GARGRAVE & CONISTON COLD

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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!

Abide with me..

It's summer! In all its glory and full flush of life, we enjoy long warm nights, lush foliage and a vibrant blaze of colour at every corner and in every garden. Life in great abundance surrounds us each day, whether it be the many birds in our skies such as geese, herons and oystercatchers or the beasts in our gardens - hedgehogs, voles and, well…slugs (I'm sure even slugs have something to commend them, but I don't know what). And yet, in the midst of this earthly paradise not everything is as it should be. The summer solstice has passed and the days are already getting shorter – how so, when summer has barely begun? It hardly seems fair that just as we start to enjoy the holiday season, the dark claws of winter are already preparing to snatch away the warmth and light of summer.

This paradox of death in the midst of life is one we all live with day in day out. As the years roll by we must adapt and adjust to our ever-diminishing health and abilities – physical, mental or spiritual - we all struggle with decline. Whether it's the dreadful diagnosis of cancer, or some cruel neurological disorder, arthritis or heart disease or even just 'frailty', we are all wearing out.

The world around us seems to be in decline too – the World Wildlife Fund suggests that anything up to 100 million species per year are becoming extinct, as habitats diminish and our planet faces tremendous upheaval. Even our own country itself, many would argue, is in decline – economic, social and political decline as are so many other once-powerful nations.

The Scottish Anglican cleric, Henry Francis Lyte, immortalised these ideas in his well-loved hymn 'Abide with me'. The seed was sown whilst visiting a dying friend and the hymn ultimately written as he approached his own death at the age of 54 from TB. Perhaps the words of the third line in the second verse resonate most powerfully with us:

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

These might well be words we can relate to, especially if we are going through a tough time right now.

Perhaps the fourth line shows us the direction of hope – in the midst of chaos and change there is a steadying influence, an anchor for our souls, a precious constant offering security, safety and love. We all need a refuge, a place we can call home and the Christian faith provides just that – not a comfort blanket as many would argue, but a worldview that tells me that no matter how hard this life gets, no matter how confusing, depressing and challenging I find it, I am loved and cherished far beyond my understanding by a force infinitely greater than I.

As life's little day ebbs out, faith equips us with a different perspective – a cosmic view of life, death and beyond. As the apostle Paul said, 'if our hope in Christ is for this life alone, we are to be pitied more than anyone in the world', but if our hope is for something beyond this life then surely that puts things in a different light? With this eternal perspective we can live life more lightly, more assuredly, and with an unshakeable confidence that whatever sadness comes our way, our ultimate destination is secure, beautiful and full of life.

Andrew

DIARY FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Church Services – St Peter's, Coniston Cold

3rd August– Sunday: Compline Evensong, 4pm
10th August – Sunday: Prayer Book Communion, 9.30am
17th August – Sunday. Compline Evensong. 4pm
24th august – Sunday: Prayer Book Communion, 9.30am
31st August – no service
6th Sept – Sunday: Compline Evensong 4pm
13th Sept -Sunday: Prayer Book Communion 9:30am
20th Sept- Sunday Compline Evensong

Church Services – St Andrew's, Gargrave

3rd August – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion 8am – Breakfast 10:30 am followed by 11am Family Service
10th August – Sunday: Matins 8am – Sung Eucharist 11am
17th August – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion 8am - Service of the Word 11am.
24th August - BCP Holy Communion 8am - Holy Communion 11am
31st August – BCP Holy Communion 8am - Café Church 11am

7th September- Sunday: BCP Communion 8am – Breakfast 10:30am followed by 11am Family Service

14th September- Sunday: Matins 8am – Sung Eucharist 11am

21st September -Sunday: BCP Communion 8am – Service of the Word 11am

28th September – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion 8am – Holy Communion 11am

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
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-noon

