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May 2026

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Welcome to the May edition of your parish magazine!

This month is a bumper issue. The Spring weather and light nights provide the opportunity to get outdoors and active and to especially see the gambolling lambs. The front cover shows a Coxon Farm lamb and here their special 'pirate' lamb born this year. (both photos by Tom Carlisle)



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Cracoe Cricket and Rounders teams are gearing up for the season. Details of their forthcoming fixtures are included in this issue.

The Cracoe Litter-pickers feature shows just what can be achieved when volunteers work to help maintain the village in good condition.

There's an interesting new item by Jenna Meeking, 'Jenna's Photography Tips' advising on how to take great photos.

We also have a welcome return of the monthly Village Book Club Review. Each month a member of the Village Book Club chooses a book and hosts the supper meeting where lively discussion takes place resulting in the monthly Book Review. Thanks to Jo Jones for the latest review.

May is a busy time for gardeners, and flower growers. Natasha Midgley of Secret Door Flowers writes 'British Flower Season: Why Locally Grown Flowers Are Greener Flowers'.

Please keep your parish news coming in, the deadline for the next magazine is **Thursday 14th May 2026**.

Photos, articles, advertising etc to: rylstoneparishmag@live.co.uk

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Dates for Your Diary

* for events, rounders and cricket away games see full details and fixture lists in articles

May

4 th	Yorkshire Camps Open Day	10am-4pm
6 th	Cricket - Cracoe (2 ^{nds}) vs CCM - Home	6:30pm
7 th	WI - Cracoe Village Hall	7pm
9 th	Birding for Beginners	10am-4pm
10 th	Lambing Thanksgiving - Hetton Chapel	3pm
12 th	Cricket - Cracoe (1 ^{sts}) vs Littendale - Home	6:30pm
13 th	Cricket - Cracoe (2 ^{nds}) vs Ermysteds Teachers - Home	6:30pm
14 th	Deadline for June's edition of Parish Magazine	
17 th	All-age service - St Michael's, Linton	11am
20 th	Coffee Morning - Hetton Chapel	10am-12pm
20 th	Talk: Raptor Persecution (online)	5:30pm-7pm
21 st	Rounders - Cracoe vs Barlick Bashers - Home	7pm
27 th	Cricket - Cracoe (2 ^{nds}) vs Draughton - Home	6:30pm
28 th	Rounders - Cracoe vs Hartlington - Home	7pm
30 th	HICS, Strings and Keys, Hebden	3pm

June

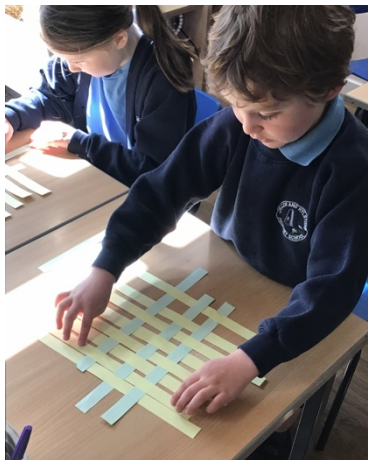
2 nd	Cricket - Cracoe (1 st) vs Linton - Home	6:30pm
3 rd	Cricket - Cracoe (2 ^{nds}) vs Burnsall - Home	6:30pm
4 th	WI - Cracoe Village Hall	7pm
10 th	Cricket - Cracoe (2 ^{nds}) vs Hebden - Home	6:30pm
17 th	Birds and Nature Walk - Malham	10am-4pm
22 nd	CPR and Defibrillator Awareness - CVH	7pm

***“Save the date!!
Cracoe Village Hall
Summer Event
11th July 2026.
Live band,
hog roast and bar
More details to follow.”***

News from Cracoe & Rylstone Primary School

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! Children here at Cracoe enjoyed our annual egg rolling and egg decorating competitions, as well as an Easter egg hunt and other craft activities throughout the final week of term. Year 5 children also enjoyed a Rewind to Easter morning over at Yorkshire Camps.

We have a variety of planned events and trips coming up in the Summer term, many of which include children getting together with the other Federation Schools: KS2 Netherside residential, year 6 residential, Commonwealth games sports day, Sponsored walk and picnic, and KS2 Malham trip. Coming up towards the end of the term we also have a special Federation performance of the Wizard of Oz and a big day out! We will share more information and photographs as these exciting opportunities happen.



