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Parish & Village Magazine
March 2023



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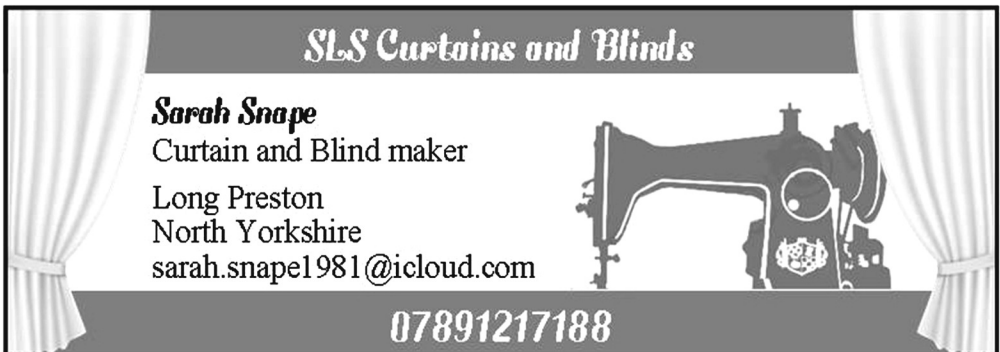
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Emergency Plan for the parish is being updated and the Parish Council is looking for more volunteers who can be called on in the event of problems in the village.

No skills necessary, just a willingness to help out in any way possible. If you do have any special skills so much the better.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council Clerk at longprestonpcclerk@gmail.com with your details and you will be contacted with more information and as with everything in the data protection age a form will have to be signed.

Thank you.

An advertisement for SLS Curtains and Blinds. The ad is framed by a dark border. On the left and right sides, there are white curtains tied back. In the center, there is a dark silhouette of a vintage sewing machine. To the left of the sewing machine, the text 'Sarah Snape' is written in a bold, serif font, followed by 'Curtain and Blind maker' in a smaller, sans-serif font. Below this, the address 'Long Preston North Yorkshire' and the email 'sarah.snape1981@icloud.com' are listed. At the bottom, the phone number '07891217188' is displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The background of the central area is a light gray.

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Sarah Snape
Curtain and Blind maker

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for further details

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NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



At our February meeting, we didn't have a demonstrator visiting us. Instead, members were tasked with making a Spring arrangement using flowers, foliage and even bulbs. Members used a wide variety of flowers and foliage with daffodils and tulips being the most popular. Below is my contribution which I wanted to put together without using floral foam. I have mentioned before using small jars either using several together or placing

them in another container.



As you can see, I placed my jars in a brass shallow pan having first put round hessian ribbon and then adding a coloured twine. I used a higher one in the middle so that it would support longer stems to add some height to my arrangement.

I used stems of red cornus to add some height and then some ruscus and euonymus from my garden. The flowers

used were stems of tulips and alstroemeria plus hellebores from my garden.

Hellebores can be a bit mixed as to how well they survive once picked. However, doing a bit of research I found two different conditioning methods. Both advocate picking the hellebores once one flower on the stem has started to form the seed pods. In other words, older flowers.

Sarah Raven suggested plunging the end of the stems in boiling water for 20 seconds and then put into cold water before placing them in a cool dark room for a couple of hours before using. Another method was again to pick once the seed pods have start to form and take off any foliage. Then slowly score down the length of the stem below the last flower. Do this only as a shallow score about 1mm. Then trim the end of the stem and stand it in water deep enough for the whole of the scored stem to be in water. This method was suggested by Joseph Massie an experience wedding and event florist from Manchester.

If you want to see more of the members arrangements, you can see them on our Instagram page.

Our meeting next month will be on 9th March when our guest demonstrator will be Linda Hardman with a demonstration entitled 'Back to my Roots'.



May Day Committee Presents



Selection of the 2023 May Queen & King

Coffee morning

18th March @ LP Village Hall 10:30 – 1pm

*Open to school years 5-8 who
attend or attended LP primary
Interviews starting at 11am*



Come and support us and our village tradition. Refreshments, cakes, breakfast sandwiches and raffle available on the day.

VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Our son Aidan turned 18 a few weeks ago.

And for any of our readers whose children have “grown up” our feelings will be familiar: a sense of “where did the time go?” and also, maybe, “how did our helpless little baby become this big, outspoken young adult”? In our case, the feelings are perhaps even more confused than usual: as some of our readers may know, Aidan has special needs (Down’s Syndrome and autism) and still presents himself to the world – socially and intellectually – as a young child. It seems even more perverse that, by the letter of the law, he could go into a shop and buy alcohol, tobacco and all sorts of things for which you may not have known there was an “18” age restriction (knives, lighter fuel, fireworks, lottery tickets and more). And, of course, Aidan can now vote, get married without his parents’ permission and, indeed, do anything that any other adult in the UK is allowed to do. Thankfully perhaps for us, he shows few signs (yet) of wanting to do so!

