

Momentum



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Dear Friends,

When Di and I arrived in January 2010 we immediately had to prepare for a BBC Radio 4 Sunday worship broadcast from Scargill. In the introductory words to the programme, I was asked to share about what was going to happen at Scargill. This is what I said:

'Well I'm not altogether sure but I know we're going to have a great deal of laughter! There'll be a few tears - of course there'll be tears. That's what life is about. And the people who come will be safe - safe to find out who they are, who God is, and how much he loves them. And that's the secret really - love. Ask me what Scargill's going to become, and I'd have to say, excitingly, that I don't really know! What I do know is that Jesus and his unconditional extravagant love will be right at the middle of it - right slap bang in the middle!'



Phil & Diane Stone

When I read this again I couldn't help but smile. For although the last ten years have had challenges that kept me awake all night, my overwhelming sense is one of thankfulness and gratitude to God for the richness of the life experienced in this place. Scargill has been an adventure and we have done so much to the buildings, run so many programmed events, welcomed so many churches. But what has struck me most deeply has been the forming of a hospitable community where all can be open to experience the love of God. Some of the values that I spoke of back then have become a reality. At the heart of Scargill is the desire to build relationships: relationships with God and with one another - and there has been a great deal of laughter!

Jean Vanier (founder of L'Arche) said that what people need is: 'a warm welcoming reality; a gentle and kind reality; a reality full of care.' And I would like to add the phrase 'a reality full of grace.' Together we are learning to discover this deep truth.

As for the future, Di and I pray that Scargill will continue to be an adventure, not become settled or institutional; that we will continue to be a Movement setting our sails to the breeze of the Holy Spirit. If you ask me 'What that might look like?' my answer is the same as ten years ago: 'I am not altogether sure.' Yet what I am clear about is that we must always keep Jesus at the centre. Scargill is an adventure. It is challenging, stretching, joyful and a place where we can experience an encounter with our loving God. Bring it on!

Phil Stone
Director



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Tales of the

Unexpected

from Linzi Blundell & Helen Brocklehurst



Dick Marsh and the community



Kitchen and Pantry team at prayer



Jean & Mark Kirkpatrick, then & now

[Kate Hoddy](#) took her daughter Isabel on her first holiday abroad last summer. As they travelled home, Kate asked if Isabel had enjoyed Spain and the aeroplane trip. 'It was okay,' she replied, 'but not as good as Scargill!'

What is it about Scargill that gets under peoples' skin? What is it that so many have received and treasured through their involvement with this place? The unexpected moments that leave a lasting impression. We've been collecting stories from all sorts of folk and here's what some guests and community members of the last 60 years value about Scargill.

For so many people, the most important thing about Scargill is that it's a place of encounter, somewhere to connect with God and other people. [Stuart Burns](#) was invited to a sixth formers' conference by a teacher who had been part of the community:

'I went, not really knowing what to expect. Life at Scargill was different from my previous experience of formal church services and an occasional chat with a priest. Here was something rooted in the Gospel but fun and challenging and about LIFE. We were introduced to elements of the Gospel in a way that related what Jesus said to how we lived. One talk turned my pious teenage world up-side down: Frank Field talking about his work as a CHRISTIAN Labour councillor in London! He highlighted Jesus' concern for the underprivileged and the Gospel imperative to 'get our hands dirty' - a far cry from my pious churchiness.

Dick Marsh spoke about Jesus' desire to live in and through us. Something deep inside me was saying "YES - but HOW?" After the evening programme I plucked up courage to ask Shirley Yeoman, a member of the Community, if we might have a chat at some point. She left whatever she had been planning to do - probably collapse into bed after a long day! - sat with me on a staircase and patiently led me to welcome the Lord into my heart and dedicate the rest of my life to him.

I have had a wonderfully rich ministry as a priest and a Benedictine monk. In all of it, there has been a growing appreciation of both the vastness of God - who is still creating galaxies in our universe - and

the intimacy of God who longs to live in and through us. Thank you, Scargill and Shirley for setting me on the road!

Rachel Fernley is a former community member:

'God changed my spiritual direction at Scargill. After years of teenage struggle, I sat one night looking at the cross in the chapel and suddenly felt God's love well up inside me. Through it all God had been there and always will be.'