**Parish Services at
St Peter's, Rylstone
May 2026**

3rd May 11.00am Holy Communion

31st May, 10.30am

Joint Benefice at St Peter's, Rylstone

Benefice services 1st to 4th Sundays
St Wilfrid's, Burnsall 9.30am
St Michael's, Linton 11.00am

Mid-week Worship - Wednesdays
Church House, Grassington 10.00am
Fontaine's Chapel, Linton 6.00pm

Sung BCP services at
St John's, Appletreewick
6.00pm on 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays

Cracoe Litter-pickers

There has been a lot of individual litter picking around Cracoe village over the winter months as we try to keep our village looking good for residents and visitors alike, as well as protecting our local wildlife and environment. Sadly, it is a job that is never finished and needs regular attention. The women of the village have been leading the way with this activity and welcome anyone who would like to get involved. There is a WhatsApp group so please contact Trudy (07584422565) if you would like to be added to the group.

People often do some individual litter picking as they are out and about, others prefer some company, and we have found a group approach has worked well for clearing the roadside verges when a lot of rubbish is gathered. It is a great way to make a valuable contribution to your local community, connect with other people and with nature. A note of caution however, that once you start noticing

you will tune into the seemingly increase in littering wherever you are!

The verges approaching Cracoe were looking particularly shabby, so a group litter pick was held on Saturday 28 March. 7 volunteers from the group were able to attend and between them collected 16 bags of rubbish, several pieces of wood, a tyre, hubcap and length of plastic piping over a very satisfying hour and a half. Despite a



breezy start, threatening with a flurry of hail, the weather was kind and remained fine which was a bonus. A huge thankyou to all involved and to Jonathan for taking some of the collected rubbish to the local tip.

The litter problem is not confined to Cracoe, who are keen to work with neighbouring Parishes to address concerns with the local authority and their elected officers. Litter picking is an integral part of the Cracoe village maintenance plan. All residents can play an important role in this by ensuring recycling bin lids are secured whilst awaiting collection, particularly in windy weather, and checking around for any loose packaging following collection, which is not an infrequent problem. Remember, if you see rubbish and are prepared to leave it, that's the standard you are accepting.



Our youngest members, Maddie and Daisy are leading by example and have been helping to keep Back Lane litter free, 'well done' girls! (Insert photo to follow)

A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone involved in keeping our community litter free, it really does make a difference and is very much appreciated 🙌🙌

Trudy on behalf of Cracoe Litter-picker Group



CRACOE and RYLSTONE COMMUNITY FUND

A charitable fund for the benefit of local residents and community organisations in the North Yorkshire parishes of Cracoe, Rylstone and Hetton cum Bordley (Registered Charity No. 1127163)

A Review of the Charity's Activities 2025 to 2026

Grant Allocations

Over the last financial year, the Charity awarded 14 different grants, amounting to £47,775. Since its inception, CRCF has provided more than £522,000 for a wide range of local community activities, including over £195,000 for Cracoe School. Each year an index-linked payment from Tarmac is received by CRCF, and in September 2025 this was £62,626.

Between 6 April 2025 and 5 April 2026, funding was provided for:

- Hetton Washdub Project launch event of £400
- Three Young People's awards, each of £400
- Four benches in Cracoe Parish of £4,943
- Cracoe and Rylstone Village Hall annual barbecue of £1,925
- Rylstone Parish Magazine of £3,000
- Cravenology 'Big Dig' Project of £400
- Cracoe Cricket Club of £9,500
- Project Reverb for a 'roaming' youth club of £1,882
- Cracoe School for enhancement activities of £12,526
- Cracoe Parish Meeting of £4,000
- Hetton Parish Meeting of £4,000
- Rylstone Parish Meeting of £4,000.

More details of some of these initiatives:

Cracoe School

As usual, the school received a substantial grant from the Charity. This year, by agreement with CRCF, the school spent much of the money on Class 2 Store Works as the photos show.



Cracoe Parish

Cracoe Parish received nearly £5,000 to purchase four benches which have been located in each of the main lanes in the village and are already well used.