June Events - local

6th August - Wednesday: Parish Council meeting. 7.15.p.m. Village Hall Annexe.
7 June - Saturday: Book Fair. 10.a.m to 4.p.m. Village Hall. Food available until 3.30.p.m. 50p admission.
7 June – Saturday: Concert of Accordion and Organ Music – Kirkby Malham -7pm
13 June - Friday: Picnic Supper Dance with live music for modern sequence dancing from Silhouette. 7.30.p.m -11.p.m. Village Hall. £6 admission.
14 June - Saturday Coffee morning in aid of the crisis in Sudan. 10:30-12pm – Andrew's church
14 June – Film night - Kirkby Malham Hall – 7pm
15 June - Sunday: Collectable and Craft Fair. 9.30.a.m to 3.30.p.m. Village Hall. Food available until 3.p.m. 50p admission.
19/22 June – Thursday/to Sunday - Art in the Dale - St Michael's Kirkby Malham
21/ 22 June - Saturday and Sunday: Open Gardens – see page 8
27 June - Friday: Picnic supper dance in aid of Manorlands. Please contact 01535 656884 for further details.
28 June - Saturday: Provisional date for Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee jointly with Gargrave Library Coffee morning. Village Hall.
10.a.m - Noon. Sale of Gargrave paintings and prints by the late Robert Kirkbride of South Street. Bacon sandwiches and homemade cakes. Raffle and Book stall.
Please check the Village Hall noticeboard nearer the time for confirmation or call 07989585564

June Events – out and about

12 June – Thursday – Peregrine Watch at Malham Cove – see page 10
14/15 June – Saturday/Sunday – Open Studios Trail – various locations – info on nyos.or.uk – or brochure from Higherlands House
21 June – Saturday – In Coro Songs for a Summer evening – Christ Church, Skipton – 7.30pm
21 June – Saturday – Settle Orchestra Concert – Settle Parish Church – 3.30pm

27/28 June – Friday/Saturday - Hellifield Beer Festival – noon-11pm – Hellifield Institute
28 June – Saturday – Settle Orchestra Concert – Christ Church, Skipton – 3.30pm

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 June we will be praying for those who live in the South Street, River Place, East Street and Mill Lane area.

Churchyard matters

At St Andrew's we are blessed with a large, open churchyard where we can still offer burials. This beautiful space is a blessing for many - a quiet haven to sit and reflect, to remember and honour loved ones, as well as to reconnect with nature in the conservation area. However, large churchyards like ours also pose a problem - that of upkeep and maintenance. Some years ago we paid contractors to keep the grass short and tidy, but whilst we were paying that we were failing to pay our bills elsewhere. Hence we took the bold decision to stop paying and instead asked for volunteers. These volunteers - (some in their 80s) have worked valiantly in their spare time, spending hours between other commitments to try to keep on top of things.

It's very disheartening when people complain about the length of the grass or that the churchyard "is going to rack and ruin" as someone recently said. We do our very best to maintain our churchyard, but there is a cost - in manpower and finance. St Andrew's is wholly funded by individual donations- we pay the Diocese £68,000 each year as well as our other costs, which total almost £100,000.

If people want to see a tidy churchyard then we need assistance- more volunteers to make the work much more manageable or regular financial donations to help us pay for contractors (upwards of £5000 per annum). Please do consider how you can support us - with your time, energy or financially. Unless we do something now our only option will be to gradually let more sections of the churchyard go wild.

Reverend Andrew

EVENTS

Library Services *Dave Smith*

This month, as there is no film to promote, I thought it was a good time to highlight the invaluable services offered by our Library in Gargrave

The Library is part of the NYC Library Service who supply all our books and enable Library users to access the following services:

Borrow books, reserve books and have them delivered to Gargrave from the vast resources of NYC. You can also reserve books online.

If you have difficulty getting to the Library join the free Home Delivery Service. Photocopying and printing for example airline tickets.

Internet and Computer access.

Free Wi-Fi.

Help with online form filling such as an application for a Bus Pass.