Aidan was born almost 7 weeks early in 2005: he was kept healthy (thanks to the antenatal care he received) just very small (3lbs 4 oz) and had to be kept in the Special Care Baby Unit at St Thomas’ Hospital in London for quite a while. I was astonished, even almost two decades ago, at the advances in medicine that were able to keep even smaller children alive and well until they were able to manage without an incubator, and I’ve subsequently known a couple whose twins were born at 25 weeks, but will now be nine years old and busy running riot in a corner of West Essex. Of course, it remains a great sadness that some children don’t survive until birth (and perhaps a still-unappreciated sadness for their parents) but it’s still amazing at what has become possible in this regard, even in my lifetime.

Christians, as I may have mentioned before, are unique amongst those who follow one of the world’s “great religions” because we believe that the God who made us not only loves and cares for us, but also came to be one of us in the person of Jesus. Given the complexities of childbirth even now – let alone 2,000 years ago in Palestine – this alone suggests to me that the God recognised by Christians can understand the frequent frailty of human life much more than we imagine. But I’m also reminded that so many of the scientific and medical advances that have made possible the care of little premature children like Aidan and

the Essex twins were the result - directly or indirectly - of Christians engaging with the world and its needs - from the medieval monasteries which established what we recognise now as the first modern hospitals, to those in more recent times who've been inspired by their faith to work for the improvement in healthcare for the most vulnerable in our society. So - notwithstanding the problems faced by the 21st century National Health Service - perhaps raise a glass, or a prayer, or indeed both, to give thanks for the amazing advances in medical care that we all enjoy today, and to hope (and perhaps pray) that one day, soon, this might be a blessing for the whole world.

*Please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729-851709 or
jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk*

Revd James Rodley
Priest-in-charge, Hellifield and Long Preston,
Diocese of Leeds

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD TREES

A short addition to last month's note about forthcoming work to the trees in the churchyard: we will also have to remove some ivy from certain trees in order to check their condition underneath.

I appreciate some readers don't like the ivy being taken off, but we'd rather do this than risk a tree becoming dangerous.

Please let me know if you want to know more- Revd James

Revd James Rodley

Priest-in-charge, Hellifield and Long Preston, Diocese of Leeds
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(01729-851709)

Front cover picture : Daffodils in bloom.
A Daffodil is the birth flower of March

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

All services start at 11am (unless otherwise stated)

Date	Preacher	Service	Reading	Reader
Mar 5 th	Rev James Rodley	Holy Communion	Romans 4;1-5 and 13-17	Glynn
Mar 12 th	Rev James Rodley	Morning Prayer	Romans 5;1-11	Janet
Mar 19 th Mothering Sunday	Rev James Rodley	Holy Communion	Ephesians 5; 8-14	Barbara
Mar 26 th	Canon Graham Bettridge	Morning Prayer	Romans 8; 6-11	Carol B
April 2 nd	Rev James Rodley	Holy Communion	Philippians 2; v5-11	Adrian

Mid-week Holy Communion is held on
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 11am.

Thursday 9th March Rev James Rodley
Thursday 23rd March Rev James Rodley

Looking forward to Easter at St Mary's church

Good Friday 2pm; Ecumenical service of reflection at the Methodist Chapel, including dedication of a 2nd cross

2.30pm; Refreshments in chapel

3pm; Walk of Witness, first to the Village Green where the 2nd cross will be placed, then to The Edge, as usual, with the original cross.

Easter Sunday 7am Dawn Service at The Edge
11am Holy Communion for Easter Day

Everybody is most welcome to join us
for any or all of these events.

Church Mowers

Coffee Morning



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"Fiona has provided an excellent service in pulling together our travel arrangements. She is approachable and made sure the trip was as requested and the itinerary was clearly detailed."

L. - Long Preston travelling this month

the boxes in my vague request to find somewhere in 'Greece'! 1 week Skaithos and the last week in Skopelos. We had the best 2 weeks holiday and stayed in some perfect locations. Fiona took care of everything! The personal touch meant we only had to worry about the airport queues ??"

A. - Hebden Bridge

"Amazing service and a great deal booking our cruise thanks "

G. - Long Preston

"Fiona is a real blessing, so helpful. We're so grateful for her hard work and efforts"

D & G from Bingley A wedding and a honeymoon booked for next month

service from Fiona. She listened and completely understood my requirements. She provided lots of suitable options, helped me complete all the relevant booking information & kept me informed throughout working to very tight timescales. I would not hesitate to recommend Fiona. You won't be disappointed!"

D. - Long Preston

"What a great personal service. Fiona really listened to what we wanted (an eclectic mix of things!!) and came back to us with a perfect holiday that exceeded our expectations. We can't wait to get away!"

K. - Skipton

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE BOOKINGS I COMPLETED IN JANUARY

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HERITAGE GROUP ARCHIVE

Snippets from the Long Preston Endowed School Log Books

Copied by hand from school Log Books by Robert Slater

The first log book for the infants' school September 13th 1876
Mistress L.H. Smith. Rev. J.E. Coulson the Vicar.