Both [Stuart and Rachel](#) describe memorable moments that changed the course of a life. Many more tell of lasting relationships which have their origins at Scargill, including lots of marriages. [Dick Marsh](#) and [Shirley Reed](#) were the first community couple to wed in June 1961. Since Scargill's closure and re-opening, [Lily Southgate](#) and [James Cathcart](#) were the first to marry from the new community in 2014 and several others have followed. [Rachel Halkyard](#) met her husband [Richard](#) while they were on community together in 1998. She came hoping for 'a bit of fun and maybe a few snogs' and didn't think much of Richard until she unexpectedly ran into him on the stairs:

'Jumping back in surprise, I looked up at his face and saw something was different. He'd got new glasses and I was shocked to realise that he was quite nice looking. I'd never seen it before. I commented on his new look and he said he'd just got back from Specsavers. I ran back downstairs, unable to remember what I'd been going up for and feeling totally confused.'

We got together soon afterwards. After six weeks I knew for sure I would marry him, and almost ended the relationship as a result. But I didn't – Richard had become my best friend and I loved him. We married in 2001.

Twenty years on, our lives are very different with three children, a house, jobs and all the stresses that come with that. We've had good times together, normal times and some hard times too. But I know I would rather share all my times with Richard and I'm blessed that he's my husband. Sometimes I look at him, still wearing glasses, and wonder if he had not gone to Specsavers that day, would I ever have realised what a gem of a man he is and fallen in love with him? I'm very grateful to Specsavers.'

[Andrew and Jennifer Bloxham](#) (née Atkins) met at Scargill in 1964. Jennifer had come on her own and met Andrew through sharing bunks with another member of his youth group. They married in 1967 and returned to Scargill to celebrate their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries.

[Tom and Rachel Moger](#) (née Walker) met as children on a Christian Music Ministries (CMM) holiday led by Roger Jones. They 'grew up



Peter & Rae celebrate 25 years of marriage



Rachel and Richard Halkyard, 1988



Halkyard family



From top to bottom: Andrew & Jennifer who met at Scargill & have celebrated their 25th & 50th wedding anniversary at Scargill

together' at Scargill and became close friends. Tom proposed in Scargill's chapel in 2015, Rachel said yes and they were married at York Minster.

As well as marriages, many lasting friendships are formed at Scargill.

'Scargill is such a special place for me. It is my spiritual home and the friends I made on community have been my closest friends throughout my life. Forever grateful for the time I spent there. Would do it all again tomorrow!' – [Sue Poskitt](#), community member 1984–7

[Ann Morris and Annie Moll Southgate](#) were community members together in the mid-1970s. Both were introduced to Scargill by their families, met their husbands here and have brought their own children here too. Their daughters Clare and Lily have been community members since Scargill reopened. They return to Scargill every January to spend time with some of their community contemporaries.

'Things have turned out very differently because I came.' – [Ann Morris](#), guest, community member 1975–7 and regular working friend.

[Jennifer Douglas](#) met her best friend Sarah Martin (née Penney) at Scargill 19 years ago. Jennifer writes: *'I've been her chief bridesmaid and now Godmother to her two children. Our friendship has remained strong despite living 250 miles apart!'*

While precious relationships begin at Scargill and continue to flourish beyond the cattle grid, there is also a sense of home for many who return time and again. Individuals and families with longstanding connections may come back at different stages of life and in different capacities – guest, community member or working friend – as life unfolds. An ongoing association with Scargill has helped to shape many lives.

'Scargill holds a very, very big part of my heart and every time I rumble over the cattle grid I feel as if I am home.' – [Alison Westley](#), guest, summer helper (1989) and regular working friend.

'Scargill was an enormously important influence in my teenage years and helped to lay the foundation for a Christian faith which still survives despite various challenges.' – [Graham Beaumont](#), guest and son of a former Council member.

[Pam Shelmerdine](#) (née Roxburgh) is the daughter of Rev Jim Roxburgh, a founding member of the Scargill council. She enjoyed



From top to bottom: Tom & Rachel as teenagers at Scargill. Tom proposed to Rachel in Scargill chapel in 2015



Annie & Ann (centre) with their daughters Lily & Clare



Graham Beaumont on a father & son weekend in 1960s

childhood visits to Scargill and came as a summer helper in 1969. She now lives in Plymouth and enjoys occasional visits as a guest. She writes:

'I worked in the kitchen and learnt so much about cooking. We had very early starts so I enjoyed a lie in on my day off. One week this coincided with the 1969 moon landings. I was determined to have my lie in so I completely missed "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." I have regretted it ever since!'

