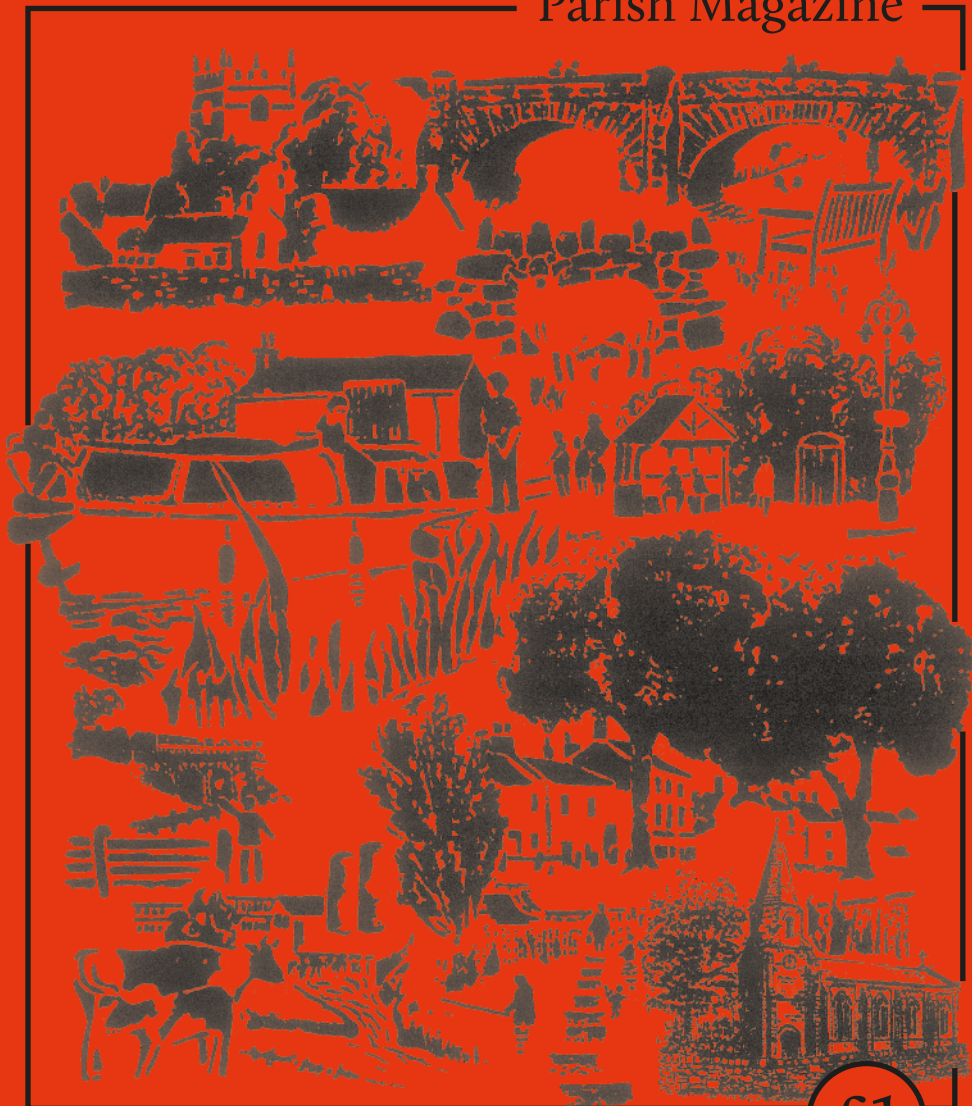


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COLLARED!

Revd Andrew Steer

A long and difficult birth

Birth. Childbirth. What an incredible process – a moment in time when new life emerges from one body and becomes a living, breathing person, with its own identity and its own being. Those few minutes that follow any birth can be fraught with anxiety and fear as those looking on await the first breaths, as the child's circulation takes on independence, and organs and systems begin to work more fully. Then there is incredible joy and relief that what was longed for has finally become real – a dream fulfilled, and a new journey has begun for both parents and child. Sadly, not every birth story has a happy outcome, and for all too many this possibility ends in heartbreak and a lifelong sense of loss of what might have been.

Birth takes place anywhere and everywhere – in hospital car parks, hard shoulders, back seats, front seats, sofas, birth pools, operating theatres. It takes place in grand mansions, bus stops, jungles, deserts...you get the idea.

This month it seems that most of society is looking forward to another birth – the one we celebrate at Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. From now until the 26th of December it seems that everything is aligned to this one event – whether it's tv, radio, shops, food, greetings cards, social events – we are Christmas bound! The trajectory is December 25th and anything else after that might as well be forgotten about. It seems that the world is going to stop because of one moment on one day over 2,000 years ago.

Come into any church and you could be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is all about one moment in time, or possibly two – the birth of Jesus and the death of Jesus on the cross. These two incredible moments in time have shaped the whole world in which we live and continue to live. The crib and the cross have inspired millions of authors, artists and believers over thousands of years, but if we leave the matter there then we are missing the whole point and meaning behind these two iconic symbols.

The fact is that God continues to work out his plan for this world – a plan which is taking shape over millennia, to bring to birth a new creation, a new world order with new rules and principles. War replaced by peace, injustice replaced by fairness and kindness and hatred, stress and anxiety replaced by understanding, peace and that often misunderstood concept of love. The love which comes from God, and seen most clearly in the death of Jesus, is a radical love which never questions, never doubts and never ever fails.

The Bible tells us that the world is going through 'birth-pangs' – the whole of creation is in labour to give birth to a new way of living and being. Like most labours this is a long and very painful one – even traumatic, and we cannot begin to understand why it must be so. However, we must believe that the end will be worth the pain, that aeons of agony and despair will eventually give way to the breath-taking beauty of new life. Christians call this 'God's Kingdom' and every week we say 'Thy Kingdom Come' in our prayers – let that new creation be born soon for the sake of this world.

And not only this world, but each of us can be part of this thrilling expectancy, inviting God to work within us. Through our own personal circumstances God can create new life within us individually, as the Holy Spirit works within us through our life experiences, our sadness and joy, as well as our suffering and pain.

This metaphor of birth is rich in helping us to understand how God is working in the world and people He loves. Unnoticed, often concealed, God's power is working slowly but surely in ways we cannot begin to understand but which will eventually bring new life to creation, and then the occasional glimpses of goodness and joy which lift our spirits in this bleak world will become an all-consuming experience of life itself. New life – 'eternal life' in the presence of Jesus Christ – a quality of life far beyond anything we have ever known, not bounded by time or space.

The crib and the cross point us to this new life, inviting us to join in with God's project to transform the old into the new, death into life, sadness into joy and darkness into light. Will you stay focussed on the crib like every other year and keep going around the same old circle of life, or will you take a fresh look beyond crib and cross, and take your part in this exciting process of birth and new life with all its promise and possibility for the future? You are invited...

May you have a wonderful Christmas, Reverend Andrew



DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Coniſton Cold

Sun 3	Compline evensong, 4pm
Sun 10	Prayer book Communion, 9.30am
Sun 17	Carol Service with Settle and Giggleswick Brass Band 6pm
Mon 25	Prayer book Communion 9:30am
Sun 31	No Service

Gargrave

Fri 1	Coffee morning (every Friday), 10am – 12pm, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1.
Sat 2	Book Fair. 10.a.m - 3.30.p.m.Village Hall. Light refreshments available until 3.p.m.50p admission.
Sun 3	BCP Holy Communion, 8am Breakfast, 10.30am, followed by 11am Nativity Family service. Light Switch on - 4pm at the Summer Seat for Carols and the grand switch on , then back to St Andrew's for mulled wine and mince pies.
Mon 4	Coffee Monday (every Monday), 10.30am – 12pm church.
Tues 5	Craft and Chat (every Tuesday), 2pm, Church. Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm, Village Hall.
Wed 6	Parish Council meeting. 7.15.p.m. Village Hall Annex.
Thurs 7	Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm, Village Hall.
Fri 8	Coffee morning (every Friday), 10am – 12pm, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1. Picnic Supper Dance with live music from Alan Cookson. 7.30.p.m -11.p.m. Village Hall. £6 admission.
Sun 10	Matins, 8am, Church. Sung Eucharist, 11am, Church.

	Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee Collectables and Craft Fair.9.30.a.m. -3.30.p.m.Village Hall.Light refreshments available until 3.p.m. Live festive accordion music on the stage at approximately 2.p.m. 50p admission.
Mon 11	Coffee Monday (every Monday), 10.30am – 12pm church.
Tues 12	Last Craft and Chat before Christmas 2pm Restarts 16th January church.
Fri 15	Coffee morning (every Friday), 10am – 12pm, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1. Library Film Night - “Nativity” 7pm for 7:30pm start (see magazine)
Sat 16	Gargrave Village Hall jointly with Gargrave Library Coffee morning. 10.a.m - Noon.Village Hall. Bacon sandwiches and homemade cakes. Raffle, book and bric a brac stall.
Sun 17	BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Church. Morning Worship 11am Church Carols By Candlelight. 4pm Library film show. Village Hall.7pm for 7.30.p.m
Mon 18	Coffee Monday (every Monday), 10.30am – 12pm
Sun 24	BCP Holy Communion 8am Church Family Communion, 11am, Church Christingle Service 4pm Christmas Eve Communion 11pm
Mon 25	Christmas Day Communion Service 11am
Sun 31	8am BCP Holy Communion 11am Cafe Style Service

The Gargrave and Coniston Cold magazine has been a hugely important part of church and village life for decades.. It has a very wide readership being used by residents and visitors alike. With regular contributions from local farmers, residents and church people it has become a mainstay of village tradition, highlighting village the joys of village life and raising thousands of pounds for St Andrew's church.

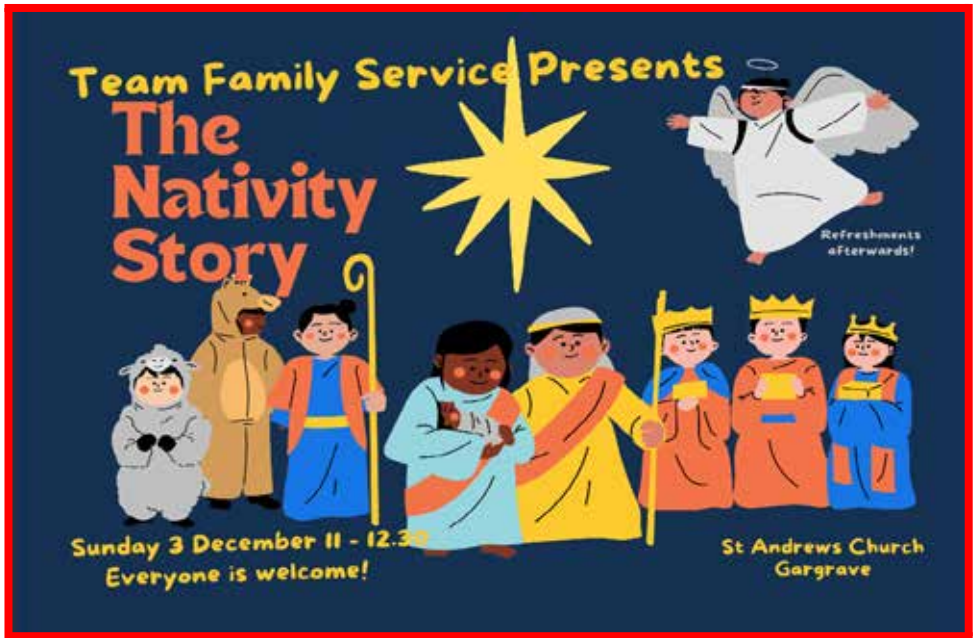
However, the current editorial team have stated their need to step down due to personal circumstances which means that unless a new editorial team can be found, then the magazine will very sadly have to cease print from April 2024.

Could you or someone you know with skills spare about 10 hours per month editing the magazine? Ideally a team of 2-3 people could share the task and lighten the load. It would be a great loss to our communities if the magazine did go out of print, which is why we are asking for volunteers to come forward now.

Full support will be given to new editors and there is already a clear format to help with the process in place.

If you think you might be able to help, contact us at gargraveparishmag@gmail.com and we can have a chat about what is involved.

EVENTS



Share a prayer with St Andrew's Church.

Peter Poulter

Each morning at 9.00 a small group of people meet in S Andrew's to pray for the church and the village. You are welcome to join them. Either come along to church, or maybe just pause for a moment, wherever you are, and share a prayer.

This picture by the French artist Jean-François Millet shows a couple stopping their field work to pray when they hear the Angelus bell from the distant church. If prayer is not a word you use, then just pause and reflect in your own way hopefully and lovingly for the life we share in our community.

Each month our prayer will focus on a particular part of the parish. In December we will be praying for those who live in the South Street, River Place, East Street and Mill Lane area.



Gargrave Roving Nativity



Friday 22nd December

6pm ~ Outside Church

Everyone welcome, do come and join us ~ wrap up warm and bring a lantern or torch. We will be walking around the village, stopping at various points to sing carols and collect a real donkey, sheep, shepherds, an Angel, a quantity of Kings and a camel (alpaca), along our journey! Arriving at the Stable outside The Dalesman at around 6.45pm for refreshments and a Community Christmas-Sing-Along!

Follow The Star!

Kirkby Malham Parish Hall Forthcoming Events December 2023

Sue McWhinney

Friday 1st December: Christmas Wreath-Making with Ruth Hall, 1.30pm to 4pm

£30, includes afternoon tea, a glass of Prosecco, and all materials
Come along and make your own wreath; advance booking essential
Please book your place by emailing malhamdaleparishhall@gmail.com



Film Night: Monday 18th December at 7pm.

'The Man who invented Christmas'
Tickets on the Door £7.
Veggie option, gluten free (advanced notice please).
Bar open

Film Night: Saturday 13th January at 7pm 'The Unlikely



Pilgrimage of Harold Fry'
Tickets on the door £7
Veggie option, gluten free (advance notice please)
Bar open

BURNS NIGHT: Thursday 25th January, 6.30 for 7pm.

Haggis toasted with a wee dram
Bring a poem to recite. Wear Tartan (optional)
Tickets £15. Please book by Monday 22nd January
By email: MalhamdaleParishHall@gmail.com
Caroline Rosier on 07815 100353
Gill O'Neil, The Old Barn Cafe, Malham, 07840 962937

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

www.facebook.com/MalhamdaleParishHallKirkbyMalham

Any enquiries re events or bookings, please email Sue on
malhamdaleparishhall@gmail.com (note new email address) or call 07484 181699

On Friday **15th December** we will be showing '**Nativity!**' the ultimate Christmas feel good film for the whole family. Every year state funded St Bernadette's competes with Oakmoor, the local posh private school, to see who can produce the best nativity play. Things get out of hand when Mr Madden from St Bernadette's falsely boasts to his rival at Oakmoor that Hollywood are coming to St Bernadette's to film their Nativity. Starring: Martin Freeman, Ashley Jensen, Pam Ferris and plenty of children.



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 £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.

Future film show dates are as follow:

26th January A man called Otto

23rd February Film Title to be advised

22nd March The Great Escaper

Coffee Morning: Our final Coffee Morning with the Village Hall will be held on Saturday 16th December when we will hold the bumper 100 Club Draw.

Christmas Closing: The Library will close at 4.00pm on Friday 22nd December and re-open at 10.00am on Tuesday 2nd January 2023.

Finally, Christmas Greetings and a big thank you to everybody who has supported us over the past year.

CHRISTMAS CARDS





Whilst Christmas may have seemed a long way away back in September, when the Voices of Craven (VOC) choir began its autumn rehearsal season, choir members know that preparations for festive performances begin early. Our members have been working very hard for many weeks under the leadership of their Musical Director, Darren Everhart, together with their fabulous accompanist, Ellie Everhart, to bring three wonderful Christmas concerts to you this year.