The Cricket Club

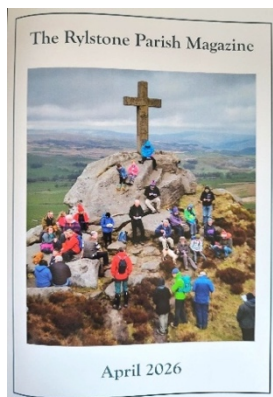
Meanwhile, the Cricket Club has been awarded over £9,500 to replace its elderly sit-on mower for mowing the grass on the outfield with a newer machine.



A new bench on Back Lane, Cracoe with Milo, a local resident and the Cricket Club pavilion and field.

The Trustees were pleased to provide further funding for the Parish Magazine to help cover the running and printing costs of this vital communication channel for members of our local community. The Charity also granted additional funds to Hetton Parish for its successful launch event which was well attended by residents - young and old - from across the three Parishes.

The photo below shows Parish Chair (Alan Horn) and Cynthia Rymer (much-loved retired teacher and local historian) who gave two of the key addresses with Janet Keighley (Parish Clerk) and David Mander (Project Chair) in the background. Thanks to Tom Carlisle for taking this and other pictures of the event.



The Parish Magazine Hetton Washdub Project Launch Event

In addition to specific grant applications, the Trustees were again able to provide funding to each of the Parishes to help cover their on-going maintenance and improvement costs, given that each one receives little income from other sources.

It should be noted, however, that the Parishes are also at liberty to apply to CRCF for support for more major renovation works.

Trustee News

In the February 2026 edition of the Parish Magazine, we set out details of the changes taking place in the running of the Charity and in the Trustees representing the three parishes. First, we would like to pay tribute again to Moyra Livesey, who retired as Chair of Trustees last November after leading CRCF so ably and collegiately over the last eight years. Our new Chair, Trudy Balderson, is already building on this legacy with some further developments. One of these is to ask all Trustees to take on a specific role within the Charity. Gareth Jones, who joined as a Rylstone Trustee in November 2025, has taken on the key role of Applications Trustee and is managing all the grant awards.



Moyra Livesey



Trudy Balderson



Gareth Jones

Three Trustees, Richard Webster, James Butcher and Sheila Stoney, are retiring in 2026, each having served their full eight-year term. We are pleased to announce that Tom Carlisle will be taking over from Richard in June as one of three Cracoe Trustees and David Duthie will be replacing Sheila as the Hetton Trustee in December. It is hoped that Rylstone Parish will be able to elect a new Trustee at their next Parish Meeting in May to take over from James, who also retires in December. James has managed the community defibrillators with great dedication and care, and we are very grateful to him for agreeing to continue in this role after he steps down.

As ever, if residents and community groups have a worthwhile project or activity that would benefit from CRCF funding, please do not hesitate to contact Gareth at applications@crsf.uk for advice and an application form. There are also one-off grants of £400 available for young people to support their post-16 education and training, and a hardship grant for those in particular need.

Jenna's Photography Tips



Hi, I'm Jenna Meeking. I've been a photographer for over 10 years and I live in Rylstone. You may have spotted me chasing my toddler along Raikes Lane, where we've recently built our new home



taken through Rock Farm's beautiful wildflower field). I've been meaning to get involved with this fabulous magazine since we moved here (though building a house has kept us busy!).

The magazine is a valuable asset in keeping the community connected and I'm delighted to be contributing and hope to bring something a little different. I specialise in natural, relaxed photographs of families, babies, weddings, special occasions and enjoy working with local businesses on brand enhancements/ headshots. I'm particularly looking forward to an up-coming shoot of the Chair of Rylstone Parish.

I aim to share photography tips, inspiration, and local images, to help capture your own special moments and our amazing countryside. If there's anything you'd like me to write about in particular, let me know. If you have an event you'd like photographed either for the magazine, or any other occasion, please do get in touch.

Taking photographs in the sunshine: With summer on the way we will start by looking at taking photos in bright sunlight. It can be a photographer's biggest challenge. While we often hope for a hot, sunny day, I'm quietly wishing for a bit of cloud cover! That said, it's possible to capture beautiful images in the sun and can be perfect for vibrant landscape photography. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when planning your next photoshoot:

Midday sun can be the least flattering time of day for photos. The light is harsh and creates strong shadows, where possible, shoot early morning or late afternoon; summer months, give that beautiful

golden glow and much softer light. At weddings, I love capturing moments just after the ceremony, usually around midday because of all the excitement. Beautiful portraits can be taken in the evening when the light is softer and more flattering (and the wedding party may be tipsy!).

