuesdays March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

The Scargill Movement, Kettlewell -2022 Programme

Tony Wimbush

Scargill House is once again able to offer a full programme of courses and retreats open to all traditions, all faiths and none. There is something for everyone, from walking, cycling and bird watching to Bible study with Adrian and Bridget Plass, and from singing, music and family fun to mindfulness and spiritual development. Their courses on the Enneagram and the nine personality types have become particularly popular. Standard adult prices range from a very reasonable £280 for Mon to Fri to £145 for weekends, both inclusive of full board. Checkout their website at scargillmovement.org.

Update on Eshton Road canal lock

Canal and River Trust

Engineers carried out a laser survey of the lock in November to determine the extent of damage to the towpath side wall and have commenced design for rebuilding the wall. In December the lock will be dewatered to allow detailed intrusive investigation to take place and ground investigation boreholes drilled to inform the final design. Temporary propping will be installed in the lock to stabilise the wall and prevent its collapse until repair work starts. Work will start in January to carefully take down the wall and lower the ground. As the lock is Grade II Listed, we are working closely with Craven District Council regarding this work. Rebuilding the wall will take several months to complete and our current estimate is that the lock will reopen for Easter 2022.



On Sunday 12th December 24 members of Craven Lawn Tennis Club in Gargrave staged the Club's first ever "Christmas Fancy Dress Tournament" in aid of the Children's Ward at Airedale General Hospital.

All those participating were asked to play in Fancy Dress and there was also a handicap system

in place too whereby players had to play with a balloon tied to their non-dominant hand, the size of balloon depended on how they were ranked.

Each of those participating also donated a present for the children in the Children's Ward at Airedale General Hospital this Christmas.

The winners on the day were Philippa Murgatroyd & Ron Bell, second were Rachael Southam & Kat Ross and third were Sally Clarke & Alex Sissling.

It is hoped, following the success of this fun event that it might become an annual feature in the Club's tennis calendar.

Update on Five Hectares from Chrysalis Arts

Christine Keogh

We've received some brilliant contributions to our Five Hectares project and would like to thank everyone who has taken part so far. There's still plenty of time to join in and help us to create a unique Atlas that explores and celebrates the local environment and the aspects of place that make it so unique. Get outside and make the most of the winter landscape or enjoy getting creative indoors!

There are different ways of getting involved:

From your local environment e.g. this can be your garden, a favourite walk or landscape near where you live, a favourite view or other special place.

- Draw, paint or take a photograph of the detail of something that you can only see by looking really close up
- Write a poem or tell us a local story based on a natural theme
- Tell us the meaning or origin of local words e.g. place names, fields, landmarks
- Create a visual map of your favourite walk (see our website for inspiration!)
- Make a sound recording (for example a dawn chorus, local water source, owls at night)
- Send us old photographs that depict the area in the past*

All the work that is created will be featured in an online version of the Atlas and some will be adapted to form part of a bound copy.



Contribution to Five Hectares project: Bev Parker: Pennine Way, Gargrave See this and all the rest of the magazine in colour at www.standrewsgargrave.org.uk

Where to send

Please email your contribution to <u>info@chrysalisarts.com</u> with your name and postcode or mail to The Art Depot, Eshton Road, Gargrave, BD23 3SE. *If you have original photographs that we can scan and which you would like to be returned, please post them with your address and we will return them to you.

Please send your contributions by Friday 4 March 2022

Create your own Atlas of the Natural World

We'll also be running a series of in person and online workshops in the Spring designed to help participants create their own local Atlas about the natural world. There will be outdoor sessions in Photography, Mapmaking and Nature illustration led by professional artists, culminating in a bookmaking workshop led by artist Alice Fox to help participants bring these different elements together. In person workshops will take place in March. For information about online

workshops, to register interest or any other enquiries about Five Hectares, please contact us via email: info@chrysalisarts.com

Please note: In-person sessions will be devised to comply with Covid guidelines. Numbers at all in-person sessions will be limited to maintain social distancing and additional Covid safety measures will be observed.



Contribution to Five Hectares project: Brian Burton: Winter Hedge

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

WE HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN PART IN A MONITORING PROGRAMME for liver fluke in sheep. The idea being that by taking blood samples from a small selection of lambs in their first grazing season vets can look for antibodies that will indicate if the lambs have been exposed to the snail which is an intermediate host for liver fluke. This is turn will determine whether or not the breeding sheep flock will need to be treated thus avoiding unnecessary use of medicines. The test results showed that our lambs had not been exposed as yet.