“Carols at Coniston” – 6th December

Our first concert takes place at the Coniston Hotel at 7pm on 6th December. This event is always a sell-out. The choir has a varied programme for its audience, including an opportunity for everyone to join in singing some traditional carols. Tickets are £45, including a two-course dinner, and are available online from the Coniston Hotel or at the hotel reception.

Community Carol Concert – 10th December

Our second concert is on 10th December at the Holy Ascension Church in Settle. This is a FREE Community Carol Concert with a retiring collection in aid of Settle Food Pantry. It will be a marvellous event in support of a very good cause.

Christmas Crackers – 16th December

After the huge popularity of this event last year, “Christmas Crackers” returns to the Settle Victoria Hall on 16th December at 7 pm.

The choir is once more collaborating with the spectacular Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band for an evening of festive music and fun. This was played to a full house last year so, again, please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are £13 which includes a booking fee of £1 and are available from the Settle Victoria Hall website and at the Box Office.



We look forward to seeing you at one, or, indeed, all of our events for some joyous Christmas music.

Friends of the Dales - Online Talks Programme

Victoria Benn

All digital talks can now be booked via the online ticketing platform, Eventbrite. The Zoom link for the talk will be sent out via email in the usual way a few days prior to the scheduled talk.

Both talks can be booked via our Events page:

<https://friendsofthedailes.org.uk/events>

Or via:

www.eventbrite.com/cc/friends-of-the-dale-autumn-winter-talk-programme-2567229

Online Talk: Funding for Sustainable Business & Community Projects in the Dales

Wednesday 6 December, - slightly later time of 5.00pm

This talk is pitched at businesses, community groups and individuals wanting to find out more about how the Yorkshire Dales National Park's Sustainable Development Fund can support projects that aim to promote a more sustainable way of living in, working in or visiting the National Park. Meet Andrea Burden, Sustainable Development Officer for the Park who will introduce the scheme, the funding available and how to apply. Edward Sexton of Clapham based Glencroft will then reveal how the fund helped kick-start his company's now successful 'farm to yarn' project - Clapdale Wool - buying fleeces from farms within a 5-mile radius and transforming them into Yorkshire-made hand-knit yarn.

Online Talk: Access the Dales

Wednesday 17 January, 4.30pm

Since becoming a wheelchair user in 2011, Debbie North has campaigned tirelessly to break down barriers and promote countryside accessibility for all. Founding the charity, Access the Dales, whose motto is 'making the inaccessible accessible', there are now nine 'free to borrow' all terrain wheelchairs available from designated sites across the Dales. Debbie was also appointed Cabinet Office Disability and Access ambassador for the Countryside in 2022. This talk offers a unique opportunity to learn about the successes and improvements Debbie's campaigning has achieved, along with the challenges still to surmount.

<https://friendsofthedailes.org.uk>

NEWS

St Andrew's First Beer Festival!

Alison Lucas



Rev Andrew enjoys a pint of real ale and so on 27th and 28th October, St Andrew's held their first beer festival. We had 12 different casks of ale, most coming from small local breweries. There was a convivial atmosphere over the two days with 265 people calling in to enjoy the beautiful space St Andrew's offers. On Friday evening the Carleton Men's Shed Choir sang sea shanties and other rousing tunes. On Saturday we heard the beautiful voice of Erika Wood from Nottingham. It was a wonderful event, which raised nearly £1,000 to help keep our beautiful church maintained. Huge thanks go to the wonderful Gargrave businesses who sponsored the beer and to all the volunteers who helped the festival run smoothly. Maybe there will be a second St Andrew's beer festival.....

Belfrey News

Ali Lucas

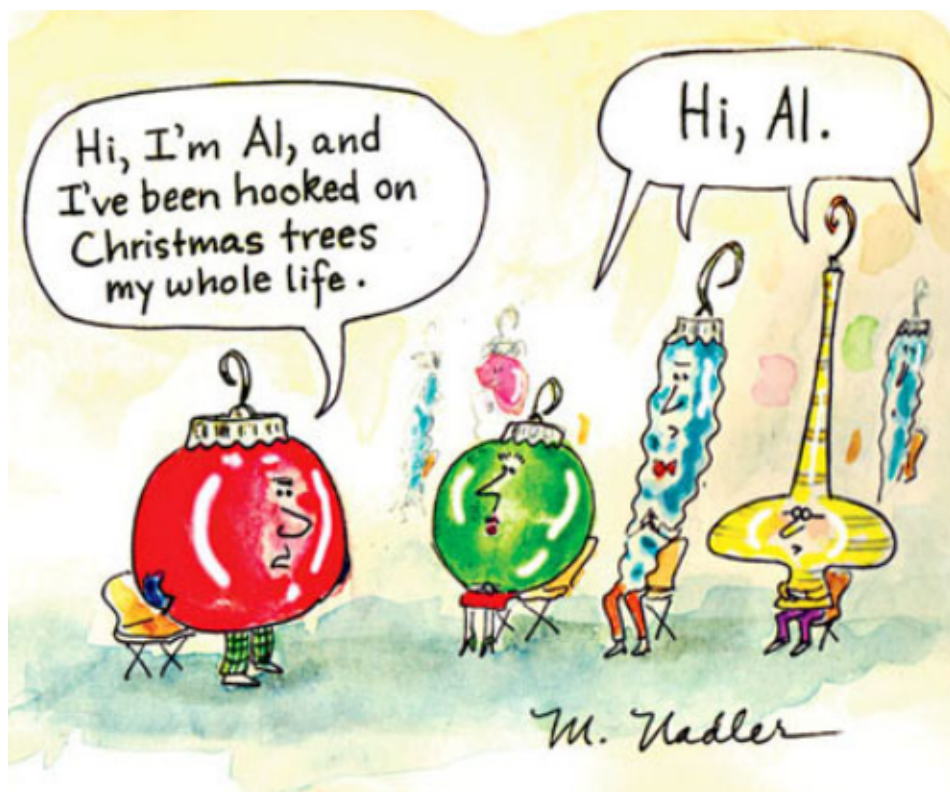
Things are getting busier in the belfry!

We are thrilled that two bellringers from Lancashire have recently moved to Gargrave. It means we now have 13 active ringers living in the village and I know there are several more, who used to ring, or currently cannot due to other

commitments. Add to that three of our regular band who travel in from nearby and things are looking very good for bell ringing.

Our learners are making great progress and have started coming to join the main band for practice now they have mastered handling the rope. We hope you enjoy the strengthening sound.

Don't forget you are always welcome to come up and take a look.



Gargrave Church of England (VC) Primary School

Sarah Peel

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

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Brand new dedicated library space at school is now officially open.

Opening of The Hopkins Library

Staff and children at Gargrave Primary School were joined by local author Katie Daynes together with representatives from local charities and organisations to officially open 'The Hopkins Library'. Katie Daynes talked about her love of books opening up doors and opportunities into new worlds. After Katie unveiled a plaque and cut the ribbon, our Year 6 children invited our visitors to look around the library and serve refreshments.

Many years ago, Olive Hopkins was a volunteer at the school, listening to children read and teaching them to knit; she loved being a part of the school community and spending time with the children. Following a kind bequest from Mrs Hopkins, the school was able to build a purpose-built library in the school grounds, an inspiring space for the children of Gargrave today and in the future.

Children at school regularly go to Gargrave & Malhamdale Community Library, listening to stories and choosing books to bring back to school to share with each other. Staff and governors wanted to provide this experience in school, giving children a haven for reading and a space to enhance their well-being. New books bring excitement and inspiration, opening up possibilities for those reading them.



The Hopkins Library project was only made possible by Olive Hopkins' bequest together with grants from local charities and organisations including Gargrave & Malhamdale Community Library, The Skipton Mechanics Institute, Skipton Rotary, The Duke of Devonshire Charitable Trust, The Sands family, and Gargrave Primary

School PTA. Filled with beautiful new books, comfy beanbags and inspiring quotes, we can offer our children the best opportunities, enabling all to achieve.

