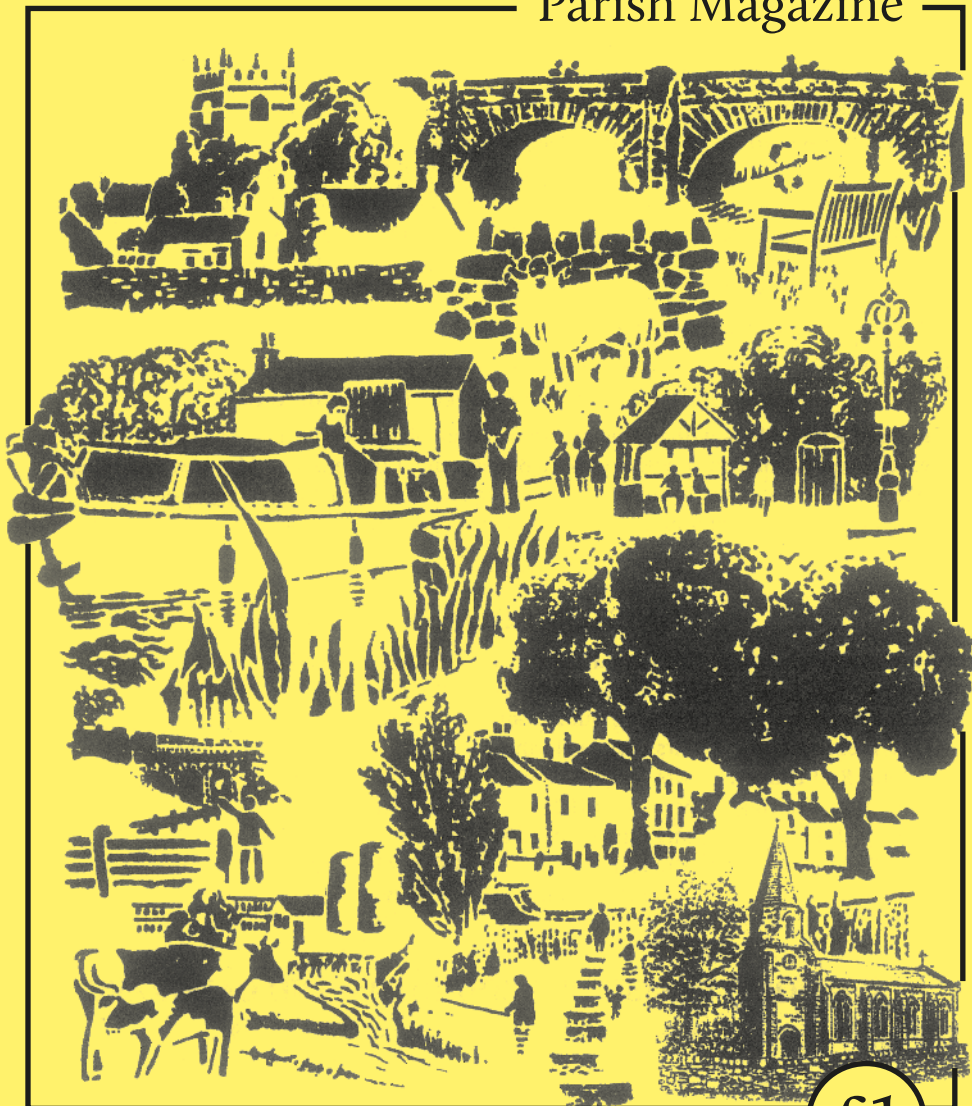


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Liz Holmes : Homage to Klimt, from Gargrave Art Exhibition.

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COLLARED!

An English Country Garden

Rev Andrew Steer

This glorious month of June sees our lovely villages throw open their gardens to welcome hundreds of visitors from far and wide. Over the last few years we have met visitors from all parts of the UK and even from abroad. Gargrave Open Gardens (which includes gardens at Coniston Cold and Bell Busk) is a major date in the calendar for our villages and is part of the national 'Open Gardens' scheme. Organised by Duncan and Bea Faulkner and assisted by a large team of volunteers, the event has traditionally been a vital fundraiser for St Andrew's Church, but this year there is a change. Despite the church's continuing need to raise funds, it was felt that it would be right to share the proceeds with some of the incredible charities which support us all in desperate times. This year we are pleased to be supporting Martin House Children's Hospice and Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice.

Gardens have always been significant places for Christians - often places where God's presence is felt more intensely. Gardens of the Bible were places of beauty, shelter, and sustenance. The fruit trees and vines, fragrant herbs and other useful plants, as well as natural water supplies, were all key elements of design. The very first garden in the Bible was the one at Eden, in which Adam and Eve were charged with taking care of God's creation. The account tells us that God enjoyed walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and we can imagine Adam and Eve walking with God each evening to enjoy the heady scents and beautiful colours.