Irene Powell spent Christmas at Scargill with her family 30 years ago. She had recently lost both parents and was dreading Christmas so she booked her holiday with some trepidation.

'All my fears were unfounded. Instead we found the real meaning of Christmas. We still had the tree and all the decorations but there was so much more, a sense of a family meeting to celebrate the wonderful birth of our Saviour. We became regular visitors after that (my eldest son went as a summer helper one year) and for me it is always like a homecoming. We are unable to visit as often as we would like to now but we remain Friends. That sense of belonging, of coming back to a very special place – God's place – never leaves me.'

Scargill has been described as 'a safe place to say dangerous things' and in a secure environment we sometimes dare to open ourselves to new possibilities. For some, this is where they have first received a sense of calling then returned to be supported and nurtured as they have lived it out.

Rita Banfield (née Woolhouse) joined the community in 1965. She was a nurse with six months to fill before she could start the midwifery course she needed for working in Africa. She applied to Scargill without really knowing what she was joining:

'As I was interviewed by the leaders, I was bemused but increasingly convinced that this was a call from God. Three months later, the Warden said, "I don't think it's time for you to leave yet." I was learning so much about myself and growing in faith so I agreed. I became a "blue label" (full member of the community) and pantry team leader. My Christian faith took on a new dimension during my time on community. It shaped me and set me on the track that God wanted my life to take. After 53 years I can only say it has been a most exciting pilgrimage. God is always doing a new thing and I am so privileged to know His great love in my life.'

Canon Stephen Shipley writes:

'I first visited Scargill in 1971 and returned in 1974 for a few days walking in the Dales before university final exams. I had a place on a BBC training course but wanted to postpone my starting date to work abroad. The BBC wouldn't allow a long delay but a Scargill



Jennifer & Sarah with her baby



Crossing the River Wharfe



Caving and potholing in 1960s



Pam Shelmerdine & friends enjoying a walk

chaplain suggested that I join the Community for a short time. I worked on the Estate Team and enjoyed worshipping in Scargill's glorious chapel. The most significant event was a Community retreat day led by Ruth Etchells of Scargill Council. She suggested that I might one day be ordained - but with the prospect of a career in broadcasting, that day seemed far away.



Stephen and his wife Rosemary whom he met whilst on community

I worked for the BBC then trained for ordination in Cambridge. After curacy I was appointed Precentor of Ely Cathedral, responsible for the liturgy and music in another

magnificent building. In 1995, I re-joined the BBC as a Radio Producer, working in the Religion and Ethics department and I've produced three Sunday Worship programmes live on Radio 4 from Scargill chapel. Scargill will always have a special place in my heart.'

Rev Jennie Sharpe felt a call to ordination when she first came to Scargill 12 years ago:

'I sat on the bench by the basketball court and knew at that moment what was being asked of me. I ignored it - I'm not stupid! But I will always remember the words of another visitor when I told him: "You can run but you can't hide." How true that is.

It's been a difficult journey but my Scargill visits have helped to sustain me - even a short visit to a community that chooses to love and accept you as you are, that will both weep and laugh with you, is very healing.

Now I'm vicar of a parish in the North East. The deprived estates where I minister are not as beautiful as Scargill, but God is definitely here nonetheless.'



Celebration communion meal for Candlemas

One of the reasons why Scargill has touched so many lives is the ethos of openness, welcome and generosity. Food is mentioned in many people's stories and Scargill's unofficial motto is currently 'never knowingly underfed.'

Jane McCarthy was a community member in the 1980s and she remembers:

'Guests could buy wrapped chocolate biscuits like Club and Blue Riband at coffee breaks. We were allowed to have one of these free once a week on our day off! For most people it really was a treat. One of our older community members, Walter, used to save his day-off biscuits and when it was your turn to do prayer partners with him he would produce a selection for you to choose from which always went down well.'

Hospitality is extended to people from many walks of life. Since Scargill's reopening, several groups of refugees and asylum seekers living in Bradford have been enabled to come on holiday here. There are ongoing links with the local Fell Rescue Association to this day. A group of young members camped out on the estate earlier this year for a training exercise. **Sally Fletcher** was on community in the 1980s and now co-ordinates our Working Friends. She recalls:

'Scargill was used by Fell Rescue as it had lots of baths to warm people who might have hypothermia. They had to put signs up that the baths were in use as rescuees were told not to lock the doors! Scargill used to provide sandwiches for the call outs.'