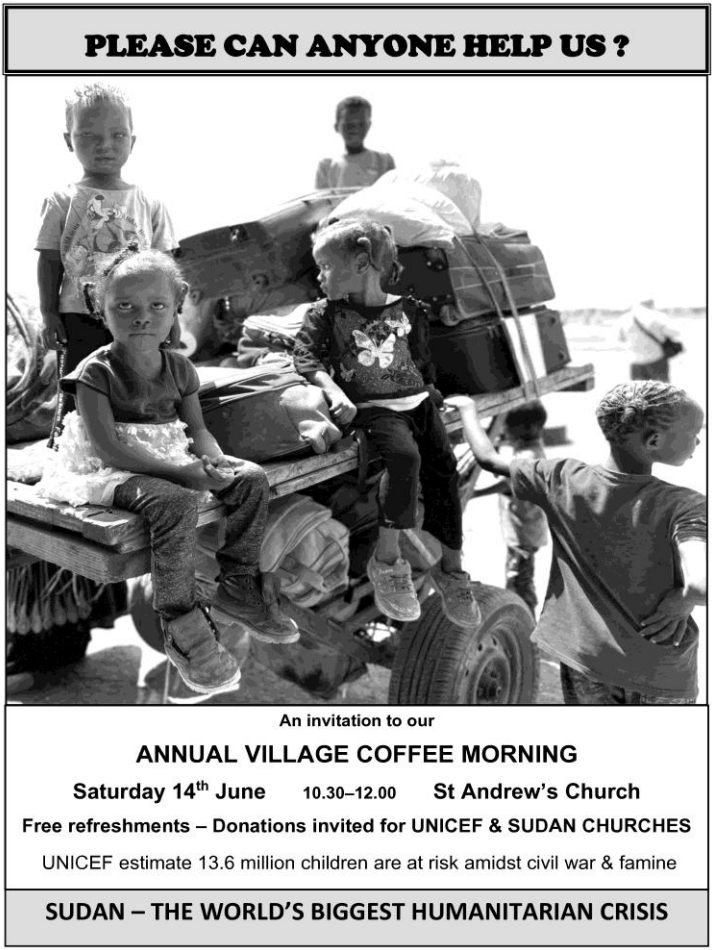
There are several additional services available online:

You can join the NYC Library.
Search for, reserve and renew books and other items in the NYC library catalogue
Borrow e- books or digital audio books.
Read magazines, newspapers etc.
Access online information resources such as Ancestry.com

Summer Reading Challenge
Jumping ahead, there will be this year's Summer Reading Challenge for children aged from 4 to 11 encouraging them to read six library books over the holiday period. This year the theme is 'Story Garden' and several related activities are being planned, so watch this space.

NYC Management System
Please be patient as our valiant Volunteers learn to use the new NYC Management System. It's hard going but we are getting there!

Film Shows
Finally, the film shows will recommence on Friday 19th of September.



Annual Village Coffee Morning to support Sudan - Saturday 14th June
You are invited to Andrew's Church to support both our overseas link with Sudan Churches and UNICEF's Sudan Emergency Appeal. Please join us in a spirit of solidarity, sharing, learning and compassion for a nation faced with the world's biggest humanitarian crisis. Overshadowed by other world events, Sudan has been mostly ignored by the media since civil war erupted over two years ago. The statistics are beyond comprehension: 14 million of the 50 million population have been displaced including nearly 6 million children, while nearly half the population are short of food. There are reports of genocide, sexual violence, wrecked churches and persecuted Christians. With UK and US foreign aid budgets slashed our support, however small, is even more critical.
Free refreshments: 10.30 - 12-00. Donations very welcome



Kirkby Malham Parish Hall

Caroline Rosier

Saturday Film Night

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*

Come and enjoy exploring a great range of gardens in Gargrave over the weekend. There is a mixture of old favourites and exciting new additions to the list of gardens opening. Proceeds from Gargrave Open Gardens, which is organised by St Andrew's Church, are divided between church and two hospices: Manorlands at Oxenhope and Martin House Children's Hospice at Boston Spa.

This year early bird tickets will be on sale online only, at £6, from GargraveOpenGardens.com. Bring your proof of purchase to the Village Hall during Open Gardens weekend to receive your passport for entry to the gardens, from 11am. You can also buy passports on either day at the Village Hall for £8.

Refreshments will be available at the Village Hall: teas coffees, cakes and a choice of hot or cold lunches.

If you are available to help at the Village Hall or can contribute a cake for the weekend, please contact Ali Lucas on 07921970961 for details.

