# GARGRAVE & CONISTON COLD

# May 2025

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**St Andrew's church is aware that 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."***

**COLLARED!** *Rev. Andrew Steer*

Each May Jenny and I travel to the Netherlands to visit some good friends – not Amsterdam but in the east of the country, near the German border. I am always struck by the excellent infrastructure in this country – roads, motorways, cycle paths and well-planned towns and villages which make life so much more agreeable. This contrasts with our own towns and villages which, although beautiful and rich in history, seem to be hampered by the limitations of Victorian leftovers and ancient highways and byways.

Of course, in continental Europe, much of this modern town-planning and well-designed living space is the result of considerable re-building after the devastation left by two world wars. We forget that entire towns and neighbourhoods were completely flattened and had to be carefully re-built from the ground up (I was recently reminded of a visit to Ypres in Belgium with its beautiful church and main square – none of which is original but has all been painstakingly rebuilt since the war).

This month we celebrate 80 years since that remarkable day when 'Victory in Europe' was declared, and so began a very costly, slow and painful recovery from those devastating war years. It is crucial that we remember and honour all those sacrifices made which enable us to enjoy the freedom and autonomy which is ours today – how very different things could have been if the allies failed!

A different type of victory is still being celebrated in the church calendar – it is still Easter season right through the month of May until Pentecost (Whitsuntide) on the 8th of June. However, the victory we celebrate was not achieved with guns and artillery, but one which was accomplished through obedience, submission and humility – that of God's Son, Jesus Christ. If Jesus had chosen to arm His followers, to rise up, stand and fight then we might live in a very different world right now – still trying to make sense of His failure to bring us back to God.

Jesus still challenges us to live topsy-turvy lives, to re-learn and to re-build our own ways of thinking and understanding (changes to our own personal 'infrastructure' if you like). Gone is the scrabble for self-promotion and achievement and in its place is a call to live differently – to live with acceptance and submission, humility and obedience; the desire to serve others, to comfort those in pain, to feed the poor and

befriend the outsiders. These are the ultimate signs of victory and the conquest over ourselves – the war which rages deep within our souls.

By accepting Jesus for ourselves, that inner battle ceases, the internal warfare comes to an end and a quiet victory infuses our being and our way of life. The ceasefire is not instant – for many Christians it is a lifetime's work to find this treasure, but each day we lay another stone in building God's house in our hearts – a habitation not of brick and mortar but one of flesh and blood, bone and hair. This is the process of Emmanuel – God with us, and the invitation is to everyone.

## DIARY FOR MAY

**Coniston Cold**

Church Services – St Peter's, Coniston Cold

4 May – Sunday: Compline Evensong, 4pm

11 May – Sunday: Prayer Book Communion, 9.30am

18 May– Sunday. Compline Evensong. 4pm

25 May – Sunday: Prayer Book Communion, 9.30am

**Gargrave**

Church Services and Events – St Andrew's, Gargrave

Daily – Share a Prayer, 9am.

4 May – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion 8am, Breakfast 10:30am followed by 11am Family Service.

8 May – Bells will ring at 6:30pm followed by a Service in church to mark VE Day

10 May- Saturday Praise 6:45-8:00pm. All welcome.

11 May –

18 May– Sunday: Matins 8am, Sung Eucharist 11am.

25 May –Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am and 11am. Family Communion

Repeating Events

Every Monday: Coffee Mondays, St Andrew's,10:30am-12pm

First and third Monday of each month: Model Railway and Transport meeting, Village Hall Annexe, 7pm

Every Tuesday: Craft and Chat, St Andrew's, 2pm

Every Tuesday: Let's Sing, St Andrew's 12:30-2pm

Every Tuesday and Thursday during winter: Indoor bowling has ended for the season and will resume in October 2025, Village Hall, 2-4pm

Second Wednesday of each month: Gargrave 2022 Group, ladies welcome, £4 per person, Village Hall, 7pm

Every Friday: Coffee Morning, Neville Crescent Community Centre, 10am-

May Events

7 May - Wednesday: Parish Council meeting. Village Hall Annexe, 7:15pm.

9 May- Friday: Picnic Supper Dance with live music for modern sequence dancing from Denis Westmorland. £6 admission. Village Hall, 7:30-11pm

10 May Coffee Morning 10-12 jointly run by Village Hall Management Committee & Gargrave Library. Cakes, bacon butties, raffle Bric a Brac stall raising funds for Library and Village Hall

18 May - Sunday: Collectable and Craft Fair. Village Hall, 9.30am-3.30pm. Refreshments available until 3pm. 50p admission.

