GARGRAVE &
CONISTON COLD
August & September 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!

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
7th Sept – Sunday: Compline Evensong 4pm
14th Sept -Sunday: Prayer Book Communion 9:30am
21st Sept- Sunday Compline Evensong
28th Sept -Sunday: No service

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 – Harvest festival with Jacobs Join Lunch.
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, recommences Sept 9th
Second Wednesday of each month: Gargrave 2022 Group, ladies welcome, £4 per person, Village Hall, 7pm
August and September Every Friday: Coffee Morning, Neville Crescent Community Centre, 10am-noon

August and September Events - local

Monday 4 August: Gargrave Show meeting: Village Hall Match Room. 7.30. p.m.
Wednesday 6 August: Parish Council meeting. 7.15.p.m. Village Hall Annexe.
Friday 8 August: Picnic Supper Dance with live music for modern sequence dancing from Organist Elizabeth Harrison: Village Hall. 7.30.p.m -11. p.m. Village Hall. £6 admission
Tuesday 12 August: Mid-week Book Fair. Village Hall. 10.a.m - 3.30. p.m. Food served all day. 50p Admission.

Friday 22 August: Picnic Supper dance in aid of the Air Ambulance. Live music from Bon Accord: Village Hall. 7.30.p.m - 11.p.m. Details 01729 830217.

Sunday 24 August and Monday 25 August: Collectable and Craft Fair. 9.30.a.m to 3.30.p.m. Village Hall. Food available until 3.p.m. 50p admission.
Wednesday 3 September: Parish Council meeting. 7.15.p.m. Village Hall Annexe.

Friday 12 September: Picnic Supper Dance with live music for modern sequence dancing from Alan Cookson. Village Hall. 7.30.p.m -11. p.m. Village Hall. £6 admission.
Saturday 13 September: Coffee morning organised jointly between Gargrave
Village Hall Management Committee and Gargrave Library Committee. Bacon
sandwiches and homemade cakes. Raffle & Book stall. Village Hall. 10.a.m - Noon.
Saturday 20 September: Book Fair. Village Hall. 10.a.m - 4.p.m. Food served all day. 50p Admission.
Sunday 28 September: Collectable and Craft Fair. 9.30.a.m to 3.30. p.m. Village Hall. Food available until 3.p.m. 50p admission.
Tuesday 30 September: Indoor bowling re-commences. Tuesday and Thursdays Village Hall. 2-4. p.m.

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 August we will be praying for those who live and work in the North Street, West Street, Old Hall Croft and Gargrave House area, including the library and village hall.
In September we will be praying for residents and businesses in Church Street, Church Lane and Riverside.

Churchyard Matters *Rev. Andrew Steer*

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.

EVENTS

Library Services *Dave Smith*

Film Shows

Looking well ahead our film shows will start again on Friday19th September when we will be screening **"The Ballad of Wallis Island."** This 2025 British comedy drama follows Charles (Tim Key), an eccentric lottery winner who

lives alone on a remote Welsh island and dreams of getting his favourite but washed-up folk musicians to put on a concert.

The customary Cafe style seating will be in place, so please bring you own refreshments. The Village Hall doors open at 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 on the Door with under 16s free. Sorry but we can only allow Guide Dogs into the Hall.

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

Summer Reading Challenge

The school holidays bring the start of the NYC's Summer Reading Challenge for children aged from 4 to 11 encouraging them to read six library books, on any topic, over the holiday period. This year the theme is Story Garden, which celebrates the great outdoo*rs* and the power of imagination. Children can sign up in the Library during the holidays with the final sign update being the 31st of August.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Story Garden medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Saturday 12 July until Saturday 13 September.

Settle Stories: As part of the 'Yorkshire Festival of Story' (3rd-9th November) Settle Stories are launching a Children's Story Competition for aspiring writers aged 7-11 years old. The theme of the story up to 500 words is 'An act of Courage'

For further information and entry form visit settlestories.org.uk.

100 Club Draw

A quick plug for the 100 Club which is a vital source of funds for the Library. There are still a few numbers available at a cost of £2.50 a month with a monthly prize draw of £50, £20 and £10 and a bumper draw at Christmas when the prizes are doubled. Application forms are available in the Library

or on the Library Website, *www.gargravelibrary.co.uk*
A reminder to current members to please let us know if you change your postal address or other contact details to ensure we deliver any prizes to the correct address.

Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning being held in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee will be held on the 13th September,10.00am till noon in the Village Hall. The usual cakes, bacon butties etc will be on sale.

A Day at Gargrave Open Gardens

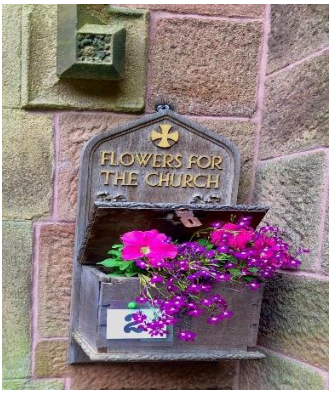
Didn't we have a lovely time at Gargrave Open Gardens
Just open the door to roses galore, peonies, lilies, ponds and more
Then time for lunch, there's plenty to munch at Church and Hall and gardens,
Then out once again past Alison's hen as we all walked round.

Didn't we have a lovely time at Gargrave Open Gardens
We followed Bee's map, watched out for the gaps and looked for a yellow sunflower,
We all wore a hat, or a nice jolly cap and a brolly in case of a shower,
While Ali and team offered us tea, as we all walked round

Didn't we have a lovely time at Gargrave Open Gardens,
Through each garden gate you d talk to a mate and learn about the planting
The names of the trees, the flowers and bees and someone'll know the Latin
Of these cacti, those floribundi, as we all walked round.

Didn't we have a lovely time at Gargrave Open Gardens,
We all had such fun, spotting one by one all the Quirky Containers:
A large kitchen sink, a bottle of drink and even Linda's laundry…Oh yes!
Then very well fed, and ready for bed, tired from all that walking
We all had a bop outside the sweet shop when we'd all walked round.
(*Can be sung to the tune of A Day Trip to Bangor)*
Pam Bolas







A few images from the quirky containers, courtesy of Linda Hartell. Open Gardens raised £1710 for each of the three causes it supported, Martin House, Manorlands and St Andrew's Church. Thank you everyone for your support.



News from the Village Hall – August. Caroline Thompson.
We do hope you are all enjoying the summer months and the amazing weather. Personally, a four-day holiday in Filey went down a treat, with some lengthy beach and cliff top walks each day. Perfect for re-charging the batteries.

I am a little disappointed that I cannot report that the solar panels are charging the batteries at the Village Hall yet. It is certainly not through a lack of trying as many hours have been spent by Alan in particular with ironing out contract details and preparing various reports. A small group of our committee members held a site meeting back in June and everything seemed very positive with the likelihood of the roofing side of the work commencing in mid-July but as I write this piece, we still await confirmation of a start date for the work which is estimated will take around six weeks. Fingers crossed.

The sale of Robert Kirkbright's paintings went extremely well and approximately £470.00 was raised for Village Hall funds. It was really gratifying to see old friends and neighbours of Bob`s meeting up, reminiscing and becoming the proud owners of his work, A small number of prints remain, including one of the cottages on Dam side and Eshton beck. Bobs families were delighted the sale went so well and have kindly offered to donate a further two original paintings. These will be brought to Gargrave when they scatter Bob`s nieces ashes. Please contact me on 07989 585564 if you may be interested in the remaining prints or the originals, otherwise they will be arranged to be sold at a future Coffee morning, possibly in the Autumn.

We await the arrival of the newly framed original dance posters from the 1950`s and 1960`s . These will be hung as a feature on one of the walls leading towards the kitchen and Match room.

As I peruse the agenda for our next meeting, one of the items for discussion is the purchase of two new outdoor benches for each side of the front door. Seemingly a simple decision, but is it? Aesthetically timber would be better but the recycled plastic options need no maintenance, and many designs can look as good as the wood benches. This could be a tough decision and a close vote!

Other things we need to discuss are the purchase of a new hot water boiler for the Snooker Hall as currently hot water is not an option, we have the tap but not the heat! The possibility of fitting small canopies over the back door and the fire door (if we get the roofer) and a discussion on maybe setting up a Men's only morning where Gents can meet, chat, drink lots of tea and maybe have a game of cards or dominoes.

Other news I shall be relaying to fellow members is that the fire extinguisher annual service is up to date and the bi annual fire alarm service is complete. Not forgetting a mended leak in the disabled loo!