We, like many others, were affected by Storm Arwen. A large sycamore tree fell across the lane damaging 2 fences and temporarily blocking us in. Fortunately we have the means and equipment to quickly deal with such problems. Thankfully there was minimal damage to the farm buildings and no animal casualties, although I have had a couple of wall gaps to deal with due to falling branches. We now have a good supply of firewood. The old saying goes that wood should warm you twice – once chopping and once on the fire!

The sheep have now all been served by the rams but as they are still in early pregnancy the ever changing weather, from rain and wind to snow, can

lead to nutritional stress thus resulting in the loss of their lamb embryos. To counteract this high energy feed containing molasses has been provided in the form of "lick" buckets which were enthusiastically received!

Further to the recent outbreaks of Bird Flu, Lisa's 3 geriatric hens (which seem to have been around forever) have been jailed in the stable, much to their disgust. This however is a legal requirement and applies to any free range poultry flocks be it 3 or 300.

The very changeable weather has also caused problems in the cattle sheds in the form of pneumonia affecting the young calves. Our normal policy of vaccination in early autumn was disrupted due to unavailability of vaccine due to the pharmaceutical companies producing covid vaccine as a priority. Fortunately the problem was diagnosed quickly and treatment seems to be effective.

The calves are not the only ones to be vaccinated – Brian, Lisa and myself have now had our covid booster and flu jabs!

The barn re-roofing is progressing well and we are hoping it will soon be weather proof again – winter really isn't the ideal time to carry out this type of project! Any future projects will definitely be planned for the summer.



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A YEAR IN BELL BUSK

Helen Barrow

BELL BUSK HAS BEEN QUITE EVENTFUL IN SO MANY ways during 2021. The weather plays such a huge part, from seven weeks of frosty mornings in the early part of the year, to a mild spring. The road sides in spring were a picture as the bulbs obtained from an NYCC grant and villagers donations provided a colourful and well admired display.

In memory of HRH Duke of Edinburgh a tree was planted on the common and a plaque erected, in line with HRH Queen Elizabeth's wishes that trees were planted in his memory.

In July saw outdoor gatherings of all ages to cheer on the England football team and flags were adorned. We obviously did not cheer loud enough, but were proud they did so well.



We braved many strong winds over the summer to floods and, in December, Storm Barra. A storm which left the entire village with no electric or telephones for between 4 to 6 days. We woke to find several trees down around the village. One which was across the road at the milk stand, however by early afternoon the Moorhouse family had worked their magic and cleared the road so was passable once more.

A true British spirit kicked in, neighbours helping one another. The lending of candles, coal, wood and torches and simply waves and knocks on doors ensuring everyone was safe. Many had difficulty in charging mobile phones so the Coniston Cold Village Hall was opened for the villagers to charge phones, lap tops and boil the kettle. Even though times were challenging, a couple of 'spirit lifting' get togethers were held to 'jolly' people on.

St Peters Church held a service to remember HRH Duke of Edinburgh and candles were lit. Church celebrations took place throughout the year and many

came along to the Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and Carol service. The Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band leading the way at the Carol service and it was great to have their company once again.

The village welcomed new residents to the village, said sad goodbyes to others.

As the year went on the pandemic appeared to be settling and all seemed to be relaxing. The local

businesses had to adapt and rallied to open their doors to business once again. As Christmas approached and the Omicron variant landed on our shores we all had to think carefully of what our plans would be going into the New Year.

Mother Nature has managed to weather the storm. The arrival of the new born lambs, the calving of the cows to the gathering of the grass through to autumn and winter and dark nights. The night skies have been magical with superb displays of stars, cloud formations and the sunsets and sunrises.

For a small community a lot has been enjoyed and is treasured. The villagers now look forward to 2022 and are already talking and planning celebrations for the HRH Platinum Jubilee in June.





From all of us to all of you, Happy New Year Everyone. x

ANN HESELTON: MY LIFE STORY

Ann Heselton

Part 4: Queen Alexandra Hospital to Coniston Cold

I HAD TO SIT AN EXAM FOR NURSING. There were two other ladies sitting it. Terry she had been in the army and Madge who was in the Red Cross but wanted to be a proper nurse. So I waited for the letter to come wondering if had I passed or would I be looking for another job. It came at last I've got in. So had Terry and Madge. It was the most worthwhile thing I've ever done. And I felt so proud when the patients would say "can I have nurse Triggs out to take my suture out", and then the sister would say "no you can't; she has other patients to attend to".

Then of course Derek came along. So I moved to Yorkshire to do different sorts of nursing looking after animals.

My maiden name was Ann Triggs. I kept in touch with Terry and Madge they sadly passed away in 2018.

Derek and I planned to get married on the 6th December 1968. But in the meantime, Richard Tottie had died; his family owned most of Coniston Cold and Bell Busk. So we were concerned because Derek was one of the Tottie's tenants. The estate was auctioned and we became the tenants of Mr John Henderson.

