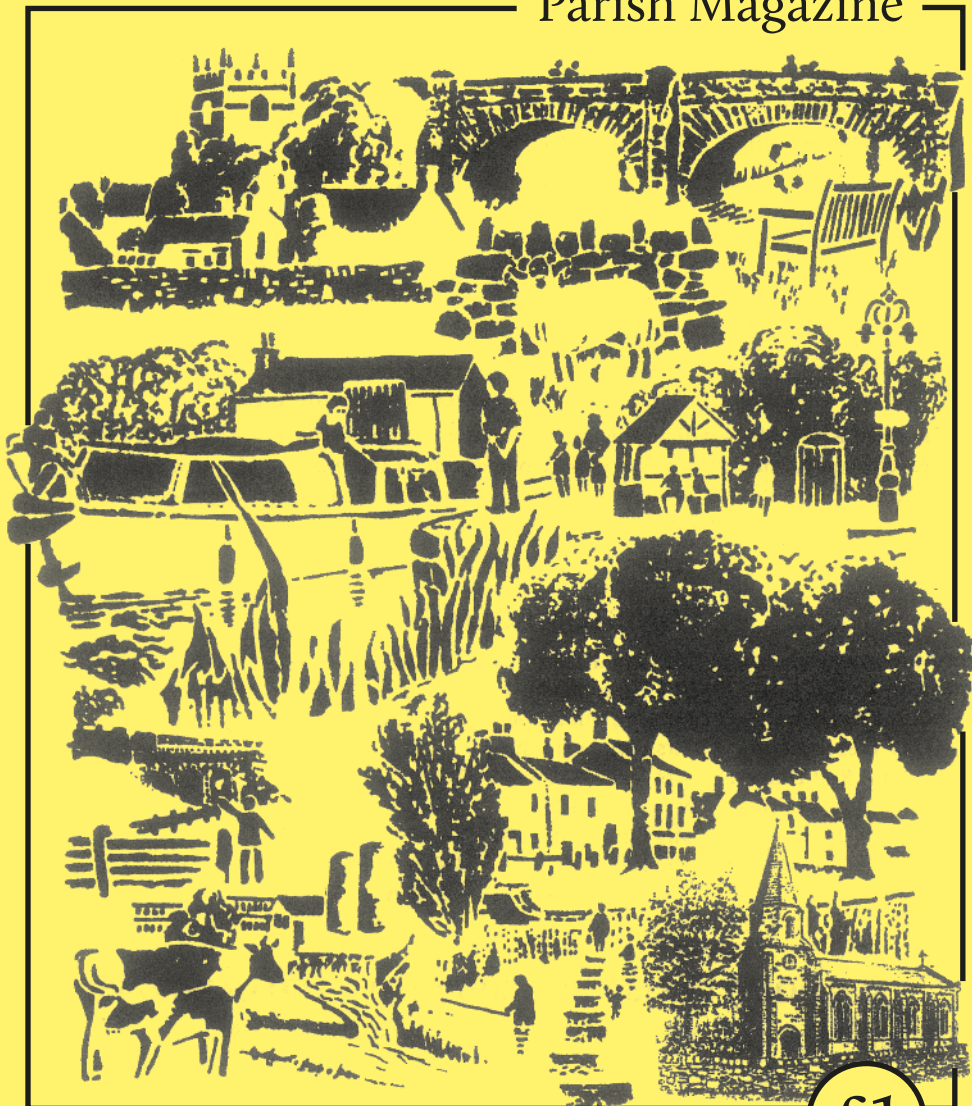


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*Revd Andrew Steer*

## **Go gentle into that new Year**

As 2022 stutters to a miserable end with strikes, freezing weather, sad news and gloomy economic forecasts, 2023 teases us with its hopes and dreams of something much better. The excitement of a New Year always fills us with an air of expectation and anticipation at the possibilities which lie ahead. Might this be the year that the NHS finally gets proper levels of funding, that our economy bounces back or that England win a major tournament (choose your favourite sport.....)? Could this be the year that nothing goes wrong - no funerals of loved ones to attend, no unwelcome diagnoses to deal with and no bad news?

The trouble with a new year is that we know from past experiences that very few of these things will ever come to pass, and that despite all our good wishes, it is rarely a 'better year than the last one.'

You see the problem is that all these things are completely out of our control - all down to the vicissitudes of life (love that word) and the vagaries of existence on this mortal coil. Perhaps we need to look elsewhere if we really do want 2023 to be a much better year - to look for things that are in our control rather than beyond? To find such a place we need look no further than ourselves- whatever happens to us is completely beyond our control, whereas what happens within us is completely within our control. As many a spiritual guru would attest, true happiness comes from within.

This is something Christians have known and appreciated for over 2,000 years and as such are real treasures of the Christian faith.

The first and sadly most forgotten treasure is that of The Sabbath. Not meant as a day of rules and restrictions, God sanctified the Sabbath day as a time to rest, to slow down and take time away from our labours. Whether you do this on a Sunday or another day, this should be time that you give to yourself- not rushing around and allowing others to dictate your pace of life but living at your own pace. It should be a time to do something which refreshes you and gives you life - a time to care for yourself. A time for you.

Such Sabbath living can be beneficial in other areas of life as well - taking time off from the devices and screens which demand so much of our attention, and the social media which so often diminishes our humanity. Try getting into better habits with your computer- don't send or read emails late at night (or on your Sabbath), try leaving your phone in a drawer when you go out, and use the off switch a lot more. Take time to immerse yourself in the beauty around us – sunsets, starry nights, full moons, and sunrises. Slow down and notice the life all around us.

Many of us are our own worst critics, looking back over past experiences harshly - words like 'could', 'would' and 'should' become sticks with which we beat ourselves, but it needn't be like that. The Christian writer Brian Draper suggests replacing 'hindsight' with 'kindsight'. Rather than look back on life

anxiously and critically, we need to cultivate the habit of looking back on our lives with kindness and sympathy - not pretending that everything was fine and dandy but instead, gently asking ourselves how we might have done something differently and asking what God might have been saying to us through a situation.

Another treasure is the simple and often overlooked habit of thankfulness. When life is really at its worst and most difficult, being thankful is the last thing we might feel, however, over time this habit becomes key in our acceptance and understanding of what life throws at us. Once we begin to see life and every part of it as a gift, and not a right, this leads to us to a much deeper appreciation of the things we have, as opposed to focusing on what we don't have. Life will still throw us curved balls and put us through the wringer, but nothing can rob us of the joy that comes with thankfulness – the knowledge that God has provided good things for us.

Perhaps the most wonderful treasure of the Christian Faith is the profound sense of belonging and acceptance that one can experience. Perhaps the most misunderstood aspect of our faith is also the most beautiful, and it centres on love. The love of God for His creation. And that includes you. You see the whole point about Jesus, Christmas, Easter, and church is that God loves you and me no matter what. That's the whole point of life, the universe and everything- God is love. And this love is not a whimsical, romantic ideal, dreamt up by wish-washy dreamers. This love is something that is concrete and life-changing, it is real and powerful; people have literally given their lives for it. Once the penny drops and you know that you are loved eternally for who you are, just as you are, (you can't earn it, and you can't stop it), you realise that you really matter to God, and life takes on a whole new meaning. Life is no longer experienced in sepia, but life can be loved fully in glorious Ultra High-Definition Technicolor. Life without regrets, without hang-ups, without fear or dissatisfaction.