Gethsemane was another garden of great importance - a bittersweet place of prayer and beauty where friends often met; latterly it became a place of great suffering and betrayal, where the long journey to the cross began. Gethsemane is synonymous with tears and sadness but it must also have been a place of great beauty and spirituality where Jesus found respite from the pressing crowds and could spend valuable time with His Father.

Continuing the garden theme, we mustn't forget the garden near Golgotha. It was here that a newly hewn tomb was found and in it the cold, lifeless and broken body of Jesus was placed. The tomb was sealed with a huge stone and guarded in case anyone should attempt to steal the body within. Three days later in that same garden, Mary met a mysterious man she thought was a gardener. In one sense she wasn't mistaken as this was the Great Cultivator of life!

The final garden is the one in Revelation - here we see a glimpse into the future of the Heavenly garden which contains the tree of life. The creation story has come full circle with the restoration of all that happened in Eden. Here we find healing, hope and restoration, with the Tree of Life and a crystal clear river flowing from the throne of God. This is the place of ultimate victory where creation finds its true meaning and life itself blooms into a glorious symphony of unity and harmony with its Creator.

Thank you for opening your garden this summer, for welcoming strangers, and for all the hard work that goes into showing off our little village. May **YOUR** little patch of sweet England be a place of blessing, peace and restoration for you and many others. I pray that you might even glimpse the hand of the Creator amongst the beauty and life in your garden.

DIARY FOR JUNE

Coniston Cold

2 June Sunday: Compline Evensong, 4 pm, Church.

9 - June Sunday: Prayer Book Communion, 9.30 am, Church.

16 June- Sunday: Compline Evensong, 4 pm, Church.

23 June - Sunday: Prayer Book Communion, 9.30 am, Church.

Gargrave

2 June Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Church. Breakfast, 10.30am, followed by 11am Family Service, Church

.3 June Monday: Coffee Mondays (every Monday), 10.30am -12pm, Church.

3 June Monday: Model railway and transport meeting, first and third Monday of each month. Village Hall Annexe. 7pm.

4 June Tuesday: Craft and Chat (every Tuesday), 2pm, Church.

5 June Wednesday: Parish Council meeting. 7.15pm. Village Hall Annexe.

6 June Thursday: D Day Anniversary Celebration. 6-8pm St Andrews

7 June Friday: Coffee morning (every Friday). 10am-Noon, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1.

7 June Friday: Heritage Walk. Led by Heritage group. Meet 6pm at Summerseat. All welcome

8 June Saturday: Book Fair. Village Hall. 10am -4pm. Light refreshments available until 3.p.m. 50p admission.

9 June Sunday: Matins, 8am, Church. Sung Eucharist, 11am, Church.

10 June Monday: Coffee Mondays (every Monday), 10.30am -12pm, Church.

11 June Tuesday: Craft and Chat (every Tuesday), 2pm, Church.

14 June Friday: Coffee morning (every Friday). 10am-Noon, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1.

15 June Saturday: Picnic Supper Dance with live music from Silhouette. 7.30pm -11pm. Village Hall. £6 admission.

16 June Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Church. Morning Worship, 11am, Church.

16 June Sunday: Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee Collectable and Craft Fair. 9.30am to 3.30pm. Village Hall. Light refreshments available until 3pm.50p admission.

17 June Monday: Coffee Mondays (every Monday), 10.30am -12pm, Church.

17 June Monday: Model railway and transport meeting, first and third Monday of each month. Village Hall Annexe. 7pm. 18 June: Tuesday: Craft and Chat (every Tuesday), 2pm, Church.

21 June: Friday: Coffee morning (every Friday). 10am-Noon, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1.

23 June Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Church. Family Communion, 11am, Church.

24 June Monday: Monday: Coffee Mondays (every Monday), 10.30am -12pm, Church.

25 June: Tuesday: Craft and Chat (every Tuesday), 2pm, Church.

28 June: Friday: Coffee morning (every Friday). 10am-Noon, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1.

28 June Friday: Picnic supper dance in aid of charity. 7.30pm - 11pm. Village Hall. £6 admission.

29 June Saturday: Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee jointly with Gargrave Library Coffee morning. 10am - Noon. Village Hall. Bacon sandwiches and homemade cakes. Raffle, book and bric a brac stall.

30 June Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Church. Morning Worship, 11am, Church.

30 June Sunday: Broadway Fairs Flea Market and Craft Fair. 9.30am to 3.30pm. Village Hall. Refreshments available until 3pm

St Andrew's church is aware that many people from marginalised groups have experienced discrimination in churches for reasons of race, gender or sexuality. To counter this the Parochial Church Council has agreed the following:

St Andrew's offers everyone a warm and open welcome where all are included; a place of belonging and connection."