Martyn's Law
We have been asked to highlight this event by North Yorks County council
North Yorkshire Council and Counter Terrorism Policing North East are proud to be hosting an engagement event for businesses sectors, community organisations and event organisers to help raise awareness of The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also known as Martyn's Law, and assist those attending to understand the requirements set out in the legislation.



What is Martyn's Law?
Martyn's Law is a piece of legislation that aims to ensure public premises and events are better prepared for terrorist attacks. This legislation is aimed at any premises that is wholly or mainly used for one of the purposes listed in the Act - such as retail, education, healthcare, or worship - and reasonably expect that at least 200 individuals may be present at the same time, at least occasionally, will have to comply with Martyn's Law.

Come and find out from Figen Murray (Martyn's mother) and learn about the implications for your organisation and what you need to do to meet the legislation.

This **FREE** event will be delivered by subject matter experts from Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) and will include advice, guidance, and updates on the work that police and partners are doing to mitigate the terrorist threat. You will gain a valuable insight into Martyn's Law and understand the requirements set out in the legislation, whilst also being informed of free training opportunities for you and your organisation. This is also an excellent networking opportunity.

A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you have any dietary requirements, please email NYCSP@northyorks.gov.uk

The event is on **Friday 26th September 2025**, hosted at **Harrogate Convention Centre, King's Road, Harrogate, HG1 5LA from 9:30 until approx. 15:30.**

If you are interested in attending this **FREE event**, please **register your interest** by using the following link:

Martyns Law Event Tickets, Fri, Sep 26, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite

*Please use an email address that reflects what organisation you work for; this helps us verify that this event is appropriate for you. If you do not have an organisational email address, please let us know at the time of sign-up what organisation you are representing NYCSP@northyorks.gov.uk

A Meditation for the Summer Holidays *Richard Rohr*

The Franciscan spiritual teacher Richard Rohr explores what has been called our True Self or "the treasure hidden in plain sight", "the branch connected to the vine", "the pearl of great price" or "who we are in God and who God is in us".

The True Self and the false self

Those who have gone to their depths uncover an indwelling Presence. It is a deep loving "yes" that is inherent within you. In Christian theology, this inner Presence would be described as the Holy Spirit, which is precisely God as immanent, within, and even our deepest and truest self.

Some saints and mystics have described this Presence as "closer to me than I am to myself". Many describe this, as Thomas Merton did, as the True Self. Yet, it still must be awakened and chosen. The Holy Spirit is given equally to all; but it must be received, too. One who totally receives this Presence and draws life from it is what Christians call a saint.

This is how "image" becomes "likeness" (Genesis 1:26-27). We all have the indwelling image, but we surrender to the likeness in varying degrees and stages. The Holy Spirit is never created by our actions or behaviour, but it is naturally indwelling, our inner being with God. Culture and sometimes religion often teaches us to live out of our false self or reputation, self-image, role, possessions, money, appearance, and so on. It is only as this fails us, and it always eventually does, that the True Self stands revealed and ready to guide us.

The True Self does not teach us compassion as much as it is compassion already. And from this more spacious and grounded place, one naturally connects, empathises, forgives, and loves just about everything. We were made in love, for love, and unto love. The false self does not really know how to love in a very deep or broad way. It is too small and self–referential to be compassionate. The True Self- where you and God are one – does not choose to love as much as it is love itself already (see Colossians 3:3-4). Loving from this vast space is experienced as a river within you that flows of its own accord (see John 7: 38-39)

Acknowledgement: *Adapted from 'Immortal Diamond by Richard Rohr, 2013,*

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL *John Hall*

As previously mentioned, the glorious Summer weather has led to slow grass growth and as such delayed silage making. We did finally go ahead this week, albeit later than normal, and with a slightly reduced crop of grass. We will in time need to decide whether or not a second cut or the making of haylage bales will be required. The plus side of delayed silage making is that the ground nesting birds, curlews, etc., have time to raise their chicks successfully and fledge.

Now that the fields have been cleared of grass the next step will be the application of bedding manure and slurry. Bedding manure is a great soil conditioner when applied at the right time and returns nutrients to the soil which would otherwise need to be replaced with artificial fertilizer.

Sheep shearing is now imminent. These days we use the services of a shearing contractor as Brian & I are no longer as supple as we used to be ~ shearing sheep is definitely a young man's job! However, Brian did just manage to shear the Rams ahead of the hot weather.