So that's it, really. Slow down, switch off, be kind to yourself, be thankful and know you are loved and may 2023 really be a much better year for us all.

And if you want to know more, join us at your local parish church.

Happy New Year from Rev Andrew.

## DIARY FOR JANUARY

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### Coniston Cold

Sun 1	Compline evensong, 4pm, Church
Sun 8	Holy communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 15	Compline evensong, 4pm, Church
Sun 22	Holy communion, 9.30am, Church
Sun 29	Joint service at St Andrew's, Gargrave, 11am

## Gargrave

- Sun 1     *Epiphany Sunday: celebrating the visit of the Wise Men*  
Prayer book communion, 8am, Church  
Breakfast 10.30am followed by 11am Family service, Church
- Mon 2     Coffee Monday (every Monday), 10.30-12, Church
- Wed 4     Parish Council meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Annexe.
- Sun 8     *Plough Sunday: traditional English celebration of the beginning of the agricultural year*  
Prayer book communion, 8am, Church  
Sung Eucharist, 11am, Church
- Fri 13     Picnic Supper Dance with live music from Denis Westmorland, 7.30-11pm, Village Hall. £6 admission.
- Sun 15     Prayer book communion, 8am, Church  
Morning worship, 11am, Church
- Fri 20     Library film night: Phantom of the Open, 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 21     Provisional date: Gargrave Village Hall jointly with Gargrave Library  
Coffee morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall. Bacon sandwiches and homemade cakes. raffle and book stall.
- Sun 22     Prayer book communion, 8am, Church  
Family communion, 11am, Church
- Sun 29     Prayer book communion, 8am, Church  
Morning worship, joint with St Peter's, 11am, St Andrew's Church  
Broadway Fairs Flea Market and Craft Fair, 10am - 3.30pm, Village Hall. Admission 50p. Light refreshments available until 3pm.

## EVENTS

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### Library film night and news

On the **20<sup>th</sup> January 2023** we welcome in the New Year with the widely acclaimed comedy, *Phantom of the Open*. The film tells the true story of Maurice Flitcroft, a Crane Operator and dreamer from Barrow in Furness who, despite never having played a game of golf, managed to bluff his way into the 1976 British Open. Maurice is golf's equivalent to "Eddie the Eagle" of the skiing world!

The film stars Mark Rylance and Sally Hawkins.

The customary Cafe style seating will be in place, so please bring your own refreshments. The Village Hall doors open at 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are

*Dave Smith*



£5.00 on the door with under 16s free. Sorry but we can only allow Guide Dogs into the Hall. All proceeds from the film nights go towards the running costs of the Community Library and the Library Committee thank you for your support.

2022 has been a year of re-building and we are in line with other NYCC Libraries in that our activity levels are around 83% of the pre-Covid figures which is well above the national average. The figures for the Home Library delivery service are above the pre-Covid figure but still plenty of room for more.

Our success as a Library is built on the back of all our volunteers and the Committee thank them for their continuing support. If you would like to join the team of volunteers or find out about the role, please call into the Library and chat to the volunteers or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Patsy Simpson, [admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk](mailto:admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk).

## Events at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall

*Rev'd Sue McWhinney*

**Film Night: Saturday 14th January, 'Their Finest',** with Bill Nighy, 7pm start.

**Burns Night: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30pm.** Look out for more information nearer the time. Tickets will need to be booked in advance.

Please look out for news of other events including our regular Film Nights on village noticeboards and our FB page:

[www.facebook.com/ MalhamdaleParishHallKirkbyMalham](https://www.facebook.com/MalhamdaleParishHallKirkbyMalham)

Any enquiries about events or bookings, please email Sue on [malhamdaleparishhall@hotmail.com](mailto:malhamdaleparishhall@hotmail.com) or call 07484 181699.

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## NEWS

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### Gargrave Parish Magazine – A BIG THANK YOU!

*Tony Wimbush*

The Parish Magazine is an enormous asset to the local community and a credit to all those involved. Full of news, views and local information it is delivered to some 400 households throughout Gargrave and Coniston. Sincere thanks to everyone involved in producing, contributing, advertising, distributing and subscribing to the Parish Magazine. Particular thanks go to the small army of volunteers who collect it from St Andrew's church and ensure it is delivered through your door month after month, all year round in all seasons and weathers. We do hope everyone will continue to support us again throughout 2023. Subscriptions can be renewed next month.

### Greetings from Martin Bull

*Duncan and Beatrice Faulkner*

We were delighted to bump into Rev Martin Bull at the Advent carol service in Ripon Cathedral. Martin retired as vicar of Gargrave in 2002. He and Angela are both in reasonable health and he sends his greetings to those who remember him in Gargrave.

## Gargrave Church of England (VC) Primary School

Sarah Peel

*'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord'*

*LOVE, PEACE, HOPE*

We have been out and about in our lovely village recently. Here are some of the highlights.

### **The 'Big Little Nativity'**

Children of Gargrave Primary School brought sparkle and shine to St Andrew's Church as family and friends were presented with 'The Big Little Nativity'. Our youngest children in Reception and Year 1 brought the Christmas story to life as Year 2's narrated with gusto, led by the two 'best presenters in town' Ted and Harriet.



Following the proclamation of Caesar Augustus to "return to your home town immediately!", Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem on their trusty donkey only to be met by 'Go Away' and 'No room' as all the inns were full, finally being shown the safety and solace of a draughty stable full of animals. Radiant angels filled the skies as shepherds and sheep looked on, before they set off on their journey to find

the new baby; Wise men from the East saw a bright star in the night sky prompting them to hop on their camels until they eventually reached the extraordinary sight inside an ordinary stable. All the children from across the school sang their hearts out to welcome the new King, a lovely way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

### **The Aire Rivers Trust**

The year 5's were invited to the celebration event of the successful project to create a path for salmon to return up the River Aire. This started over 5 years ago and we went to the launch on the green. Since then money has been provided by several organisations to enable the adaptations of the river to create a pathway. The pupils learned that the salmon have been unable to travel up the river since Victorian times when the mills were built.

The pupils love the sculpture and look forward to the salmon finding their way up our river and laying their eggs.

### **Carol Singing**

Willow class, Year 3 and 4 walked up to Milton House Care home, The children had a lovely time and sang well-known Christmas carols as well as a song from the nativity. It was wonderful to spread some Christmas cheer.

### **Are you interested in volunteering in school?**

We are looking to increase our volunteer reader team in school. If you are interested and are able to commit to an hour or two a week, you will be trained and made most welcome.