August 24th 1876 A new child brought to the infants' school. Ellen Foster, 3 years old. Mrs Holgate of Newhouse will pay her fee.

September 13th 1876 H.M. Inspector Fowler for the first time examined the school at 1.30p.m. 49 infants present. A gallery lesson was given by the mistress. Present the Rev. J. E. Coulson.
November 30th 1876 Richard Tennant Esq. called today to see the progress of the infant children and to receive the school fees.

The inspectors report 18th December 1876.7.

- These premises like the girls are not very satisfactory. the room is very narrow and overcrowded.

There is a moderately satisfactory gallery, but there are NO Desks, nor are there any Cards of form or colour, proper registers must be kept.

The offices (toilets) are not subdivided, the children seem kindly treated and happy, but the reading is only fair, and writing and arithmetic are very poor. The discipline also needs attention.

The infants' school was Main Street and was T Throup's plumber's shop from 1900 to 1970.
The infants' school was sold by the governors in 1978 for £2,500 and is now a cottage owned by Mrs W Leeming in 1998.

March 15th 1878 The new window is now in over the gallery and is a great improvement. This week I have had the school in my kitchen and shall remain there until the work is finished. Mr Beecroft thinks it will be a week or two before we can go back into the school. Back into the schoolroom on April 5th. H Smith, Mistress

May 24th 1878 Mr Beecroft (joiners and contractors) sent the desks for the infant children. I am very pleased with them, they are strongly made.

Mr Wildbore (Curate) said it was a great improvement, the room now looked like a school.

Mrs Coulson came and thought the schoolroom much improved and much lighter. She paid me £1 for the schooling of four infant children. H. Smith, Mistress

December 1878 Inspector's Report. (very bad).
The approach and position of the offices (toilets) remain as before in December 1876 – 7.

4th September 1891. School Pence given back to the children.
Free education from today.

March 1894 This morning the children had marching lessons in the yard instead of the usual drill! Three-year-old marching? Why, apart from keeping warm and the exercise.

1884 Rev. and Mrs Wildbore showed great interest in the infants' school welfare and teaching.

April 10th 1885 Agnes Alice Bell succeeds H. Lucy Smith as mistress of the infants' school.

October 1897 Agnes Alice Bell resigns as the infants' teacher mistress. (She had just taken one full year's sick leave.

March 4th 1892 On Tuesday we had a holiday owing to the Long Preston hirings fair.

3rd February 1893 Today we have received the new writing slates.

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June 14th 1894 Report by H. M. Inspector.

In spite of the very unsatisfactory nature of the premises and the sickness of the mistress Miss Bell the children have been creditably taught and managed. I am pleased to hear that in the New Schools which are about to be erected (this is the first mention in the Log Book of a new school) suitable accommodation is to be provided for the infants as well as for the older children (Edward Kemble).

March 18th 1896 The plans for the new school have been approved.

Edward Kemble, Vicar Mr E. Burland,
Headmaster

Typed without alteration from the original including date order.



Spring Concert

Mendelssohn
The Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave)

Mendelssohn
Fair Melusine

Tchaikovsky
Variations on a Rococo Theme
Cello - **Bob Buller**

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Symphony No.2

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you are invited to a
pre-coronation meeting on
Wednesday, 15th March 2023
In the Village Hall
Starting 7.30pm

***Come along to help plan our village festivities
during the Coronation Bank Holiday Weekend
6th - 8th May 2023 and together let's make it a
weekend to remember!***



LONG PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH



Long Preston Methodist Church Seivces

**Services start at 11.00am
unless otherwise stated.**



Everyone is most welcome!!

Preachers:- March

- 5th March :- Mrs Rachel Coombes
12th March :- Rev Dr Tracey Darling (sacrament)
19th March :- Rev Dr Stephen Dawes
26th March :- Rev Roger Fox

April

2nd April :- Mr Bill Murfitt

In the meantime if you require any help or support in any matter, someone to chat to or help in anyway please do not hesitate to contact Tracey:

Revd Dr Tracey Darling on 01756 752607 or
tracey.darling@methodist.org.uk

Advanced Notice – Easter Week



Friday 7th April – Joint Good Friday *Reflection* **2pm -2.30pm** followed by hot cross buns & coffee in Chapel. Whilst we wait for those villagers, friends & friendly dogs to arrive for a 3pm start to accompany the traditional carrying of the Cross.

Sunday 9th April – Easter Day 11am – A very Special Service to Celebrate Easter & also to welcome our New Members into the Methodist Church, followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome

Methodist Church Diary 2023

'Little Footsteps' (A Free Baby to under 5's Group) Term time only. Sorry, no Group on Monday 6th March but back on 13th March as usual 10am -11.30am every Monday. Everyone welcome.

Keeping Warm this Winter 2023

Sorry, no 'Keeping Warm' on Monday 6th March but back on 13th March as usual Every Monday 1.00pm -3.00pm A free pick up at your doorstep, by the Age UK North Craven Minibus, have homemade soup & or a dish of chicken casserole/ fish pie, have an opportunity to keep warm, meet new people, have a coffee & cake then be taken home when you are ready all for FREE. This will continue until Easter 2023 or later if needed. Ring Annette on 840096 or Age UK 823066 & ask for Sandra to book your places.