23 May – Film Night Portraits of Dangerous Women. This is last film of year. Normal café style seating. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets £5:00

24 May Gargrave Heritage Group Book Launch, coffee morning and refreshments- 10-12noon

## 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 May we will be praying for those who live and work in the High Street and beyond from East Street out past Twin Locks to Shuttleworth's Farm.

**HELLIFIELD BEER FESTIVAL 27th and 28th June 2025**

The 11th Hellifield Beer Festival will once again be held in the Village Hall.
The last 10 festivals have raised over £36,000 to support local organisations, groups and events in Hellifield and close surrounding areas. Our landmark 10th festival was the most successful ever, enabling over £5,000 to be distributed.
The relaxed and informal event runs from **lunchtime until 11pm** on both Friday and Saturday. No advance ticketing – just pay on the day. Entrance fee includes programme, commemorative glass, and your 1st two drinks. The 46 beers and ciders on offer are purchased via a token system. Food will also be available to purchase.
If you have never been before, come along and have some fun; you will be made to feel welcome and hopefully you will enjoy it. If you are a regular – we can't wait to see you again.
Hellifield Beer Festival committee.

**Settle Orchestra Summer Concerts**

After two hugely successful performances of our Spring programme in March, we are looking forward to our Summer concerts on 21st and 28th June at Settle Parish Church and Christ Church, Skipton when we will play Mendelssohn's overture Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage, Schubert's Symphony No. 3, and then Ewan Hudson, a regular member of our horn section and one of our younger players, will be the soloist in Weber's breathtaking Concertino.
After graduating from Leeds College of Music in 2017 Ewan went on to study for his Undergraduate Degree in Music at the University of Liverpool, where he achieved the highest recital mark of the academic year for his performance of Strauss' 1st

Horn Concerto in 2022. Ewan then completed his Masters in Classical Performance and became the first recipient of the Sarah Barrow Excellence in Music Bursary. Ewan's time in Liverpool would see him join the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra in 2021, briefly returning for the orchestra's 2025 tour of Tuscany as part of the Florence Youth Orchestra Festival. Now back in Yorkshire, Ewan performs regularly with multiple orchestras across the North-West, both as a soloist and principal horn.



Thanks to a generous legacy from a former member of the orchestra – Dorothy Wrathall who played the violin with us for many years – admission to these two concerts will be free. Donations will be welcome and will be split between the Orchestra and Jessie's Fund www.jessiesfund.org.uk, a charity which helps children with serious illness, complex needs, and communication difficulties through the therapeutic use of music Given the success of our previous concerts, we recommend that you book your tickets in advance. These will be available from Forage & Feast in Settle, orchestra members and online at www.settleorchestra.org.uk. They will also be available on the door, subject to availability after advance bookings for which seats will be held until 15 minutes before the performances start at 15:30 and then released for general admission. We look forward to seeing you!

**VE DAY THURSDAY 8TH MAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY:**
6:30pm Bells will be rung around the country to mark the 80th anniversary of VE day & St A's Bell Ringers will be taking part.
This will be followed by a special church service at 7pm.

**Saturday May 10th**
Annual Spring Plant Sale at the Summer seat: 9.30 and 12 noon. The proceeds from the sale will go to the Open Gardens Charities as usual.
Any Plant donations will be gratefully accepted from 9.00am at the Summer Seat. Please can they be labelled with their name and flower colour.







**Library News and Events** *Dave Smith*

**GARGRAVE CINEMA**

On **Friday 23rd May** we will be showing "Portraits of Dangerous Women." This decidedly offbeat and deceptively charming British comedy follows the intertwining lives of three women who meet through a bizarre road accident in the English countryside. Initially strangers, they decide to handle the aftermath without involving the police, leading to the development of unusual alliances and friendships as their pasts unravel. The film features performances by **Tara Fitzgerald, Jeany Spark, and Yasmin Monet Prince.**

This will be our last film until we start again on the 19th September

The customary Cafe style seating will be in place, so please bring your own refreshments. Gargrave Village Hall doors open at 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 cash 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.