We now have a small group of volunteers, but always welcome others. We would really welcome anyone in the community to contact us who has an interesting job, career path. We wish to share personal experiences of school, primary and secondary school and then the journey beyond. We wish our pupils to learn that their education at Gargrave is one part of flourishing towards their futures. Can you help share your story? We would love to hear from you.

### **Do you have a child who starts school in September 2023?**

We would love to welcome you to our brilliant school, with dedicated great staff and big ambitions. Please ring school to arrange a visit to suit you to see and hear about what we offer for every pupil here. Applications for places go through NYCC and must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **New year, new editor(s)**

*Duncan Faulkner*

By November I was beginning to think that we were going to have to resort to bribery, blackmail or extreme flattery to recruit a new editor. But then the volunteers started turning up. They kept on coming. So I'm delighted to say that we have a replacement editing team in the making. I am hoping that by next month the handover will be in progress, and complete by March. So I will leave them to introduce themselves as they see fit. I hope they enjoy this role as much as I have over the past 16 years of writing for the magazine, including 12 years of editing.

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### **Why?**

A young couple invited some people to dinner. At the table, the mother turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say grace?"

"I don't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mummy say," the father answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "O Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

## Sculpture celebrates the River Aire in Gargrave

*Simon Watts, Operations Manager, Aire Rivers Trust*

A new leaping salmon sculpture created with the support of local schoolchildren has been unveiled in Gargrave to celebrate the end of a three-year project to improve the River Aire for fish migration.

Children from Gargrave Primary School, Gargrave Parish Council and Cllr Chris Rose, Vice-Chair of Craven District Council, joined the Aire Rivers Trust to unveil the new artwork making the end of the Developing the Natural Aire project, which has seen 60km of river improved for fish including the iconic salmon.



Yorkshire artist Alex Blakey worked with children from Gargrave Primary School and Skipton Academy to explore the huge variety of wildlife found in and along the River Aire and turn their ideas and art into cast glass. This glass forms the bodies of a pair of two metre high salmon leaping their way along the riverbank in Gargrave to the shallow streams where they will lay their eggs.

Developing the Natural Aire, a partnership project between the Aire Rivers Trust, their volunteers, and the Environment Agency, has included building fish passes on major barriers to migratory fish in the river which reconnects 60km of flowing water. This reconnection of the river has been inspired by an ambition to see the iconic Atlantic salmon return to spawn in our river after an absence of over 150 years. These magnificent creatures were once so numerous that a 17<sup>th</sup> century writer described how poor folk above Keighley would spear them with “blazing iron forks” out of season at Michaelmas, in late September. Sadly, the industrial growth of the Aire valley’s towns and cities did dramatic damage to the river.

Simon Watts from the Aire Rivers Trust said: “The fish passes are improving access to other parts of the river for important fish species, one of which is salmon. We know that fish species having access to more space to feed, breed and shelter is vital to maintain a healthy river. Monitoring has shown that species like brown trout, barbell, chub and roach are now making journeys that would have been impossible before the fish passes. One notable brown trout, that was captured and tagged in Leeds, made a giant migration of more than eighty km from Armley to Bingley and back looking for the best opportunity to produce the next generation,”

Almost 200 volunteers from the Aire Rivers Trust have spent the past three years improving the river by taking part in litter picks, creating new homes

for wildlife, and improving footpaths along the river from Leeds to Airedale. Together they have planted over nine thousand trees across Craven and Bradford. New volunteers are welcome as the Trust begins exciting new projects along the valley, including restoring the River Wharfe as it flows through Keighley and Howarth.

The Developing the Natural Aire project has been made possible thanks to the generous support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Environment Agency, Craven District Council and Yorkshire Water. It has been a partnership project between the Aire Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency.

## Craft and Chat

*Sylvia Humphreys*

The Christmas sale of work in church on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November raised over £700 for church funds. An impressive variety of items made by members of the Craft and Chat group and others were on sale. There was also a very popular chocolate tombola and refreshments were served by a hardworking team. I thank everyone who helped in any way to make the event a success. In addition to those people so kindly helping on the day, there were several others who spent many hours at home making the lovely items for sale.

Please note that the Craft and Chat group will not meet again until Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January. New members are welcome, if only to come for a chat. The group meets in church from 2 to 4 p.m.

## News from the belfry

*Ali Lucas*



We saw, and heard in 2022 how church bells are used to convey the news of significant events and it was a real honour to ring St Andrews bells for the Platinum Jubilee, the Queen's funeral and the Proclamation of King Charles.

May 2023 sees the Coronation of King Charles III. None of our ringers have ever had the opportunity to ring for a Coronation before and we are very excited at the prospect of being part of such an historic event.

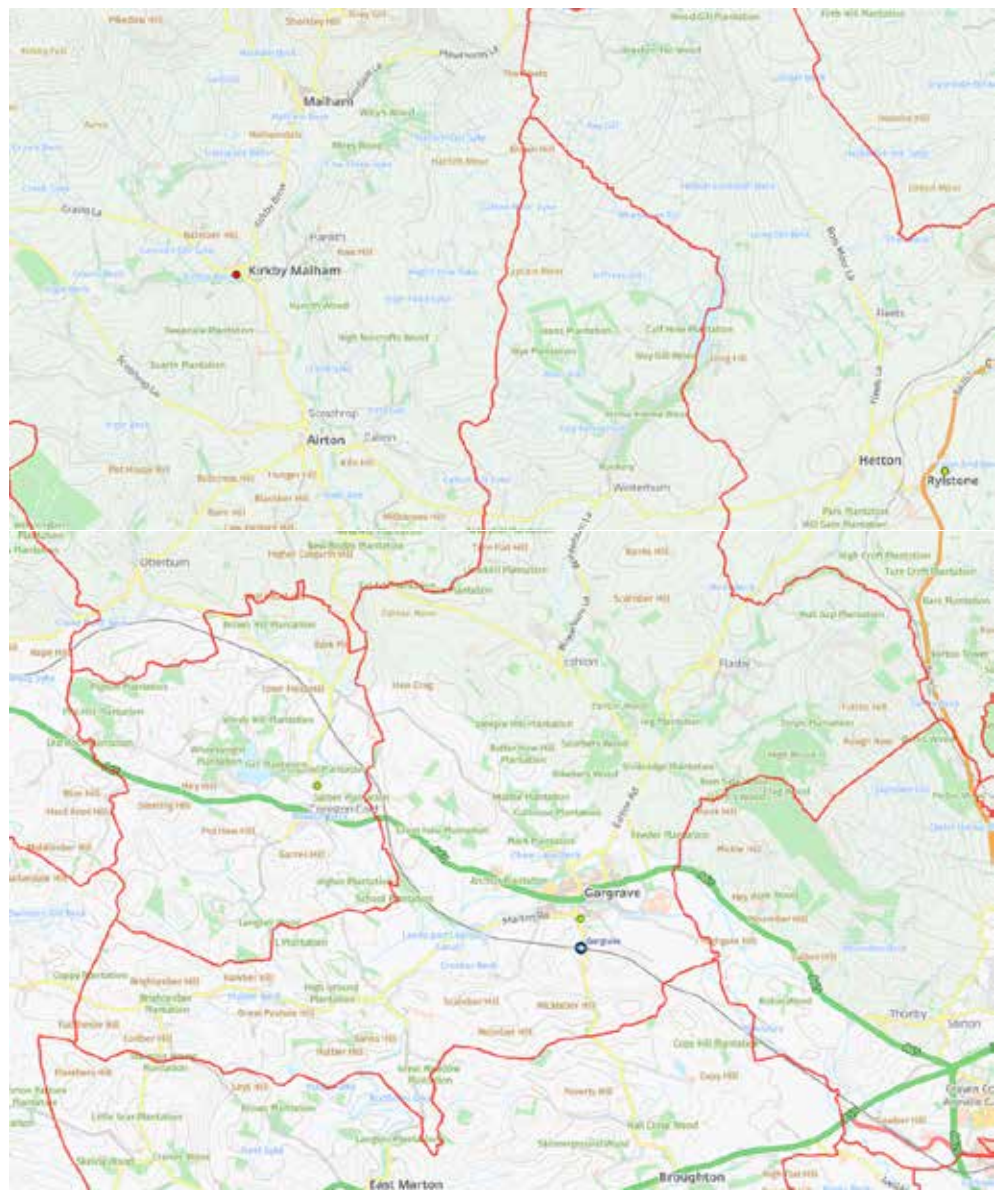
The ringing of church bells is a long standing tradition of this country and The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) are keen to ensure it continues for many years to come. To that end they have launched a new campaign centred around the coronation called Ring for the King.