Health & Well being' Group

Every 4th Monday of each month. Next meeting 27th March 1pm-3pm in the Methodist Church. Come and enjoy a free lunch, have your blood pressure checked by a nurse, if you wish, have a chat about health & well being related issues and pick up booklets/leaflets which may be of use to you. Or just come in to keep warm and meet new friends.

Craft Therapy Group Friday 10.30am – 12.00am

Excerpt from Craven Herald

LONG PRESTON – March Hiring Fair.

This annual fair for the hiring of male farm servants was held on Thursday March 1st. The attendance was greater than ordinary owing to the genial weather. Early in the morning numbers on “business or pleasure” bent began pouring in, and the morning trains brought large numbers of persons. There was more than the usual number of stalls; ready made clothing, hat, cheap Jack, toys, sweet stalls, all appearing to drive a good trade. Aunt Sally and Punch and Judy also appeared to have a fair share of attention. For the third year in succession the cattle plague restrictions presented a show of cattle, a circumstance much to be regretted, as this was, up to a year or two ago, well attended. There was an adequate staff of policemen present, but except in one instance, their services were not required. This was in the case of the man who was selling obscene prints, and after a stubborn resistance he was conveyed to Settle, and was next day sentenced to three months imprisonment. Only one case of robbery has been reported, a Mrs Parkinson, of Gargrave, having attended the fair was returning to Gargrave by the 7p.m. train, and between Long Preston and Hellifield was relieved of her purse containing about £7, and no clue has been obtained to it. The hiring was pretty brisk in the early part of the day, and wages were about the usual, ranging from about £10 for useful lads to £35 for experienced hands. The evening trains took away the bulk of the visitors, and by 9 o'clock the village had resumed its wonted quiet.

LONG PRESTON SHOP & POST OFFICE

The shop and post office will close
at the end of business on
Saturday 18th March and
reopen on Wednesday 29th March 2023.

PLEASE PRINT

May Day Handicraft Show Entry form, Sunday 7th May 2023

Name/s	Phone or email	Category A Flower Arrangement	Age
	A1	A flower arrangement presented in a shoe or boot of your choice.	All ages
Name/s	Phone or email	Category B Baking	Age
	B1	4 sausage rolls, presented with your choice of condiment/garnish/decoration.	Gentlemen only 16+
	B2	4 millionaire shortbread biscuits, presented on a plate, following the recipe provided. See page	16+
	B3	A decorated cake to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, presented with one slice cut.	16+

Name/s	Phone or email	Category C Sewing	Age
	C1	A home-made quilt (please specify size on your application) OR A home-made quilted item of your choice.	16+
	C2	A home sewn item of clothing of your choice.	16+

Name/s	Phone or email	Category D Crochet and Knitting	Age
	D1	Crochet: a bouquet of crochet flowers (max 12 flowers) with added crochet foliage of your choice.	16+
	D2	Any knitted item, other than clothing.	16+

Name/s	Phone or email	Category E Photography	Age
	E1	"Rural Life" presented in a free-standing frame.	All ages
	E2	"Black and White" presented in a free-standing frame.	All ages

How to enter

Please get your entry form to me by **SUNDAY 30th APRIL**, so that I have time to contact you with your entry numbers. On May Day morning (Sunday 7th May) please bring your handicrafts, with the numbers I have given you, to the tent by **10.30am**.

Your entry number can be on a scrap of paper attached to the handicraft and we will replace it with a laminated number. **The tent will close at 10.30am** for judging and reopen for viewing, after the May Day dances.

There is no entry charge and you can enter as many categories relevant to your age, as you like.

Please don't bring a handicraft on the day, if you haven't handed in an entry form for it.

Entry forms can be:

- posted through my letter box (Croft Close House, School Lane)
- emailed to me kpettavel@hotmail.com
- privately messaged to me on the Long Preston Facebook page.

Many thanks
Kirsten

Name/s	Phone or email	Category F Visual Art	Age
		F1 A water colour painting of May/Spring flowers, backed on cardboard.	16+
		F2 A graphite pencil sketch from a photo of a pet, or animal, backed on cardboard with the photo alongside.	16+
		F3 A miniature colour portrait presented in a decorated jam jar lid.	11-15
		F4 A miniature colour portrait presented in a decorated jam jar lid.	5-10

Name/s	Phone or email	Category G Mixed Handicrafts, 11-15	Age
		G1 Photography: Best Selfie (printed and backed on card)	11 - 15
		G2 Baking: 4 chocolate brownies presented on a plate with a garnish/ decoration of your choice.	11 - 15
		G3 A friendship bracelet (or pair)	11 - 15