Going back to my story, John my Brother had a caravan and offered to take me back to Yorkshire in time to get married. So we packed the caravan with all my worldly goods and set off. We were halfway and John's car started to overheat. So we had to pull over to a side road as it was getting dark. We set off the next morning and made it safely to Coniston Cold, and got married the next day. I was looking forward to my new life.

Next thing we had to do was to make an appointment with Mr Henderson. And we were pleased to say he said yes we could rent Bank Farm.

We had no machines, hardly any furniture, the backseat of Derek's old car was our settee, no stock. But Derek did have a pet pig called Henrietta. She was about 3 years old and never had any piglets. Mr Edington farmed at Bell Busk Farm, kept pigs and had a boar. So we set off with Henrietta along the Bell Busk

road and kept her with the boar; a week later Mr Edington phone to say she was ready to come home. 20 weeks later she had 21 piglets.

Most pigs have 12 to 14 teats. So what was I to do? For the first week, it was OK to leave all the piglets with her. But then the piglets claim their own teat and keep it so I had 9 piglets to feed. It was a shambles trying to bottle them so what I did was I mixed a big tray of milk and dumped them in it. They splashed and slipped and slurped but they soon learnt how to drink it. They all lived.

The with the sale of the piglets we began to get the machines we needed and as time went on got more pigs and some sheep and calves.

Life was good.



With Epiphany in mind...

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."

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Easter	Mon 11 Apr	Fri 22 Apr		
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16 Jan	Kay	Sarah	Judith	Jennifer	Zena	Jo	Sarah C	
	Craven	Curtis	Robinson	Rowlands	Gardner	Ackroyd	and Joan	
23 Jan	Colin	Peter	Zena	Jane	Pam	Mike	Peter and	
	Chapman	Gardner	Gardner	Dallas	Bolas	Maiden	Cynthia	
30 Jan							Denise,	
	Kay						Neil &	
	Craven	United Benefice service oth						
6 Feb	Colin							
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13 Feb	Kay	Sarah	Judith	Jane	Jo		Jane D &	
	Craven	Curtis	Robinson	Dallas	Ackroyd	Pam Bolas	John H	

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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 (continued) 1645 1813 1848SO 1850SX 2019 2134 2216SX 2218SO 22374 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

Sunday 0922 1115 1412 1615 1815

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

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

Sunday 0950 1315 1509

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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 1055M 1155 1355 1455M 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++ 1500++ 1700++ 1800++ 1900++ Saturday 0905++ 1100++ 1300++

No Winter Service Sundays + B.Hols:

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

Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1310⁷ 1000⁷

Saturday [75] 1000 1400 1600

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

Last DIRECT train

From Skipton (arr. Gargrave ~ 6 mins later)

LEEDS to GARGRAVE

Mon-Sat 0519SO 0522SX 0559SX 0705SO 0725 0826 0856 0959

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

Sunday 0917 0945 1110 1309 1406 1503 1609 1809

1732

From Lancaster via Giggles'k (Trains 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)

Mon-Sat 0549SX 0713SO13 0753SO 0824SX 0927SO15 105815 1340

1450 1618 1824 2013¹⁴SX 2015¹⁴SO 2145¹³

Sunday

0925 1223

1520¹⁵ 1607¹⁵ 1725¹⁵ 1911

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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 0945M 1045 1245 1345M 1430M 1445 1545M 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

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

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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

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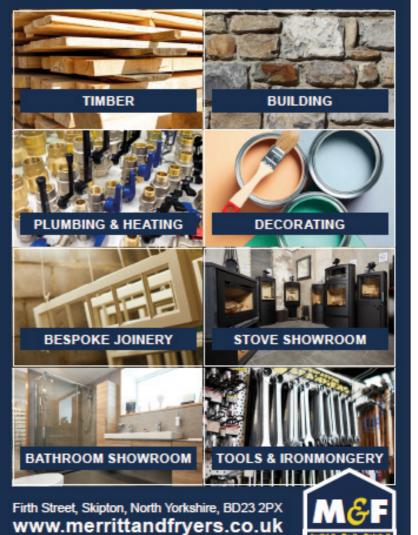


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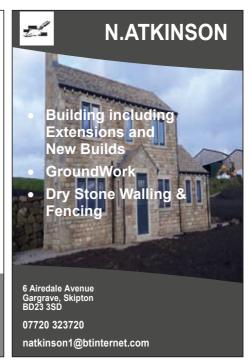


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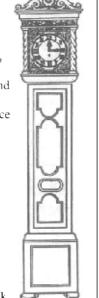
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