If you are looking for a new activity to start the year, why not come and join us in St Andrew's Bell Tower. We would be delighted to share our enthusiasm for this ancient art and teach you how to do it in time for the celebrations in May. Contact Ali Lucas on 07921 970961 for more details.

# Where is Gargrave?

*Duncan Faulkner*

At the start of the year I thought I'd include a map to remind or inform readers about the area covered by this magazine.



The boundaries shown on the map are ecclesiastical parishes, which are not necessarily the same as civil parishes. While the remit of Gargrave Parish Council extends only as far north as Haw Crag above Bell Busk before conceding to Eshton Parish, the ecclesiastical parish of Gargrave continues 4 miles further to the north. It covers an area of 15 square miles, extending west beyond Little Stainton, east beyond Flasby Fell to the Grassington road and north to Eshton, Flasby, Winterburn and beyond. The line seems to wander around rather randomly at times, sometimes following water features or ridge lines.

Coniston Cold parish is quarter of the size, sandwiched between Gargrave, Kirkby Malham and Hellifield. It includes Coniston Cold, Bell Busk but not much more.

If you have any news from any of these remoter corners of our parishes, please keep it coming.

## **To Ukraine, via Poppyfields**

*Marie Chapman*

Thank you 306 times for the Christmas shoe-boxes which were so kindly given to our charity Toys4U. Ukraine was the recipient of shoe-boxes this year.

## **Gargrave 2022 Group**

*Sarah Kirk*

**Memories of Gargrave: Wednesday 8 February, 7 for 7.30pm, Gargrave Village Hall**

Our next guest speaker will be John Fox who grew up in Gargrave and will recall his memories of growing up here until he left for pastures new when he was 18. We are always delighted to welcome guests and anyone with an interest in Gargrave's past will find the evening particularly intriguing. The admission fee of £4 includes light refreshments.

### **Christmas Celebration**

The evening may have been freezing outside but there was no shortage of festive warmth and fun at our Christmas get-together. Delicious food served on decorated tables, mulled wine to cheer us and a Christmas- themed quiz. It was the perfect way to celebrate with friends, old and new, our first Christmas together as the Gargrave 2022 Group. Our thanks go to the team who gave us such a splendid evening: Abbie, Maureen, Marcia, Cynthia, Janet and Glen.

### **November Soup and Sweet Meal Fundraiser**

The group has donated £80 from the proceeds of the Soup and Sweet Meal held at the village hall in November to the Skipton Food Bank so they can create Christmas hampers. Our thanks to all those who supported the event and enjoyed the perfect pavlova, awesome apricot and almond flan, delicious dragon's blood soup (hot and fiery) and super smoked haddock chowder amongst other culinary delights.

Apart from the regular monthly meetings, the group enjoys social lunches together and, of course, it is a great way to make new friends, as many of us can

testify! If you would like to join, or find out more about the group, please contact Glenys Riley: 0771 587 8709.

## **Eco Church: Health check on the planet**

*Chris Bolas*

Thanks to everyone who completed our travel questionnaire, more results next month. I mentioned the need to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in recent articles. This month I want to look at the impact on nature of the problems we cause by our collective behaviours.

The Met Office predict that winters will become "warmer and wetter on average although cold and dry spells will still occur in winter. Summers will become hotter and drier although wet summers will occur. Summer heat waves like last year are likely to be occurring every other year by 2050." We enjoy warmer weather here in the UK, but the consequences are not quite so appealing.

The rapid changing climate is affecting the balance of nature and it is happening too quickly for plants and animals to be able to adapt. For example, plants will seek to adapt to higher temperatures by growing in new places where the climate is more suitable. They move north or grow at higher altitudes. This can result in them forcing out other plants by out competing those that are already there, reducing numbers or causing extinction.

Wetter and milder weather has resulted in the spread of fungal disease. You may remember Dutch Elm disease, and most recently Ash dieback which has destroyed thousands of trees in Malhamdale alone. The sad sight of dead ash tree branches mixed with new growth, which is their attempt to cope with the disease, but it is just the sign of their demise. Dry hot summers cause trees and shrubs to produce more fruit in an attempt to enable their species to continue but the consequent stress they experience ultimately weakens them.

The ways in which climate change impacts plants is complex and influenced by many factors but the evidence appears strong that the impact upon the wellbeing of God's earth will be catastrophic

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has highlighted five species that are at risk for the UK. The white-beaked dolphin which may never again be seen in British waters due to rising sea temperature; Atlantic Salmon which become less productive in warmer water results in reduced numbers or extinction. Capercaillie which nest in the spring could see reduced chick survival due to wetter springs in Scotland. For puffins, kittiwakes and guillemots, food sources reduce as the sea warms and already have seen significant decline in numbers. Bees, all 250 species, are challenged by erratic weather. This spring's warm weather woke them early then the following prolonged cold snap killed many off. Cod and Haddock move north as the seas warm having an impact on our fishing industry and the price of our favourite dish, fish and chips!

The RSPB are concerned about birds because many species are seeing major declines of 50 to 90%. The annual garden bird survey undertaken each year has charted some of their decline in birds that most familiar to us. The survey saw 16 of the top 20 garden birds decline in numbers. In the Dales there is concern that the curlew could disappear within the next 10 or so years as

numbers continue to decline as the land dries out due to warmer summers. The British trust for ornithology (BTO) reports migrating birds such as the swift and house martin are showing very serious declines due to the insect population not being high enough to feed their young.