Name/s	Phone or email	Category H Mixed Handicrafts, 5-10	Age
		H1 A crown for King Charles III	5 - 10
		H2 Baking: 4 decorated cupcakes, theme "Bright and Beautiful"	5 - 10
		H3 A cover design for the 2024 Long Preston May Day programme	5 - 10
		H4 A sculpture made from one or more of the following only: silver foil, masking or duct tape, pipe cleaners, lolly sticks, straws, matches and wire.	5 - 10

Name/s	Phone or email	Category J Mixed Handicrafts, under 5	Age
		J1 A crown for King Charles III	Under 5
		J2 A sock puppet	Under 5
		J3 The longest dandelion you can find	Under 5
		J4 Four jam or marmalade tarts for Paddington Bear (ready-made pastry is fine)	Under 5

CRAVEN RURAL SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD TEAM SETTLE

Neighbourhood Team covering the Bentham, Ingleton and Settle area, PS1006 Paul Evans, PCSO 5561 Jayne Grace, PCSO5881 Julia Runciman, PC781 Ian Hunt, & PC188 Jane Carpenter, who will be keeping you updated on recent crimes and incidents in Long Preston and the surrounding area.

We have had 13 incidents reported between 15.01.23 & 13.02.23

15.01.23 – Road Traffic Collision– 2 Vehicle – Station Road

15.01.23 – Suspect Vehicle – Mearbeck

23.01.23 – General police admin/ firearm licence

31.01.23 – Door to door sellers – Chapel Walk/Main Street/Moor Lane

31.01.23 – Anti Social Behaviour Nuisance – van parked in Layby Main Street

01.02.23 – Abandon call - error

03.02.23 – Road Related Offence – Suspect drink driving A65

04.02.23 – Suspect vehicle – Poaching around area

08.02.23 – Concern for safety – Joint partnership working

10.02.23 – Anti Social Behaviour Nuisance vehicle – Noise - Main Street

12.02.23 – Road related offence – speeding/manner – passed to Lancs police

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Please report & suspect incidents at the time on 101, online or 999 if urgent.

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4 E-mail SNACraven@northyorkshire.police.uk

LONG PRESTON MAY DAY RECIPE

Millionaires Shortbread, Category B2

Ingredients

For the shortbread

- 225g/8oz plain flour
- 175g/6oz unsalted butter, cold, cut into cubes
- 75g/2¾oz caster sugar

For the topping

- 150g/5oz butter
- 1 x 379g can condensed milk
- 100g/3½oz golden syrup
- **350g/12oz dark chocolate, or a mixture of dark and milk, chopped**

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 150C/300F/Gas 2. Line a 23cm/9in square cake tin with baking parchment.
2. Combine the flour and butter cubes in a food processor and pulse until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. (Alternatively, you can rub the butter in by hand.) Add in the caster sugar and pulse again until combined.
3. Tip the mixture into the lined cake tin and spread it out evenly with the back of a spoon. Then press the shortbread down firmly with your knuckles so that it is tightly packed in the tin. Bake the shortbread for 30 minutes or until very light golden brown. Set aside to cool.
4. Meanwhile, for the topping, heat the butter, condensed milk and golden syrup in a saucepan, stirring occasionally until the butter is melted and the mixture is smooth.
5. Increase the heat and bring the mixture to the boil, stirring frequently. The caramel will thicken and turn golden-brown. Set aside to cool slightly, then pour over the cooled shortbread. Allow to cool completely.
6. Melt the chocolate in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water (ensure that the bottom of the bowl does not touch the water), stirring occasionally.
7. Pour the melted chocolate over the caramel and set aside until the chocolate has cooled completely. Cut into squares and serve.

THE RAMBLINGS OF COLONEL CURMUDGEONLY-SAGE (RETIRED)

Earlier this month Mrs C-S and I were in the company of a few seasoned farmers at the Bentham Auction Mart, we had nicely finished our bacon butties and were just concentrating on our ritual of completing 'the big wipe-up' (mopping up with bread any sauce that had dripped from the sandwich onto the plate)when in rushed one of our party who had been held up on his way because there was a flock of sheep on the road being moved by a number of frustrated farm workers and their dogs....he waited ...and waited.... and waited for the sheep to cross in front of his car....till eventually he wound down the window and frustratingly yelled to the nearest helper....how long is this going to take, I'm going to be late to meet my friends in Bentham, who's the master of this flock?an exasperated voice from the rear replied 'Yon lill black-faced 'un at t'frunt'.

This paraphrased tale from an issue of The Dalesman exemplifies the uniqueness of our local dialect with flattened vowel delivery and 'spell it as it sounds' phonics akin to a special code in the expressive, expansive world of the Yorkshire Dialect Dictionary. Our very own Dalesman, W R Mitchell, late of Cuckoo Town, has published lots of literature on this uniqueness and I warmly recommend his book 'Dalesfolk & Dialect' as a goodly read on the subject. One of my own personal favourite terms was oft used by my older relatives back in the days of my youth, when a rookie error or obvious blunder would be pounced upon by an elder who chorused the immortal words 'You daft apeth'.....which for the uninitiated is reference to the low level denomination called a half penny or ha'penny, measuring the value of the poor effort you have made or daft answer / observation you have provided in response to a challenge. Bill Mitchell in his work enjoyed providing real life examples of how words and language could be applied and this in turn helped the reader understand the use of them in context. One such example appears in his aforementioned book...and with a large ladle of poetic licence, it went something like this ...picture a crusty old Yorkshire lad visiting a hardware shop to make a purchase, he asks the assistant 'Duss tha have eny leeters?'To which the well trained assistant replies 'Oh yes sir, since joining the European Union we have all manner of products in various sized litre containers'. 'Reight then' chirps in chummy 'so can tha get mi two boxes of fire leeters?' The Two Ronnies would have been very proud to have penned this one!