If you would like to help with stewarding visitors or garden sitting, please contact Beatrice Faulkner on 07778 980994.

Songs for a Summer's Evening Saturday 21 June 7.30 pm Christ Church, Cross Street, Skipton

The new and exciting In Coro Chamber Choir invite you to join them on Saturday 21st June, 2025 for a summer's evening of joyous music. Our collection of new and much-loved favourites includes classics by Handel, Verdi, Grieg and Elgar. Together with popular songs by Van Morrison and Ivor Novello, we will present a concert guaranteed to have something to delight everyone!

In Coro is an accomplished mixed voice chamber choir based in Cowling, North Yorkshire. Featuring experienced singers from across the region, in up to eight-part harmony, they perform a rich variety of secular and sacred music.

Performing for the second time in the beautiful Christ Church, Skipton, In Coro is directed by James Ashworth, Founder and Music Director and accompanied once again by the very talented Robert Suddall.

Tickets are £12 and are now available. Please contact –
Lesley Birchall, T: 07762 067209 E: lesley.birchall@yahoo.co.uk
James Ashworth, T: 07971 007116 E: jamesashworth8@icloud.com

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, Peter Hicks, Katharine 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

Plus a guest exhibition from The Folly of artwork inspired by Jean Harrison poetry

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

Book for Friends of the Dales next events!



Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales are excited to announce its next two outdoor events:

Walk: Peregrine Watch at Malham Cove - Thursday 12 June Ian Court, Wildlife Conservation Officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority will lead a scenic circular guided walk to Malham Cove offering a rare opportunity to learn more about one of the Yorkshire Dales most majestic birds of prey.

Accessible Walk around Aysgarth Falls - Thursday 17 July Jonathan Smith of Where2Walk and Yorkshire Dales disability access charity Access the Dales will lead a 4 mile circular walk exploring a short stretch of the River Ure and its waterfalls. This leisurely paced, stile free route is suitable for most electric wheelchairs as well as being suitable for those who want to walk over less arduous terrain with time to chat and socialise. Two Tramper wheelchairs are also available to hire from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Centre at Aysgarth Falls.

For more details or to book your place/s click visit:
www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events

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Kirkby Malham
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Fully Equipped Kitchen, large hall, bar area, accessible toilet, and newly refurbished upstairs meeting room.

A licenced bar can be provided on request.

The ideal venue for: Exercise Classes, Children's Parties, Afternoon Teas, Talks and Presentations, Evening Socials, Exhibitions, Craft Groups, Meetings

Standard Hire rate: £12 per hour (unheated) or £17 (with heating)

Upstairs meeting room: £15 per morning/afternoon/evening for Malhamdale residents (up to 3 hours)

Additional charges may be required for large groups or business use.

Contact: **NOTE EMAIL for bookings and enquiries**
Sue at MalhamdaleParishHall@gmail.com or 07484 181699
Find us on Facebook: **Kirkby Malham Parish Hall**

Concert of Accordion and Organ Music - by Ben Saunders - Saturday 7th June at 7pm - St Michael's, Kirkby Malham BD23 4BS



Free admission, donations welcome

Refreshments available at the end of the concert

Ben says: "I always aim to delight and enthral audiences with a unique mix of classical, jazz, dance and popular music. I've been fortunate to have performed in many countries and made recordings conducting choirs and playing the organ. Having spent most of my life leading cathedral music in England, it's just as thrilling to share entertaining and varied concerts with new audiences in local village churches. As well as playing the organ, I bring along a classical accordion, a more intimate instrument that is both mesmerising in its complexity and incredibly expressive."

All proceeds are for church funds. Ben is keen to meet members of the audience over a glass of wine at the end of his performance. Do come!