Christmas

It is wonderful to spend time with the young children in December as they get excited for Christmas. We shall be immersed in glitter, decorations and preparations.

On Tuesday we shall hold a Christmas lunch for every pupil and staff, so well over 100 Christmas lunches. Mrs. Halls does an amazing job catering for us all and calmly serving traditional lunch.

Our youngest pupils will share the Christmas story in St Andrew's Church on Thursday 14th December at 1pm.

All Welcome. It is called Baarmy Bethlehem- it certainly will be!

St Andrew's Family Service Review, 1 October

Peter Gardner

Warmth! That was the feeling I got as I walked into church this morning. That new heating system works beautifully - and I think people also appreciated the warmth of the welcome and the sausage and bacon butties which were on offer as they entered our hallowed portals.

Our service, today, was all about, 'Walking the Path of Love.'

As we came into the church, we were all offered a stone. There was, of course, a reason for that, which I'll come to later - and fortunately, no-one took it into their head to throw their stone through one of our lovely stained-glass windows.

What is this 'path of love' then? The answer was found in our gospel reading, Matthew 22 v 30-40. Jesus was speaking and said that the first commandment is to love God. God has shown his love to us and in return, he wants us to walk in that love - worshipping him, being obedient to him and generally showing our love towards him. The second commandment is similar. Love your neighbour -do good to him and meet his needs as best you can.

We all need love, don't we and just as we want people to show love to us, we should show it to God and to others whenever we get the opportunity.

What about those stones, then? Well, at the beginning of the service, we saw a picture of a mountain cairn projected on the screen and Jen made the point that when we are on a walk and see a cairn, it is a welcoming site. When we see it in the distance, it's a place to aim for and it shows that others have walked the way before us. Jesus walked the way of love, showing love to all, and to follow that path should

be our aim. Hence the stones. We were encouraged to bring them and place them on a small cairn at the front of the church – showing our intent to aim for that objective, too.

That was not all, however. The parable of the unforgiving servant was read and acted out before us.

In a nutshell, the parable is about a king who was owed an immense debt, but forgave the servant who couldn't repay it. That servant however, wouldn't forgive a fellow servant who owed him a small debt. The king heard about it and because the first servant would not forgive his fellow servant, the king did not, in the end, forgive the first servant and he had to suffer the consequences. That, concluded Jesus would be our fate, too, if we do not forgive others.

Well, that was a salutary lesson - and a sober reminder that in God's eyes, forgiving others isn't optional. He forgave us all we have done wrong and we must forgive others when they have wronged us. Otherwise well, you can work it out, can't you.

And on that rather sober note I'll end, I think.

Gargrave 2022 Group Update: Journeys through childhood and countryside

Sarah Kirk

Memories of childhood were evoked by our speakers both in October and November. Botanist, Judith Allinson, used the poem that many of us learned "From A Railway Carriage" (Faster than fairies, faster than witches) to help guide us along the Settle Carlisle Railway and in November, Mike Anderson, shared with us recipes from the Be-Ro book, bringing back memories of childhood teatime treats.

For many years, Judith has volunteered alongside the Settle Carlisle railway, helping to encourage and record all the flowers and plants that exist along the 73-mile long engineering marvel. The line was completed in 1876 by the Midland Railway Board to give a fast route into Scotland. At the height of the construction 6000 men, mostly navvies, lived on-site in shanty towns named Jericho and Sebastopol. The working conditions were appalling and many hundreds died due to accidents, illness and the extreme weather. In the early days of the railway it was not unusual for a train to be brought to a standstill on the Ribbleshead viaduct because of the force of the wind!

Tough conditions for man, beast and flowers but many do survive and often thrive. With her thanks to Robert Louis Stephenson, in her poem From a Settle Carlisle railway carriage, Judith details the white of the blackthorn and wood anemones which appear in the early part of the year and are found on the railway edges as it climbs out of Settle. As the railway line ascends and the spring gathers pace, the

flowers of May, the kingcups, dandelions and primroses are in their prime, followed by the pinks and purples of June- red campion, orchids growing on clinker and cranesbill.

Reaching the peak of summer in July, Judith illustrated with her own photographs all the flowers that are found at the peak of the railway near Old Dent station – greater burnett, knapweed and red clover. For the year and the railway, it is all downhill after that but still packed with interest of course! Ever the enthusiast, Judith had scouted around Gargrave station and discovered to her delight, 26 species of plant including 3 grasses. So not officially part of the route, but offering a good introduction to the floral spectacular to come.

In November, Mike Anderson, entertained us with his skills, his reminiscences, and knowledge of old Yorkshire recipes and much to our delight baked several childhood favourites of his including melting moments, coffee kisses and Victoria



scones, which we all thoroughly enjoyed during the coffee break. Mike had been

inspired to bake by his mother and the recipes from her treasured Be-Ro flour cookery book which, together with his grandmother's 1929 version are still in his possession, and not surprisingly very dear to him. Beginning his trade as a 15 year old in a family of

bakers, his passion, enthusiasm and skills for baking remain undimmed even after his 48 years in the business. Always preferring to mix the ingredients by hand as it helps him feel "part of the creation", all the recipes Mike showed us had been in at least one edition of the Be-Ro books.

The company had been founded by Thomas Bell in Newcastle in the 1880's and amongst the products he sold from his wholesale grocery business was Bell's Royal baking powder and a self-raising flour in which the baking powder was already added. Following the death of Edward VII in 1910 it became illegal to use the Royal name, so Bell changed the name of his flour taking the first two letters from Bell and Royal and so Be-Ro flour was born!

The Be-Ro cookery book started out life as a promotional pamphlet, handed out with Be-Ro flour, so housewives could become familiar with this undoubtedly more

convenient but more expensive way to bake. In the 1920's self-raising flour was still considered a novelty as people bought plain flour direct from the miller and self-raising flour was only sold into independent grocers. The company staged a series of exhibitions where freshly baked scones, pastries and cakes were sold for a shilling to visitors. These were so popular that people demanded to have copies of the recipes so that they could bake the dishes at home.



The books soon became an essential part of a young woman's education in running a home and feeding a family. First published in 1923, the 42nd edition is being eagerly anticipated as part of the centenary celebrations. Over 38 million copies have been sold and over the years the recipe books achieved their objective of making Be-Ro the best known flour in the north. This was certainly proved by our members from southern parts who had never heard of Be-Ro flour or seen the books!

We had been asked to bring our own Be-Ro books from home and as Mike looked at them in all their battered and stained glory, he noted quite a few that he had not seen before. Mike recalled attempting to acquire all editions of the Be-Ro books.

After searching in vain in charity shops, he realised that those booklets that had survived were being sold online for £30 and £40 in some cases! But there was silent agreement all round that none of us would part with the humble little books showcased that evening- memories are priceless!

In recent months, the group has welcomed new members and guests so please look out for advertising about events in 2024- we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Eco Church Bronze Award

Chris Bolas

St Andrews Gargrave has been awarded the A ROCHA Eco Church Bronze Certificate. This is recognition that we have successfully achieved the first level, as we work through the process hoping ultimately achieving the Gold Award. This has been achieved in just over a year since we started the process. Just in time for Christmas, a great present to have at this time of year, as we work to safeguard God's creation from global warming and Environmental damage. We are moving forward with plans to achieve the silver award in the coming year.



Coniston Cold Young Farmers

Alfie Wright



October has been a busy month for the young farmers. It began with our AGM held at the Richard Tottie Memorial Hall at Coniston Cold. It is at this meeting that members elect/re-elect the new club officers for this year. Sue Wright has stayed on as Club President, Mary Throup is the new Chairman, Will Hargreaves is Secretary and John Pearson is the Treasurer.

The following Friday we held our Annual Dinner and Presentation Night at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club, Settle. We all enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a fantastic speech from our guest speaker, Mr Alistair Walton. The points trophies were presented by our president, Sue Wright. The evening was rounded off with a disco.