UK and EU farming policy has incentivised the intensification of our agriculture methods. This has resulted in the progressive loss of flower meadows, wild flowers, hedgerows and trees, all of which provide habitat for insects and bees. This then affects species further up the food chain. The use of insecticides has further impacted insect numbers and affect the viability of beneficial pollinators, which are vitally important to many food crops.

Plastic, both visible and invisible (i.e. micro plastics), are choking rivers and seas. Sea birds are choking to death on plastics and the micro plastics are being swallowed and passed up the food chain. This includes them being found in human placentas, and the impact? As yet unknown. Furthermore, the reduction in habitat-size for plants and wildlife means that pockets where they do thrive grow further and further apart, reducing their ability to repopulate.

I spoke to someone recently who had attended the COP27 in November as part of the UK delegation. He told me that his impression was that the scientists are very concerned that their calculations might have under-estimated: their concern is that the world is warming much faster than originally anticipated. As I researched this article, I found the impact of what is happening now staggering. I had not thought it was quite so profound as it clearly is and I have only presented a few examples of what is happening to the natural world.

This is not just a group of fringe extremists trying to get us worried so that we do what they want and not what we want. It is main stream highly respected organisations and universities who have been researching the impact for decades.

Humankind has used the plants and animals for our own benefit with little care for the planet. Now we need to reverse that trend and quickly too or it will not be able to renew itself and sustain us and bring us joy. Please support habitat renewal, planting of wild flower meadows, trees and changes to farming practice. Technology will not resolve everything. We can all make a difference if we all work at it.

## **Diane's Dog Walking**

*Gargrave & Surrounding Area*

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## Gargrave Village Hall news

*Caroline Thompson*

As we begin a New Year it is the time when we look not just back over the past year but also we look forward to the future. 2022 began with some optimism at the Village Hall as we had begun to put the two difficult years of Covid behind us and we could look forward to operating at full capacity again. We were pleased to welcome back the Speed Awareness courses and the introduction of a weekly cardiac rehabilitation course run by a team of specialist nurses and Physios from Airedale hospital. We are delighted to be able to provide a venue which is easy to attend for those living in the rural Craven area, be it for speeding motorists or recuperating patients. Regular hirers also made a steady return, and it was catch up time for lots of children's parties, many who had missed a birthday celebration in the previous two years. Weekend table tennis sessions were also reintroduced.

We were saddened in March to hear of the death of our former President Mr. Michael Fenwick. He was our last connection with the Coulthurst family who so generously provided the Hall for the community back in 1959. However we know that we have an excellent President now in Mr. Peter Perls who graciously accepted the position at the AGM in 2021 when Mr. Fenwick stepped down to ill health.

Six months of planning went into the weekend celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. We held a Coffee morning based on a theme of everything Royal and an afternoon tea. A Saxophone player complimented the Coffee morning and a talented Vocalist created some special memories at the Afternoon tea event.

We usually try to make some improvements to the property during the year and we created some much needed extra storage space from the old and redundant Gents' Loo just off the Annexe corridor. The old facilities were removed and Robert our Caretaker removed an internal wall and re-decorated. We had a new boiler fitted which heats three different zones, the Annexe, Match room and Snooker Room. Though costly to purchase and fit it is much more efficient and economical to run than the old one.

We have spent a lot of time this year looking into various ways to develop the Youth Wing which is the building to the right of the kitchen. Ideally our intentions were to make it into a single storey self contained room for hire. The potential quadruple rise in our energy costs then came along so we were relieved that we had not committed to any work on the property as we need to keep a tight rein on our finances and any major work has been put on hold. The Government are introducing a scheme where there will be some assistance in place for non domestic users but as yet we are unsure how much this will help us. Ultimately it is down to us to act and try and be more efficient with our energy usage. We are currently looking into the possibility of fitting solar panels and are slowly introducing more LED lighting to the premises.

I began my piece with talking about time and looking back over the year. Our original electrical Village Hall clock is literally turning back time too. It began going backwards so a very nice chap who attends our Collectable Fairs took it

home to see if he could repair it. He cleaned and adjusted a few parts, tested it at home and proudly came back confident that it was back to its former glory. He plugged it back in at the Hall we sat and watched the hands going round which worked a treat but lo and behold they were still going backwards! He took it back home tried it there and it was fine. The mystery deepens, let's hope it can be solved in 2023.

Due to the early deadline for publication of the January magazine we are unable to confirm the date of the next Coffee morning so please keep your eye on the noticeboard outside the Village Hall, we do hope to hold one this month and the likely date may be the 21st January.

We are planning to celebrate the Coronation of our King on Sunday 7th May when we will be holding an afternoon tea event with live music from local band, Silhouette. Admission will be by pre booking only, please contact 07989 585564 to reserve your ticket.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy 2023.

## **St. Andrew's Family Service Review, 4 December 2022**

*Peter Gardner*

The call to worship rang out, "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" and people left the undoubted joys of bacon butties and made their way to the pews, probably wondering what spiritual food they were going to enjoy that day. Well, they didn't have long to wait. A poem appeared on the screen. "Wild John" it was called and my lightning fast brain eventually made the connection. Wild John was that guy who lived in the desert and dressed in camel hair and ate locusts. (Now there's a thought – what about locust sandwiches for the next family service breakfast?). But John the Baptist (the poem was about him) did much more than that. He was the great prophet who prepared the way for Jesus to come.

So, there it was – the theme for the day. What could **we** do to prepare for the Lord's coming? Yes, of course I know he's come already and yes, he did die and was resurrected – but did you know he's coming back again? Honestly, it's true. It's there in black and white in the bible. How will he come? Well, various suggestions were made, but actually it's pretty clear from the bible that he is coming in the clouds in glory and everyone will see him when that happens. Wow! But how do we as individuals prepare for that day? Are we ready for his coming? That was the question. Audience participation was invited. Answers on a postcard, perhaps? But no, we were encouraged to write how we should prepare ourselves, on long strips of cloth - surplus bandages, perhaps(?) unused of course, and place them in a basket.

I wonder what people wrote?

I expect you'll want to know what else happened. Well, the children - carefully supervised - lit some candles; a reading from Luke's gospel about John the Baptist was given, and the worship team sang. There was this great little song by a Mr C. Wesley about God's divine love excelling all others. I really liked it – it could catch on.

## **SCARGILL HOUSE – Why not try something new in 2023?**

*Tony Wimbush*

Scargill House, Kettlewell is home to a Christian community and is also a holiday, conference and retreat centre. They welcome Christians of all traditions, as well as other faiths and none. As usual there is plenty to explore and discover through a wide variety of courses covering everything from Interests & Crafts to Spiritual Development, Music & Worship to Life Circumstances, and The Outdoor & Environment to Bible Study. In August there are 3 weeks of Summerfest 2023 for families with a packed programme of concerts, creative workshops, visiting artists, bible teaching, chapel services and outdoor activities. Weekend and Monday to Friday rates are £152 and £294 respectively for full board. Check it out at [www.scargillmovement.org](http://www.scargillmovement.org).