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EVENTS

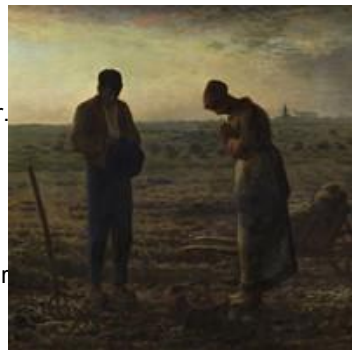
Share a prayer with St Andrew's Church. *Peter Poulter*

Each morning at 9.00 a small group of people meet in St 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 June we will be praying for the area from Marton Road from the Mason's to Bank Newton – including Marton Close, Walton Avenue and Riversway, Walton Close.



Gargrave Help a Dog Day Monday 29th July 2024 12 – 4 pm

Gargrave Village Hall and The Dalesman Tearoom

Make this a date for your diary! It'll soon be the school holidays so come and have a fun day out with the family and help us to raise much needed funds for **Dogs in Need**.

Last year, on a very wet Monday in October you helped us to raise a whopping £1400! Imagine what we might raise in the baking heat of July!

Aireworth Dogs in Need and Greek Animal Rescue were totally surprised and so very grateful for the money we donated, which was immediately put to good use helping abused and starving animals.

Please come along and do your bit to raise funds for these wonderful volunteer run rescue facilities. So many dogs, living in terrible circumstances, will benefit from you coming along and having a fun day out.

As well as our **Doggie Bone Trail Map** there'll be loads of other activities in the village hall and tons of fabulous prizes to be won. Treats for your dogs and treats for you! Plus, there's a rosette for the first 50 dogs to walk the trail and a lolly for the first 50 children walking with their dog.

Delicious Pie and Peas and Homemade Cakes will be served in the Village Hall from 12 noon.

Many of our 'regulars' are rescue dogs themselves who now have a great new life in this beautiful part of the world, thanks to people like you.

Do come along and support **Gargrave Help a Dog Day on Monday 29th July! You don't need a dog to take part, just bring yourself and join in the fun.**

Library News May 24 Home Library Delivery Service *David Smith*

Do you love reading but have difficulty, for whatever reason, getting to the Library? Then the free Home Library Delivery Service is for you. Tell us which books you would like or give us an idea of the types of books you like to read and we will do the rest from selecting, delivering and collecting 'the empties!'

If you are housebound on a temporary or permanent basis and wish to enrol on the Home Delivery Service or know of somebody who might benefit, please contact John Hewitt on 01756 748199 or email gargravelibrary@btinternet.com

A bit of an early notice of an event to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 13th July. The theme for this year's schools' Summer Reading Challenge this year is 'Marvellous Makers' and members of the thriving Arts & Craft community in Gargrave have very kindly agreed to give their time to demonstrate their crafting skills to children. At the same time the Library will be open to sign children up for the Reading Challenge. More information will be in next month's magazine

Finally, the film shows will recommence on Friday 27th of September.



North Yorkshire Open Studios

Allison Wiffen

During the first two weekends in June, artists across North Yorkshire will be throwing their studio doors open to welcome visitors. From painters to potters, printers to jewellery makers, glass artists to sculptors, there is a huge variety of work to be viewed. A chance for you to get to meet the artist, perhaps buy a truly original piece of work and support a local artist and small business.



If you would like to visit you can pick up a leaflet or full brochure from the pottery run by Allison Wiffen in West Street (just over the canal) or you can look at artists work online and plan your visit that way: nyos.org.uk

There will be three artists showing their work in Allison's studio in Gargrave, but many more in Skipton, Grassington and beyond.

Friends of the Dales Summer Programme

Victoria Benn



Offering guided walks offered throughout June to August in Wensleydale, Smardale, Grassington and the Howgills, there is something for everyone.

The charity is also hosting its first all-terrain wheelchair guided walk in collaboration with the charity, Access the Dales and walking company Where2Walk. Early bookers can also secure the use of an all-terrain Trampler or Terrain Hopper wheelchair for this event.

For full details and booking links for all these free events visit: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk.

Why not sign up for Friends of the Dales free e news on its homepage to receive news and events information direct to your inbox!



Summer Concert

Mozart
Overture, 'The Impresario'

R Strauss
Horn Concerto No.1
Soloist - **Will Padfield**

Beethoven
Symphony No.7

Conductor - **Maca Barbosa**
Leader - **Anne Heaton**

Sat 22nd June, 7.30pm
Settle Parish Church

Sat 29th June, 7.30pm
Christ Church, Skipton

Tickets: £15. Students and benefits claimants: £7.50. 18 and under: Free
Essential carers of the disabled: Free
Please note that proof of eligibility may be required at the door for concessions
Available from: Forage and Feast, Settle; via www.settleorchestra.org.uk;
from orchestra members; or on the door. Cash or card payments.