The day after, some of our members competed in the Yorkshire Young Farmers Rural Skills Competition at Wigglesworth. Members from all across Yorkshire were competing. Huge congratulations to Will Hargreaves who came first place in the



Junior Walling Competition.

The following Tuesday night members met at Whitehills Golf Driving Range at Stirton where everyone had a great time practising their swing.

The next meeting was the Settle District Quiz held at the North Ribblesdale Rugby Club, this was a great chance for our members to socialise with their friends from the other clubs, whilst putting their general knowledge to the test.

The following Sunday night some of our members took part in the Settle District Darts Competition at Settle Social Club. This was great fun and a very successful night for us, with our senior team coming first place and our junior team second.

We were back in the Hall for our final meeting in October, for our annual Public Speaking Competition. We all had to give a one minute speech on a subject of our choice. Everyone did really well, but after much deliberation the judges decided to present the trophies to Will Hargreaves and Mary Throup.

Young Farmers meet most Tuesday nights throughout the year and new members are always welcome. For more information please text Alfie Wright on 07731654343

News from the Village Hall

Caroline Thompson

It only seems like five minutes since Lynn and I came up with the possibility of producing a calendar, when in reality it was months ago! We both enjoy walking and finding hidden corners of the beautiful area we live in and it is particularly nice to capture the changing seasons with a photograph. Lynn keeps the hall in pristine condition with her housekeeping skills and she floated the idea of us putting together a calendar of our photographs and selling it in aid of Village Hall funds. I called to see Jason at EP Print on Otley Street in Skipton to see if our idea was a feasible one. He said it could be done and gave us some quotes back in the Spring. However, time and family events got the better of us both, with not four but two weddings and a funeral. Plus of course lots of grandchildren care thrown into the mix.

The situation now is we may have a **2024 calendar for sale** as you receive this issue of the Church Magazine, which we know is a little last minute for a Christmas gift or alternatively we may decide to produce it early for 2025! Hopefully it will be the former and I know Chris and Jason at EP print will try their best for us. Please keep an eye on our outside noticeboard at the Village Hall as we will be advertising

when and where the calendar will be available. We may have them available for sale at the Book Fair on the 2nd December and the Collectables Fair on the 10th December. Fingers crossed. All the images are either taken in Gargrave or in a very close proximity to the Village. We hope they will make an ideal gift for your family and friends who have a shared joy of the area. We are not too sure of the demand for them so we will only have a limited number printed so please buy early to avoid disappointment! To give you a taster, here is Higherlands lock by Lynn which gives us a glimpse of the sunshine we enjoyed back in June.



Things do not always go to plan with our maintenance work at the Hall. Robert began to paint the masonry along the length of the hall wall which faces the car park. Unfortunately, halfway through the job he ran out of paint. He re-ordered another tin of the corresponding mix and gamely slapped it on. We all thought once it dried it would match the first colour, sadly not, it was quite a bit different. Hence poor Robert will have to go over most of the wall again.

The work on the stage is not quite complete yet, again paint needs to be applied to the walls, a sliding door will be fitted at the top of the stage steps and there will then be the necessity to move one of the radiators. Old electrical switches also still need to be removed. It has been a long job and a bit frustrating that it is not yet completed but as my late Mum used to quote "Patience is a virtue, possess it if you can, seldom found in women, but never in a man"!

We continue to discuss the possibility of fitting solar panels at the Village Hall and a survey has been undertaken by a local roofer to see what the condition of the roof is like and for the suitability of the type of panel to fit. The roof as we thought will need some work first.

Gargrave Bowling Club - Another season over

Martyn Cox

The 2023 season finally came to an end in late October. The end of season work on the green is now complete, which will hopefully ensure there is a playing surface next year which maintains the standard set this year. Personally I have played on many greens this year and our Green at Gargrave was definitely the best – but then I am probably biased.

Competitively the club achieved reasonable success in the various leagues and cups however the success of the year was the number of new members who were able to increase their experience by playing more and more games against other teams. Long may their improvement continue.



More and more the Bowling Club is becoming an integral part of the community welcoming more and more new members. It is hoped that this will continue next year where I will still be offering one-on-one coaching to anybody wanting to try (ring me 07745 018 459). This is a wonderful game where you can meet new friends – just ring me and we can make necessary arrangements.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing everybody when the Green opens – probably late March.

Corny Christmas Cracker Jokes

- What is green, covered in Christmas lights and Christmas bulbs, and goes ribbit? A mistle-toad.
- How do sheep say Merry Christmas to each other? Fleece Navidad.
- What is every parent's favourite Christmas song? Silent Night!
- Why did Rudolph have to attend summer school? Because he went down in history.
- How did Joseph and Mary weigh baby Jesus at birth? They had a weigh in the manger.
- What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas Eve!
- What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas? "I'll never part with it!"



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Didn't we have a wonderful "Help a Dog Day"?

The little bit of rain certainly didn't stop play, as dogs of all shapes, sizes, breeds and colours brought their favourite humans along to support our fundraiser!

We danced and sang and hunted bones along the trail and ate cake and raffled and tombola'd and drank tea and ate cake and had our portrait pictures taken and bought treats and pinned tails on the Dalmatian (and met Cruella) and ate more cake and counted Gravy Bones and Guessed Names and lots, lots more.

Together, we raised a whopping **£1400** for rescue dogs both at home and abroad. The two charities, Aireworth Dogs in Need and Greek Animal Rescue can claim Gift Aid on our donation which will bring the total up to a fantastic £1750!!!

A huge & heartfelt "THANKYOU" to absolutely EVERYONE who helped to make the day a success...All the lovely Prize Givers, the Tea Makers & Cake Bakers, the Knitters & Sewers, the Photographers & Fancy Dressers, the Music Makers & Trail Map Designers & All Our Happy Helpers...

You are Absolutely Fabulous!!xx

Please enjoy the photos from the day!





A Christmas (cracker!) Meditation

Mike O'Dowd

The creation story in Genesis is perhaps one of the best known texts in the Bible. Despite Yorkshire being widely known as God's own country, surprisingly few people are familiar with the Yorkshire version of Genesis. Written on some ancient scrolls dating back to nearly 4000 BC, it was discovered in the last century hidden deep within the caves above Settle!

Genesis according to Yorkshire Folk

In t' beginning there were nowt, and God sayeth "Let there be leet". And there was leet, and he could see for miles.

On t'first day, God created Yorkshire, and he looked, and he sayeth, "It is good".

On t'second day, he created t'beasts of t'field – Whippets, Lurchers, and fowl of t'air – Pigeons, He looked and he sayeth, "It is good".

On t'third day, he created t'Yorkshireman, who was strongin t'arm, and who could call a spade a shovel. To have dominion over Yorkshire, and t'beasts in t'fields, and t'fowl of t'air, and ter lookout for Yorkshire. And he looketh and said, "It is good".

On t'fourth day, he created t'Yorkshire lass, who were fair of face, and strong in t'arm, and who could maketh t'Yorkshire Puds, and who could skivvy for t' Yorkshireman. And he looked and sayeth, "it is good."

On fifth day, he created t'oceans, the fairest of them being the North Sea that filled t'coastline of Yorkshire with unlimited beauty and provided fish for t' Yorkshireman and his lass. And he looked and sayeth, "It is good".

On t'sixth day, he created t'rest of t'world, and as he was running out of ideas, he created Lancashire, and he looked, then he looked again, and he sayeth: "By 'eck! After this one, I think I need a day off!"