**Local History Month**

May is Local History Month when the aim is to increase awareness of local history, promote history in general to the local community and encourage all members of the community to participate. To this end we are holding, on the 24th May, a joint Coffee Morning with the Gargrave Heritage Group in the Village Hall, 10.00 to 12.00. The usual refreshments will be available together with various displays. May being Bank Holiday month the Library will be closed on Monday5th and 26th of May

**Bank Holiday Organ Recitals**

Every Bank Holiday Monday there is an organ recital in Christ Church, Skipton. They start at 11.00 and usually last just over an hour.
May 5th – Christopher Rathbo
ne (S Margaret's, Ilkley)
May 26th – Tim Harper (Ripon Cathedral)
August 25th – Robert Marsh (Christ Church, Skipton)
Entrance is free, with a retiring collection. Refreshments from 10.30

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**Art in the Dale 2025**
**St Michael's Kirkby Malham BD23 4BS**

Thursday 19th June to Sunday 22nd June, open 9am to 5pm each day, original works on display and for sale
free admission, donations appreciated



Artists confirmed so far: Fiona Armer, Annabelle Bradley, Bev Hicks, Katherine Holmes, Cindy Metcalfe, Judy Metcalfe, Jane Midgley, Phoebe Scott, Stephen Waterhouse, and members of Malhamdale Art Group

*Paintings, etching, wrought iron, photography, cards, stained glass, textiles, cyanotype, ceramics*

Website: www.kirkbymalhamchurch.org
Facebook: KirkbyMalhamChurch enquiries: sue.mcwhinney@leeds.anglican.org
**Volunteer stewards will be needed: can you help?**

**Kirkby Malham Parish Hall** *Caroline Rosier*

Saturday Film Nights

10 May - 'Maria' with Angelina Jolie as Maria Callas.

14 June - 'Florence Foster Jenkins' with Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

Films start at 7pm, Admission is £7 including pie and pea supper. All diets catered for, please let us know.

Contact: kmphevents@gmail.com or Caroline on 07815 100353

**Gargrave Open Gardens, 21-22 June 2025** *Duncan and Bee Faulkner*

The days are lengthening, the sun is feeling warmer and life is starting to spring up again in Gargrave's gardens. After the record-breaking success of last year's Open Gardens we are hoping for another great weekend this year, on 21-22 June. Once again, the event will be raising funds for St Andrew's Church, Manorlands Hospice and Martin House Children's Hospice.

We welcome all sizes of gardens, in all stages of development, whether they are seas of colourful flowers, back yards with a few pots, allotments, wildlife havens or

gardens for the soul. If you are interesting in opening your garden, please contact Duncan and Bee on gargravegardens@posteo.net or 07778 980994. As ever, we are also looking for musical buskers, cake makers, waiters, garden sitters, poster distributors and more! Advance tickets available at: https://gargraveopengardenscom.wordpress.com/

**North Yorkshire Open Studios Trail**

As the excitement builds for next months Open Studios trail our artists and makers are all ready to welcome visitors, friends and neighbours on the weekends of 7-8 and 14-15 June. Including Gargrave's Allison Wiffen in her popular pottery studio making bold colourful work, with a retro feel and Bell Busk's Judy Metcalfe in her delightful studio creating eco printed art pieces using cyanotype, and plant and flowers from her garden leaving marks on fabric and paper using heat! Nationally famed Katharine Holmes welcomes us into her lovely historic cottage in Malham to see work inspired by the landscape of the Dales and wilder fringes of Britain, joined by Fiona Armer with her striking etchings that communicate the stark tracery of branches against winter skies, and tones in the towering cliffs of Malham Cove. Gargrave's well known artist Bev Parker opens her studio at Craven Arts in Skipton, joining other colleagues to make a great mini art trail for the Gargrave-Skipton area. All will have a useful mini art trail map to give out to help you all find them more easily. See nyos.org.uk for more details, or pick up a brochure from Allison's studio at Higherlands House







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**Gargrave Art Exhibition 2025: Call for Entries** *Gargrave Art Exhibition Committee*

The Call for Entries marks the official launch of the 2025 Gargrave Art Exhibition! Although only occupying four days of the year in Gargrave's diary and a week in the annual life of Gargrave Village Hall. For the committee it is a feature for quite a few weeks of the year! So we are always delighted by the support we receive from the dozens of talented local artists, volunteers, visitors and local businesses and community partners who support the show and we are always looking for ways to improve their experience of the event.

