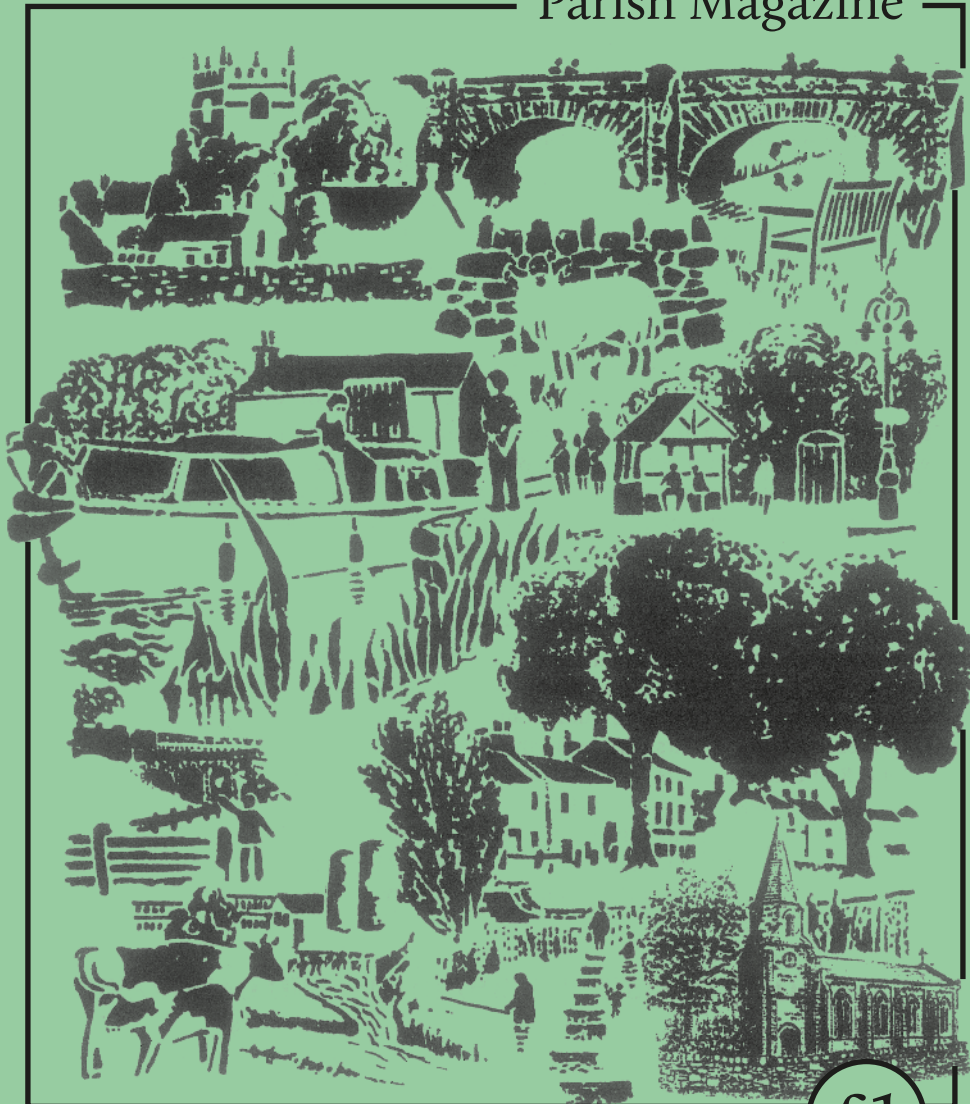


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Guides (10+) – Tue 7.30-9pm, Primary School, gargraveguides@gmail.com

Young Farmers Club – Coniston Cold, Tues 7.30pm, Sarah Hargreaves, 01729 830123

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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 – Neville Crescent Community Centre, Mondays 1.30-4pm, Carol 748990

Gargrave Heritage Group – Tues 10am, St Andrew's Church, Martin Thompson, 01756 541317

Gargrave Community Library – email admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk, Patsy Simpson 749489. Opening hours: Mon, 3pm-5pm; Tues, 10am-12pm; Weds, 2pm-4pm; Thurs, closed; Fri, 2pm-4pm; Sat, 10am-12pm; Sun, closed.

Craft and Chat – St Andrew's, Tues 2pm, Sylvia Humphreys 748779

Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall side room, 1st Wednesday of the month

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Keeping hope alive

With chocolate eggs on the shelves, foil-wrapped chocolate bunny rabbits and a glut of hot cross buns in the shops it's easy to tell that Easter will soon be upon us. For many it will be a welcome break from the routine – a long bank holiday weekend and a roast dinner with family and friends. For Christians, however, Easter is the highlight of the church calendar when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ – his overcoming the grave and paving the way for a wonderful new future for all of humanity. On Easter Sunday we sing uplifting hymns and songs, we celebrate with great joy by sharing Holy Communion, and you might even hear someone say, "Christ is risen...He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!"

The Easter season lasts for seven weeks (not just one day) and celebrates the turning point in history, when one man brought God and creation back together, setting into motion God's rescue plan for the world. From that small rag-tag group of people in ancient Palestine grew a global church of 2.6 billion people – all living through faith in anticipation and expectation: living with hope and looking for signs of new life – literally and otherwise.

Great!

Except, that life isn't always that great. When we've eaten the chocolate, polished off the lamb, sung the final verse of our favourite hymn, the realities of life settle in. The joy of Easter weekend gives way to 'back to work Tuesday' when we pick up the reins again and reality seems to make our joy a distant memory. Many will be looking again at how to pay the bills and sitting down to work out how much more credit they can carry. Some will be living day to day caring for loved ones with chronic illness, putting their own needs last, and just managing to keep the show on the road.

Many will be adjusting to life in tent cities, living on handouts whilst mourning the loss of whole families in earthquake zones, war zones and flood-hit areas. Even as I write this, there will be some (especially men) who will be contemplating a 'way out' of life's interminable struggles.

In such circumstances, hope seems a paradox. If God is so good and Easter really did happen, then why is the world in such a dire state? Why is life so difficult if God really exists?

On the face of it, the argument is straightforward, and the answer is simple – there is no point in having hope or faith because there is no God. However, before we chuck out the baby with the bath water, it is worth

remembering that the Bible is full of a language we well recognise – the language of Lament. Over a third of the Psalms are poems of lament, there is a whole book of the Bible dedicated to it (Lamentations expresses the weeping of the people over Jerusalem’s destruction) – lamenting is crying out to God our heartfelt words of sorrow and frustration.

More than that, lamenting is a process of turning to God, bringing one’s complaints, before asking for help and then, the hardest part – still choosing to trust in God’s goodness and desire for the best for us.

Trusting God is the really hard bit. It involves taking the long view – looking at the world from beginning to end and believing that in the course of time, God will work everything out according to His plan. This is the root of hope. It’s hard work, it sometimes feels impossible, but it’s what keeps us going. The Bible tells us the ongoing story of God and His people and reminds us that He never gives up on us, never leaves us or forgets us no matter how it might seem. Easter reminds us that God is wholly committed to the world that He loves, but that before the joy of Easter Sunday comes the sadness and pain of Good Friday.