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Kirby Malham Parish Hall Forthcoming Events

Revd Sue McWhinney

A further reminder for our third Art in the Dale Exhibition 20th to 23rd June 2024 (9am-5pm)

There will be a wide range of artwork on display, including paintings in watercolour and oils, etchings, photography, stained glass pieces, sculpture, and wrought-iron work. Exhibiting artists confirmed so far are:

Katharine Holmes, Bev Hicks (and her father Peter, and her daughter Phoebe), Stephen Waterhouse, Fiona Armer, Jane Midgley, Mark Pilkington, Cindy Metcalfe, Josh Morris, Judy Metcalfe, members of the Malham Art Group, and Annabelle Bradley.

Our special focus this year is on the work of Bill Wild, who was the Malhamdale Blacksmith from about 1946 to 1985. He was also a talented watercolour artist, sculptor, and observer of wildlife in the Dale that he loved. You can read more about him at

<https://kirbymalham.info/KMI/malham/billwild.html>

Both Annabelle and the Malhamdale Local History Group have a fascinating number of items that he made, and archival material that will form part of a display in the Lady Chapel during the exhibition. Annabelle has also agreed to give a talk on Bill Will on Saturday 22nd June at 4 pm in church, so we are in for a treat.

If any of you have items made by Bill Wild that you would be prepared to loan us for the duration of the exhibition, we'd love to hear from you. We would of course keep a very careful eye on them. We will also need volunteer stewards for the exhibition, donations of home-made cake (especially for the refreshments prior to Annabelle's talk on the Saturday), and people to help make teas and coffees. If you were able to offer an hour or so of your time to help make this exhibition the success that it has been over the last few years, please get in touch with me. It will be a fabulous celebration of the artistic and creative talent here in Malhamdale, and an opportunity to buy original artwork.

Please put the dates in your diaries and come along! We hope to have live music to accompany the exhibition (watch this space!) and refreshments available each day.

Rev. Sue McWhinney, sue.mcwhinney@leeds.anglican.org and 07484 181699.

Voices of Craven summer concerts *Rev Sue McWhinney*

Saturday 29th June 2024, St Michael's Kirkby Malham at 7pm

Saturday 13th July 2024, St Alkelda's Giggleswick at 7pm

Voices of Craven community choir is coming to St Michael's Kirkby Malham on Saturday 29th June and to St Alkelda's Giggleswick on Saturday 13th July for their summer concerts, both starting at 7pm. The programme this year includes a wonderful mix of styles: classical, contemporary, film music, and Beatles classics. **Here's a selection:** Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach), Adiemus (Carl Jenkins), Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart), Imagine (John Lennon), Bright Eyes (Watership Down), Best of Abba medley, A Gaelic Blessing (Rutter), and The Rose (Bette Midler).



The choir is conducted by Darren Everhart and will be accompanied by Elaine Dave and the Vine Quartet. The concerts also feature professional soprano soloists: Jessica Harper on 29th June, and Sarah Fox on 13th July. Do come!

Tickets will be available on the door, and refreshments will be served during the interval for a donation to church and choir funds. Please email voicesofcraven2024@gmail.com if you'd like to find out more about the choir, or visit the website on <https://voicesofcraven.org>

NEWS

A MEDITATION FOR JUNE

Bishop John Pritchard

This month we are reminded that the role of Christianity, and other religions, is not to escape from our deeply troubled world but to actively change it. Jesus came to inaugurate a new social order here on earth, a new age, which he called 'The Kingdom of God'. It may be helpful to say it shouldn't be confused with heaven, or where we go when we die. Jesus' own prayer clearly states this: 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven.' It's a reality that is continually breaking into this world. Paradoxically it is both 'now-but-not yet', as theologians sometimes say.

The Coming of a New Age on Earth

Healthy religion is always concerned with moving society in the direction of justice, compassion and peace. People of faith should always be involved in bandaging the bruised and picking up the broken, but they should always be asking questions. 'Why are they bruised? What made them broken?' And that places Christians in the arena of change. That vision can be attractive enough for some to associate with a faith community, not because they share the faith but because they want to help create a better world. There are countless individuals and organisations who are simply motivated by sheer goodness and generosity. 'There is something of God in everyone' as the Quakers like to say! But loving your neighbour or stranger is written in the title deeds of Christianity. Over 80 percent of churches are involved with food banks, while hundreds of churches now offer 'Renew Wellbeing' cafes to help address the mental health crisis. Faith communities have the potential to rescue the discourse on social justice. They could be worth joining!



Or not, of course. There are also church communities that are depressingly in-turned. Sometimes this is because they never quite grasped the social implications of the gospel. Sometimes it's because they haven't got beyond the 'social club' mentality of meeting for their own security and enjoyment. And sometimes it is because the church is small, members are elderly and the capacity is just not there – although you may find among them giants of prayer holding the community and wider world before God week in, week out.

Looking at the bigger picture, it is apparent that both the market and the state have failed to create a just society dedicated to the common good. Rather it's faith groups who hold the key to building a new society based on participation, relationship and compassion. Like never before we live in the midst of a new consciousness of life's interrelatedness and essential oneness. We cannot claim true health and wholeness for our nation as long as the earth and other nations are suffering. Wholeness (and holiness!) is found not in isolation but in relationship.