We are very pleased to have received a grant from Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust to support the purchase of new roadside advertising boards incorporating our new logo. With the grant we have also purchased new feather banners. These will stand in the village hall carpark and will flutter in the gentle breeze of a sunny summer's day (we hope) welcoming everyone to the show. This is the second grant we have received from Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust- the first being for hanging systems which greatly increased our capacity and also a display unit and plinth. We are most grateful to Mike Appleton and the team for their support.

Our website has a new look, showcasing highlights from past exhibitions and providing all the information needed on how to participate in the show either as an artist, volunteer or visitor. Please take a look! www.gargraveart.uk

Every year we welcome new volunteers and are always delighted to hear from you if you would like to join in the fun. Please call: 0707 116 2901 or email us on the address below.

Gargrave 2022 Group will be providing delicious cakes and bakes and light refreshments. We are also looking forward to welcoming Gargrave Primary, Gargrave Guides and Milton Nursing Home's art displays. We know from interest at last year's show that new artists will be participating as well as returning favourites, so please make a note in the diary, pop it in your phone or on the kitchen calendar, Gargrave Art Show returns with a new look but all the old favourites and, as always, something for everyone to enjoy.

**How to enter the Exhibition**

Both Main Exhibition and Young Artist entry forms are available on line from Monday 5 May until Wednesday 18 June. The main exhibition form can be completed online or both can be downloaded. Paper copies of both entry forms can also be picked up from the Village Hall library.

**Young Artists**

Please encourage any young people in your life from the ages of 0-18 to get involved. A piece of work completed at home is all we ask and it really is a thrill for the young artist and their family to see work properly displayed in an art exhibition setting.

Prizes are given to the favourite piece of work chosen by our visitors and for the winners of the three age categories 0-5, 6-8, 9-11 and 12 -18 years chosen by the Co-Chairs of the Committee. All entries receive a certificate of merit.

**ART EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES**

**Thursday 10 July until Sunday 13 July**

**10am - 7pm Thursday Friday Saturday 10am - 4.30pm Sunday**

**A Meditation for May** *Victoria Loorz*

*Victoria Loorz is co-founder of the "Wild Church Network". She believes the true purpose of religion is to restore our relationship with each other, with the Earth and with God.*

**Reconnecting to God through Nature**

The word 'religion' at its roots means re, "again", and "ligios", meaning "connection" like ligaments. Religion is meant to offer us support to connect again what has been separated. Apparently we need constant reminders to continually reconnect with the fullness of life, the whole and the holy. What we've created is more like "disligion", disconnection from people and species unlike us. When religion loses its purpose and colludes with the forces of separation instead, it becomes irrelevant and even irreverent.

Many people whether they go to church regularly or avoid it, feel closest to God while they are in nature. Even a simple gaze at a full moon can be a spiritual experience if you are mindful enough. And a glorious sunset can summon hallelujahs from deep in your soul. Humans are made to engage in life affirming conversation with the whole web of life

A new story is emerging, and I cannot pretend to know all the layers. Yet one aspect that seems essential relates to the worldview of belonging—a way of being human that acts as if we belong to a community larger than our own family, race, class, culture or religion, and larger even than our own species. The apocalyptic unveiling happening in our world right now makes it difficult even for those who have been sheltered in privilege to look away from the reality, both tragic and beautiful, that we are all deeply interconnected. Humans, trees, oceans, deer, viruses, bees and God.

Mystical experience in nature—those moments when you sense your interconnection with all things—are more than just interesting encounters. They are invitations into relationship. Beyond caring for creation or stewarding Earth's "resources," it is entering into an actual relationship with particular places and beings of the living world that can provide an embodied, rooted foundation for transformation. The global shift necessary to actually survive the crisis we've created depends on a deep inner change.

Let me close with the words of mystic, theologian and mentor to Martin Luther King Jr, Howard Thurman (1899-1981):

"The earth beneath my feet is the great womb out of which the life upon which my body depends comes in utter abundance. There is at work in the soil a mystery by which the death of one seed is reborn a thousand-fold in newness of life. The magic of wind, sun and rain creates a climate that nourishes every living thing. It is law, and more than law; it is order, and more than order—there is a brooding tenderness out of which it all comes. In the contemplation of the earth, I know that I am surrounded by the love of God"

**Acknowledgement:** Adapted from 'Church of the Wild: How nature invites us into the Sacred' by Victoria Loorz, 2021 and 'Meditations of the Heart' by Howard Thurman, 1953

**News from the Belfry** *Alison Lucas*

It has been a while since I updated everyone about what is happening in the belfry! The good news is that bell ringing at St Andrew's is thriving. We have new ropes and a beautifully newly decorated ringing room, which has brightened up the space. Bell ringing is one of those hobbies where you are always learning, as there is an unending number of different patterns to ring and plenty of different aspects of the art to find out about. We currently have 14 people who regularly ring at Gargrave who are all at different stages of learning.