As the cold, windy winter continues to keep us all mainly indoors, I have taken to my favourite reading chair and consumed reams of literature, new and old. Isn't it comforting to re-visit old favourites such as 'Fly fishing' by J.R. Hartley and the like? Mrs C-S has craftily been 'thinning out' our bowing shelves of books to stop them from snapping under the weight. I am not one for change so she surreptitiously sneaks out these small bundles of texts, hiding them in the boot or foot well of the car from open view. She secretly gives them (as she thinks unbeknown to me) to one of our many local charity shops. Meanwhile I quietly sneak off in the opposite direction to allegedly seek out a box of sky hooks for the garage or such like....but really trawl the novels of a different charity shop to purchase a few literary replacements....or buy back old favourites that somehow have gone missing from our own shelves.

Now, that's the creative element of this month's copy covered....so time for a bit of a grumble... for a level-headed Yorkshireman is said to have a chip on both shoulders! Our beautifully green dales roadsides and hedges seem to be under attack from the recurring vandalism of the litter lout. Both Mrs C-S and I ...and many other concerned citizens are ready to have a good old moan about the excessive amount of cans, bottles and fly-tipped waste that is tainting our village environment. On analysis of our litter-pick bags, much of the material picked up is thrown from car windows or deposited from stationary cars/vans under cover of darkness. The labelling on many of the bottles and cans, suggests that the contents were alcoholic or fizzy 'energy' drinks, while the plethora of plastic or foam cups are from 'on the go' take-away hot drinks of tea or coffee. Now, I don't suppose for one second that the antisocial offenders who are ditching this detritus are reading this, or indeed have a social conscience that will/might help them change their ways....but getting it in print (and off my chest) might just help this perpetual problem to be flagged up as an increasing community concern when villagers meet for a chat.

We all love our Dales and want them to be respected by people of all ages whether they be locals, visitors or those who transit through to other destinations. This littering problem is getting worse and spreading wider afield along the quieter side roads and narrow back lanes surrounding the village...I don't have a simple or magic solution...but don't be surprised to read of an octogenarian carrying out a 'citizen's arrest' reported in the local press sometime soon!

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On a brighter note, as we slip into March and the snowdrops and aconites give us our first flash of flower heads, there is a feeling that spring is just around the corner and 'those' who know about these things say we are in for a cracking start to the warmer months....but don't take my word for it ... because I read it on the back of a crisp packet that I picked up blowing around the LP station yard! In this age of media intervention and artificial intelligence these influencers are constantly reminding us that 'a bit of what you like does you good'. Well, in the same vein here's a bit of Tyke wisdom to leave you with...many people outside of the County think that if you come from Yorkshire your character lies somewhere between a clone of Geoffrey Boycott and Dame Maureen Lipman's feisty role in Coronation Street (as Nanna Evelyn Plummer)... but I prefer to think we are more like our featured writer's analogy, where Bill Mitchell skilfully compares us to a perfect Yorkshire pudding...crusty on the outside but with a juicy, soft centre....this classic piece of literacy genius didn't half make me titter and Mrs C-S fell off her chair laughing!

Whatever the weather brings moving forward, make sure you try to have a ramble or two to blow the cobwebs offand to exercise the old limbs in order to get yourself match fit for the digging and weeding season that is just around the corner!

Till next time around, salutations to all.
The Colonel,

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After meeting at Skipton Bus Station, walkers will take the bus to Gargrave, returning to Skipton by the Leeds Liverpool canal tow path.

This walk is free, but booking is essential as numbers are limited.

To secure your place email:

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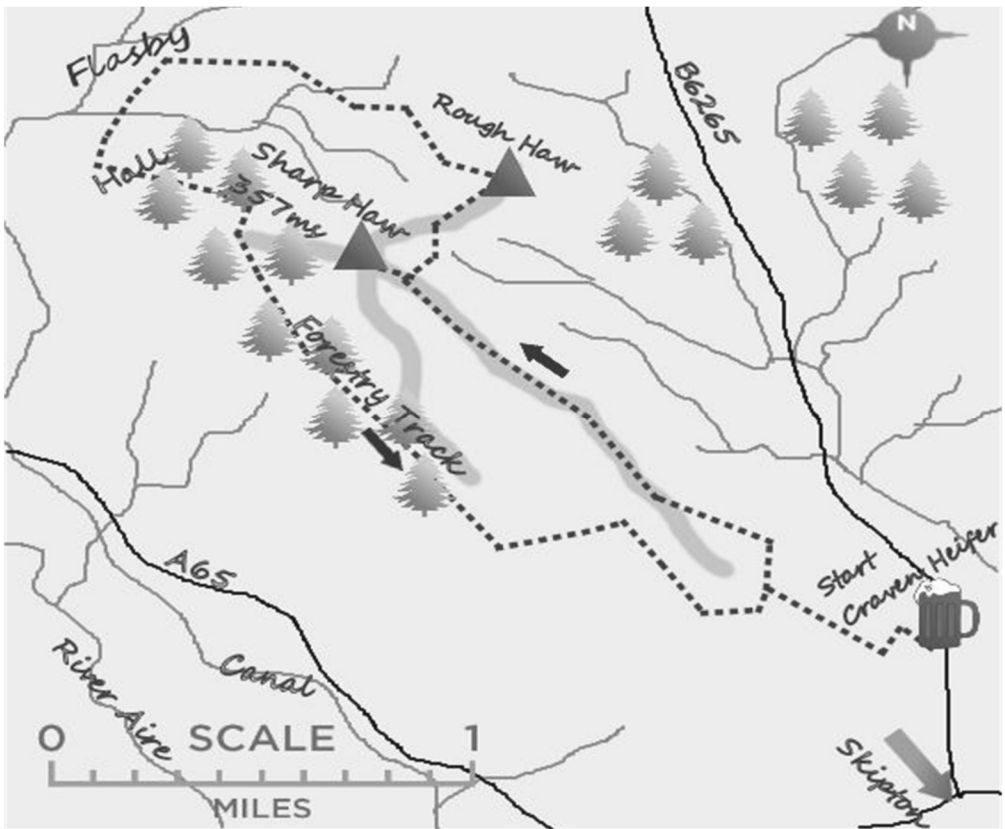
For all those who have been intrigued by the hillside views enroute to Skipton, here is a walk which explores it. Includes a proper peak and lovely countryside.

1. I normally park at the Craven Heifer (and have a pint on my return). Cross the road and just to the right a path is signposted leading over fields towards the higher land. Follow this over 2 fields to a minor road at a corner. Continue along the road and after a sharp right and left a footpath carries on up the hillside.
2. The wide grassy track leads through a gate and soon after divides at a sign. Take the right fork and head towards the point of Sharp Haw. The path climbs steadily (through a second gate) for a mile to a stream crossing. Cross a track and carry up the path to the summit.
3. A stile, bench and trig point mark the top of Sharp Haw and being a Marilyn mountain (a 500 foot drop on all sides) has wonderful views across the Dales. Drop down to the right from the summit and join a second path at a wall which passes between Sharp Haw and the hill opposite Rough Haw.
4. This delightful path now drops steadily towards the small village of Flasby, passing through a gate in to a field of sheep before joining a lane and arriving at some houses. Turn left before you get to the river (it is well signposted) and head up a road towards the large farm of New Laithe on your left.
5. Continue past the farm and in to field, heading up hill to a stile in the far wall. Enter some shattered woodland/forestry. This used to be lined with rhododendron bushes but they are now diseased and taken out. The track climbs through the trees before meeting a wide forestry track.
6. Continue along the track for over 1 mile with views across Gargrave and beyond. As the track bends sharply left leave it and follow a footpath through open fields heading downhill. Cross 4 fields heading south east before arriving at the quiet road from earlier. Turn left and re-join the outbound route back to the pub.

Jonathan runs Where2walk, a walking company based in Long Preston (google the website). He also runs Navigation Courses from the village, has a guiding service and organizes self-guided holidays.

He has written 3 walking books: The Dales 30 (mountains), the Yorkshire 3 Peaks and 'Walks without Stiles for those who dislike awkward stiles on their walks.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOORBY

Good day to you all, This will be my last District Councillor's report as my role in the capacity will cease on March 31st .

I have enjoyed serving you all over the last eleven years, even though things have not gone quite as smoothly as we would have liked.

I have never missed a year when I have not used up all of my member community grant funding to help organisations in our two parishes.

There are a couple of things that I wish could have got sorted in my time as a District Councillor.

The first that is of great concern to me is the situation regarding the Flashes, The Road to Nowhere and Hellifield Station. There are plans for 99 lodges at this site and I hoped that this would have gone before CDC Planning Committee by now, as I write this I am waiting to see if it will come before committee in March. If it doesn't then it will go before the Planning Committee of North Yorkshire Council, the new unitary authority that we will be part of. All this area of land, including the Station, was part of the Hellifield regeneration scheme which came to nothing except the destruction of the Flashes which was the habitat for hundreds of birds, many on the red list, and other wildlife. We got Waterside Lane (The Road To Nowhere) that was paid for out of public finances and is now in private ownership. We were promised a steam heritage centre but nothing came of this. We will have to just wait and see if all this ever gets sorted out.