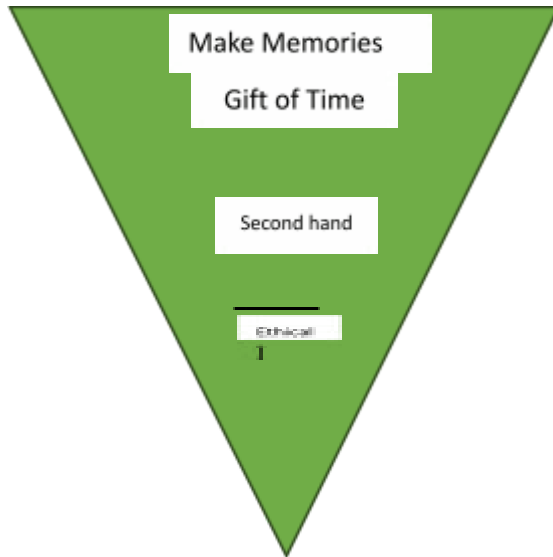
And he rested on t'seventh day'

Acknowledgements: Thank you to Mike O'Dowd, Cowshed Cards and The National Park Card Company. With sincere apologies to Lancashire.

Recommendation: For a more serious commentary on Genesis read Karen Armstrong's 'In the Beginning – A New Interpretation of Genesis', 2011.

December is the month when we will be preoccupied with the arrival of Christmas and the giving and receiving of presents, enjoying carol services and eating nice food. How can this be done while still giving consideration to the environment and climate change? Here are a few suggestions:

Presents



This is known as the ethical hierarchy of gifts, but it's not how we see gift buying today, with the pressure to buy new gifts. If we are not going to use more and more resources, we need to change our patterns of giving using fewer resources or using them more effectively. Otherwise, the consequences of no change will be more environmental damage, more CO₂ and more global warming. The challenge is to move as many of our gifts up the triangle as we can. We need to think about the quality of the gift not the monetary value. A survey showed that just under half UK adults say they received gifts that they never use! Making a gift for people can be just as rewarding and shows much more care and love than buying one.

Three books that might help prepare for next year

- **'Gifts from the Garden: 100 Gorgeous Homegrown Presents' Debora Robertson**
- **'Gifts from the Kitchen: 100 irresistible homemade presents' Annie Rigg**
- **'Gifts in Jars: Homemade Cookie Mixes, Soup Mixes, Candles, Lotions, Teas, and More!' Natalie Wise**

Cards, Wrapping Paper, Decorations

Many of the cards and wrapping papers we use are not recyclable: e.g. cards with glitter and plasticised papers (paper and plastic mixed). Try recycling your own newspapers and magazines as gift-wrapping. Use brown paper with a coloured ribbon tied around it; cloth bags which can be used multiple times, made of natural fabrics which are readily available now. Alternatively, purchase attractive scarves from a charity shop to wrap presents

Reuse Christmas decorations year after year; make your own from natural materials. E.g. Holly, mistletoe, dried citrus fruit, strings of popcorn or try felting. Use low energy Christmas lights and turn them off when not required. Buy a natural tree and recycle it or replant it after Christmas or keep your plastic one for at least 10 years to offset the CO₂ produced during its production.

Food and drink

Try to avoid food which has travelled a long way to get to your table particularly if it has been flown into the UK by supermarkets. Buying local food reduces the food miles and is really good for the local economy.

Food waste can be a big issue at Christmas, so plan your Christmas carefully to avoid over buying. Use up any excess, some of those post-Christmas recipes can be really good and interesting!! If you are lucky enough to have plenty of food at Christmas, remember there are those, even in the UK, who will not have enough and reflect on how lucky that makes us.

Cut down on the amount of meat you use, try a vegetarian/vegan recipe this Christmas. Meat takes a lot of cereals and protein to produce it and with an ever-increasing world population it is getting ever harder for the world to be adequately fed.

Support those not so lucky

We here in Britain have always supported those in need at Christmas and never was it more important than today with our cost-of-living crisis. The UN are saying the UK is in violation of international law on poverty levels (Observer 5th November). This, in a country that has one of the top ten largest economies in the world.

A more detailed pamphlet on all of this and more will be available at St Andrew's Church soon to help you. It's called **Have Yourself a More Sustainable Christmas**. (First published by St Andrew's Methodist Church, Skipton)

As always, change whatever you can and make a difference to everyone's future.

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

As I write these notes the first storm of the Autumn is raging – several large branches have fallen off trees prompting an anxious check of the stock to ensure none have been injured or trapped.

For more years that I care to remember I have attended the Autumn cattle sales at Oban on the west coast of Scotland in October. The weather has often been great showing the Autumn colours in all their splendour. This has always been the last chance of a break before the grind of winter begins. By way of a change, instead of visiting the Oban sales this year I chose to join some friends at the Braemar gathering in September. High pressure was the order of the day and as such we saw Scotland at its best.

Farming has been a tough old life – when I look back it is only now I realise how hard it was for my parents in their early years. During my school years I always had a yen for something different. In those days one hatched chickens under hens along with goose and duck eggs (clocking hens were given 10 hen eggs, 6 duck eggs or 4 goose eggs). At that time a certain Mr Freeman called every Sunday morning for eggs. As food rationing was in full force this was known as the “black market”. He became my mentor as he presented me with four bantam eggs to hatch under a hen (foundation stock for my first business!). The breed was Colombo Partridge – they were sex linked with the males being every colour of the rainbow and the females almost like the Brown Leghorn. Under my Mother’s guidance I soon developed quite a business – adding several breeds of bantam to my collection.

All my life I have always enjoyed something different be it an Ayrshire cow or a Belted Galloway. It must be a family trait as I remember in 1945, when most farms had Shorthorn cattle, my father brought home a Friesian bull. My Grandfather went mad, stating “you and your fancy breeds!”. To keep up the trend I have recently purchased some nice Lonk gimmer Shearlings – not sure what Brian & Lisa will say about that!

As the wet weather continues and the grass quality is deteriorating we have started feeding the lambs on fattening pellets. We have also sold some lambs as “stores” (long-term fattening lambs) to reduce numbers so that the remainder can be housed comfortably in the near future.

The ewes have all been sorted into relevant breeding groups and are now running with the tups. On one of our regular stock checks we were dismayed to discover evidence of a dog attack on one of the ewes. Despite receiving serious neck wounds she has responded to antibiotics and hopefully will make a good recovery.

Unfortunately, as is often the case, no-one has come forward regarding the incident. This comes as a stark reminder of the damage a loose dog can cause.

With winter upon us there has been the usual manic rush prior to the cattle coming in. The tractor needed servicing and repairs, new cubicle mats needed to be fitted and trees removed from gutters! The jobs have now been completed in the nick of time and the cattle are all housed and settling in nicely.

Gargrave Wildlife Working Group Update *Sarah Kirk, Chris Bolas, Sheila Bamford*

The Woodland Walk

If you walk through the woodland, there is increasing evidence that this riverside area is going to become a woodland. An impressive trio of young birch trees now guard the lower end of the walk. Other trees are now clearly showing their characteristics with rowans producing orange berries and the wild cherry trees leaves punching a glorious red against the predominating green.

It may be difficult to remember but May and June were particularly dry and the trees, some of which were beginning to show signs of distress, were watered by a willing team toiling in great heat! There were three more weeks of dry weather before the rain became more frequent in July so thank you to all those who came and laboured. The woodland lost about 10 trees due to the travellers' activities with many of the supporting canes being ripped out and destroyed. We will be staking



those trees that require support over the next few months. In order to protect the trees from further unwanted attention a decision was made not to trim during the summer but allow the vegetation to grow. The regular strimming that has been carried out over the previous two years, ensured that the rosebay willow herb, nettles and butterbur were not as vigorous this summer which has allowed other plants to flourish. Particularly joyous are the teasels, (a favoured food source for goldfinches) that now pierce the landscape, and during the summer the purple cranesbill gave a magnificent display. Adding to the

woodland feel, willow saplings are flourishing on the bankside which will help strengthen the bank against further erosion.

Many of the trees have now grown above the vegetation level and the accepted theory is that once this is the case regular strimming is not required. Although that is true for a significant number of the saplings, monitoring will continue for those

trees, and the beech and hornbeam whips planted as hedges alongside the farm track. Strimming will be done if this provides the optimum growing conditions for the trees. A balancing act as always with all things environmental.

Thank you for all your messages of support during the summer when the trees and canes were damaged. Many thanks also for the financial support in recognition of the losses incurred. The felling of the Sycamore Gap tree and subsequent outcry shows just how much we are a nation of tree lovers. Here in Gargrave we are doing our bit.