We often cry ‘How long, O Lord?’ (Psalm 13) and yet we remember the promise that:

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more,
neither shall there be mourning, nor crying,
nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.”

(From the Book of Revelation, chapter 21)

Whatever your struggles in life, may Easter bring you some happiness, joy and hope.



To get into the Easter spirit we have hidden an Easter Egg somewhere in the pages of this issue. Can you find it?



DIARY FOR APRIL

Coniston Cold

Sun 2	Compline evensong, 4pm, Church.
Sun 9	Prayer book Communion, 9.30am, Church.
Sun 16	Compline evensong, 4pm, Church.
Sun 23	Prayer book communion, 9.30am, Church.
Sun 30	No service – 5 th Sunday.

Gargrave

Sun 2	Breakfast 10.30am followed by 11am Family service, Church.
Mon 3	Coffee Monday (every Monday), 10.30am – 12pm, Church.
Tues 4	Craft and Chat (every Tuesday), 2pm, Church.
Wed 5	Parish Council meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall, Annexe.
Fri 7	Library closed for Easter (open as usual from 11 April). Coffee morning (every Friday), Neville Crescent Common Room, 10am – 12pm. Coffee and biscuits £1. A Walk in the Dale. For more details, see p.6.
Sun 9	Prayer book communion, 8am, Church. Easter Sung Eucharist, 11am, Church. Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee Collectables and Craft Fair, 9.30am – 4pm, Village Hall. Light refreshments. 50p admission.
Wed 12	Gargrave 2022 Group Meeting, 7 – 7.30pm, Gargrave Village Hall. Speaker: Eric Cribbins, Skipton Ukulele Club. All welcome! £4 for visitors, includes light refreshments. See also pp.6 and 22.
Fri 14	Picnic Supper Dance with live music from Denis Westmorland, 7.30pm – 11pm, Village Hall. £6 admission.
Sun 16	Prayer book communion, 8am, Church. Morning Worship, 11am, Church.
Sun 23	Prayer book communion, 8am, Church. Family Worship, 11am, Church. Annual Parish Meeting, 11.30am, Gargrave School. For more details, see p.7.
Thurs 27	Soup and A Sweet Meal, 12noon – 3pm, Gargrave Village Hall, Match Room. £7 including tea/coffee.
Fri 28	Library film night: "See How They Run", 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall. For more details, see p.7.

Sat 29	Gargrave Village Hall jointly with Gargrave Library Coffee Morning, 10am – 12noon, Village Hall. Bacon Sandwiches and homemade cakes, Raffle and Book Stall, Library 100 Club draw. Litter pick, 10am, Summer Seat. For more details, see pp.8 and 23. ReCreate: Art and Wellbeing, 10am – 1pm. For more details, see p.9.
Sun 30	Prayer book communion, 8am, Church. Café Church, 11am, Church. Broadway Fairs Flea Market and Collectable Fair, 10am – 3.30pm, Village Hall. Refreshments available until 3pm. 50p admission.

EVENTS

A Walk in the Dale - 7 April

Paul McWhinney

Last Easter more than 25 of us from Malhamdale enjoyed 'A Walk in the Dale' on Good Friday. We managed to avoid the crowds and stayed locally, venturing

what for many was somewhere slightly different, and I am planning something similar for 7th April - Good Friday - this year.



We will leave Gargrave (St Andrew's Church) at 9am, walk to Airton, and thence to Kirkby Malham for lunch before returning via St Peter's and Coniston Cold to Gargrave for about 5.30pm. The walk will be about 14 miles / 22.5Km at a relaxed pace, and there will be

opportunities to join later or walk a short section if you wish.

Do get in touch if you'd like to know more.

Paul McWhinney, The Vicarage, Kirkby Malham, 07973 396948 | phm@mcwhinney.info.

Gargrave 2022 Group Meeting. 12 April, 7pm

Sarah Kirk

Speaker: Eric Cribbins, Skipton Ukulele Club. All welcome! £4 for visitors, includes light refreshments.

Annual Parish Meeting, Parish of St Andrew's – 23 April, 11.30am

Peter Poulter

The Annual Parish Meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held in Gargrave School, Neville Road, Gargrave on 23 April at 11.30am.

This meeting may be attended by:

1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish, and
2. All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

Library film night (24 April) and news

Dave Smith



On the 28 April we will be showing the widely acclaimed film **'See How They Run'**. This comedy mystery is set in the 1950s when plans are afoot to make a film version of the successful play 'The Mouse Trap'. Progress comes to an abrupt halt when a pivotal member of the cast is murdered. Inspector Stoppard investigates the murder, shadowed by the inexperienced Constable Stalker. A classic and humorous 'whodunit' follows.

The film stars Sam Rockwell, Saoirse Ronan, Adrien Brody, Ruth Wilson, Reece Shearsmith, Harris Dickinson and David Oyelowo.

The customary Café 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 £5.00 on the Door with under 16s free. Sorry but we can only allow Guide Dogs into the Hall.

Our final show of the season will be screened on 26 May and we will restart on 22 September. Film titles to be advised.

All proceeds from the film nights go towards the running costs of the Community Library and the Library Committee. Thank you for your support.

Visitors to the Library on Saturday mornings cannot fail to have noticed several young D.O.E. students helping out. The Committee would like to thank them all for their efforts and wish them well with their studies.

Time for a recap on opening times:

Monday	3.00pm–5.00pm
Tuesday	10.00am–12noon
Wednesday	2.00pm–4.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	2.00pm–4.00pm
Saturday	10.00am–12noon
Sunday	Closed

The Library will be closed for Easter on the 7th, 8th and 10th of April and will reopen on Tuesday 11th April.

**Soup and A Sweet Meal, hosted by the Gargrave
2022 Group – 27 April, 12pm – 3pm.**

Sarah Kirk

Gargrave 2022 Group

Soup and A Sweet Meal



Thursday 27 April

Gargrave Village Hall 12noon – 3pm

£7.00 including tea / coffee

All welcome!

Litter pick – 29 April, 10am

Karen Hunter

There is a litter pick scheduled for Saturday 29 April at 10am.

It will be an excellent opportunity, especially for folk new to the village, to get involved in doing something which benefits everyone. It's a great chance to meet new people and make new friends!

It will be especially pleasing to see the village looking its best in time for the Coronation weekend at the beginning of May.

Of course there's no need to wait until the end of the month for the official litter pick. If you see litter despoiling our lovely village, please pop it into a plastic bag and take it home with you to be recycled in your bin. Remember to carry a pair of gardening gloves or similar in your pocket to protect yourself.

ReCreate: Art and Wellbeing, Settle Parish

Church – 29 April, 10am – 1pm

Revd Sue McWhinney

A morning session on art for Mental Wellbeing led by Linda Baines and Shaeron Caton-Rose.

This session would be of particular interest to anyone who wants to explore the links between art and mental wellbeing or would like to set up groups in their local area.