Further details: www.kirkbymalhamchurch.org

GARGRAVE ART EXHIBITION

Thursday 10 July until Sunday 13 July 10am-7pm Sunday 4.30pm close
Gargrave Village Hall West Street BD23 3PT
Refreshments by Gargrave 2022 Group
gargraveart.uk exhibition@gargraveart.uk 07971 162901



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A YDRT Rivers4Life Photography Competition

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT) is running a competition to find the best photographs of Yorkshire Dales rivers and wildlife, to be included in its Rivers4Life exhibition - the name given to its new education and engagement project, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to players of the National Lottery. It is inviting you to submit your favourite photos of our beautiful rivers, streams and their wildlife taken in the catchments of the Trust which includes the rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse and associated tributaries. (NB. Please do not include people in your images.) All entrants will have the chance to feature in the Rivers4Life summer exhibition taking place at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes from late June to early September 2026, and in a future Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust calendar!

There are four stages to the competition, covering all the seasons. The spring season covers March to May and the deadline for entries is 5 June 2025. Please submit your competition entries via this link: www.ydrt.org.uk/photography-competition/

You can also sign up for the YDRT monthly e news at: www.ydrt.org.uk

Become a Volunteer Lock Keeper *Naomi Roberts*

Did you spot Gargrave in the news recently? ITV Calendar News, The Yorkshire Post and The Craven Herald shared details of an improvement scheme taking place in the village, from West Street up to Bank Newton, by waterways charity, Canal & River Trust.

The Trust is recruiting new volunteer lock keepers to help provide local information and assist with a variety of important tasks along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. These include: assisting boaters with passage through the locks, monitoring and helping to maintain water levels, carrying out environmental and heritage maintenance tasks and being a helpful point of contact for visitors.

New welfare facilities at both Higherland Lock in Gargrave and Carpenters Lock in Bank Newton have been installed to support the increased presence of volunteers along the canal.

Andy Salt, volunteering leader at Canal & River Trust explained: “Gargrave is a beautiful and popular spot on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal for boaters, walkers, cyclists and tourists who come to enjoy some of the best views in Yorkshire, while enjoying the benefits of being by water.”

“Close to the summit, this section of canal can be vulnerable to changes in water levels, so monitoring and helping to manage water levels is an important part of the volunteer lock keeping role, as well as helping to look after, repair, paint, mow, and plant along the twelve locks from Gargrave to Bank Newton to help to keep them looking their best.”

Interested in volunteering? Search ‘volunteer lock keeper Gargrave’ on the Canal & River Trust website, or visit: https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL *John Hall*

A farm at Scaleber can be traced back to the 1600's. It was, at that time, just an out-barn with housing for 6 cows tied in stalls with a hayloft overhead and room for a stack of hay under cover. A house was built on to the barn at a later date (around the 1800's) after which a stable for two heavy horses was added. A quarry was dug in front of the farm to obtain stone for the buildings and dry stone walls. The type of stone quarried has, over time, proved unsuitable due to being a type of shale that is badly affected by frost and weathering. Any wall gaps now have to be repaired using alternative stone as the original just shatters into "mush".

One of the fields belonging to Scaleber is known as "Spion Kop". We believe this may have come about as a reference to the massacre of English soldiers by the Boers in the Boer War in Africa.

My parents came to Scaleber in 1933 just as the Milk Marketing Board was being formed. Selling milk was to become a lifeline during the depression of the 1930's. With war looming a guarantee to be paid every month for your milk was a lifeline for many farmers. At this stage we had 24 cows to be milked by hand and the milk transferred into churns which then had to be transported by horse and trap to the railway station for the 8:00am train. In the winter of 1947, school was forgotten as the priority was getting the milk churns to the station.

In the 1950's TB, which had been a major health problem, was in the process of being eliminated from cattle. All the wooden milking stalls had to be removed and burned to then be replaced by concrete and render which could be sterilised. As time went by milking became more mechanised with firstly a pipeline along the cow stalls and eventually loose housing and a milking parlour. Milk was then collected by tankers.

We awaited the start of lambing time at the end of March with trepidation as the month came "in like a lamb" and we were expecting it to go "out like a lion" as country folklore states. Thankfully on this occasion it was not the case. Anybody will tell you that it has been one of the best lambing times in terms of weather and many lambs have not come across rain yet. Despite the past few weeks being glorious, as a farmer the lack of rain is starting to become a slight worry. Grass has stopped growing and is now producing seed heads which is a sign of drought stress and any fields on limestone are beginning to burn up fast. Those farmers who generally take 3 cuts of silage throughout the Summer have had to take their first crop, despite it being light, to (hopefully) ensure grass growth within the timescale for the next two crops.