We thought we had finished lambing time in May but what do we know? On checking around the stock 2 weeks ago, we discovered a new arrival which has been named Gerald. On closer examination of the so called "geld" hoggs (next year's replacement ewes) we discovered that there was another unexpectedly pregnant. These two wanderers must have found their way into the rams field at some stage without us knowing. The older lambs have now had their first vaccination for pneumonia and a multi-vitamin drench and going forward they will be continually monitored closely and treated accordingly.

Blue tongue restrictions have now been extended to the whole of England with different rules applying to Scotland, Wales and Ireland. This is already affecting the show season and will subsequently impact on the Autumn sales in due course.

A recent trip to the Beamish Working Museum in Northumberland proved to be very interesting. Whilst there I particularly enjoyed watching the horses hay making with a variety of horse-drawn implements. This brought back memories of the days when I worked with heavy horses here at Scaleber. A variety of horses are kept at Beamish from Shires and Welsh Cobs to "pit" ponies. Shorthorn dairy cattle are displayed as the native milk cows. The pig section was also very nostalgic with the old native breeds of Tamworth, Saddleback and Large White prominently displayed. The mining side of Beamish gives an idea of what working conditions were like underground for the miners. There was a coal pit on site but unfortunately it wasn't open to the public. The only knowledge of pits I have was from meeting relatives. The whole experience was a reminder of the hard life of my ancestors some of which were miners as well as farmers.

As I look around at the miles and miles of dry stone walls in the Yorkshire Dales, I ponder on the effort taken to construct them. Having done my fair share of walling over the years, I certainly know how difficult it is.

Gargrave Parish Council *Gregory Butt*

I can positively report that, by any measure, the Traveller Gypsy Roma (TGR) Plan for Gargrave was a success and is evidenced by:

- the orderly procession of TGR through Gargrave to and from Appleby Fair
- the absence of friction between TGR and residents
- the lack of material damage to the fabric of the village

Most notably, there was no negative feedback from residents at the final Public Meeting on Thursday 26th June; the fact that only 18 residents attended, as opposed to the 60 that attended last year's chaotic meeting, is also testament. While a resounding success there are lessons to be learned for next year, which the Parish Council (PC), North Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire Police will need to address.

And finally goodbye:
I indicated at the July PC meeting that I would be stepping down at the end of the August meeting. As a consequence, this will be my final report, but I very much hope that this column will continue.
As a leaving thought I'd like to reflect on something I wrote in my first Parish' Magazine offering in April 2024:

'the Parish Council doesn't exist in a vacuum for the entertainment of its' 9 councillors; it is rooted in the community for the community'

During my tenure I've witnessed fabulous community activities such as the Gargrave Show, the Art Show, Gargrave Open Gardens, the Duck Race, Children's Christmas Party, Film Night, the work of the Gargrave Wildlife Working Group and everything that St Andrew's does. All of these activities are linked by committed and able volunteers taking responsibility. There is much talent, professional expertise and goodwill across Gargrave, which the Parish Council also needs. If you are reading this, please consider becoming a councillor when a vacancy occurs; you can make a difference by taking responsibility.
Please note that the PC Clerk, Jayne Dunlop, can be contacted on gargravepc@yahoo.com. Jayne's office hours are:

Tuesdays: 10 am -3 pm
Wednesdays: 10 am – 12 noon
Thursdays: 12 noon – 3 pm

Gregory L Butt MBE
Chair

Friends of the DALES
YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY

Explore West Yorkshire's first urban National Nature Reserve!

Saturday 6 September 10.30am – 2.30pm

Join Mohammed Dhalech, trustee of Friends of the Dales and a campaigner for environmental and social justice, for a free 5.5 mile walk from Saltaire Railway station into part of the new Bradford Pennine Gateway National Nature Reserve.

This walk is moderately challenging with a steep uphill section to Baildon Moor trig point (273m) where you will be rewarded with 360' of panoramic views over to Leeds, Bradford, Emley Moor and Rombalds Moor.

Kabeer Bostan, Senior Manager, Plans for Places team at Natural England will also be joining the walk to talk about the designation of this urban National Nature Reserve and how it differs to other protected landscapes, such as the Yorkshire Dales.