Admission is free (small donations are invited to support Linda and Shaeron's work). Refreshments will be available.

For more details please contact Revd Sue McWhinney:
07484 181699, 01729 830293 or Sue.McWhinney@leeds.anglican.org.

Plant Sale – May

Plant Sale in Aid of Church Funds

In May we are planning the annual Summer Seat plant sale

Help by

Sowing, a few seeds in a pot

Popping a divided perennial in a pot

Potting a few Summer bulbs

Anything unusual to add interest to the sale

Please add a label, name a flower colour and variety. All offers will be gratefully accepted.
Dates and further details to follow in later issues of Parish Magazine

Open Gardens appeal – 17 to 18 June

*Bee and Duncan
Faulkner*



Gargrave Open Gardens is on **the weekend of 17-18 June** this year. We would welcome offers of gardens for opening at this annual community event which raises funds for St Andrew's. Horticultural perfection is not required – we're keen to include a wide range: interesting, quirky, or homely; productive, playful or peaceful; child-friendly, disabled-friendly or wildlife-friendly gardens.

Feeding all the visitors to the gardens (nearly 600 last year) involves a large-scale catering operation and we will need lots of help to make this a success.

As usual we are planning to have live music throughout the village and we would love to hear from any musicians or groups who are willing to offer their talents for a spot of busking, even just for a half-hour slot. It's a low-stress environment for anyone who might be unsure about performing in front of a crowd.

Please get in touch with any offers of help: gargravemag@posteo.net or phone us on 01756 749443 / 07778 980994.

Gargrave Art Exhibition – Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 July

Sarah Kirk

	<p>Gargrave Art Exhibition</p> <p>Thursday 6 July until Sunday 9 July</p> <p>Details in next month's issue</p> <p>A Quiet Place Sheila Bamford</p>
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Events at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall

Revd Sue McWhinney

Film Night Saturday 22 April, 7pm

'Mrs Harris goes to Paris'

We have a new projector now, so the screen size is bigger, and the sound is good!

£7 includes pie and pea supper (Veggie option)

SAVE THE DATE!

Callum Spencer

Saturday 6 May, 7.30pm start

An evening of live music from this fabulous local singer-songwriter and guitarist.

Tickets £12, to include food. Licensed bar. More details available nearer the time.

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

www.facebook.com/MalhamdaleParishHallKirkbyMalham

Any enquiries re events or bookings, please email Sue on malhamdaleparishhall@hotmail.com or call 07484 181699



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NEWS

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

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Pupil Voice

This month's edition focusses on pupils broadening their learning and knowledge.

The pupils wished to support the families living in Turkey and Syria in the earthquake zone. They ran a non-uniform day and we sent £240 to the DEC from their efforts.

Achievements out of school



One very special worship was dedicated to sharing achievements out of school. Here are Year 2, Year 6 and Reception with their medals, trophies and uniforms. The pupils enjoy a wide variety of activities run by members of our amazing community. These range from swimming, youth choir, dancing, pantomime, scouts and brownies. We really value the opportunities out there and as a school are happy to promote activities in our community - just send us the details and we shall share across our families.



Rotary Competition

Rotary Writing Competition – Years 3-6 entered the competition which had a theme of 'Peace'. The closing date was mid-December and we had some winners. George Garland from Craven and Skipton Rotary came into school to present certificates to all children in KS2 who took part and prizes for winners: 2 joint third, 2 joint second, 1 first (from within school entries); and then a third overall in the whole competition. Brilliant effort from Fletcher with his third prize in the whole competition of nearly 200 entries. All won very generous book tokens.



[Editors' note: You can read Fletcher's wonderful poem on p.27.]

World Book Day



This is always a popular event to promote reading. The school embraced it as usual with the staff coming as someone from 'horrible histories'.

Here are the prize winners, one from each year group. The talent and imagination was amazing in every year group. We aim to foster a love of reading.



St Andrew's Family Service Review - 5 March 2023

Peter Gardner

11.00am (actually about 11.05am) and Jen welcomed us all at the beginning of today's family service. In fact, it always kicks off a lot earlier than that, with the tables being set up on Saturday and the breakfast team arriving about 9.30ish on Sunday morning to cook the sausages and bacon for the great St Andrew's breakfast. Bell ringers appear then disappear up the tower and the bells ring out, and sidesmen light the candles, welcome the congregation and give out song books. Meanwhile, the sound man and the audio-visual man set up their equipment and the worship team erect their music stands and practice the songs for the service.

As you see, there's quite a lot involved in preparing for the service and I'd like to say it all works like a well-oiled machine. Yes, I'd like to say that – and *sometimes* it does – and the rest of the time God overrules.

Today, in this season of Lent, we were focussing on temptation and as a bit of an ice-breaker, we were given a drawing task to carry out with our eyes closed. At the end, we were asked, "Did you peep?" Some people admitted they had. Others admitted being tempted to do so, but resisted the temptation and some just completed the task without, it seems, any problems with temptation!

It's right to say that everyone gets tempted by something, and the results of giving in to temptation can vary from virtually nothing, to, in Jesus's case, what would have been the total failure of God's plan of salvation for mankind. Jesus faced the devil in the wilderness and during a period of forty days of fasting, the devil tempted him to try to bring about God's plan in the wrong way. But the devil failed. Jesus defeated him by quoting Old Testament scriptures to him. A strange way to fight the devil you may think, but they were God's words and the devil couldn't gainsay them – so he retired defeated from the contest and Jesus returned from the wilderness in the power of the spirit to proclaim the Kingdom of God. In the talk, we were also encouraged to think about what we are tempted by. What is it that diverts us from obeying that first commandment God gave us, to love the Lord our God with all our heart and mind and strength? What do we spend our time doing? What do we think about most of the time? What do we spend our money on? Many of those things aren't wrong in themselves, but once they become more important to us than our relationship with God, that's when they become wrong. That's the temptation, to put other things first, like food, alcohol, sport, our future, our needs, etc. before God.

Jesus is aware of the temptations each of us face, the Bible tells us he was tempted in the same ways as we are, but he did not sin and just when we need it, he gives us all the grace we need not to sin. Phew!

Well, the children were out during that talk and came back to show us what they'd been doing – learning about the love of God, and, having prayed

and sung, the service ended with a blessing from our very own masterchef, Vicar Andrew, who had cooked our breakfast today. Thanks Andrew – and thanks to all who work so hard to make this family service a success.

News from the Belfry

Ali Lucas

You may have seen on Facebook last month that we had a local team attempt a quarter peal on the bells. The attempt was made although it was sadly unsuccessful on this occasion.

Quarter peals are a sustained piece of ringing, usually lasting about 45/50 minutes, where the bells start in rounds (musical scale order from the highest to the lowest) and end in rounds, but in between the order is changed.

On 8 bells like we have at Gargrave there are a possible 40,230 different combinations of the order of the bells. It seems incredible doesn't it! A quarter peal on 8 bells must include at least 1,250 of these combinations (changes), with a full peal, which can take over 3 hours to ring, having at least 5,000 changes.