In the beginning there is the challenge of managing the ropes. It can sometimes be surprising how much technique is involved with making half a ton of metal swing at the right time on the end of a rope. Once the control has been mastered, the next thing to learn is how to ring in time with the other ringers. Bell ringing is all about timing and rhythm. Next come the patterns. All our music is based on patterns and these have to be learned by heart as there are no music stands in the tower! And of course it is not just about ringing the bells. They need to be looked after too, so we always need some people who understand the mechanics and can undertakes the necessary maintenance work.

Ringing is one of the ultimate teamwork hobbies. You can't do it on your own and the whole band working together is what leads to the success. Consequently, we are a very social group. A trip to the Masons is well earned after a Monday night practice.

As a ringer you are always welcome at other towers. Last night in Gargrave we had two unexpected visitors from County Durham holidaying in the area. They would have been aware that all towers welcome visiting ringers. They were excited as it was a 'grab' for them. There is often a keenness among ringers to go to as many different towers around the country as they can.

Sometimes a whole band of visitors will arrange to ring at the tower as part of an outing in the area. St Andrews bells have been very popular. We had eight different groups visiting in 2024 and already have a couple of requests for this year.

We are planning an event later in the summer to celebrate bell ringing which will include the opportunity to come up the tower and learn more about the art. But why wait until then? If it sounds like something that might interest you, give me a call on 07921 970961. You would be very welcome to come up on a Monday evening to see how it works.

**GARGRAVE HERITAGE GROUP NEW BOOK LAUNCH**

"A History of Gargrave – Past times and new beginnings from 1925 – 1955" Saturday 24th May 10-2pm at the Village Hall. An opportunity to learn more about Gargrave Village life 100 years ago! This is a sequel to "From Mills to Marching and

back again" which covered the pre and post 1st World War era. Refreshments available.

**Gargrave Wild Life Working Group** *Alison Dent*

Now that Spring is very much underway the 500 snowdrop bulbs we planted last year have come and gone but added to the March display of existing plants and it is expected that during the coming years these will spread to create a blanket of white for residents and visitors to enjoy.
In early March the group planted a number of native bluebells, aconites, daffodils and primroses in the plantation area between the bridge and the Summer Seat. These were all donated by Linda at the Dalesman. Members of the GWWG wish to pass on their thanks to Linda for her generous donation which will enhance this small area and over time provide new interest particularly during early and mid-spring.
As previously reported the group have planted over 100 trees in the Woodland Walk area. Inspection of these during March indicates that over fifty per cent have survived along with new hedging planted against the south side fencing. As the year progresses and the trees come into leaf it will become clear that the Woodland Walk area is well on the way to becoming more like the wood its name suggests. In late March the group spent time cutting back some of the undergrowth and removing the majority of plastic tree guards and wooden stakes from the established trees and hedging. A lot of discarded litter was also removed from the area.

Finally, the work that has been undertaken on the four planters that now sit on the two entrances to the village on the A65 have provided much welcomed winter and spring displays. During October pansies, tulips and tete a tete daffodils were planted and during the next few months these will be replaced with summer bedding plants. Both the plants and the compost are regularly donated by Martin from Twin Locks Garden centre and our thanks go to him for his generous donations.
During the coming months we will be planning the work required to enhance the areas we are responsible for and post updates on our progress.

**St. Andrew's Family Worship Review, 6th April 2025**

I think the first thing that struck me about today's service was the amazing sound quality produced by the new audio-visual system. It's the first time we have used it in a Sunday service and it really did make a difference. So, thanks to all involved in getting it installed, from the lady whose legacy provided the finance, to the people

who designed it, those who did the paperwork to get permission to install it and all the others involved too.

Now, the service started with some excellent prayers which reminded us how we could entrust the issues in our life to the great God that we have.

Then came the introduction to the theme of our service. Jane produced a beautiful porcelain pot of scented cream for rubbing into your skin. It contained stem cells and all sorts of other amazing ingredients and was internationally renowned. "How much," she asked, "do you think this costs?" Well, we soon found out. Over £600! (She hastened to add she'd only borrowed it and used Nivea, herself!).