This could be a good way to use up extra food as **Nola Kilsby** explains:

'In the 1960s and 70s Scargill would serve guests afternoon tea – sandwiches made with bread from the local baker. One day, the kitchen and pantry team leaders were away and I was responsible (as pantry number 2). I ordered the loaves but the kitchen team leader and deputy had done it too, thinking I would forget. Someone said, "We need a call out!" and sure enough, there was a Fell Rescue call out that night so all the bread was used for sandwiches for them.

[John Rhodes](#) from Christian Medical Fellowship recalls a successful conference using Scargill as a venue which made it more accessible than their usual gatherings:

'In the late 70s I organised a conference at Scargill on behalf of CMF. Previous conferences had been at posh hotels and attracted just consultants because of the cost. I felt that there was a need to attract younger doctors and the committee in London reluctantly agreed. The response was overwhelming with guests sleeping in caravans in the car park and various houses in Kettlewell.'

Full days are the norm for community members and always have been. [Margi Walker](#) and [Nola Kilsby](#) told us about life in the kitchen team in the 1970s, starting at 7.10am and finishing after late night drinks at 10.30pm every day except for a weekly day off. Community membership still requires wholehearted commitment but it is a rewarding experience too. [Ruth Yeoman](#), whose parents were among the first



Nola preparing lunch in 1970s

community members, says: *'It was a busy life, but always one where people were ready to pray and be supportive; where needs were the mother of invention, with laughter and fun accompanying the daily round to be ready to welcome the next group of guests.'*

As well as hard work, there have always been fun and games at Scargill. [Chris McCarthy](#) was on the pantry team in the 1980s. He was jealous of the house team, washing mattresses outside in the sunshine while he laboured at the dishwasher. He climbed onto the dining room roof and sprayed them with cold water using the fire hose before sneaking back inside to lay tables:

'Suddenly the dining room doors burst open and half of the council stood there dripping wet. Nobody had told me there was a council meeting that day! When the council members arrived, they had decided to wait in the shade at the end of the dining room – and received an unexpected cold shower. They shouted, "There he is!" Picking me up, they carried me to the blue bathroom where the house team had filled the bath with freezing cold water and I was fully immersed.'

[Walter Storey](#) share memories of dances in Kettlewell village hall in the 1960s and [Annie Southgate](#) of playing sardines in the 70s. Her most memorable hiding place was a cupboard full of cleaning supplies – she sat on a bucket and some of the chemicals burned a hole in her trousers! This game is still played at Scargill today and the current admin team leader, [Michyla Hickling](#) holds the title of Queen of Sardines – her best hiding place is a closely guarded secret!

Scargill is a creative place too. [Jim Madden](#) would visit on Sunday afternoons in the 1970s to do drama workshops with the community, developing their ideas into a play to tell the Christmas story, different every year as the community changed. The tradition of community pantomime continues today (Oh yes it does!).

Scargill is a safe place to play, to try new things and to risk, for adults and children alike. *'At Scargill you discover what you add up to when you put all the parts of yourself in one place.'* – [Lily Cathcart](#), community member 2011-3.

'It's good to feel trusted, that you can try stuff.' – [James Cathcart](#), community member 2012-3.

There are hard times too – some folk struggle with community life, others come to Scargill wounded and in pain. Scargill itself has been through death and resurrection and from this we see that God is present in the difficulty, wasting nothing.

[Rt Rev Peter Price](#) and his family joined community in 1978:

'We found community life challenging and we learnt a great deal about ourselves during that time, developing our understanding of servant leadership. Much was good, encouraging and nurturing. However, we left Scargill with a real sense of failure and loss. In the ensuing years we came to realise how God used that time to teach wisdom, grace and humility. Nothing is wasted in God's economy. When our lives are shared,



there is hurt as well as hope. Transformation takes us through hurt on the path to wholeness.'

[Patricia Slack](#) attended a 'New Beginnings' week at Scargill in 2001 following a loss: *'When you have been bereaved or wounded by a painful relationship breakdown, hope and comfort are welcome, but a new beginning seems impossible.'*



Patricia & Anthony, in 2002 & now

After several days at Scargill with Ron Ayres ministering to us gently, there began a time of healing. Anthony and I began our friendship walking together and sharing our experiences of our spouses' illness, our reaction to their untimely deaths, and our desolation. In each other we found someone who understood how we felt. As we left Scargill, we had moved on just a little and will always be grateful to Ron and the Scargill Team who had loved us and began putting us back together. Anthony went back to Hastings and I to Rochdale. We spoke often on the phone and started to hope that God could make a way where there seemed to be no way. We began to look forward to a future – maybe together!