The success therefore of a quarter peal is not a given – it's tricky. For one, there is the sustained period of ringing without stopping. Whilst this is relatively easy for seasoned ringers, it is quite a challenge when you haven't been ringing for long. Then there is the memory required to keep in the right position at every stroke. This takes practice and like learning anything by heart – whether it be the words to a play or the notes in a piece of music, it takes time to achieve. The ringers actually learn a repeated pattern of up to 224 changes, but must listen to instructions given by the conductor to alter the order of the pattern. The conductor has the most difficult role in that they also have to remember the instructions to give to the rest of the band and ensure they are issued at the right time. A timing error by the conductor can lead to a failed attempt even if everyone else keeps ringing perfectly for 45 minutes.

So you can see that it is no mean feat when a quarter peal is 'scored', even more so when a full peal is 'scored'. The success or failure however does not detract from the enjoyment of trying and every bit of time on the end of the rope is valuable practice that pays dividends in the future. I hope that we will continue to have attempts at Gargrave over the coming months, especially with the Coronation approaching. It is always even more satisfying to achieve the success for a special occasion.

If you would like to know more, remember you are always welcome to visit the tower on a Monday evening and see how it works. Maybe ringing is the hobby for you...

Earthquake appeal

Sylvia Humphreys

The coffee morning, sale of cakes and craft items on Saturday 4th March raised well over £800 for the earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria. This money will be given to the Disaster Emergency Committee. I thank everyone who contributed in any way to produce such an excellent result to help those people in desperate need.

Coniston Cold Young Farmers Club

James Mellin



Members met on the 4th of February for the District Hedging and Walling Competition, with the kind permission of the Wellock family in Kirkby Malham. Other members met in Kirkby Malham Village Hall for decorating a cake and various arts and crafts

There was a large entry in all sections, with hedging and walling helped with a dry, mild day for February. All classes were split into three age groups, junior wallers had to drystone wall a 1 meter width of wall, from ground level up and intermediates 1.5 meters. Younger members took part in a 1-meter gap walling competition. Judging this mammoth task was Lister Brown. Judging the hedging competition was local Aberdeen Angus breeder David Wellock, still a young farmer at heart as he grappled with thorns to show the younger generation how to lay the perfect hedge.

Animal faces were the order of the day in the cake decorating classes. Well done to all that took part.

Coniston Cold's members 1st in their class were Will Hargreaves, Katie Wellock, Jacob Wellock, and Josh Wellock. Congratulations!

Ian Wellock was in charge for our next meeting of mystery judging, which was judging 4 teddy bears. Ian explained what to look for and his reasons when judging.

Winners this night were Lucy Kimberly, Josh Wellock, Harry Hargreaves and Will Stapelton.

On the 14th of February we all travelled to Accrington for a night of trampolining. We all had a great time.



On Shrove Tuesday we all made pancakes then enjoyed eating them, this is one of our more crazy nights.

We ended the month with a Settle District meeting at Matrix Superbowl Skipton for a night of ten pin bowling.

To join us this spring for more activities call 01729830123.

Friends of the Dales Spring Campaign update

Victoria Benn

Make your Verges – Living Verges

The last 80-90 years have seen the acceleration of a **biodiversity emergency** in the UK as more intensive farming – driven by farming policy – has eroded our once prevalent hay meadows. Species-rich meadows are not only more resistant to climate change and store more carbon than non-biodiverse grasslands, but they also support hundreds of varieties of plants, myriad insect life and dozens of bird species.

The good news is that there is something we can all do to help and prevent further decline in biodiversity – we can look to protect and enhance those former strips and remnants of traditional grassland that have survived as **roadside verges**.

The principles of nature positive verge management are simple:

- Cut verges or other village grassland no later than **April** and clear cuttings away to prevent the build-up of thatch, which increases soil nitrogen levels and can encourage docks, nettles and thistles to take hold.
- Do not cut the grass between **May and August** (inclusive) to allow plants to flower and set seed.
- If cutting can't be avoided, consider mowing paths or narrow edge strips but **leave some areas uncut** as a wildlife refuge. This can also help to address concerns about untidiness and safety.
- **Remove invasive weeds** (nettles, thistles, docks) by chopping down/uprooting, not spraying.
- Do a second cut in **September** – clearing all cuttings away.

In other words, Cut Less, Cut Later, Takeaway!

We have several resources available on our website to help you get started. Visit the [Friends of the Dales website](#) to access: Village Guide; Monthly Planner; Link to a campaign video by our Living Verges campaign champion, Dr Anne Readshaw and a 'No Mow' sign you can print off to let your neighbours know that you are managing verges for nature.

Do let us know if we inspire a change of approach – and please send any photos of any botanically rich verges and grassland you encourage!

For all questions, comments and feedback email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk



Gargrave Village Hall news

Caroline Thompson

The deadline for the contribution for the April magazine has come so quickly so apologies for a hastily written piece! Last month I wrote about our great friend Carla and her impending house move. Hopefully by the time you receive this magazine she should be enjoying some fresh sea air. Initially her son was looking at properties in Suffolk but he was unable to find just what he wanted. The search extended to East Sussex and the coastal town of St Leonards on Sea where he has found a property with views of the sea from the upper floor. Carla enjoys her daily walk so instead of the canal and parks in and around Saltaire it will be the seafront and the pretty gardens of St Leonards. We hope all the family settle in quickly and can share lots of happy times in their new home.

Good wishes are in order for some of our other friends and colleagues at the Village Hall at the moment. Unfortunately, Joan has not been too well of late and has spent some time both in hospital and in recuperation. We are pleased she is now back at her home as she awaits an operation. Joan was our longest serving committee member and retired at the Annual General Meeting in December after an amazing forty-four years of voluntary service.

Michael, one of our hardest working and versatile committee members, has avoided Covid up until now but unfortunately has now succumbed and at the time of writing the piece he is feeling really under the weather. We wish him a speedy and full recovery.

Sheila who runs the Café at our Book Fairs and Collectable Fairs (she also runs a monthly Flea Market of her own) is unfortunately unwell at the moment too. Sheila is a wonderful supporter of the Hall. She has provided the Café service for us for twenty-five years and in all that time has only missed one Fair and that was due to bad weather. She travels all the way from Selby and somehow manages to prepare and serve all the food single handed and then face the journey home. Sheila is one of the kindest and hardest working people

I know. She is so generous with her time and travels over to Gargrave especially to help out with our annual Jumble sale and donates her homemade baking if she knows we have a special event. She is currently awaiting some test results and has been told to rest by the doctors, not an easy task for a lady who is always on the go. We keep in touch and I have been sending lots of get well wishes from her friends and customers in Gargrave. We are fortunate that we have been able to cover the Café tasks ourselves, at the time of writing we provided light refreshments for the Book Fair at the beginning of March and are doing the same again for our first Collectable Fair of the year a week later. Our wonderful coffee morning team have stepped in, and we must thank in particular Jane, Patsy and Cath, who despite already being volunteers at the community Library have also come to our aid with this unexpected task, and have done so pretty magnificently!