## **Gargrave Parish Council Monthly Meeting, 7 December 2022**

*Kath Ashby*

### **1. Craven District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Myers told the meeting that interestingly the Agenda item 6.5 on traffic calming was discussed at a recent meeting he attended with NYCC, one topic being the 20's Plenty campaign. The council will have to take a decision about this in the near future. There will be a motion taken in the Area Committee Meeting next week, proposing this is trialled in some areas where there is evidence.

Highways will look at this but it has to be evidence led. They won't contemplate bringing in a 20mph blanket speed limit because some residents feel that it would be nicer if the traffic was slower. There is a recommendation that something needs to be done and Church Street is definitely the worst area in the village.

Cllr Myers advised that CDC is the only council which is not running a budget deficit.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of traffic calming by creating a road narrowing up near the Railway Station. Cllr Myers confirmed that he will have money available again next year and he is very happy to spend our money on projects like this to make our roads safer.

NYCC across the county have a shortfall of housing which is quite shocking. There is 81% less than is needed which is a real problem for our young people.

### **2. Police Report**

There was no attendee from Yorkshire Police who attended the meeting as such these figures were taken from the Police portal. and are for September 2022 only.

- Anti-Social Behaviour

2

• Public Order	2
• Violence & Sexual Behaviour	2
• All Other Crime	1
	Total of 7

### 3. Budget:

The council reviewed the proposed budget for 2023 -2024 financial year and a proposal that the council parish precept be unchanged at £46,000 per annum.

Resolved –

- The council approved the 2023 – 2024 budget proposal.
- The council also agreed that the parish precept for 2023 – 2024 be unchanged at £46,000.

### 4. Traffic Calming on Church Street

The Chairman attended a meeting with Area 5 recently and discussed a traffic calming measure, specifically along Church Street in Gargrave, outside the Railway Station. To prove if this would work, it is possible for Highways to install temporary traffic calming measures and then they monitor to see if this will slow the traffic down to a reasonable speed.

### 5. Christmas Closing

The Parish Council Office will close from Monday 19 December 2022 and will re-open on Wednesday 28 December 2022.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:15pm all are welcome.

## Chilly tennis

*Beth Whitley*

Craven Lawn Tennis Club in Gargrave held their annual Charity Tennis Tournament on Sunday 11th December in aid of the Children's Ward at Airedale Hospital with all the players taking part wearing fancy dress and donating gifts instead of paying a Tournament Fee.

## FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

*John Hall*

Farming as a way of life is never easy, often in harsh weather plus long hours and sometimes very tight financially. On the other hand, if you are dedicated it can be a very rewarding occupation, life in the open air working for yourself and as long as you don't count the hours it can be great.

It is often the desire of anyone taking over a farm to improve the farm and the stock on it. Brian, being one of the "attention to detail" type, purchased some young quality shearlings and an equally good quality tup to run with them. They were duly introduced at the beginning of November but then disaster struck – the tup showed no interest whatsoever in the sheep! He was quite content to sit

in a sheltered spot chewing his cud whilst his ladies were seeking attention elsewhere! The vets were consulted and suspected a hormone imbalance was causing the lack of interest. Subsequently the tup had to be returned to the breeder and a replacement hastily found.

A very sad day came about recently. Brian's best sheepdog "Jet" suffered a seizure which the vet could do nothing for and unfortunately he had to be put to sleep. At 5 years old, and just in his prime, this was a great loss as it generally takes up to 2 years to train a dog fully. Farm dogs are not just working dogs, they become part of the family.

After the rain a dry but cold spell has improved the situation for the sheep as they are more content with a dry back and less mud under foot. The dry weather has enabled us to catch up with some treatments for the sheep in the form of a fluke drench and a pour-on treatment for lice. The winter feeding regime has now started with the introduction of energy buckets and concentrate feed and silage will be introduced shortly.

The remainder of the 2022 lamb crop are now inside the finishing sheds and looking very smug and comfortable in a deep straw bed. However, one of the downsides to lambs being housed is an increase in foot problems. As such we regularly run them through a "foot bath" containing a disinfectant solution which helps the problem. With the savage hike in feed costs it remains to be seen if they will break-even when sold.

It was good to see recently that the Sika deer "stag" is still in the area living quite happily amongst the sheep and cattle once more.



## A MEDITATION FOR JANUARY

*Richard Rohr meditations*

*The popular Franciscan spiritual teacher Richard Rohr offers these monthly meditations for our reflection. Here he shares the words of the Episcopal priest Nontombi Naomi Tutu, daughter of the late Desmond Tutu. She looks to find a vision for the future of Christianity in the wisdom of the Hebrew prophet Amos (8<sup>th</sup> Century BC). In it she invites us to expand our notion of worship to go beyond that of just singing hymns in church on a Sunday morning.*

Worship of God is .....

When God calls Amos from his fairly stable life, Amos realizes that he is called to be in conflict with the prevailing wisdom and power structure of his day.

Yet, he knows that he is called not simply to upbraid the people of Israel but to remind them who their God is and who they are called to be. . . . This is a people who have pledged themselves and their descendants to be in a covenantal relationship with God. The covenant is not about feast days or offering sacrifices to God; it is about how they are to live as a people in the world. They are meant to model a new way of being in community and to show that worshipping God is about every aspect of their lives.

Worship of God is . . . all about how we treat our neighbour, how we deal with the less fortunate, what we do to or for the widow and orphan, and how we treat the stranger in our midst. Amos tries . . . to make it clear to God's people that the God who created and loves them, expects that their belief in God will challenge them to live lives that mirror God's love.

It is harder to see this Amos Christianity in the world today, but I know it is there and I believe this is actually the more dominant story of Christianity. It is more hidden because it is not flashy or seeking attention. . . . I have seen it in the small parish of St. Thomas, Kagiso, South Africa. When we visited some years ago, the rector at the time, Xolani Dlwati, told us, "We do not do outreach. Everything we do is worship." This congregation, comprised of predominantly poor families, fed lunch to children in the neighbourhood school; bought school books, shoes, and uniforms for children in the community; stood as guardians for families of child-headed households; and made sure that those dying from AIDS had their homes cleaned, were eating healthy food, and knew they were loved. There was no fancy church sanctuary, no glamorous life for the rector, just worship of God that showed, through their caring, what Christianity is all about. . . .

Our faith has never been about those who are most popular and those who preach prosperity. It has been about the communities faithfully modelling a way of being in the world, of being in relationship with each other and with the prisoner and the hungry. It has been about voices reminding us that living God's love looks like our daily experiences. It has been about Amos, standing up to the establishment in the name of God and in the name of justice. So, I believe that the future of Christianity is indeed its past and present. It is Amos. It is you and me.

**Richard Rohr Meditations:** Available free, daily or weekly at [cac.org](http://cac.org)

## MEMORIES

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*Ann Heselton*

### Hoggy

A few years ago, on a cold November day. We had just come back from shopping and I spotted a baby hedgehog running along Moorber Lane. I managed to catch it. So then I had to think where I could put it. The buildings were too cold and big. So I ended up making a pen in the spare bedroom.