If photographing people in bright sun, position them facing away from the light, or with the sun coming from the side to reduce harsh shadows and squinting. You can also add a little fill light with flash or a reflector to soften the effect. Shade is your best friend, under a tree or beside a building can instantly create softer, more even light.

Getting the exposure right in mixed light is a topic for another day! To see the difference yourself, when outside, switch your phone to selfie mode and turn slowly in the sunlight and watch the shadows change across your face. I love photographing landscapes early in the morning or



later in the evening especially in the Dales as low sun brings out the shape of the rolling hills and creates beautifully dramatic scenes.

To summarise;

- Avoid midday sun where possible
- Position people away from direct light
- Look for shade or softer evening/morning light

For further help, share your local photographs, or book onto one of my photography workshops, feel free to get in touch.

All the best, Jenna Meeking

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Village Book Club

Book Review: 'A Terrible Kindness' by Jo Browning Wroe

Our recent book club choice, 'A Terrible Kindness', prompted a strong and heartfelt response from the group. Many members described the novel as moving and emotional, drawing readers into a story that stayed with them well beyond the final page. It raised thoughtful questions and encouraged open discussion, particularly around themes of grief, relationships, compassion, and how unexpected events can shape ordinary lives.

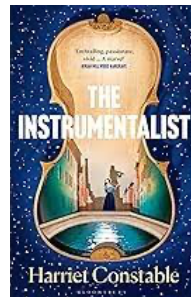


Several members commented that the book made them think about aspects of death and dying that they had not previously considered, and this added depth to our conversation. While not always an easy read, the group agreed it was an important and engaging one. The characters felt believable and well developed, and many readers became invested in their journeys. This led to one of our more animated meetings, with a wide range of personal reflections and interpretations shared.

Overall, the book was very well received by the village book club and earned a **score of 8 out of 10**.

We would recommend A Terrible Kindness by Jo Browning Wroe to readers looking for a thoughtful and emotionally resonant novel.

Our next book will be 'The Instrumentalist' by Harriet Constable which has been chosen by Maureen Chaduc who will host the group in May.



Jo Jones

Dear Friends,

As I write this I can hear in the distance the insistent bleatings of some newborn lambs in the fields by the National Park carpark in Grassington. On our walks at this time of year, Clare and I have our eyes peeled for gambolling - that moment when a lamb seems so full of the simple, unalloyed joy of being alive that it can't help but bounce uncontrollably around the field.



As we move into the month of May, the vibrant signs of spring are all around us: new life bursting forth in blossoms, the rich a varied dawn chorus greeting each morning, and longer days filled with light and warmth. This season of renewal wonderfully mirrors the heart of our Christian journey during Eastertide.

While it might seem a while since we celebrated Easter, it's not just a single day but a season - a sacred time of fifty days when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life this offers to each of us. The empty tomb speaks of hope conquering despair, light overcoming darkness, and life triumphing over death.

In these times, as we witness ongoing conflicts and uncertainty in the world, the message of Easter offers profound comfort, guidance and, above all, hope. The resurrection calls us to be agents of peace, compassion, and reconciliation amid division and suffering. It reminds us that even in the darkest moments, God's light shines steadfastly, inviting us to respond with courage and love.

Perhaps, as the season of Easter stretches on into May, this is a good time to reflect on how the resurrection might shape our lives:

- **Hope in Action:** Just as Jesus rose to new life, we too are called to rise above fear, doubt, and division. Are there ways that we might be bearers of hope in our families, workplaces, and communities?

- **Growth and Renewal:** The natural world around us is blossoming, reminding us that God's grace is always at work, renewing our spirits and calling us to grow in faith and love.
- **Community and Compassion:** Eastertide invites us to deepen our connections with one another, nurturing kindness, forgiveness, and understanding - both being and looking for signs of the Kingdom in our day-to-day lives.

As we continue to celebrate this Easter season, maybe you'll feel encouraged to make time for some moments of quiet reflection, to pray for peace in our world, and to share the joy of Easter with those around you.

John Clare was a man steeped in rural life and his poem (below) about young lambs captures this time of year beautifully.