We are already planning our catering for the afternoon tea which we will be providing for the Coronation celebrations on Sunday 7th May. A local group 'Silhouette' will be providing the live music for the afternoon and they will play lots of popular tunes with a scrumptious tea served in the interval. The event will commence at 2pm with the Village Hall doors open from 1.45pm. Admission is £12.00 per person, but please pre booking is essential as numbers are limited. We shall have a very Royal raffle with all prizes either related to the monarchy or patriotism. Please call me on 01756 749235 or 07989585564 to book your space.

As I write this article, the snow is blowing past the window and Sharphaw and the hill tops of Skipton and Keighley are white. It reminds me that thankfully we have taken the decision at our most recent committee meeting to go ahead with the purchase and installation of two new boilers which will heat the main hall, foyer, library and side rooms. Without delving into the archives to get an approximate age I would think the current boilers have probably been in for around twenty years so we think it is time to re-new rather than spend more and more on repairs. It is important we have a reliable and efficient heating system. The existing boilers are oversized with a combined output of 90KW and we have been advised that an output of 70KW is more than adequate so new boilers will save on gas usage. The job duration will be about five working days.

We have also heard that we have been accepted for the free energy survey for decarbonising community buildings which was originally offered via Craven District Council. A surveyor from Northallerton is visiting the Hall and then we can perhaps pool his findings with those which were identified in our own cost and energy saving project which has kindly been compiled by Alan, one of our Committee members. Thankfully we have the Spring and Summer months ahead where we can begin to undertake some of the work which may be identified in the task to save on both energy and costs.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our next coffee morning on Saturday 29th April.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter from all at Gargrave Village Hall.

Gargrave Pantomime Group—Pantomime

Review

Sally Holmes, NODA rep

Jack and the Beanstalk was Gargrave Pantomime Group's choice of panto for 2023 – and what an excellent choice it was.

This panto had a great community feel to it – performed in the beautiful Gargrave Village Hall, with great sets, props and costumes. Cleverly written by Richard Smith it included lots of "local" and "current" references, which had the audience in stitches.

With a cast of over 30 people, ranging from age 5 upwards, everyone performed with gusto and enthusiasm. Everyone was well drilled in song and dance – the cast gave their "all", and the whole audience was entertained from start to finish.

A strong cast of principal characters including Cassia Sauer as Jack Trott, Claire Preston as Princess Jill (whom he falls in love with), Paul Smith as Dame Tilly Trott, Gemma Tetley as Queen Philomena, Laura Lipscombe as Fairy Twinkle, Peter Poulter as the very evil Evil Ernest, Barnes Cooper and Poppy Tetley as the dastardly comedy duo Tik & Tok, and of course Jack and the Beanstalk wouldn't be complete without loveable Daisy (the cow) – masterfully played by Ellie Birch & Emily Claxton.

There was great support from James Halls as Simple Simon, Christie North as the cutest chicken (laying the hugest eggs) you ever did see, and the lovely trio Jean, Ethel and Maggie played by Sophie Fellows, Emma North and Isla Lottey. Last but not least, Giant Grumbletum – who gave the whole audience a "gotcha" moment when he was "revealed" – well done Edward Lottey.

The lighting and sound effects were great, and I particularly loved the fact that Fairy Twinkle did her own "flash" every time she came on and off – if you don't have the fancy pyros then why not make sure that the audience knows why! Ingenious. Beautifully played Laura!

The story moved through at a great pace – and there were some very funny comedy lines which were delivered with great timing. A great slapstick scene in the kitchen, involving some messy baking, and a clever beanstalk which stretched up into the sky, right before our very eyes.

There were very strong singing voices throughout – in particular excellent vocals from Jack, Princess Jill and Queen Philomena.

Well done to the production team – Anita, Laura & Richard.

Productions like this cannot go ahead without a great team “behind the scenes” – from the list of names in the programme there is clearly a dedicated “crew” supporting the production. But I think more importantly this is a traditional “family” pantomime society – and to quote from Anita’s director’s notes “it is lovely to see shy, timid youngsters working their way through the chorus, blooming as they grow...” – this is where the grass roots start and even though this is only my 2nd visit to Gargrave, I can see so many youngsters from last year’s production are flourishing already!

It’s lovely to see that for your 60th production next year you are going back to your grass roots and celebrating this milestone with a production of *Babes in the Wood* – the first panto you ever put on in 1964. What a fitting tribute!

News from Gargrave 2022 Group

Sarah Kirk

March meeting: Helping hands around the planet

On International Women’s Day it was coincidental but highly appropriate that our speakers were two enterprising young women talking about a business and charity organisation founded by a pioneering female entrepreneur. Keri and Sarah Vambe work for The Body Shop at Home, in addition to both having family responsibilities and each pursuing careers in education. They follow in the steps of the founder of The Body Shop, the late Anita Roddick. She founded the business in 1976, wishing to find a role whilst supporting her family during her husband’s two-year absence travelling in America. Making all the products herself, initially she sold them from home using refillable containers as she didn’t have the money to buy new ones. A small loan enabled her to buy a ramshackle shop in Brighton, situated between two funeral parlours. The proprietors were not happy at The Body Shop moving in between them and objected to the name. Fighting and winning the first of many battles, the name remained. The shop’s familiar green paint came about as it covered up the mould in her dilapidated premises!

In her lifetime, Anita Roddick set up many charities and worked with groups all over the world to improve people’s life chances and promote sustainable ways of living. Sometimes controversial she believed: “Business shapes the world. It is capable of changing society in almost any way you can imagine.”

Keri and Sarah highlighted two of the many organisations working within the Body Shop business, detailed in the Body Shop catalogue and online. When travelling in Africa, Anita met the Tungteiya tribe and marvelled at their glorious skin. The secret was shea butter which is ground from the oil rich seed of this indigenous African tree’s fruit. The Women’s Shea Butter Association was established in 1994 and helps provide financial independence for over 600 women in 11 villages. The Body Shop pays a premium on top of a fair price to

help invest in community projects. Today over 49 thousand people benefit from healthcare, sanitation and education projects.

Children on the Edge (COTE) was founded after Anita Roddick witnessed the appalling conditions in Romanian orphanages in 1990. A charity in its own right now, the organisation still retains its strong links to The Body Shop as Keri told us that last year, £500K was raised in their Body Shop at Home region alone to support Ukrainian families. With each purchase of hemp handcream, £1 is donated to COTE; £2 can ensure that a refugee child is educated in a safe space for a week. We enjoyed learning about Anita Roddick's achievements and philosophy: "If you think you're too small to make an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room." And, as you can see from the photo, we also had great fun trying out the scrubs, creams and balms!



Next speaker: Wednesday April 12, 7 - 7.30pm, Gargrave Village Hall

We are looking forward to welcoming, Eric Cribbins, from the Skipton Ukulele Club: a history of the instrument, top tips for anyone considering taking up the ukulele and a sing-along are all promised! Please come along – a warm welcome and light refreshments await! £4 entry fee for visitors.