It loved its food and grew very quickly. But then it decided it wanted to make its bed. Well, the noise through the night was unbearable, rustling and banging.

As we had nowhere small enough for it to spend winter in, we decided to purchase a dog kennel. I drilled holes for ventilation, and made a door with very fine mesh. I wrapped him up in some hay and put him in his new home with food and water. I continued to put food and water in. And he did go to sleep.

One fine morning in May I looked in and the food was gone. Hoggy had woken up. I opened the door and gently lifted the little bundle out and it suddenly unrolled. Hoggy was awake. I carried him to the wood and he scurried off into the undergrowth.

We have a hedgehog come every year. It could be Hoggy.

## **Suzie and Jack**

I've had a lot of lovely dogs over the last fifty four years. The last one was called Harley. He was advertised in Morrisons on their notice board. The owners wanted forty pounds for him which they had paid for his vet bills.

They were a young couple that lived on an estate in Skipton. They knew they couldn't give him the freedom he needed. We called that day and he came home with us. When people called he would bark and growl but he was the most lovely dog that you could wish for.

He was fourteen when he died on the 27 December 2019. By that time Derek was ill and had gone into a nursing home. I never told him Harley had died. Derek passed away 21 Jan 2020. So I was on my own.

A good friend of mine, Joan, looked online for me. So many dogs looking for a home. She stopped at a picture of two lovely dogs. Jack Russells, never been parted, they were eight years old. We didn't know their history but I loved them from the start. We filled in all the paperwork and they came to live with me. When I'm in the house they never leave my side. Suzie is big, black and white while Jack is small, white and tan.

They have one fault: they do not like cats. They are nine now [Ann wrote this about a year ago]. Hopefully we will have a lot of years together.

Ann, Suzie and Jack.

## **WATER IN AND AROUND GARGRAVE**

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*Duncan Faulkner*

### **3. Eshton Beck**

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRY AND CORRECT HER. My daughter had been visiting a friend who lives on a farm above Hetton. She told me they had walked up by the Eller Beck. But I knew the Eller Beck flows from Crookrise into Skipton, miles away and in a different catchment. It turned out we were both right: there's more than one Eller Beck. Our ancestors loved naming every bump, depression and wet feature of the landscape. Also on the moors above Hetton and Winterburn you will find Cow Gill, Bordley Beck, Moor Close Gill, Heber Beck, Bracken Pot Gill, Ray Gill, Skirse Gill Beck, Fothergill Well, Fleets Beck, Sunhill Beck, Long Gill Beck, Hetton Common Beck, Lainger Beck, Ellis Gill,

Bordley Beck and Whittaker Gill Beck. All of these, and many more (but not quite Eller Beck) drain into the catchment of Eshton Beck.

Eshton Beck is Gargrave's other river. Despite having a catchment area well over half the size of the Aire at Gargrave, Eshton Beck eschews the limelight, preferring a backstage role. There are no houses along the beck, no village greens, no public rights of way and so it's easily overlooked. Unless, that is, you take part in the Gargrave Show Fell Race, in which case your feet know all about Eller Beck because they have had to splash through it at the start of the race. I've missed the last goodness knows how many shows. My feet are ready for another soaking.

Along with its tributary Flasby Beck, Eshton Beck drains a long, narrow catchment, extending as far north as Clapham High Mark, on the high limestone pasture between Malham Tarn and Arncliffe. As its heads south it has several identity crises, becoming Bordley Beck, Hetton Common Beck, and even hedging its bets between two languages by self-identifying as Winterburn Beck, before settling down as Eshton Beck. When the Vikings arrived in northern England their word 'beck' replaced the older Anglo-Saxon 'burn' in the names of streams, although 'burn' often survives in the names of local places associated with those streams.

The beck's journey towards Gargrave is interrupted by Winterburn Reservoir, which I'm thinking of covering in a separate article about canal water supply, along with the various weirs and canal feeder channels. Because of this importance for water supply, both the Environment Agency and the Canal & River Trust operate river flow gauges on the Eshton Beck, two of them rather bizarrely in the same location. From this information we can tell that peak flows on the River Aire and the Eshton Beck tend to happen at the same time during floods. That's something worth bearing in mind for anyone thinking of siting a major manufacturing facility near the confluence.

As it approaches Gargrave, Eshton Beck has a few surprises up its watery sleeve. The first is that during extreme floods it is predicted to spill out of bank at Eshton Bridge and take a more direct route towards Gargrave, heading straight along Eshton Road and then Ray Bridge Lane. You can see this model prediction on the Environment Agency's Flood Map for Planning. Fortunately this is estimated to happen less than once every century on average.

Holme Bridge, where the A65 crosses the Eshton Beck, was built around the same time as the River Aire bridge in Gargrave. There are plans for the bridge by B. Hartley dated 1812, held in the West Yorkshire Archive.

The current course of the Eshton Beck as it joins the Aire is a diversion, probably artificial. The earlier course, shown on a Gargrave parish tithe map dated 1836, diverged from the present course about 50 metres upstream of the present Aire confluence, flowing to the east and meandering for about 600 metres before joining the Aire well downstream of the present confluence. This old course can still be seen in the topography of the fields.

When the diversion channel of Eshton Beck was created, a culvert was provided so that the tailrace of Airebank Mill (where Scapa now stands) could

pass under the new channel and continue to the east before joining the River Aire further downstream. This was presumably to maintain sufficient hydraulic head through the mill for providing power. The tail race and culvert still exist. With thanks to David Simpson for information on river names in north-east England.

# Gargrave Lands Charity

*Are you currently experiencing financial difficulties and **need** help?*

***Do you need financial assistance to pursue  
higher or further education or vocational training?***

**If you live in Gargrave, Flasby, Eshton, Winterburn, Coniston Cold  
or Bank Newton then Gargrave's Lands Charity may be able to help!**

Financial assistance readily available in approved cases.

*Contact one of the trustees listed below to discuss your situation.  
Absolute discretion and confidentiality assured.*

**Phil Ellis**  
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**Joyce Garner**  
**748447**

**Mike Maiden**  
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**Ian Reed-Peck**  
**07527 269915**

## ROTAS FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

	8am SIDESMEN	10.45am SIDESMEN/WELCOMERS			BIBLE READER	INTER- CESSOR	REFRESH- MENTS
1.1.23	Kay Craven	Family service					
8.1.23	Colin Chapman	Sarah Curtis	Judith Robinson	Helen Wilson	Annelies	Paul Maslin	Denise & Neil
15.1.23	Kay Craven	Jo Ackroyd	Robert Ackroyd	Paul Maslin	Jo Ackroyd	Peter Gardner	Judith & Sheila
22.1.23	Colin Chapman	Yvonne Poulter	Peter Poulter	Jennifer Rowlands	Peter Gardner	Jane Dallas	Jane D & John H
29.1.23	Kay Craven	Mark Preston	Claire Preston	Jean Banks	Clare Maslin	Duncan Faulkner	TBC
5.2.23	Colin Chapman	Family service					
12.2.23	Kay Craven	Jo Ackroyd	Robert Ackroyd	Jennifer Rowlands	Jane Dallas	Jo Ackroyd	Lucy & Jennifer