May the light of the risen Christ shine brightly in your hearts and homes throughout May and beyond.

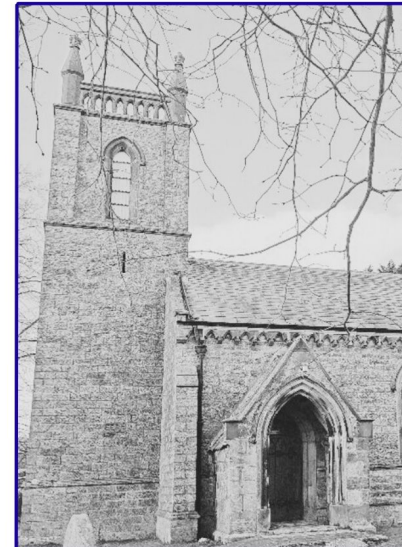
God bless, Matthew

Young Lambs by John Clare

The spring is coming by a many signs;
 The trays are up, the hedges broken down,
 That fenced the haystack, and the remnant shines
 Like some old antique fragment weathered brown.
 And where suns peep, in every sheltered place,
 The little early buttercups unfold A glittering star or two-till many
 trace

The edges of the blackthorn clumps in gold.
 And then a little lamb bolts up behind
 The hill and wags his tail to meet the yoe,
 And then another, sheltered from the wind,
 Lies all his length as dead--and lets me go
 Close bye and never stirs but baking lies,
 With legs stretched out as though he could not rise.

CONCERT



Hebden International Concert Series

One of the monthly series of varied concerts being held at St Peter's Church, Hebden (BD23 5DX)

30TH MAY 2026 AT 3 PM
 STRINGS AND KEYS

This Leeds based trio featuring Alison Major on violin and accompanist Alice Maslin will this year include accomplished cellist, Ruth Addison. They will be playing a beautiful repertoire of varied classical music to entertain on a summer afternoon.

FOR MORE INFO:
 Mark Webb
 07957 901340

TICKETS £8 Grassington Hub,
 Old School Tea Room
 & on the door

British Flower Season: Why Locally Grown Flowers Are Greener Flowers

When we pick up a bunch of flowers from the supermarket, it's easy to consider it a natural, compostable product and not to think of the journey those stems have taken to reach us. But the environmental cost of the global cut flower trade is surprisingly high and choosing homegrown or locally sourced flowers, when possible, makes a real difference.



The problem with imported flowers. Around 80 per cent of cut flowers sold in Britain are imported, many of them arriving in the UK via the Dutch auctions from places as far flung as Ecuador, Ethiopia, Kenya and Colombia. Travelling thousands of miles by air freight and road, not to mention refrigeration and packaging, they rack up a significant carbon footprint en-route.

Chemical concerns. Intensive flower farming overseas often relies heavily on pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, many of which are banned in this country. These chemicals can harm local water supplies, soil health and farm workers. British growers, particularly smaller-scale ones, tend to farm using regenerative principles, preferring natural methods to synthetic chemicals.

Supporting biodiversity. A garden or small plot given over to growing cut flowers provides a haven for bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects essential for food production and maintaining a healthy ecosystem and biodiversity.

Growing your own. Whether for your kitchen table, a wedding, to give to friends or even sell, there are many reasons to grow flowers for cutting. In February, the General Synod of the Church of England passed a motion encouraging all churches and cathedrals to source

their flowers and foliage locally and seasonally wherever possible, so you could donate yours to your local church. There is advice online but sweet peas, cosmos, sunflowers, nigella, and cornflowers are a good place to start.

Buying better. You can find local growers at www.flowersfromthefarm.co.uk which has a searchable map of growers, many supplying flowers from March to October. Some will also supply your local florist so don't forget to ask if they stock British flowers. Finally, don't forget to check those supermarket labels for British grown flowers, now that the season is upon us.

Growing your own flowers or buying from a local grower is one of the simplest ways to tread a little more lightly on the earth. And with British flower season now upon us, there has never been a better time to start.

Natasha Midgley, Secret Door Flowers



COMMUNITY CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS EVENT

Refresh your skills in an informal setting

 **Date:** 22nd June

 **7:00 pm**

 **Cracoe and Rylstone Village Hall**



Join us to brush up on performing CPR and using a defibrillator. All are welcome and no experience is required.