I have long found it intolerable that so many people still die of hunger or war on a planet of plenty, but at least I know my puny contribution to righting that wrong is allied to that of a huge number similarly outraged. That motivation has something to do with love. The Bible says just once that we are to love our neighbours as ourselves but it says 36 times that we should love the stranger. We need to remember the words of anthropologist Margaret Mead who said, 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed they are the only ones who ever have.' Love will always have the last word!

Acknowledgement: Adapted from 'Something More – Encountering the beyond in the everyday', John Pritchard, 2016

Gargrave Art Exhibition 2024

Sarah Kirk

At the last couple of shows, Liz Holmes, a founder member of Gargrave Art Group, has produced and sold two of the show's most striking artworks. In 2022 Liz created Miss Havisham which was inspired by an interest "in lacy and cobwebby things" and the story of Charles Dickens' jilted bride popped into her head. Last year Liz's quilt Homage to Klimt dominated the stage commanding both admiration and delight. Two very different pieces but both showing Liz's passion for texture and colour which drives all her creativity and curiosity.

Born in Shipley, Liz remembers her father who was head of the Wool Textile Organisation, sharing his enthusiasm for the beautiful richly hued suiting fabrics produced in the city. Her early efforts in embroidery were stitching decorative lacy edges for tablecloths at home. Terribly shy and unhappy at Bradford Grammar School, she recalls only ever getting accolades for art and cooking, Liz wanted to become a professional ice skater and spent many happy hours at the "Rollerena" roller skating rink in Manningham Lane, one of the largest rinks in the world at that time.

When a career decision had to be made at 18, she chose to study for a Textile Diploma in worsted suiting design. Liz recalls that being the only girl in a cohort of 200 ensured she quickly lost her social reserve. Whilst attending college she met and married a fellow student and in his role as a marketing manager for Tricel, part of the Courtaulds Group, the couple travelled widely, first to South America and then amongst other places to Scandinavia. In Peru, they lived just outside the capital, Lima, where the temperature never dropped below 15° and it never rained. The country was experiencing turbulent times, and the couple arrived as a revolution occurred and left as another one raged. Liz was appalled by the poverty she saw with people scavenging for food from the dustcarts dumping waste in the desert and remembers visits to the cinema where you had to take your steel hub caps and windscreen wipers in with you and to pay someone to watch your car so it would not be scratched. She also remembers trucks which acted as makeshift buses, sinking into the sides of the road because they were so laden down with cargo, ducks, geese and passengers.

A great contrast to Peru was her time in Norway, living ten miles from Bergen, where she became friendly with a group of artists known as Gruppe 66 who held a multimedia "living" exhibition or "happening" in the city whilst she was there. Liz remembers long light summer nights sitting and talking, drinking in views of fjords and whilst drinking bowls of hot chocolate, listening to the Bob Dylan records Liz had brought over from the UK.

On her return to this country, seeking a new challenge after divorce, Liz trained as an art teacher specialising in ceramics. She adored the learning atmosphere at Bingley College but was dismayed to find herself teaching English following an error by Bradford Education department. Fortunately, she then came to Aireville School where she taught art until her retirement in 2000. Whilst teaching she took up needlework and once retired, she explored a huge variety of skills, learning to weave and use a knitting machine to create spectacular garments and dyeing textiles, including impregnating material with rust! Thankfully, Liz says there are plenty more different projects lined up as she doesn't like to repeat herself. Please come along and support all the many original and talented artists that we are fortunate enough to have living in and around Gargrave

.Gargrave Art Exhibition: Gargrave Village Hall Thursday 4 July until Sunday 7 July 10am-7pm (Sunday 10am-4:30pm)

Gargrave Open Gardens, 22nd and 23rd June

Bee Faulkner

Wanted: Gardens, garden openers and helpers

If you would be interested in offering your garden or allotment for opening on 22-23 June, please contact Beatrice or Duncan Faulkner by the end of

May. Email gargravegardens@posteo.net or phone / text 07979 304914 (no voicemail please). Likewise, we'd appreciate all offers of help with this wonderful community event.

The proceeds of Gargrave Open Gardens will be divided between St Andrew's Church and two local hospices: Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice and Martin House Children's Hospice.

For updates, visit gargraveopengardens.com.



Quirky Container Competition!



Not Long To Go Now Until Quirky Containers 2024 !!!

But There's Still Plenty of Time To Enter

Plant up the Quirkiest Container You Can Find,
It Can Be Floral or Foliage, Little or Large, Funny or
Fabulous, Just Whatever You Fancy ...

The Only Criteria Is That It Must Be Easily Visible
From Outside Your House, for Judging and for
Everyone To Admire on the Weekend of 22nd and 23rd June.

To Enter, Just Let Me Have Your Name and the Address Where Your
'Quirky Container' Will Be on Display ASAP Please, So That I Can
Create a Trail List!