Soup and A Sweet Meal: Thursday April 27, 12 - 3pm, Gargrave Village Hall

Our popular Soup and a Sweet meal will be held in the Match room from 12noon - 3pm. Delicious homemade fare guaranteed! £7 including tea/coffee. All welcome!

Gargrave Parish Council Monthly Meeting, 1 March

Kath Ashby

Tel: 01756 668209 email: gargravepc@yahoo.com

The much talked about Bi-Election for the casual vacancy for 1 Parish Councillor took place on Thursday the 9th of March and Derek Steele with 303 votes, was elected. As such we would like to welcome him onto the Parish Council. The Parish Council would also like to thank the other 2 candidates Mr Nick Thwaite and Mr Robert Burgess who put their names forward for election.

There were 1,464 people who were eligible to vote in the village and 501 Ballot Papers were issued which resulted in a 34.22% turnout.

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BURGESS, Robert Foster		35
STEELE, Derek		303 Elected
THWAITE, Richard Nicolas		161

1. Craven District Councillor's Report:

Cllr Myers told the meeting that at Northallerton we have passed the constitution for the new Council and all the schemes of delegation and set up committees and the budget. The next time I see you all, there will be no CDC and there will be one North Yorkshire.

For the first time since Cllr Myers started on the Council, we will have a budget deficit. This is a £560k deficit for Craven. Craven Leisure is causing most of this plus agency staff filling gaps we have had and these are very expensive. We have also struggled to get Planning Officers and every district in North Yorkshire is experiencing the same problem. Again, agency staff have been employed and some are great and some are not.

On 1 April 2023 nothing will change at CDC, the officers will be the same officers and the telephone numbers will still get through to them. You will still be able to call in at Belle Vue.

Other news, regarding the repair to the failing wall going up to the Railway Station on Church Street, CDC are now dealing with this as it is a dangerous structure.

The Landowner told CDC that it was NYCC's responsibility as the wall was built by them, but this was a long time ago when NYCC owned the farm but now it is the farmer's responsibility.

2. Public Participation:

A parishioner provided a list of street lights which are out at the moment for the Clerk to report on for attention.

It was also raised that the lights on the gormless and the lanterns down the High Street still need cleaning.

Clerk to chase up when it is proposed to fit the new LED bulbs into the existing lanterns and request that all lanterns including the gormless are cleaned as soon as possible.

3. Litter Pick:

Litter is a real problem at the moment on both Church Street going towards Broughton and along the A65. The 29th April has been confirmed for the Village Litter Pick. The Parish Council will provide the necessary pickers, bags and

gloves. The start time will be 10am from the summer seat and we need as many volunteers as possible.

5 Re opening of the Drs Surgery:

Mr Bill Graham from Modality attended the meeting to provide information regarding the re-opening of the Surgery in the village. He explained that the surgery which had been closed on a temporary basis in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic had been due to re-open last year but this did not happen due to a problem with the NHS IT system. He confirmed that work had been taking place inside the surgery recently. There had been plans in place to re-open at the back end of last year but the wrong terminals have been put in which was frustrating but now the correct ones have been installed and there is just a little bit more work required by NHS IT. The plan is to re-open after Easter, initially for two mornings a week.

Several parishioners raised their concerns relating to being in phone queues of more than 30 people waiting to speak to the Skipton surgery. Mr Graham responded that 95% of people did receive a call back if they opted for that option and generally, they were satisfied with phone consultations. The Modality partnership has also been working with a charity to develop a garden area at the back of the surgery. There are no grounds in the rumour that Modality plan to take over Dyneley House practice in Skipton.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7:15pm all are welcome.

Voices of Craven Choir welcomes new members

*Bryony
Lebeter*

Voices of Craven (VOC) members were delighted that, following recent editorials in the Craven Herald and in the Gargrave and Malhamdale parish magazines, new members have been coming along in number to our recent rehearsals.

With an exciting and varied programme led by our Musical Director, Darren Everhart, and accompanied by Ellie Everhart, our talented rehearsal pianist, new and established members alike have been having great fun whilst working hard towards our forthcoming concerts. We mentioned in our editorial pieces that music-making is good for us both mentally and physically, and this has been borne out in the smiling faces and lively chatter at the end of rehearsals. In addition, the break for refreshments has seen everyone enjoying the social benefits of being a VOC member.

If you would like to see and hear the choir in action, our forthcoming summer concert dates are:

Saturday 3 June	Skipton Town Hall
Saturday 17 June	St Michael the Archangel, Kirkby Malham

The choir is delighted that international soprano Sarah Fox and The Vine String Quartet will be joining us for these concerts.

Do put the dates in your diary and keep an eye out for our publicity – last year's concerts were a sell out!

For further information about the choir, please visit our website: voicesofcraven.org.

NOTABLE MILESTONES

Happy 100th Birthday!

*Lisa and
John Hall*

A big congratulations to Mrs Pratt of Gargrave who celebrated her 100th birthday on 29 March.

A century and not out for Farming on Scaleber Hill

*Duncan and
Bee Faulkner*

Way back in 2014 we called in on John Hall to ask if he might consider taking over the farming slot in the magazine after our previous correspondent was struggling to find the time. He said he'd give it a go for a few months and see how it went. A hundred issues of the magazine later, John's series is still going strong. We know that for some readers it is the highlight of the magazine. John's positive outlook shines through in his writing, and he does a great job of merging present-day farming life with memories from the days when horse power was the literal unit of measurement. To celebrate this fantastic milestone we gave John a card and a small token of appreciation on behalf of St Andrew's Church, and we look forward to many more letters from Scaleber Hill.

NOTICES AND PERSONAL ADS

Dog sitting - August

Angie Newby

My family are going away in August and we need someone caring to look after our 10 year old Cavapoo, Sandy. 07774541805. Angie Newby.

Thank you

Derek Steele

"I would like to thank all those who turned out to vote in the recent Gargrave Parish Council Election despite the winter weather. I have always been committed to the village of Gargrave and voters can be assured that I will continue to act in the best interests of the village community.

As an elected councillor I will be seeking to maintain and improve the village infrastructure, environment and amenities as far as possible, obviously I am only one voice on the Parish Council but as I mentioned earlier, I can assure you that I will do my very best for our village."

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

Despite being hopeful that Spring is just around the corner, as I write this Winter has just returned! Heavy overnight snow and -10c forecast for tonight. I am just grateful that we haven't started lambing yet.

I have often been asked how long the Hall family have farmed at Scaleber. In the early 1900s an uncle and aunt on my mother's side (the Barretts) were farming at Scaleber. Shortly after the first world war they decided to move to a farm near Otley. At that time, two friends of my mother were looking for a farm. My mother informed them that Scaleber would soon be vacant and to let and so they made a quick move and secured the tenancy. About this time my father's eldest sister was married to Jack Howson who was a joiner at Coniston Hall. Whilst visiting his sister at Coniston Cold my father attended a dance in the village hall and that is where he met my mother. The rest, as they say, is history.