Just turn up

Craven Lawn Tennis Club - Gargrave - Press Release:

Craven Lawn Tennis Club, based in Gargrave, are gearing up for the start of the new 2026 season. In advance of this, a Ladies Doubles event has been held to provide some light-hearted match practice in the glorious sunshine which was won by Sally Clarke and Jenny Snowden.

The photograph shows ladies participating in this very social event in the club's calendar.



The club are always pleased to welcome new members and membership types including Adult Single, Family, Croquet and under 18's/ 18-24's welcome to join. The club offers social tennis sessions throughout the week and also competitive tennis in both the Bradford Parks League and Wharfedale League across 6 teams on the club's 3 All Weather and 4 grass courts (the only ones in Craven) in addition to both adult and junior coaching sessions.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the club please contact the Club Secretary, Beth Whitley for further information:
Mobile: 07751 074085
Email: secretary@craventennis.org.uk

Details can also be found at the club's website at:
<http://www.craventennis.org.uk>



Yorkshire Dales environmental charity Friends of the Dales runs regular events to support its campaigning work. The following events are free, but donations welcomed. Events form part of its 'Eyes on the Skies' campaign, speaking out about the ongoing criminal killing of birds of prey and petitioning for vital legal reforms. Head over to its website at www.friendsofthedales.org to find out more about the petition and add your name.

Events:

Birding for Beginners - Saturday 9 May, 10am - 4pm

Friends of the Dales has teamed up with Upper Wharfedale Field Society to offer 'Birding for Beginners' - a friendly, no-pressure introduction designed especially for 18-35s. Following an informal morning session near Grassington to get you clued up on what to look (and listen!) for, there is a three-mile walk, spotting birds along the way and learning how different species use the landscape throughout the year.

To book email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Online Talk - Talking Raptor Persecution with Dr Ruth Tingay Wednesday 20 May, 5.30pm - 7pm

A unique opportunity to hear from wildlife conservationist Dr Ruth Tingay, who has worked in the field of raptor research and conservation for more than 30 years. A former President of the international Raptor Research Foundation, Ruth now focuses on campaigning against the illegal killing of birds of prey in the UK through the blog Raptor Persecution UK.

Book at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events

Birds & Nature Walk at Malham - Wednesday 17 June 10am - 4pm

Ian Court, Wildlife Conservation Officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park will lead a two-mile guided walk to Malham Cove offering a rare chance to look out for one of the Yorkshire Dales' most majestic birds of prey, the Peregrine Falcon. In the afternoon Friends of the Dales Trustee and Chair of Malhamdale Environmental

Group, Jane Smart will lead a two-mile circular walk to Janet's Foss to explore the area's fauna and flora.

Book at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events



Wildlife Photo Walk with the Walking Photographer

Wednesday 1 July, 7.15 - 9.30 PM

Want to sharpen your wildlife photography skills? Join an immersive 'golden hour' photo walk led by British Wildlife Photography Award winner Rich Bunce (Walking Photographer), set within the 2,500-acre Broughton Sanctuary nature recovery project. This relaxed 2-3 mile evening walk will take you through a rich mix of habitats, offering plenty of opportunities to develop your technique and learn how to capture the Sanctuary's diverse flora and fauna with skill, sensitivity, and respect. Bring your own device to take photos on!

Book at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events

A poster for an 'Open Day' event. The background shows a large, multi-story stone building (Netherside Hall) with a green lawn in front. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says 'OPEN DAY' and 'MONDAY 4TH MAY'. Below that, it says '10 - 4PM' and 'EVERYONE WELCOME!'. Further down, it lists 'TOURS. REFRESHMENTS. ACTIVITIES. BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC.' At the bottom, there is a logo for 'YORKSHIRE CAMPS' with the tagline 'Sharing Jesus Christ with young people' and the address 'NETHERSIDE HALL, THRESHFIELD, BD23 5PP' and the website 'YORKSHIRECAMPS.ORG.UK'.