We have had a busy few days taking sheep and lambs from the meadows at home to pastures away to enable fresh growth in anticipation of our silage cut. As yet we haven't turned any cattle out despite the good weather as we are awaiting sufficient grass cover to turn out to. Thankfully we still have silage left from last year.

It seems as though old father time is catching up with me, although I can still shepherd around the fields every morning with my quad bike and dogs and thoroughly enjoy doing it.

Gargrave Parish Council *Gregory Butt*

The Traveller Gypsy Roma (TGR) Plan for Gargrave was approved and adopted at the Parish Council (PC) meeting on Wed 7 May. The plan represents 11 months of planning and 100s of hours of work and I am personally delighted that the PC has lived up to the commitment it made at the rumbustious PC meeting in June last year following the TGR transit. The Plan is now available to view on the PC website. While everyone will be aware of the permanent fencing and temporary protection that has been provided to the village greens, the police will be present from 8am to 12 midnight from Fri 23 May to Mon 2 Jun – this is key. In addition, we have reached out to traveller groups and improved our communications links. In short, we are much much better prepared.

I am also pleased to announce that we have filled the councillor vacancy; we welcome Cllr Ian Ackroyd, a long-term resident of the village. I look forward to the enthusiasm and experience that Ian will undoubtedly bring to the PC.
Having been without a Parish Clerk for the last 10 months, I am delighted that Jayne Dunlop will become the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). Jayne was selected following a detailed recruitment process and she will be in the seat by the time of the next PC meeting. While it is certainly great news that Jayne will be joining us, I would like to pay tribute to Martin Banks who has covered the long vacancy. Without Martin's experience, wise counsel and patience the PC would have struggled. The fact that we have managed to operate as seamlessly and address so many issues, some incredibly complex, is testament to Martin's work ethic and commitment to the village.

It is gratifying that more and more residents are attending PC meetings, and I would encourage everyone to come along – its not all dry bureaucracy and members of the public have the opportunity to have their say. That leads neatly into the fact that we will be holding, for the very first time, an annual Parish Meeting in late May. This is not a Parish Council meeting, but the PC Chair gets to report the PC activities over the previous 12 months. Primarily the Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners to question people and organisations on any issues relating to the village. As the Annual Parish Meeting is not a Parish Council meeting, it is not concluded in the same way or governed by the same rules as a parish council meeting. Details will appear on notice boards and via the Community Facebook page soon. Please do come along: Your Village, Your Voice!

Gregory L Butt MBE
Chair - Gargrave Parish Council

News from the Village Hall *Caroline Thompson*

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who took time to thank us for the patriotic decorations which we had put up to adorn the main hall over the VE day celebration period. They looked so good we left them up for almost a fortnight! The display was put up by Michael one of our committee members, so he did a great job and it was nice to know the display was appreciated.

We have now received the pictures and prints from the family of the late Robert Kirkbride. Robert or Bob as he was more commonly known was a Gargrave man born and bred and a talented amateur artist. He died in 1998 and on his death his work went to his niece Lesley who lived in Milton Keynes, sadly Leslie passed away a few months ago and her family decided after keeping one or two paintings themselves that they would like to donate the remainder to the Village Hall to sell for funds.

I met Roger, Lesley's brother last month, he had travelled from his home in Chorley to bring the artwork over. We spent quite some time looking at the artwork and fortunately I was able to identify the location of most of the local scenes, apart from a couple in Venice! It was interesting to hear a bit more about his Uncle Bob who was the youngest boy in the family, having an elder brother Harold and elder sisters Doris and Elsie. Rogers Mum Nancy was to arrive eight years later and then took over the mantle of being the youngest child in the family. Bob was born in 1910 his parents were called Alexander and Isabella, and in the 1910 census the family are listed as living in North Street, but 8 South Street was the home latterly, perhaps the census remunerator had North mixed up with South or maybe they just moved to warmer climes as time went on.? Sadly, in the 1921 census Bob was re-siding at the infection disease hospital in Skipton. It is not known what was matter or how long his stay was. Roger could recall that his uncle worked as a cook at a hotel but, when ill health struck his mother, he changed jobs and began to work the night shift at Rolls Royce which enabled him to care for his ailing mother through the day and gave him the chance to enjoy his hobby of painting. Bob never married. He liked to re-call to his nieces and nephews that he had enjoyed some fame in his life, as he had the responsibility of carrying Edward Heath's (the then prime minister) umbrella at Iain Macleod's funeral in 1970. Iain was the Chancellor of the Exchequer in Heath's Conservative government and his funeral was held at St. Andrew's church.