It was my grandmother who was the driving force in the family. Despite having 11 children and my grandfather working as horseman at Hornby Castle, my grandmother managed to run the small farm at Wray with the help of my father. When my father left school they took the tenancy of a farm called "Winder" situated at the top of Roeburndale near Lancaster. When my parents married they took on "Haylet" farm which adjoined Winder. At that time, during the depression, farms were hard to let and tenants hard to find so the minimum length of tenancy of Haylet was 5 years. After 2 years grandfather retired from Winder to Hornby village. Unfortunately, due to the 5-year lease my father could not return to the better home farm. It is strange how things work out. If my parents could have had tenancy of Winder they would have stayed in Roeburndale. However, fate came to the rescue when friends of my mother alerted them that Scaleber would be coming available. That was in 1934/35 and the Halls have been here ever since. I have previously mentioned about bringing all the cattle, horses and machinery on the train from Hornby to Gargrave Station.

The batch of heifers have now all calved and been sold on to milk farms. Their Aberdeen Angus calves are all doing well.

Sheep work continues to gain pace as lambing time looms - in around 3 weeks' time. Here's hoping the weather improves!

POEMS

Peace is...

Fletcher, age 9

Peace is being by myself staring at a wonderful waterfall,
while putting my mind and heart at ease.
Peace is being by the spectacular sea when I rest my exhausted body,
looking at wonderful, white seagulls flap quietly.
Peace is running through the meadows in the summer.
Peace is something you can see easily,
if you look at what people are doing around the whole wide world.
Peace is an emotion, when somebody is working together,
and there is true world peace.
You can't hear peace, peace is silent,
or it's the beautiful birds tweeting and,
flying fish jumping out of the water and quickly diving in again.
You can smell peace, the spectacular smell of fantastic flowers.
World peace is when there are no countries at war but,
true world peace is when there are no people fighting more people.
Bullying is wrong even though there is still lots of it,
we as a team need to work together to stop this disgrace against humanity.

Sheep

Ann Heseltine

Mother Sheep
Two lambs pommelen
Mum's Bum wobbelen
Two tails waggen
Poor sheep saggen
Keeping an eye on
She's content to lay
In the sun
While her two little
Lambs romp and have fun
Mother sheep resting
Keeping an eye on
Her little offsprings
Who are peacefully
Sleeping
While a little bird sings

Caroline...

Dear Friend of mine.

Out of the blue

She appeared a long time ago with her forties film star look
Surrounded by family and lambs in Ribblesdale's green fields
And endeared herself to my heart.

So many years communicating

voice, telephone, texts, emails

Sharing news ...

Health, family, local events.

Little things that make life beautiful, exciting, surprising,

Painful, maddening.

Setting the world right!!

Funny details, observations,

Words of encouragement, sympathy, congratulations.

Meanwhile

She keeps beautiful in and out

Never stops

Fountain of energy showered on family,

Friends, animals, plants,

The wider community

Gargrave Village Hall

The vintage fairs

She's always there for you.

Always available, welcoming, wasting, appeasing, smiling

Fair even diplomatic, cool

A pool of positive feeling and thought ...

No moaning, never "I, me, mine"

Generous, fair a TREASURE beyond measure to us all.

To my mediterranean eyes

In her looks and actions

She appears the embodiment of British "Tenko" woman
trustworthy, disciplined, active, determined.

Moving on, gentle, vulnerable, compassionate

Generous, modest, strong

And ... beautiful.

Whatever the weather

Hair blond grey or white

Short medium or long!

A MEDITATION FOR MARCH

Dave Tomlinson

Dave Tomlinson is a retired vicar and popular writer who makes regular contributions to Radio 2's 'Pause for Thought'. His accessible, humorous style and deep humanity have given him that rare ability of being able to connect with people regardless of their religious perspective.

A tired old man upstairs!

It isn't always admitted, but throughout history Christians have inevitably used the prevailing contemporary worldview to shape their beliefs and practices. It cannot be avoided. There can be no notion of the Christian gospel, no vision of God, no interpretation of the Bible that is not significantly influenced by the surrounding culture and understanding it has of the world. We define our faith in conjunction with, or over against, the ideas of the day.

In biblical times, the prevailing worldview envisaged a three-tier universe in which the earth was central, with heaven above, and hell (or the grave) beneath. In that scheme of things, it seemed natural to envisage God as the great king of the universe, or as a cosmic judge, or as a patriarchal father-figure in the heavens 'looking down' on earth, 'watching over' us, intervening whenever He saw fit.

Because this image of God is embedded in the biblical text, it has become the accepted way to picture God. Even today, it still forms the basis of most people's notion of who or what God is, as well as the basis for most atheists' rejection of God. But times have changed. We see the world and the universe very differently, and we can see God differently too.

In our scientific, ecological age the emphasis is on interconnectedness and relationship. The hierarchical picture that once existed, of God ruling over everything from heaven, and man as God's earthly viceroy having headship over women and ruling over the rest of creation, is long gone, thank goodness (even though we still live with some aftermath of that vision).

So is it time to dig deeper into our tradition for different symbols and images of divinity, which are more consonant with the story of the universe, of evolutionary development, of cosmic interconnectedness and of the mysterious sub-atomic world? Instead of God directing the world from the outside, do we need to discover the everywhere God: the God who is in all, with all, and operating in all? God isn't a being among other beings – not even the Supreme Being – God is the 'ground of all being'.

Re-inventing God!

Most people today are not greatly antagonistic towards the notion of God; militant atheism remains a small minority interest. But many have lost confidence that the voice of God in religion has much of use or relevance to say. God has become a tired old man in the background to be ignored.

Yet there is plenty of spiritual hunger about. It's a matter of credibility. In ancient times it seemed reasonable for a 'man upstairs' type of God to rule the world from the top floor in a triple-decker universe, but this God no longer translates in a post-Newtonian, a post Darwinian, and a post-feminist world. The idea of a male God, a kingly figure 'out there' ruling the universe, randomly intervening from time to time, now appears silly and untenable to most people. If religion is to continue to make sense we need some different notion of divinity that engages with the needs, circumstances and sensibilities of the twenty-first century and our post-modern world.

But the truth is we have always reinvented God in the light of social, cultural and intellectual developments. 'God' evolves with time, or at least, the image and notion of God we hold in our psyche evolves, and it is this process of evolution that enables us to experience God in fresh ways appropriate to our shifting sensibilities. At a pastoral-level, I help people to reinvent God all the time: to ditch the internalised images of God that cause suffering and self-recrimination, and to discover a God of unconditional love, who enables them to grow into the people they deep down wish to be.

What I am proposing is a manifesto for change – not in the sense of some grand master plan, more like notes on the back of a (quite large) envelope. Ordinary people still sense there is something beyond the world of visible things, a hidden depth to life and the universe. So I write for the discontented, for my fellow strugglers – bad Christians, pagans, agnostics, half-believers, sceptics and atheists – who sense, perhaps, beyond their doubts and questions, beyond their discontent, stands a mystery worth exploring, which some of us call God.

Acknowledgement: The Bad Christian's Manifesto – reinventing God (and other modest proposals), Dave Tomlinson, 2015.