Well expensive as that cream was, it was a mere snip compared with the perfume a woman called had Mary poured over Jesus's feet. That had cost a year's wages, probably around £25,000 in today's money. The account in John's Gospel tells us that the perfume filled the room and that Mary let her hair down and wiped Jesus's feet with it.

That extravagant act provoked strong reactions in those who were there and these were acted out for us. Judas, one of Jesus's disciples and the treasurer, was utterly scandalised. He said the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor - and he wasn't alone in thinking that. But the bible reveals that he, himself, was a thief and wanted the money for himself.

What about Mary then? Why did she do it?

Well, shortly before this, Mary's brother Lazarus had died and Jesus had raised him from the dead, and for that, as our preacher pointed out, Mary loved Jesus so much that nothing else mattered to her. The value of the perfume didn't matter. The fact that some of those who saw what she did and were scandalised by it, didn't matter. Jesus was worth it to her. What he had done in bringing her brother back to life was far more valuable to her than mere money or her reputation. She loved Jesus for raising Lazarus and she wanted Jesus to know how just much he meant to her.

Which brought us to the point of our service. How much is Jesus worth to us? When you think about it, Jesus has done far more for us than raising our brother from the dead. He died on a cross so we could have eternal life. Can we possibly put a price on that? So - how much is Jesus worth to us? More than a year's wages and our reputation? Well - as our preacher put it, "Only you can answer that."

In one of the most well-known hymns, "When I survey the Wondrous Cross," the hymn writer declares, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all." Well, it does, doesn't it? Again, as our preacher pointed out, in the last book of the bible, Jesus speaking to the Laodicean church says, "Because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I'll spew you out of my mouth ..." Strong words indeed! Are <u>we</u> lukewarm about Jesus? How much is He worth to <u>you</u>? That was the challenge we were left with.

Not much more to say really – so I'll leave you with that thought. "How much is Jesus worth to you?"

**Gargrave Bowling Club**

Try bowling for free this May Bank Holiday Sunday at Gargrave Bowling Club

Gargrave Bowling Club is opening its doors on Sunday 25th May 2025 between 12 noon - 5pm as part of a nationwide campaign to give people the chance to have a go at bowls, for free.
It's a great opportunity for individuals, young or old, friends, families, and work colleagues to get together and try a new sport in the great outdoors.
No experience is needed, just turn up on the day! Whether you come on your own or as part of a group, you're sure to receive a warm welcome. The only thing we ask is that you wear flat, soft shoes - trainers are perfect! All bowls equipment will be provided and members of the club will be on hand to help, if you want a little friendly guidance. It's going to be a great fun afternoon.
Please make sure you sign up in advance at bowlsbigweekend.com so we can be best prepare for your visit. We certainly don't want to run out of tea and cake! Look forward to seeing you.

For more information contact Martyn Cox on 07745 018459 or email martyn.cox3@btinternet.com

**Annual Village Coffee Morning to support Sudan - Saturday, 14th June**

You are invited to St Andrew's annual coffee morning to support our overseas link with Sudan. As a prelude to Refugee Week please join us in a spirit of sharing, learning and compassion for a nation that faces the world's biggest humanitarian crisis. Ignored by the media, some 10 million people have been displaced, including 4 million children, amid civil war, sexual violence, persecution and widespread famine.
Free refreshments: 10-30 – 12ish. Donations welcome - proceeds to go to the Unicef Emergency Appeal and Sudan Churches. More news next month - watch this space!

**News from the Village Hall** *Caroline Thompson*

. Last month we held our Annual General Meeting, and we were pleased to welcome Ben Jones, Jeremy Taylor and Robert Marshall. Together with myself (Caroline Thompson) and our Treasurer Ian Cresswell we are the Trustees of Gargrave Village Hall Coulthurst trust, a registered charity. Ben is the chairman of the Trustees and though we all keep in touch throughout the year this is the opportunity to meet personally. The Annual General meeting was held at 7.p.m and was attended by eleven committee members with apologies received from three other members of the committee. Ian and I met with Ben, Jeremy and Robert at