This guided walk offers a unique opportunity to learn more about some of the Bradford's industrial past and the moorland, glens and woods this is set amongst.

Booking essential. No dogs except registered assistance dogs. Over 18s only. Book at: www.trybooking.com/uk/FBIM. To keep up to date with all of Friends of the Dales events and campaign news – sign up for its monthly e news at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk or scan the QR code

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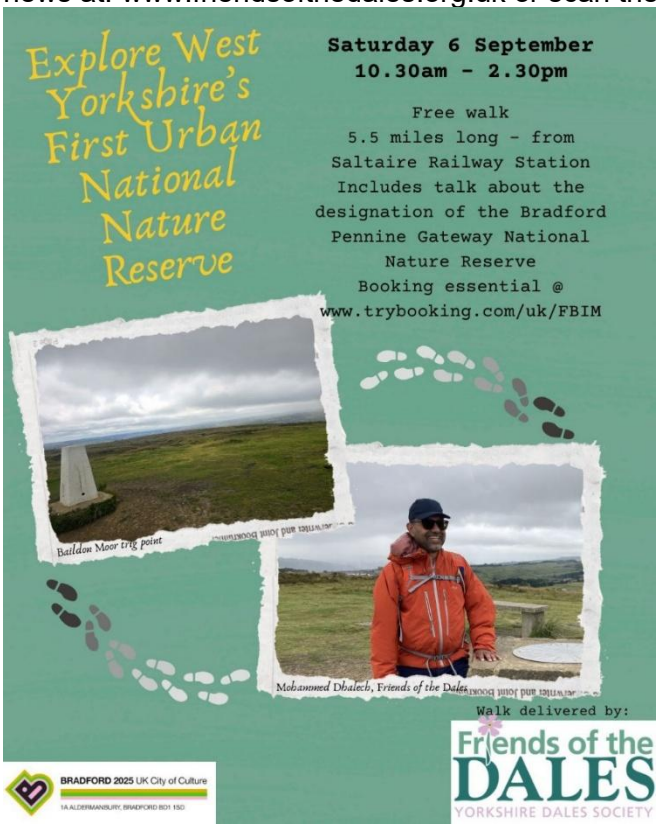

Gargrave 22 Group *Joy Robinson*

Even my daughters who live in East Anglia know about the Courtyard Dairy and insist on visiting whenever they come north. Andy from the Courtyard came to tell us how he and his partner set it up.

Coming from a restaurant background some years back, Andy recalled that cheese arrived at your restaurant table on a trolley and was almost entirely French. Britain was then producing uniform type cheese made in vast quantities using up the 'milk lake'. So any fancy cheese tended to come from France. Andy headed there for two years to learn how to make it. On returning to Blighty, he worked in a Mayfair cheesemonger better known as Fortnum and Mason on Piccadilly, then on to Bath. The M6 corridor down to the South West of the country is ideal for cheesemaking as it gets plenty of rain to make the grass grow.

15 years ago, Andy decided to return to Yorkshire and work with small farms producing cheese in the traditional way. Low prices for milk meant that farms were looking for ways to make more money and once again cheesemaking started to become popular. It was farmers' wives who made the butter and cheese, all the famous cheese types were developed by them. Women would learn from their mothers. But as they were squeezing cheesemaking in between their many other tasks, they couldn't use heat in the process so it took much longer. In fact, use of electricity in cheesemaking actually brought electrification to the area.

Andy started out with a shop in tiny premises in the Courtyard on the A65 before you get to the Settle roundabout. People began to hear about this and the shop was nominated for one of the categories in the World Cheese Awards which they won!

They outgrew the first shop and moved to an old falconry centre. It's grown so much that they now employ 23 people plus 10 in their restaurant. And keeps 25 cheesemakers in business.

We eagerly grabbed samples of a blue Wensleydale that had me drooling but mystified. Apparently, limestone is ideal for making blue cheese so Wensleydale was originally blue. We tried some Hafod cheese made from a recipe they found in the British Library. Because the milk comes from herds grazed on diverse grasslands and Meadows, you could actually taste hay in

this. Cheese made from small farms in small batches makes cheeses that vary by flavour so each batch is different.

The country used to make lots of cheese for the armed forces which had to last, so our cheeses tend to be harder and drier. The Romans owed their success as a conquering army to their ability to produce cheese and ham to feed them as, of course, an army marches on its stomach.