# Public Transport leaving Gargrave

Compiled by Peter Hardyman 17 Dec 2022

**Face coverings requested on all public transport** - the wearer's nose & mouth should be covered.

## TRAINS from Gargrave NEW TIMETABLE FROM 11 DECEMBER 2022

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

Mon-Sat 0744 0754 0950SO 1019SX 1048 1150 1351 1522 1551

(continued) 1645 1813 1848SO 1850SX 2019 2134 2216 2237

Sunday 1121 1210 1420 1448 1656 1856 2107 2123

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

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

Sunday 0922 1115 1412 1615 1815

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

Mon-Sat 0604SX 0711SO 0832SX 0833SO 1004 1133 1604 1732 1902 2033

Sunday 0950 1315 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.* Generally, only **DIRECT** journeys are shown. 1. Mon-Fri change at Skipton for Leeds. 2. Ribbleshead only. **As of 17 Dec: No Engineering works affecting Gargrave in January have been identified. 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/](http://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 1057M<sup>7</sup> 1155 1255 1355 1357M<sup>7</sup> 1455 1555 1810

Saturday 0820 0910 0955 1055M 1155 1255 1355 1455M 1555 1655M 1755

Sundays + B.Hols **No Winter Service**

**To Settle DIRECT** (arrives ~ 25 mins later) (Service 580/75) and (++) onward

to **Kirkby Lonsdale** (Service 581) and thence to **Lancaster** (Service 81/82)

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

Saturday 0905++ 1100++ 1300++ 1500++ 1700++ 1800++ 1900++

Sundays + B.Hols: **No Service**

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

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

Saturday [75] **from 5 Nov:** 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

<b>TRAINS to Gargrave</b>	<b>FROM 11 DECEMBER 2022</b>	<b><i>Last DIRECT</i></b>
<b>From Skipton</b> (arr. Gargrave ~ 6 mins later)	<b><i>from LEEDS to GARGRAVE</i></b>	
Mon-Sat 0519SO 0522SX 0559SX 0706SO 0725 0826SX 0827SO 0856	<b><i>1949</i></b>	
0959 1057 1127 1258 1458 1559 1727 1808SO 1810SX 1856 2000 2027		
Sunday 0917 0945 1110 1309 1406 1503 1609 1809	<b><i>1732</i></b>	
<b>From Lancaster via Giggles'k</b> (Trains arr. Gargrave ~ 65 mins later)		
Mon-Sat 0648 0941 1046 1248 1447 1745 2030 2131		
Sunday 1103 1344 1552 1752 2017		
<b>From Carlisle</b> (direct: arr. Gargrave ~ 2 hrs later)		
Mon-Sat 0549SX <u>0713SO</u> <sup>13</sup> 0753SO 0824SX <u>0927SO</u> <sup>15</sup> <u>1058</u> <sup>15</sup> 1340		
1450 1618 1824 <u>2013</u> <sup>14</sup> SX <u>2015</u> <sup>14</sup> SO <u>2145</u> <sup>13</sup>		
Sunday 0925 1223 <u>1520</u> <sup>15</sup> <u>1607</u> <sup>15</sup> <u>1725</u> <sup>15</sup> 1911		
<b>NOTES: 13.</b> From Ribbleshead only. <b>14.</b> For Gargrave, change at Settle. <b>15.</b> Stops at Hellifield & Skipton, <b>but NOT GARGRAVE</b> . 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. Large discount for children with you, and WINTER OFFER on Off-peak services 30 Oct 2022 – 1 Apr 2023.		

<b>BUSES to Gargrave</b>	<b>*Except Bank Hols.</b>
M is a Malham service	
<b>From Skipton</b> Bus Stn.(arr. Gargrave ~15 min) (Services 75, 210/ 211, 580)	
Mon-Fri* 0850 0945 0950M <sup>8</sup> 1045 1145 1245 1300M <sup>8</sup> 1345 1445 1545 1645 1845	
Saturday 0850 0945M 1045 1145 1245 1345M 1445 1545M 1645 1745 1845	
Sundays + B.Hols	<b>No Winter Service</b>
<b>From Settle DIRECT</b> (arr. Gargrave ~25 mins later (Service 580)	
+ from Kirkby Lonsdale (581) and ++ from Lancaster (81/82)	
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<b>From Malham</b> (arr. Gargrave ~25mins later) (Services 75, 210/211)	
Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1035 <sup>8</sup> 1335 <sup>8</sup> from opp. Buck Inn	
Saturday [75] <b>from 5 Nov:</b> 1030 1430 1630 from opp. Buck Inn	
Sundays + B.Hols	<b>No Winter Service</b>
<b>NOTES 8.</b> Tues & Thurs service stops at Coniston Cold 4 mins before Gargrave	

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**Caterpillar Club** (0+) – St Andrew's Church, Wed 10am, Kirsty Smith 07525 619950  
**Gymnastics** (5+) – Mon and Wed, 4-6.30pm, info@ambitionsgymnastics.com  
**Rainbows** (5+) – Tue 5-6pm, Gargrave Primary School  
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**Young Farmers Club – Coniston Cold**, Tues 7.30pm, Sarah Hargreaves, 01729 830123

**Lunch Club**, Neville Crescent Community Centre, 2nd Wed each month, 12.30, Carol / Carys 748990

**Bowls – outdoor**, Mar to Oct, Gargrave Bowling Club, Martyn Cox, 07745 018 459  
**Bowls – indoor**, Oct to Mar, Tues & Thurs 2-4pm, Joan Griffin, 749277  
**Cricket – Gargrave Cricket Club**, Mark Jones, 07498 288654  
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**Tai Chi & Qigong** – Village Hall, Wed 1pm. Ian Cresswell. See <https://gargravevillagehall.org.uk>  
**Tai Chi Qigong** – Green by War Memorial, Wed and Thurs 9.30am, Zoom Mon 9am, Zoom Fri 9am (with **Pilates**), Bee Faulkner, 07778 90994, [www.beeactivebeerelaxed.com](http://www.beeactivebeerelaxed.com)  
**Gentle Hatha yoga** – See <https://gargravevillagehall.org.uk>

**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  
**Handbell Ringers** - St Andrew's, Wed 2 - 4pm (not all Weds; phone to check). Cynthia Hardyman 748839  
**Bingo – Gargrave Community Centre**, Neville Crescent – Mondays 1.30-4pm, Carol/Carys 748990  
**Gargrave Community Choir** – 749802  
**Gargrave Heritage Group** – Tues 10am, St Andrew's Church, Martin Thompson, 748309  
**Gargrave Community Library** - email admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk, Patsy Simpson 749489  
**Craft and Chat** – St Andrew's, Tues 2pm, Sylvia Humphreys 748779  
**Parish Council Meeting** – Village Hall side room, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
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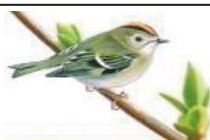
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