WATER IN AND AROUND GARGRAVE

Duncan Faulkner

6. The canal

Gargrave – or to be precise, Ray Bridge – is the northernmost point on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal.

Local historian Mike Clarke (after whom one of the locks at Bank Newton was recently renamed) has written so much excellent material about the history of the canal that I don't see the need to repeat much of it here. His website, <http://www.mikeclarke.myzen.co.uk>, is a treasure trove. Very briefly, the main reason for constructing the canal was to carry limestone. Not long after it opened, though, coal became the main cargo. The canal reached Gargrave from Leeds in 1777.

After a pause in construction, the section to the canal summit (the watershed between east and west) at Foulridge opened in 1794. The main workshops for making lock gates and other structures were at Bank Newton, where there is still a yard used by canal workers.

Soap Ashes, Salt, Salt-Scrow, Foul-Salt, and Gray Salt, Pigeon's Dung, Rape or Coal Seed, or Duft, Rags, Tanner's Bark, to be used for manuring the Land of any Person, whose Land is cut through for the Canal, such Lands lying in any Township through which the Canal shall pass, One Farthing per Ton, per Mile.

The original bylaws set out the payment rates per ton per mile for an incredible range of cargos, from clay and timber to some less valuable-sounding commodities shown in the extract opposite.

In Gargrave the wharf was used to load lead from the mines at Grassington on to barges, with coal taken on the return trip for use in the smelting mills.

It's a long time since I have seen any cargoes of pigeons' dung transported by canal. These days the occupants of boats are mostly human. The canal in and around Gargrave is a home to many as well as a great holiday destination. It has also seen a share of tragedy, notably in August 1998 when four people drowned in a canal boat which became snagged at Steg Neck Lock, near the railway bridge, and sank. They were on a holiday organised by Cumbria social services.

Next month: How the canal gets its water: why Gargrave nearly had a reservoir and why it still has a mysterious underground pipeline.

With thanks to Mike Clarke for permission to reproduce his material.

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
07907 308313

Joyce Garner
748447

Christine Charlton **Ian Reed-Peck**
748817 **07527 269915**

ROTAS FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

	8am SIDESMEN	10.45am SIDESMEN/WELCOMERS			BIBLE READER	INTER- CESSOR	REFRESH- MENTS
2.4.23	Colin Chapman	Family Service					
9.4.23	Kay Craven	Jo Akroyd	Robert Akroyd	Helen Wilson	Annelies van Oyen	Paul Maslin	Judith & Sheila
16.4.23	Colin Chapman	Sarah Curtis	Judith Robinson	Jennifer Rowlands	Kit	Zena Gardner	Jane D & John H
23.4.23	Kay Craven	Yvonne Poulter	Peter Poulter	Jean Banks	Peter Poulter	Pam Bolas	Carol & Trish
30.4.23	Colin Chapman	Mark Preston	Claire Preston	Jane Dallas	Peter Gardner	Jo Akroyd	Claire & Mark
7.5.23	Kay Craven	Family Service					
14.5.23	Colin Chapman	Peter Gardner	Zena Gardner	Jean Banks	Jennifer Rowlands	Peter Gardner	Linda + Andy
21.5.23	Kay Craven	Sarah Curtis	Judith Robinson	Paul Maslin	Jo Akroyd	Jennifer Rowlands	Lucy + Jennifer
28.5.23	Colin Chapman	Mark Preston	Claire Preston	Helen Wilson	Pam Bolas	Duncan Faulker	Sarah + Joan

Public Transport leaving Gargrave Compiled by Peter Hardyman 9 March 2023

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)

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(continued) 1645 1813 1848SO 1850SX 2019 2134 2216 2237¹

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 2033²

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 9 March: No Engineering works affecting Gargrave in March 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/

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 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] | 1000⁷ 1310⁷

Saturday [75] from 5 Nov '22: 1000 1400 1600

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

Public Transport back to Gargrave

TRAINS to Gargrave		FROM 11 DECEMBER 2022		<u>Last DIRECT</u>	
From Skipton (arr. Gargrave ~ 6 mins later)		<u>from LEEDS to GARGRAVE</u>			
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0959 1057 1127 1258 1458 1559 1727 1808SO		<u>1810SX 1856 2000 2027</u>			
Sunday 0917 0945 1110 1309 1406 1503 1609 1809		<u>1732</u>			
From Lancaster via Giggleswick (Trains arr. Gargrave ~ 65 mins later)					
Mon-Sat 0648 0941 1046 1248 1447 1745 2030 2131					
Sunday		1103 1344 1552 1752 2017			
From Carlisle (direct: arr. Gargrave ~ 2 hrs later)					
Mon-Sat 0549SX		<u>0713SO¹³ 0753SO 0824SX 0927SO¹⁵ 1058¹⁵ 1340</u>			
		1450 1618 1824 <u>2013¹⁴SX 2015¹⁴SO 2145¹³</u>			
Sunday		0925 1223 <u>1520¹⁵ 1607¹⁵ 1725¹⁵ 1911</u>			
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From Skipton Bus Stn.(arr. Gargrave ~15 min) (Services 75, 210/ 211, 580)					
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Saturday 0850 0945M		1045 1145 1245 1345M 1445 1545M 1645 1745 1845			
Sundays + B.Hols		No Winter Service			
From Settle DIRECT (arr. Gargrave ~25 mins later) (Service 580)					
+ from Kirkby Lonsdale (581) and ++ from Lancaster (81/82)					
Mon-Fri* 0755++ 0845++ 0930++ 1030 1130++ 1230 1330++ 1430 1530++ 1745++					
Saturday 0755+ 0845++ 0930++		1130++ 1230 1330++ 1530++ 1730++			
Sundays + B.Hols:		No Service			
From Malham (arr. Gargrave ~25mins later) (Services 75, 210/211)					
Mon-Fri* [210/211]		1035 ⁸ 1335 ⁸		from opp. Buck Inn	
Saturday [75] from 5 Nov '22:		1030 1430 1630		from opp. Buck Inn	
Sundays + B.Hols		No Winter Service			
NOTES 8. Tues & Thurs service stops at Coniston Cold 18 mins after Malham					
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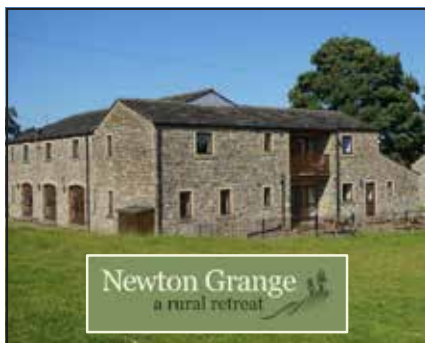


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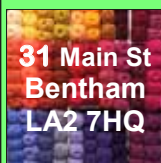
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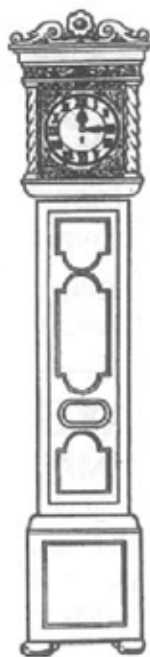
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