Email Lindashartell@yahoo.com

Text/WhatsApp 07960 166297

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We have a three year strategic plan and one of the three strands is 'strong alliance between school, parents and the wider community'.

These partnerships are central to the success of the school. We value all our families and work together to enable them to flourish.

In the last magazine we included a variety of projects that have involved the local area. We have built on this recently. We were delighted that during the year 6 SAT's week we were able to offer a wonderful breakfast for all of the pupils. This was helped by donations from Gargrave co-op and Skipton Morrisons. Having a healthy body certainly helps thinking and hard-work.

Wild Explorers

We visited Wild Explorers, this is based in Broughton Hall Estate in the most amazing location. Wild Explorers is the place where nature, fun and adventure collide! The pupils played outside all day and with a child-led approach, children had the freedom to choose how they spent their time, engaged their imagination and used the resources around them. Wild Explorers will have had real tools for the children to use (saws, drills, peelers etc), we had a campfire each day and opportunity to use a flint and steel to start a fire, hammocks to relax in, slack lines to master, open ended crafts at every session and of course – an entire woodland of possibilities!



Cycling Our year 5's all passed their cycling training, we hope you see them riding safely around the village, with their helmets on. Bikeability is based on the Government's National Standard for cycle training. It has been developed by over 20 expert bodies including national and local government and road safety and cycling organisations. The National Standard exists to help people of different ages and abilities make independent cycle journeys.

Tennis Gargrave has the most wonderful facility at the tennis club and we are fortunate that we can access their facilities for a few weeks. This allows the pupils to practise their skills in our village and hopefully inspired to learn more out of school time.

Bowling Gargrave bowling club has invited us to visit them for a few weeks in the summer to use their facilities and learn about this game. We are so fortunate that these opportunities exist, thank you to all these businesses for inviting us. If you have any ideas that would benefit our pupils, please give us a ring.

Lambing time has always been one of the most enjoyable times of the year despite being on duty 24/7. My first real test was 78 years ago when my parents were in and out of hospital and I was left to lamb the sheep. In those days there were no lambing sheds, everything was lambed outside. If there were any cold, hypothermic lambs the bottom oven in the kitchen range was often used to gently warm them before returning them to their mothers. I had an amazing sheepdog called Spot of no known pedigree which I had for years and who more or less trained himself. With a crook and the dog, I could catch a sheep almost anywhere. In the days of no quad bikes or landrovers a good dog was vital.

This year lambing time was one of the most difficult I have experienced. After months of constant rain, which left the fields saturated like paddy fields, having buildings to house the sheep has been of great value. On the downside, once the sheep start lambing you have to be present 24/7 to bring the sheep and her new-born lambs out of the main pen into their own individual pens to bond and avoid the mis-mothering of lambs. The first born lamb can often wander off whilst its mother is in the process of giving birth to its twin and as such even a short separation in the vital bonding period can lead to the sheep rejecting the lamb. Once lambs are bonded and feeding well the family are taken out to pasture. However due to the weather and ground conditions this year we were forced to keep them back inside for longer resulting in a backlog. Feeding, watering and bedding up 60+ individual pens took a lot of time and effort. More and more time is needed to cope meaning less and less time for sleep! At this stage the pet lambs start to accumulate. These are the surplus lambs from the multiple births of triplets and quads (sheep only have 2 teats hence only 2 lambs can be fed) and also sheep who have udder defects and are unable to produce enough milk. The pet lambs are initially fed by bottle 5 times per day until they are strong enough to feed for themselves from a teat bucket ad lib. This where Lisa comes into her own – she rarely loses a pet lamb, no matter how small or weak. Attention to detail makes a huge difference.

All the years I have worked with sheep I am still learning. I refreshed my Lonk flock in the Autumn with some prize shearlings. A friend of mine had a spare ram to loan – a fine specimen, pedigree Lonk. At scanning all the ewes were in lamb – a mixture of singles and twins. I kept the singles on a light diet to prevent the lamb growing too big. The shearlings with twins were fed more. Unfortunately, twin lamb disease (an imbalance of protein and energy levels due in part to the persistently wet weather) affected those carrying twins with the net result of two large healthy but hungry lambs and a mother lacking milk. These lambs bolstered the already burgeoning pet lamb pen. Fortunately, no losses occurred.

As the lambing eased, I took a well-earned day off and went to the British Blue Cattle Sale at Skipton Auction Mart. Talking with fellow farmers they all agreed that this year's lambing time weather was the worst in memory. Despite this, I am pleased to report that our sheep and lambs have generally done well.

Hopefully Spring is around the corner as the Suckler cows begin the calve and stock turnout is imminent.