Most of Bob's paintings are water colours, but he also worked in pastels. We shall be selling and displaying the artwork at a Coffee morning on Saturday 28th June. Please come along from 10.a.m and enjoy a coffee, bacon sandwiches and cake whilst you browse the work. Dare we say the paintings will make a great Christmas gift? Perhaps you may be one of the children in some of the pictures? The original paintings remain in their original frames whilst the prints are unframed. I did consider framing some of the prints but felt that it was more prudent to leave them as they were as a style of frame is a very personal choice. The prices begin at £10 -

£12 per print, sizes 8x6 and 10x8 (sorry my brain still works in inches) and the originals £45 -£50, sizes vary from 14x10 to 24x19. I have tried to list a selection of the work below:
Originals: Church street from the station (painted in 1969), bottom stepping stones (unframed), South Street in the snow, children playing in the river, Butterhaugh hill looking towards Sharphaw,Eshton beck(painted in 1980),Skipton medieval market with stalls and Morris dancers (unframed).
Prints include Pecca Falls at Ingleton, Church street from the station, Church street looking up towards the church, Cottages on the dam side, children by the arches of the river bridge, river bridge in the snow, south street in the snow, Chew Lane corner in the snow.

There is also a small original pencil drawing of the river bridge, prints of Venice and enough prints of Top Withins at Haworth to paper a small room. A further original painting may be a location in the lake district. These few items will be priced accordingly.

We look forward to seeing everyone on June 28th, please contact me on 07989 585564 if you would like any further details.

St. Andrew's Family service - 4th May *Helen Wilson*

There were a good number of visitors this Sunday; they swelled the singing and made for vibrant worship. The theme of the service was change; and the Bible passage from Acts was the story of the change in Saul's life when he encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. Saul was on his way to Jerusalem with the intention of arresting the Christians and putting them to death, when a blinding light stopped him in his tracks! He heard a voice asking him why he was persecuting Jesus and was told to go into the city. He couldn't see and so was led by those with him into Jerusalem. This was a dramatic change in his life and Paul went on to be a devout follower of Jesus, writing many letters to believers in different cities even though he was in prison.
How does this story about change apply to us today? Does God want us to change in some way? When we decide to be a follower of Jesus, we need to allow him to change us day by day, to become more like Him in our daily lives.
It's good to be reminded that in a changing world and our own changing circumstances, God never changes. The words of the song *Faithful one* are a great reminder of His love and presence with us.
Faithful one, so unchanging, Ageless one, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you. I call out to you, again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble, You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm, your love is the anchor
My hope is in you alone.

Gargrave Church of England (VC) Primary School *Sarah Peel*
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Little Apples joining Apple class

After Easter we had 4 'Little Apples' join in with our current reception. They have settled in really well and are joining in with their new learning. They have daily phonics and maths sessions as well as learning a poem. They have lots of opportunity to play in our current provision. We have had a reshuffle in class to create more space and have been very lucky to receive some new furniture and resources to make sure we are fully prepared for them. The reception children have all been very welcoming and have helped settle them in showing our school values. Here are some pictures of what has been going on since they have joined.











Howdens donated a sink and tap to us and this was fitted. This means that we can have hot water for adults and children.
The staff have visited other settings to see how enriching it is for pupils to enter school and learn about routines and be exposed to language.
The governors are working with plans for September provision within school for 3 year olds.

Meanwhile older pupils are making the most our stunning setting
Curriculum and playtimes are taken outside whenever possible. Our pupils love the space they have, for social times, for adventurous play, for Forest school/ nature activities and gardening.
We have a selection of vegetables growing in our allotment and polytunnel. Plenty of watering needed and they are thriving.