The Group has been successful in securing funding from the Councillors Locality Budget. Our huge thanks to Councillor Simon Myers for committing the money to the group and to the Parish Council who as part of the grant stipulation will top up this up from local funds. The intention of the group is to buy battery powered tools along with safety equipment which will enable us to manage and maintain the woodland walk and the plantation by the bridge as required.

The Plantation by the Bridge

In June the group carried out a survey of all the plants growing in the plantation. In all 29 species were recorded. A full listing can be found on the noticeboard by the Summerseat.

Although the wildflowers were not as successful as we would have liked, oxeye daisies, red campion and forget-me-nots flourished along with the more common-place golden creeping buttercups and goosegrass with its sticky stems and seeds. Cow parsley and docks grew tall amongst the grasses whilst corn speedwell, yellow lesser trefoil, a species of clover, and delicate ladies smock stayed closer to the ground. Ragwort, a tall biennial with yellow daisy-like leaves, the foodplant for the caterpillar of the spectacular black and red day-flying Cinnabar moth was also found.



Ragwort is poisonous to livestock and not popular for that reason with horse owners and farmers but in the plantation we will not be removing it. In late summer the thistles and rosebay willow herb gave a splash of colour. Grasses found included Yorkshire Fog, (strappy and tough!) red fescue, cocksfoot, crested dog's tail with its tightly



packed rectangular seedhead, the spectacular cocks foot grass with its fluffy pale green seed heads ending in red and purple, four-rowed barley and pendulous sage, a tall striking perennial which forms large dense clumps of broad glass like leaves and whose flowers are long pendulous catkin-like spikes.



A survey of all the wild life in the area will be carried out early next summer.

The area was strimmed and cuttings removed in August after the wildflowers had seeded. Thanks to the purchase of a strimmer, our programme of cutting the area in order to weaken the grasses and allow the other species to proliferate will continue.

Next year during the late spring, using our strimmer, we will create shorter areas of grass in the form of a path, for creatures that prefer short grass. In addition to the blackbirds who will forage for worms, crows, magpies, rooks and starlings will search for leatherjackets. Many insects such as the green-veined white butterfly thrive on flowers such as the common daisy, a plant also recorded on the site.

At the end of October a dozen volunteers spent around four hours in the two adjacent plantation areas planting 2500 snowdrop bulbs which have been kindly donated by the Parish Council. It is hoped that these additional bulbs will enhance the snowdrops already in situ thus giving everyone in the village a much-needed glimpse of spring in early 2024. There are also displays of snowdrops around the war memorial and along the Damside and Chew Lane and a few clumps in the Woodland Walk. Visiting “snowdrop spectaculars” is an increasingly popular reason for an excursion early in the year, and the snowdrop displays around the village will be good not only for the early pollinators and Gargravians braving the winter chill, but visitors and local businesses too.

The Coronation Planters

The planters have provided a colourful and cheery welcome to the village over the summer months. Thanks to all of those who have expressed their appreciation and an especial thank you to Cathy and Ian Turford and the Watermans, who have kept the troughs watered when they have needed them and those who have helped “deadhead” throughout the year.



With great thanks once again to Martin Twiss, proprietor of Twin Locks Garden Centre, we are able to plant out the troughs with winter pansies and spring bulbs.

Janet Lane is pictured at the Skipton-side planters, removing the geraniums which she will host over the winter. The scabious with their lilac-coloured blooms loved by bees will also return next summer.

Volunteer

If you would like to join our working parties, you would be most welcome! Please email: gargravewildlife@gmail.com

WATER IN AND AROUND GARGRAVE

Duncan Faulkner

13. Fish and aquatic life

First I must apologise for my mistake last month, getting my conversion to kilowatts wrong so that I underestimated the hydropower potential of the River Aire by a factor of 10. Maybe hydropower in Gargrave is worth considering after all. This idea flows rather nicely into the theme for this month, which is aquatic life, since one of the difficulties with hydropower and weirs in general is that they can create barriers to fish migration.

I feel some weight of family expectation when it comes to this topic. Although my grandfather was a very keen fisherman I haven't caught a fish since 1999, despite occasionally trying since. And although my dad is a botanist who spends much of his retirement seeking out rare aquatic plants, I can't distinguish one underwater green weed from another. So I will need to rely on others' expertise.

The River Aire through Gargrave is classed as having "Good" ecological status. This is quite rare in England, putting in the top 16% of rivers. Its status for fish and invertebrates is ranked even better, at "High". Downstream of Gargrave the status of the river drops to "Moderate". So we have something rather precious on our doorsteps here.

There is a healthy population of brown trout and grayling in the river, with some large chub also present (a member of the carp family). Before industrialisation in the 18th century salmon spawned in the gravel beds of the rivers around Gargrave, and there is a hope that they may return one day, now that the river is cleaner than it has been for centuries and fish passes have been built in Leeds and Saltaire. The glass salmon artwork in the green off South Street, installed last year, expresses this hope visually.

The fishing rights downstream of the (former) Systagenix weir are owned by Bradford City Angling Club, who have a policy of catch and release to preserve the fish stocks. I understand that fishing rights on the greens in Gargrave are open to all residents, although I can't remember how I heard that. I know one such resident, well advanced in years, who recalls tickling many a trout in his younger days. Most of the fish I spot are shoals of tiny youngsters, an inch long, but occasionally something larger rises to take a fly.

The recent removal of the weir at Systagenix, following its near-destruction by floods, along with the removal in 2018 of a smaller weir at Coniston Cold, will help enhance fish passage.

Turn over a stone in the river and you might find a crayfish. We have only ever seen the larger invasive Signal crayfish, which have been displacing the native population of White clawed crayfish, although a large colony of natives were found in the canal at Bank Newton during repair works eight years ago.

All this tasty underwater life makes the river a larder for kingfishers, herons (including the little egret that frequents the Damside), mallard, goosander, dippers and of course otters. These much-loved water creatures have been returning to the Aire, and we have spotted a pair on the canal too. Less popular river residents are mink – particularly unpopular in our household as they are the no. 1 suspect for the massacre of our hens a couple of years ago.

Source material mostly from Bradford City Angling Club and the Wild Trout Trust.

Poems

December by Ina Donna Coolbrith

Now the summer all is over!
We have wandered through the clover,
We have plucked in wood and lea
Blue-bell and anemone.

We were children of the sun,
Very brown to look upon:
We were stained, hands and lips,
With the berries' juicy tips.

And I think that we may know
Where the rankest nettles grow,
And where oak and ivy weave
Crimson glories to deceive.

Now the merry days are over!
Woodland-tenants seek their cover,
And the swallow leaves again

For his castle-nests in Spain.

Shut the door, and close the blind:
We shall have the bitter wind,
We shall have the dreary rain
Striving, driving at the pane.

Send the ruddy fire-light higher;
Draw your easy chair up nigher;
Through the winter, bleak and chill,
We may have our summer still.

Here are poems we may read,
Pleasant fancies to our need:
Ah, eternal summer-time
Dwells within the poet's rhyme!

All the birds' sweet melodies
Linger in these songs of his;
And the blossoms of all ages
Waft their fragrance from his pages.

December by Joseph D. Herron

Child of the grand old winter,
December floateth by;
And the ground without is bare and white
As the moon in the cloudless sky.

The wind blows cold and dreary,
Across the whitened plain;
And we see the oaks with their branches bare,
Through the frost on the window pane.

But within where the yule-log's burning,
Each heart is happy and gay;
For the loving Prince of earth and Heaven,
Was born on Christmas day.

Then hail! grand old December,
We welcome you once more!
For the memory sweet of a night you bring,
That came in the days of yore.

What December Says by Mary B. Slade

Open your hearts ere I am gone,
And hear my old, old story;
For I am the month that first looked down
On the beautiful Babe of glory.
You never must call me lone and drear
Because no birds are singing;
Open your hearts, and you shall hear
The song of the angels ringing.