Honestly, you just don't know what you're going to get when you go to the family service. There was everything this morning, from an animated panda worship group to Beethoven. We began with the grace, ie "Thank you, God for the breakfast." followed by that weekly highlight, "The Notices." I won't repeat them all here – the excitement might be too much for you – but I will highlight one event we are looking forward to, a coach trip to the seaside. Ooh, sticks of rock, winkles, candy floss and jellied eels(?) a reminder of those wonderful factory outings of the 1950's. Book your ticket now. (It might rain - but who cares, it will be fun – a day of unbridled joy!)

And speaking of joy, that was what our service was all about today. All the songs and choruses were about joy, including a video featuring those animated pandas and real live people, dancing with such joyful vigour that had we been asked to dance along with them, it might have sparked a critical incident alert at Airedale Hospital.

Vicar Andrew asked us each to recall a moment of joy in our lives and to tell our neighbour what it was. His was about the moment the bishop told him he was to be the new Vicar of St. Andrew's. I hope that joy has remained, Andrew!

Then we had a dramatised rendition of the account of the Apostle Paul and his sidekick, Silas, being thrown into prison and joyfully singing songs and hymns at midnight, even though they had just been flogged and were imprisoned in stocks. We were reminded that our joy is not dependent on our circumstances. It is the result (fruit) of the Holy Spirit living in the hearts of God's people – and, yes, like Paul and Silas we can have that joy within, even in the most difficult of circumstances - as well as when things are going fine.

Paul and Silas didn't know what was coming next, but without warning, an earthquake shook the prison and the doors were flung open. The jailor, fearing that the prisoners had all escaped, was about to take his own life when Paul stopped him, saying – "Don't do it, mate." or words to that effect, "We're all here." The jailor fell trembling at their feet, then washed their wounds, and to cut a long story short – he and all his household got saved (aka became Christians). So Paul and Silas had another moment of Joy!

We're almost there. To encourage us to remember those moments of joy which come our way, a 'Joy diary' for the following week was handed out to each of us and we were encouraged to make a note of joyful things which happened to us.

The children then came to the front with Jane, who faithfully teaches them each Family Service, and together, they led us in prayers of thanks for the joy we sometimes feel and with a request for help in sharing it with others.

Then, after a final song, 'Joyful, Joyful' by Beethoven, we got blessed by the vicar and joyfully retired to the back of the church where coffee, tea and the last of the cooked breakfast were there to greet us. Yes!

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Caroline Thompson

News from the Village Hall. June 2024: The improvement in the weather turns thoughts to gardening and it has made me think about the garden stalls we have been fortunate to have at our Collectable Fairs at the Village Hall over the years.

Derek, his wife Pat and daughter Michelle were fixtures outside the Hall on Fair days for many years. Derek was a dead ringer for David Dickinson of Bargain Hunt and Dickinsons Real Deal fame. He was a great collector of militaria and loved to find a rare piece on a stall inside the Hall. He was also a talented artist and ceramic repairer but very modest and probably didn't realise the potential he could have had. Pat and Michelle were the driving forces in the actual business, and they had an amazing selection of plants and shrubs at very affordable prices. They made lots of friends in the Village over the years and would think nothing of delivering purchases nearby and even planting them for customers, which was a great kindness particularly for the elderly. Sadly, Derek had a stroke a few years ago and now lives in a care home but he remains in reasonable health and is well looked after. Pat and Michelle visit most days as they live nearby in Burnley and grand daughter Lydia often pops in to see her Grandad.

The family were a hard act to follow but interest was soon shown by Mark who brought along his plant stall. He lived over at Oakworth and had a pitch on Skipton market. Mark also sold all manner of carved garden animals, so it was quite a sight to see them all on display, some were huge. Mark too made many friends in the community, and we were disappointed when he decided to give up with his business. However, we were delighted when a local village family approached us and asked if they could begin to sell plants outside the Hall on our market days. We were only too happy to agree, and Gary Gardner became our new plant man – and he was home grown ! Gary was brought up in the Village and it was great to see his dad Geoff and Mum Pat come along to sell his good quality stock and Geoff's planted up containers and baskets were quite simply the best. Sadly, Pat died and Geoff began to have problems with a painful knee so it was difficult for him to continue with a stall at the hall. Gary now runs the business from a unit which is situated in Craven Court so its well worth a visit.

How lucky were we then to be approached a few months ago by Bethany, born, bred and still living in the Village. Bethany, her late Mum and her Gran before her all had the flower shop on the high street which supplied generations of Gargrave families with flowers for both happy and sad occasions. Bethany took the decision to close her shop but still runs her business online. She attends all our fairs now so look out for her white van and colourful stall where she sells a great variety of plants, wreaths and bouquets. She will also take orders for wedding, funeral, and celebration arrangements. Bethany will be with us on the 8th June for the Book Fair, the 16th June for the Collectables Fair and the 30th June for Broadway Fairs Flea Market.

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Gargrave Parish Council

Following Steve Coetzer's sudden, but not totally unsurprising, resignation as Chairman and Councillor, I find myself the brand-new Chair of the Parish Council. Steve was a dedicated Councillor for 4 years. He will be missed.