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A poster for a 'Youth Club' event. The background shows the same stone building as the previous poster, but with a group of people sitting on the lawn in front. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says 'YORKSHIRE CAMPS' and 'YOUTH CLUB'. Below that, it says 'Free!'. Further down, it lists 'Starts 13th April' and 'Games', 'Bible', 'Activities', 'Snacks'. At the bottom, it says '- AT NETHERSIDE HALL', '- MONDAYS, 6-7.30 PM', and '- YEAR 6+ (Y5 AFTER EASTER)'. At the very bottom, it says 'To book, or for more information, contact: joe@yorkshirecamps.org.uk'.

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Starts 13th April

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Gargrave Art Exhibition

9th-12th July, 10am-7pm, closing at 4.30 on Sunday 9th

Gargrave Village Hall, West Street, Gargrave BD23 3RD. Entry is free. Ample parking and delicious homemade snacks and cakes.

W:www.gargraveart.uk E:exhibition@gargraveart.uk T:07971 162901

Shelley Sheridan Wins People's Favourite Award at Gargrave Art Exhibition 2025: The Gargrave Art Exhibition, held annually on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales, continues to celebrate local creativity at every level.

At the exhibition in 2025, visitors spoke clearly with their votes. The People's Favourite Award was won by Shelley Sheridan for her striking oil and acrylic painting *Break Free*, a powerful portrait of a grey stallion. Voted for by exhibition visitors, the award recognises the artwork that resonated most strongly with the public. Throughout the exhibition, *Break Free* consistently drew attention, with visitors spending time studying the piece, returning to it, and discussing it long after they had first seen it.



Shelley Sheridan is Yorkshire-born and lives on a remote hill farm in the Dales, surrounded by the landscapes and animals that often influence her work. Although she does not describe herself as a traditional artist, Shelley began painting during lockdown and joined Gargrave Art Group shortly after. Her first exhibition at Gargrave was in 2022, and she has sold work every year since.

What sets Shelley's work apart is her technical approach. Rather than focusing on artistic philosophy, she is fascinated by perception; how colour, perspective and subtle illusion can trick the brain and encourage viewers to look again. This approach is central to *Break Free*, which balances realism with fading detail and layered colour, guiding the viewer's eye and rewarding longer observation. "I like art that's aesthetically pleasing first," Shelley explains, "but also clever; something that makes you want to look twice."

The People's Favourite Award holds particular significance at Gargrave, as it reflects the voices of the community. The exhibition is known for its welcoming and inclusive ethos, offering local amateur and professional artists, alongside young artists and schoolchildren, the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work in a supportive setting.

Shelley Sheridan's *Break Free* is a fitting symbol of what the Gargrave Art Exhibition represents: accessible, engaging art that connects with people and a thriving local creative community at the heart of North Yorkshire.

The Exhibition runs from Thursday 9 July until Sunday 12 July, 10am until 7pm, closing at 4.30 on Sunday.

It is held at Gargrave Village Hall, West Street, Gargrave BD23 3RD. Entry is free, there is ample parking and delicious home-made snacks and cakes are available.

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Cracoe Rounders Team

As the start of the new Rounder's season approaches, the lovely spring weather bodes well and will hopefully continue and provide a prompt start to our fixtures. The team had a wonderful season last year, rounded off with a very successful fundraising pub quiz in aid of Cracoe Cricket team in October and a fabulous annual Christmas Dinner at The Dev.

We have been very fortunate to both retain players and attract new recruits with another 3 new players starting this year. This means that in order to ensure everyone gets an opportunity to play, and allow some continuity, we are pausing any further recruitment to the team until further notice.

We have also been approached by a couple of new opponents in Barnoldswick and Long Preston who were keen to play us so we have a very full list of fixtures, and it will be great to meet some new people.

The 2026 season kicks off with a training match followed by supper social on 23 April to get us in the zone so fingers crossed for more dry weather. If anyone would like more information about the team please contact Trudy (07584422565). Further updates to follow.