The second is North Yorkshire County Council and the Police's attitude towards traffic management including accidents and the speed of traffic, not just through our villages but in Craven as a whole. In recent communications all the authorities are interested in doing is keeping the traffic moving with no hold ups. The problem with this is when we get an accident and the A65 is blocked, we can all see the hold ups that this creates. It is proven that on motorways, for example, when there is heavy traffic and the speed limit is brought down to 50 the traffic flows better than if the limit is 70. Why can't the Council and Police take note of the approach of other counties? Lancashire have implemented average speed cameras on the A682 from Gisburn to Barrowford with a result that there has been 80% less accidents. Come on NYCC and do something, but perhaps they haven't got the money? How much is the cost of

getting the Air Ambulance, which is a voluntary organisation, to the accidents on the A65?

On another note. I have been the Leader for Greener Craven for the last year and I would like to report on the progress made by CDC as follows.

There has been good progress in many areas, however the longer term and strategic elements of the plan will need to be addressed by the new council for North Yorkshire which will be vested on 1st April 2023.

Craven District Council Officers have been working with colleagues across districts and in North Yorkshire County Council to prepare the draft North Yorkshire Council climate emergency strategy, this outlines the approach NYC will take to tackling causes and impacts of climate change. Initially, this will bring together the 8 Action Plans from across districts, including these actions and targets from Craven District Council. Councillors are being asked to agree actions and targets as set out in the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan, these will then inform the action plans for NYC.

Some of the positives and targets to highlight Zero Carbon project – solar panels on — Skipton Town Hall, Aireview House, Skipton Crematorium, Craven Arts House, the new waste depot at Engine Shed Lane and Craven Leisure. Craven Leisure also has a large air source heat pump. The project also improved insulation in council buildings, most notably at the Town Hall where the roofspace has been lined with Thermafleece natural sheeps wool insulation. The council also worked closely with Yorkshire Housing to install 28 properties with solar panels and six with air source heat pump installation. At the moment the solar panels at the leisure centre are not turned on due to current combined heat and power (CHP) unit still being in operation. The grid will not allow both systems to be working at the same time. There has been a delay in turning off and the extraction of the CHP, and discussions are ongoing with Northern PowerGrid to resolve this issue.

Electric Vehicle Charging Network - There are currently EVCP live and available in CDC car parks- Skipton - High Street and Coach Street, Settle, Ingleton, Bentham, Crosshills, Gargrave. This is in addition to site in YDNP car parks. CDC is working with NYCC on LEVI funded project for EVCP in two further sites in Craven (Cononley and Hellifield are the proposed sites but this is subject to approval from the distribution network operator) .

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Decarbonising Community Buildings – NYCC has funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Craven venues such as village halls and community centres to get a 'decarbonisation plan', a large number of community venues in Craven have registered an interest in having this survey completed which will provide information on steps to improve energy efficiency of their buildings.

Craven Net Zero Affordable housing project - Preparatory work has started on the Craven Net Zero Affordable housing project whereby Craven District Council will acquire and retrofit empty properties to create at least three dwellings for use as affordable housing.

Make use of the Local Plan and supplementary documents to support and enable lower carbon development and improve biodiversity

Build on tree planting achievements already in Craven, and continue to promote the White Rose forest across Craven. To mitigate sufficient carbon to achieve the Council's 2030 target for its own activities, it is estimated that at least an additional c. 11,000 trees would need to be planted by the Council by the end of 2023. In Craven, Broughton Hall estate is starting on its third year of large scale planting. CDC working with private landowners to establish a tree planting project to the north of Skipton called the 'Gateway Forest'.

Ongoing target that needs long term support - develop safe walking and cycling routes to ensure that the district is accessible for commuting and leisure.

Three warmer spaces grants have been granted, two to Hellifield and one to Long Preston.

Chris Moorby, District Councillor

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2 nd	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
4 th	Table Top Sale 2pm - 4pm
8 th	Warm Spaces 10am - 1pm
8 th	WI meeting 7.30pm Speaker Leagram Organic Dairies
9 th	AgeUK Luncheon Club 11.30 for 12 noon
11 th	Church Mowers Coffee Morning 10am
15 th	Warm Spaces 10am - 1pm
18 th	May Day Committee Coffee Morning 10am
22 nd	Warm Spaces 10am – 12 noon
23 rd	Coffee and Cake 1.30pm - 3.30pm
29 th	Warm Spaces 10am - 1pm

Weekly activities:

Monday	Cantores-Salicium Choir 7.30pm
Tuesday	Art Class 10.00am - 12noon (Tim 07850 947278) Pilates 2.45pm - 3.30pm (Annette 01729 840096) Rainbows/Brownies/Guides 4.30pm onwards
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**CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY &
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**Spring into Our Family
and Dog Friendly Pub
This March!!**

1st March – BINGO QUIZ NIGHT

From 8pm all welcome free entry

Snakes & Ladders Quiz

Every Friday Night!!



18th March 8.30pm-

**Join us for an
evening of music
with Cornell Daley!**