This does mean that we will be looking to appoint someone new over the coming period - please watch this space (and other places) for details. However, and I hear the loud exclamations, what does a parish councillor do? It's a good question and one which I started to answer in last month's article. It now seems appropriate to flesh out those thoughts.

If you interrogate t'internet you will discover several articles about the role and responsibilities of a parish councillor that can be summarised as:

Representing the views and concerns of the residents, of the parish, to the parish council and, through it, to the unitary council and, also, reporting back on issues affecting the parish.

Rather dry and a little uninspiring. However, context is everything and this is where I'd like to effect some change in the way the Parish Council operates and how it is perceived.

I opened my first Parish Council meeting by outlining my priorities:

Greater Community Involvement. This means:

- Active engagement with and support for community groups. In the first instance I have asked the Gargrave Events Committee to attend our June meeting to outline their plans and to explore areas where we can work together.
- Greater visibility on the community Facebook page. While social media is a double-edged sword, I believe it is better to genuinely answer an honest query rather than let rumour and supposition expand in a vacuum.
- Establishing an annual village meeting to be held every autumn.

Councillor Responsibility. Here, I'd like to see individual councillors take the lead on areas that are key to life in our village. I'll be discussing these ideas over the next few months, both within and without the council, and would hope to have firmed up areas of responsibility by the end of the summer.

Governance and Process. This is the dry but necessary aspect of being part of and running a legal and effective parish council.

But none of this happens without committed councillors, an efficient and effective Clerk and support from the community.

I would like to encourage you to attend the monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month and remind you that Deborah Redfearn, the Clerk to Gargrave Parish Council, is the point of contact for general enquiries, complaints, feedback, or suggestions. She is contactable on **01756 668209**

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Mon-Sat 0744 0754 0950SO 1018SX 1048 1150 1350SX 1351SO 1522

(cont'd) 1551 1647 1815 1848SO 1850SX 2019 2134 2216 2237¹

Sunday 1121 1210 1420 1448 1656 1856 2108 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 0606SX 0712SO 0832 1003 1133 1603 1732 1902 2033²

Sunday 1002 1315 1509

NOTES: Generally, **only DIRECT journeys are shown here**. **1.** Mon-Fri change at Skipton for Leeds. **2.** Ribbleshead only. As of 12 May: no engineering works in June have been identified. *That may change.* **Northern website now states substitute bus pick-ups are at (central) Bus Stops on A65. Check with Northern Railway.** For live info on next 2 trains text GARGRAVE to 84950, or go to www.realtimetrains.co.uk/

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To Skipton (arr.~15min later) (Svc's 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 1155 1235M 1355 1555 1655M 1755

Sunday+B.Hols[864/866] 1103M 1203M 1303M 1503M 1603M 1703M 1753M

To Settle DIRECT (arrives ~ 25 mins later) (Service 580) 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 + Bank Hols: **No Service**

To Malham (arrives ~ 25mins later) (Services 210/211, 75, 864/866)

Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1000⁷ 1310⁷

Saturday [75] **from 4 May:** 1000 1445

Sundays + Bank Hols [864/866] 1012 1102 1202 1302 1502 1602 1702

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

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Last DIRECT TRAIN

From Skipton (arr. Gargrave ~ 6 mins later) from LEEDS to GARGRAVE

Mon-Sat 0519SO 0522SX 0601SX 0707SO 0725 0826 0856 1949

0958 1057 1127 1258 1458 1558 1727 1810 1856 2000 2027

Sunday 0917 0957 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 1751 2018

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

Mon-Sat 0549SX 0713SO¹³ 0753SO 0824SX 0927SO¹⁵ 1058¹⁵ 1336

1450 1618 1824 2013¹⁴ 2145¹³

Sunday 0924 1223 1519¹⁵ 1607¹⁵ 1724¹⁵ 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 All tickets (deps. after 0815 M-Fri, +all w/e) between Gargrave, Leeds, Bradford, Carlisle, Morecambe, Lancaster. Big discount for children with you.

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From Skipton Bus Stn.(arr G'grave~15 min) (Svcs 75, 210/211, 580, 864/866)

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

Saturday 0850 0945M 1045 1145 1245 1430M 1445 1645 1745 1845

Sundays: 0950M 1050M 1150M 1250M 1450M 1550M 1650M

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, 864/866)

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

Saturday [75] from 4 May: 1210 1630 from opp. Buck Inn

Suns/B.Hols[864/866] 1040 1140 1240 1440 1540 1640 1730 opp. Buck Inn

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

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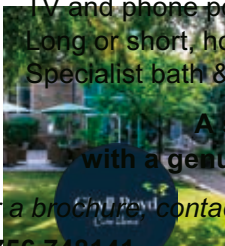
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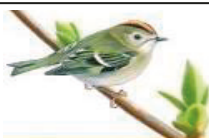
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