Open your hearts, and hear the feet
Of the star-led Wise Men, olden;
Bring out your treasures of incense sweet;
Lay down your offerings golden.
You say you look, but you see no sight
Of the wonderful Babe I'm telling;
You say they have carried him off, by night,
From Bethlehem's lowly dwelling.

Open your hearts and seek the door
Where the alway poor are staying;
For this is the story, for evermore
The Master's voice is saying:
Inasmuch as ye do it unto them.
The poor, the weak, and the stranger,
Ye do it to Jesus of Bethlehem—
Dear Babe of the star-lit manger!

TRIVIA QUIZ

1. From which country did eggnog originate?
2. What time is the King's speech normally broadcast on Christmas Day?
3. What is 'Happy Christmas' in Spanish?
4. How many of Rudolph's fellow reindeers' names start with 'D'? Three
5. How many gifts were given in total in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song?
6. When did It's a Wonderful Life come out?
7. What is a female turkey called?
8. What is the creature called in Germany who kidnaps naughty children at Christmas?
9. What type of tree is most commonly used for Christmas trees?
10. What colour are mistletoe berries?
11. Which iconic Scottish poet wrote 'Auld Lang Syne'?
- 12.. What is the best-selling Christmas song of all time?

Trivia Answers:

Answers:

1. Uk
2. 3pm
3. Feliz Navidad
4. Three - Dancer, Dasher, Donner
5. 364
6. 1946
7. A hen
8. Krampus
9. Nordman Fir
10. White
11. Robert Burns
12. "White Christmas" - Bing Crosby

Ahernes of Hellifield, Saturday opening hours

The Saturday opening hours are different to those shown in the advert on p.A14 of the central advert section. Saturday opening hours are now 9 am–12 pm.

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(taken from Netmums)



1.

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You will need:

- half a cup of salt
- one cup of plain flour
- half a cup of water
- cookie cutters
- ribbon for hanging
- paint to decorate

How to make salt dough and salt dough decorations

2. Put one cup of flour and half a cup of salt into a bowl, then pour on half a cup of water.
3. Stir the mixture until it forms a nice dough.
4. To make decorations, roll out the dough and cut shapes using cookie cutters.
5. Make a small hole in the top of your shapes for hanging, using the end of a paintbrush or a pencil.

6. Add details by pressing in buttons, Lego, drinking straw ends ... whatever you like.
7. Pop your salt dough shapes in the oven on a low heat for about 2-3 hours OR you can try zapping them in the microwave for about 2 minutes.
8. Once they are dry you can paint them, add some biodegradable glitter if you like and varnish if you want a shiny protective surface. Then finally add a ribbon to hang.

Salt dough tips

- Try adding food colouring to make different colours of dough.
- If you don't have cookie cutters, create a stencil by drawing a shape on a piece of card, then cutting the shape out. You can then place the shape on the rolled-out dough and cut around it.
- Try pressing different objects into the dough to see what patterns they make, such as a fork, a leaf or a comb.
- The finished decorations are great for hanging on a branch, hanging on the Christmas tree, to use as gift tags on presents or just to hang in the windows as decoration.
- You can also simply make the salt dough and play with it - making little models and enjoying squidding and squishing it between your fingers.

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Public Transport leaving Gargrave *Compiled: Peter Hardyman 13 Oct '23*

TRAINS from Gargrave **TO 9 DEC 2023** **NOTE: There are discrepancies of 1 minute or so between a few train times in the printed timetable and the on-line tabular timetable; the earlier time is quoted here.**

To Skipton (arr. approx. 9 mins later) & **Leeds** (arr. approx 55 mins later)
 Mon-Sat 0744 0754 0950SO 1019SX 1048 1150 1350SX 1351SO 1522
 (cont'd) 1551 1647 1815 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)

M-Sat 0525SO 0528SX 0731 0902 1102SX 1103SO 1304 1504 1815 2006
Sunday 0922 1115 1412 1615 1814

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

Mon-Sat 0605SX 0712SO 0832SX 0833SO 1003 1133 1604 1732
(cont'd) 1902 2033²

Sunday 0950 1315 1509

NOTES: For locations of Rail Replacement Bus Pick Ups in Gargrave (when necessary) check with Northern. Generally, only **DIRECT** journeys are shown here. 1. Mon-Fri change at Skipton for Leeds. 2. Ribbleshead only. **As of 13 October: No Engineering works affecting Gargrave in November 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 from 30 Oct 2023

To Skipton (arr.~15min later) (Svces 75, 210/211, 580, 864) (M = from Malham)
M-Fri* 0820 0910 0955 1055 1057M⁷ 1155 1255 1355 1357M⁷ 1455 1555 1810
Saturday 0820 0910 0955 1055M 1155 1355 1455M 1555 1655M 1755
Sundays + B.Hols [864] 1210M 1512M 1702M

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, 864)

Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1000⁷ 1310⁷
Saturday [75] **from 4 Nov:** 1000 1400 1600
Sundays + Bank Hols [864] 1057 1242 1542

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

Public Transport back to Gargrave

TRAINS to Gargrave TO 9 DEC 2023

SEE NOTE on Discrepancies, on previous page. **Last DIRECT TRAIN**

From Skipton (arr. Gargrave ~ 6 mins later) **from LEEDS to GARGRAVE**
Mon-Sat 0519SO 0522SX 0600SX 0707SO 0725 0826SX 0827SO 0856 **1949**
0958 1057 1127 1258 1458 1559 1727 1810 1856 2000 2027

Sunday 0917 0945 1110 1309 1406 1503 1609 1808 **1731**

From Lancaster via Giggleswick (arr. Gargrave ~ 65 mins later)

Mon-Sat 0648 0941 1046 1246SX 1248SO 1447 1745 2030 2131
Sunday 1103 1344 1552 1752 2017

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

Mon-Sat 0549SX 0713SO¹³ 0753SO 0824SX 0927SO¹⁵ 1058¹⁵ 1336
1450 1618 1824 2013¹⁴ 2145¹³
Sunday 0925 1223 1520¹⁵ 1607¹⁵ 1725¹⁵ 1911

NOTES: 13. From Ribbleshead only. **14.** For Gargrave, change at Settle. **15.** Stops at Hellifield & Skipton, but NOT GARGRAVE. *Living in BD23, you can buy a DALES RAILCARD: £10.00/year. 1/3 off Anytime & Off-peak rail tickets between Gargrave, Leeds, Bradford, Carlisle, Morecambe, Lancaster. Big discount for children with you.*

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M-F* 0850 0945 0950M⁸ 1045 1145 1245 1300M⁸ 1345 1445 1545 1645 1845

Saturday 0850 0945M 1045 1245 1345M 1445 1545M 1645 1745 1845

Sundays + B.Hols [864] 1045M 1230M 1530M

From Settle DIRECT (arr. Gargrave ~25 mins later (Service 580)

+ from Kirkby Lonsdale (581) and ++ from Lancaster (81/82)

Mo-Fr* 0755++ 0845++ 0930++ 1030 1130++ 1230 1330++ 1430 1530++ 1745++

Saturday 0755+ 0845++ 0930++ 1130++ 1330++ 1530++ 1730++

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

From Malham (arr. Gargrave ~25mins later) (Services 75, 210/211, 864)

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

Saturday [75] **from 4 Nov:** 1030 1430 1630 from opp. Buck Inn

Sundays + B.Hols [864] 1145 1450 1640 from Nat Park Car Pk

NOTES 8. Tues & Thurs service stops at Coniston Cold 18 mins after Malham 3

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Brownies (7+)—Tue 6.15-7.30pm, Primary School, malhamdalebrownies@gmail.com

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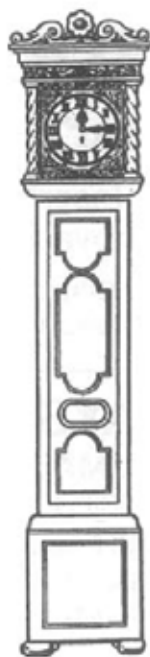
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