CRAVEN WILDLIFE RESCUE ANNOUNCES FUNDRAISER DATE



Craven Wildlife Rescue - the charity that rescues injured wildlife from right across the region - has announced that its hugely popular Langcliffe Teas annual fundraiser will be on Sunday 29 June. One of the biggest fundraisers of the year for the charity, the event runs from 2pm at Langcliffe Village Hall.

Penny Hunt, co-Founder of CWR, says: "Each year we take more and more injured animals in, care for them and return them to the wild. Most of the animals we rescue are red and amber listed like, for example, the hedgehog which is now facing extinction in the UK. We have also recently received a lot of owls. We need everyone's help if we are to continue this work. So come and join us, eat cake, drink tea and find out more about what we do."

Craven Wildlife Rescue's aims are rescue, conservation and education. Currently housed in temporary accommodation in Horton in Ribblesdale, its team of 30 volunteers keep the Rescue running on a day-to-day basis and care for the animals' short- and medium-term health to ready them for release when they are well enough. Any animal coming to CWR for rehabilitation gets returned to its home territory, where possible. The changing climate and CWR's growing reputation have meant that the charity has had an extremely busy year and it is currently looking for more space and a permanent home in which to grow.

Become a Volunteer Lock Keeper *Naomi Roberts*

Did you spot Gargrave in the news recently? ITV Calendar News, The Yorkshire Post and The Craven Herald shared details of an improvement scheme taking place in the village, from West Street up to Bank Newton, by waterways charity, Canal & River Trust.

The Trust is recruiting new volunteer lock keepers to help provide local information and assist with a variety of important tasks along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. These include: assisting boaters with passage through the locks, monitoring and helping to maintain water levels, carrying out environmental and heritage maintenance tasks and being a helpful point of contact for visitors.

New welfare facilities at both Higherland Lock in Gargrave and Carpenters Lock in Bank Newton have been installed to support the increased presence of volunteers along the canal.

Andy Salt, volunteering leader at Canal & River Trust explained: “Gargrave is a beautiful and popular spot on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal for boaters, walkers, cyclists and tourists who come to enjoy some of the best views in Yorkshire, while enjoying the benefits of being by water.”
“Close to the summit, this section of canal can be vulnerable to changes in water levels, so monitoring and helping to manage water levels is an important part of the volunteer lock keeping role, as well as helping to look after, repair, paint, mow, and plant along the twelve locks from Gargrave to Bank Newton to help to keep them looking their best.”
Interested in volunteering? Search ‘volunteer lock keeper Gargrave’ on the Canal & River Trust website, or visit: https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer

North Yorkshire Open Studios Trail

For this month’s 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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TRAINS: New timetable from *18 MAY 2025* to *13 DEC 2025* incl.

Copies of train timetables to/ from Leeds, Carlisle and Lancaster are available in Gargrave Library.

As of 14 May, no Engineering Works affecting Gargrave train services during June have been identified. *That may change.* Northern website states Gargrave substitute bus pick-ups are the Dalesman Café and Public Toilets Bus Stops on the A65.

For live information on the next few trains, text GARGRAVE to 84950, or go to www.realtimetrains.co.uk/

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Living in BD23, you can buy a DALES RAILCARD: *£10.00/ year. 1/3 off All Tickets (dep after 0815 M-Fri, + All w/e)* between Gargrave, Leeds, Bradford, Carlisle, Lancaster, M'cambe. Big discount for children with you.

BUSES: *I now plan to present Gargrave bus times in the July Magazine. I apologise for incomplete information in the May Magazine.*

Peter Hardyman



Robert Kirkbride – among the pictures for sale on Saturday 28 June – see page 16

Gargrave Parish Magazine contributions and advertising

This magazine is produced by St Andrew's Church for the benefit of the whole community of Gargrave & Coniston Cold Parishes. We welcome short articles, news, notices of events, anecdotes, announcements and photos. Handwritten submissions can be delivered to 5 Walton Ave, BD23 3NP.

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