Cheese is an essential part of our social history. Many of the religious foundations such as Bolton Abbey and Rievaulx introduced new ways of cheesemaking and despite the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 1540s, their systems lasted until around 1900. Particular cattle breeds were used hereabouts such as the Black Longhorn which coped with Yorkshire weather.

In the early part of the 20th century, there was a move to improve cheesemaking. North and West Riding Councils sent 1000 instructors out to -who else but the WI- to show how to make better cheese.

Andy was asked why some cheese is coloured, such as Red Leicester. The cream there was used for other purposes so the cheese was pale and less appealing so it was coloured to look stronger. Well, naturally, our local cheese is truly superior!

After Andy's very interesting talk, we surged forward to shop for portions of the gorgeous cheese we'd sampled. Blue Wensleydale is my new favourite.

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Public Transport Serving Gargrave *Peter Hardyman 12 June 2025*

BUSES from Gargrave *Except Bank Holidays

To Skipton (arr~15min later) (Svcs 75, 210/211, 580, 864/6) (M from Malham)
M-F* 0820 0910 0955 1055 1057M 1155 1255 1355 1357M 1455 1555 1810
Saturday 0820 0910 0955 1155 1235M 1355 1555 1655M 1755
Sunday +B.Hol.Mons [864/866] 1101 1201 1301 1501 1601 1701 1751

To Settle (arr. ~25 mins later) (Service 580) and (+) onward to **Kirkby Lonsdale** (581) and **Lancaster** (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# (arr. ~25 min later) (Services 210/211, 75, 864/866)
Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1000 1310
Saturday [75] 1000 1445
Suns + Bank Hol.Mons [864/866] 1013 1103 1203 1303 1503 1603 1703
NOTE: #Tue & Thu (service 211) stops Coniston Cold 4 mins after Gargrave.

BUSES to Gargrave *Except Bank Holidays

From Skipton Bus Stn. (Gargrave ~15 mins) (Svcs 75, 210/211, 580, 864/866)
M-F* 0850 0945 0950M 1045 1145 1245 1300M 1345 1445 1545 1645 1845
Saturday 0850 0945M 1045 1245 1430M 1445 1645 1745 1845
Suns+Bank Hol.Mons 0950M 1050M 1150M 1250M 1450M 1550M 1650M

From Settle DIRECT (Gargrave ~25 mins later) (Svces 75, 210/211, 864/866)
Mon-Fri* 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#
Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1035 1335 from opp. Buck Inn
Sat [75] 1210 1630 from opp. Buck Inn
Sun+B.Hol.Mon[864/866] 1040 1140 1240 1440 1540 1640 1730 opp. B.Inn
NOTE: #Tue & Thu (Svce 211) stops at Coniston Cold 18 mins after Malham.

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Transport, continued

TRAINS: Photocopies of the timetable to/ from Leeds, Carlisle and Lancaster are available from Gargrave Library.
As of 12 June, no Engineering Works affecting Gargrave train services during July have been identified. *That may change*.
www.northernrailway.co.uk

Gargrave Cricket Club – August and September matches



Come out this season and support the Gargrave Cricket Club at their grounds on Skipton Road. The cricketeers are having a good year in the Craven Cricket League, with both the 1st and 2nd senior teams enjoying winning results for 2025 thus far. The cricket ground is set in idyllic surroundings with the hill Sharp Haw overlooking the matches, it has been the home of Gargrave's cricketeers since the late 1800's. Improvements have been made this year with a scorers' hut and outdoor tables, and drinks

of various sorts are available at the bar. A lovely article about the Club was recently written for Cricket Yorkshire, see https://cricketyorkshire.com/gargrave-cricket-club-2025/.

The matches to be played in August & September at Gargrave's cricket ground are listed below. Matches begin at 1:30pm unless otherwise noted. We hope to see you there:

Friday August 1st 18:30 : Gargrave 1st v Willesden 1st

Saturday August 2nd : Gargrave 1st v Riddlesden 1st

Saturday 9th August Gargrave 2nd v Willesden 2nd

Saturday 16th August Gargrave 1st v Glusburn 1st

Saturday September 6th Gargrave 1st v Bowling Baptist

Saturday September 20th Gargrave 1st v Cowling



Winning entry for Quirky Container Competition.

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