6.p.m so we could have a tour of the building and grounds to view both the improvements we had undertaken over the year and speak a little about future plans. Our fellow trustees were impressed with everything they saw which is always pleasing. The Annual General meeting also went well, both the chairman and the treasurers' reports were received. The Hall is well used by a variety of groups and private hirers which was reflected in the increase of income generated from the hire of the Hall and meeting rooms. The energy costs have reduced even though the tariffs have been raised, these savings have been made primarily through the new efficient boilers, heating thermostats and the replacement windows in the Annexe block which now ensure there is no heat escaping. The only disappointing aspect to come from the year was that we were unable to begin the work to fitting the solar panels. Sadly, this was due to unforeseen circumstances, but it will be the priority work as this next financial year progresses. Other plans include the improvements to the stage area and primarily the floor. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting we held our monthly Management Committee meeting which Ben and Jeremy also attended, unfortunately Robert had an ailing pet who needed his attention back at home. Normally Jeremy would be either missing or rushing off to attend a calving cow but now he is a retired gentleman this is a thing of the past! Very kindly we heard that a bequest of some original artwork along with some prints have been made to the Village Hall. Bob Kirkbride was a talented amateur artist who lived in the Village and who worked at Rolls Royce in Barnoldswick. His work was left to his niece who has now sadly died and her siblings have been in touch to say that they would like the artwork to be sold to raise funds for the Village Hall. We look forward to receiving the work and in a future edition of the church magazine I hope to let you know the details of the paintings and when they will be available to purchase, we hope to arrange this to take place at a Coffee morning and/or a Collectable Fair. Bob`s family very kindly intend to put a little piece together about his life so I will also include this in the Magazine. Ben ended the evening of meetings by congratulating all members of the Management committee for the excellent work they had undertaken over the year.

We have not put any arrangements in place to celebrate VE day as we know other organisations in the Village are organising events. We will however be flying the patriotic bunting outside the Hall to mark the celebrations of the Victory in Europe and to recognise the service and sacrifice which was made by so many. The Euphoria of the war ending eighty years ago must have been amazing for all those families whose lives had been in turmoil through it. It would be wonderful if that Euphoria could be recognised in other parts of the world today and all wars and conflicts could end peacefully.

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**Easter**

We celebrated Easter in school with the pupils making easter cards to send to someone.

The children loved the easter egg bingo which was held in school with every pupil winning an egg. Eggs were kindly donated by parents.

Our families were also bust being creative for our decorated egg competition. There was such a high standard. Rev Andrew judged the eggs which was a challenge indeed. He also spoke to the pupils about the significance of easter to Christians and gave the pupils things to think about. He is a selection of the amazing entries.







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**Friends of the Dales Spring Campaign Update**

**Make your Verges – Living Verges**

**#NoMowMay**

The last 80-90 years have seen the acceleration of a **biodiversity emergency** in the UK which is in part due to the loss of our once prevalent hay meadows. Species-rich meadows are more resistant to climate change and store more carbon than other types of grasslands, and they also support hundreds of species of plants, myriad insect life and dozens of bird species.

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

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The principles of nature positive verge management are simple:

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

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

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

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

For all questions, comments and feedback email:
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**TRAINS from GARGRAVE** ***FROM 18 MAY 2025***
**To Skipton** (arr approx.. 9 mins later) & **Leeds** (arr approx. 55 mins later)
Mon-Sat 0744 0754 0950SO 1018SX 1048 1150 1350SX 1351SO 1522 1551 1647 1815 1848SO 1850SX 2019 2134 2216 2237
Sun 1121 1208 1420 1448 1656 1856 2106 2123
**To Giggleswick** (arr ~20 mins later) & **Lancaster** (arr ~65 mins later)
M-Sat 0525SO 0528SX 0731 0902 1102 1302 1504 1815 2006
Sun 0922 1115 1412 1615 1814
**To Settle** arr ~18min later) & **Carlisle** (arr ~2 hrs later)
Mon-Sat 0606SX 0712SO 0832 1003 1133 1603 1732 1902 2033[2]
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**TRAINS to GARGRAVE** ***FROM 18 MAY 2025*** ***Last DIRECT TRAIN***
**From Skipton** (arr Gargrave ~6 min later) ***from LEEDS to GARGRAVE***
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**Buses from Skipton to Gargrave:** 08:50, 09:45, 10:45, 11:45, 12:45, 13:45, 14:45, 15:45, 16:45, 17:45 Sat only, 18:45 (arrive Gargrave 15 mins later, & Settle 25 mins after Gargrave)

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Summer Sundays & Bank holidays from April 20th: 10:00, 14:00, 16:00
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