Have a great Summer everyone! 😊

No-Balls Rounders Correspondent

Date	Team	Venue
23 April	Training and supper	Home
30 April	Hellifield	Home
7 May	Appletreewick	Away
14 May	Embsay	Away
21 May	Barlick Bashers	Home
28 May	Hartlington	Home
4 June	Kettlewell	Away
11 June	Settle	Away
18 June	Littondale	Home
25 June	Hartlington	Away
2 July	Threshfield	Away
9 July	Appletreewick	Home
16 July	Settle	Home
23 July	Barlick Bashers	Away
30 July	Embsay	Home
6 August	Littondale	Away
13 August	Threshfield	Home
20 August	Kettlewell	Home
27 August	Long Preston	Home

Rylstone & District WI

Our April meeting was classed as an 'Open' one, to which other local WI's and members of the public were invited, and we welcomed around 40 extra visitors. Our speaker was the talented Alison Aynsworth of Appletreewick, who works as an accredited artwork conservator and repairer. Alison told us that in her early life she had an interest in history and art which she went on to study at University but didn't ever think her qualifications would lead to a proper career path. That is until she saw a picture of a lady carrying out conservation and cleaning work on a painting and decided that



that was something she would enjoy doing. After more training Alison eventually became qualified in 2008. Since then, she has worked in many churches, stately homes, such as Castle Howard and has also taken on many private commissions. She talked about the interesting stories and jobs which she said she felt very privileged to have taken part in. A dream placement for her, as a huge Bronte fan, was to clean the 12 panelled Apostle's cupboard in the Bronte parsonage.

Another interesting job was in Manchester Town Hall. Millions of pounds are being spent on this Victorian building to save it from ruin. Her part in this was the restoration of the 12 murals in the main hall painted by Ford Madox Brown. These murals took Ford over 16 years to complete, he suffered a stroke towards the end which affected his brush strokes, Alison could see the changes in his style.

Another notable commission and a 'brush' with royalty was in the garden pavilion on the Frogmore part of Windsor Park. Word had been passed around that The Queen was on the estate and on no account was anyone to speak to her. Whilst head down concentrating on a section, Alison was aware of someone behind her - HRH herself with her pack of Corgis and small terriers! She was interested in the work Alison was doing, had a short conversation and then went on her way.

Alison had many more tales to tell and gave us a brief history lesson on the development of artwork from Medieval to present times, Although this was her first foray into speaking about her work, she had everyone in the room engaged and interested. A very enjoyable evening.



After the talk, members and visitors sampled a wonderful selection of cakes with tea provided by the Committee, during which

some people were able to consult with Alison about their own works of art.



An example of one of the delicious cakes was a **Mary Berry Sticky Ginger and Treacle Spiced Traybake** by Sue Magoolagan.

Recipe:

- 225g/8oz margarine, softened
- 175g/6oz light muscovado sugar
- 200g/7oz black treacle
- 300g/10oz self-raising flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp ground mixed spice
- 1 tsp ground allspice
- 4 free-range eggs
- 4 tbsp milk
- 3 pieces stem ginger from a jar, finely chopped

For the icing:

- 75g/2½oz icing sugar, sieved
- 3 tbsp stem ginger syrup from the jar
- 3 pieces stem ginger from a jar, chopped coarsely



Bake 160C/325F/Gas 3 for 35-40 minutes in a lined 30x23x4cm tray
The full method can be found at:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/ginger_and_treacle_60494

**The next WI Meeting takes place on
Thursday 7th May 7:00pm at Cracoe village hall.**

The speaker will be Malcolm Johnson who will present on
'Children's Favourites in the 1950s'

Cracoe Cricket Club

With the cricket season a matter of weeks away (at time of writing) preparations have begun at 'Flosers' to prepare for the season ahead. The 1st team, skippered once again by Ted Wilman, embark on the defence of their Dales League & Cup titles with the matches below:

- 5th May - Kettlewell (A)
- 12th May - Littondale (H)
- 19th May - Burnsall (A)
- 2nd June - Linton (H)



2026 2nd XI		
May		
6	CCM	H
13	Ermysted's Teachers	H
20	Linton	A
27	Draughton	H
June		
3	Burnsall	H
10	Hebden	H
17	Malham	A
24	Burnsall	A
July		
1	Linton	H
8	Rathmell	H
Friday 10	Appletreewick	H
15	Arncliffe	H
22	Hebden	A
29	Draughton	A
August		
5	Malham	H
12	Rathmell	A
19	Appletreewick	A
26	Arncliffe	A

The 2nds have 3 home matches in May, on the 6th (CCM), 13th (Ermysteds Teachers) and 27th (Draughton) *(See full fixtures list left)*

The club are always on the lookout for new players and supporters. So, if you fancy getting involved, come down for a beer and a burger at the most picturesque cricket ground in Yorkshire!

Owzat cricket correspondent



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