We were married in the lovely Chapel at Scargill on 13th April 2002.'

[Mary Wallace](#) felt God call her to visit Scargill following the break-up of her marriage, a time when she had lost faith and left the church. She asked two community members to pray with her:

'We prayed together and the Spirit entered me and I felt such joy and the pain in my chest disappeared. We cried together and I knew from that day I would not turn back... My spiritual journey continues because of that special day at Scargill in 1986.'

Scargill has seen much change over the years – community comings and goings, building works, even death and resurrection, but God's purpose continues to be worked out in this place:

"When we had the recommissioning of Scargill, there were only a handful of people there who had been present at the very beginning. We were struck by the wonderful similarity of the hopes and aspirations being expressed on that occasion: absolutely in tune with the original vision. That told us how the Holy Spirit was and is consistently at work throughout." – [Bridget Taylor](#) (née Barker), daughter of former Warden Arthur Barker



The first community in 1961



The most recent community in 2019

'HAVE A DRINK ON ME'

Sitting in a pub with a friend one evening in autumn 2010, a stranger approached, claiming to be from some *church* or *bible group*. He then offered to buy us both a drink. We decided to accept (not wishing to offend!), and five minutes later his friend approached carrying the pints. With one eyebrow arched, the friend told us, "Apparently, these two are from God".

I'll probably never know who the stranger was, but it changed something deep within me. I wasn't particularly interested in getting to know God – it was probably the last thing on my mind that night, but from that day onwards I became very aware of his presence, like a constant tapping or nudging in my life, continuing to this day!

Much happened after that, but I first fell through the doors of Scargill in January 2013. I had no idea why I was there, or even what Scargill was. To be fair, I'd been preoccupied since the 'pint' episode, wrestling God in the belief that neither he nor the church would accept me for who I am. I hadn't read the story about Jacob's wrestling match back then!



I met God during that first visit, the 'wrestle' culminating in a thunder storm on the top of Great Whernside. I see the humour of it now, though less so at the time. Importantly, it

was also when I first began to understand something about a truly unconditional love. I've visited Scargill many times since, as a guest, then as a Working Friend and Companion, and even as a '*pilgrim*' during last year's Lee Abbey to Scargill 'Journey' in the period leading up to Pentecost.



As a Working Friend I've been able to contribute in other ways too – working with Di for example, after a long period when visa applications for international community were being rejected by the Home Office. The culmination of that work in 2017 was Scargill's International Community Volunteer Programme. Since then, Scargill has been blessed with a new stream of international community volunteers.

Scargill has become a spiritual home, and the community my extended family. I feel accepted, not just made welcome. The framework of love, acceptance and hospitality coupled with the light touch of community and working friends seems to create an environment within which God moves freely. I love watching the transformational effects that come from that...

- Tim Proudler

What about the wounded?

My journey to healing

I first came to Scargill in 2012 for a weekend entitled 'What about the wounded.' It was around three years since I had returned to the UK after 19 years working abroad in mission. My time there had not ended well as I had been bullied out of a position, which was an important part of my identity, by a well-known mission leader. As I left the organisation I had been a part of, I lost my job, my home and a significant number of co-workers who I had thought of as friends. But I tried to pretend that I was coping. I attended church as I had done all my life but was numb both emotionally and spiritually and just going through the motions. I thought that God must be on the side of the leaders who had treated me so badly.

That weekend at Scargill was the time when I was able to start to acknowledge the depth of my loss and begin to open emotionally and mourn. I made the decision to stop going to church and sought therapy to address the issues I was facing. Over the next couple of years I

would come to Scargill regularly to check-in with a community member, and usually found myself crying some more. These regular visits were very helpful as it often felt I was making slow progress in moving forwards. After a few months I was able to start to re-build a more healthy relationship with God. I had seen him as someone whose love I had to earn through service, so when my service came to an enforced end I had no way to relate to him. I learned he loves me anyway and have re-built a healthier and deeper faith. I joined a fresh-expressions group which allowed me space to explore faith without judgement and even managed to establish a healthy relationship with my brother with whom I had had virtually no contact all my adult life.

Around five years ago I started to come to Scargill as a working friend, appreciating the opportunity of being able to give back to a community which has been such a vital part of my journey to healing.

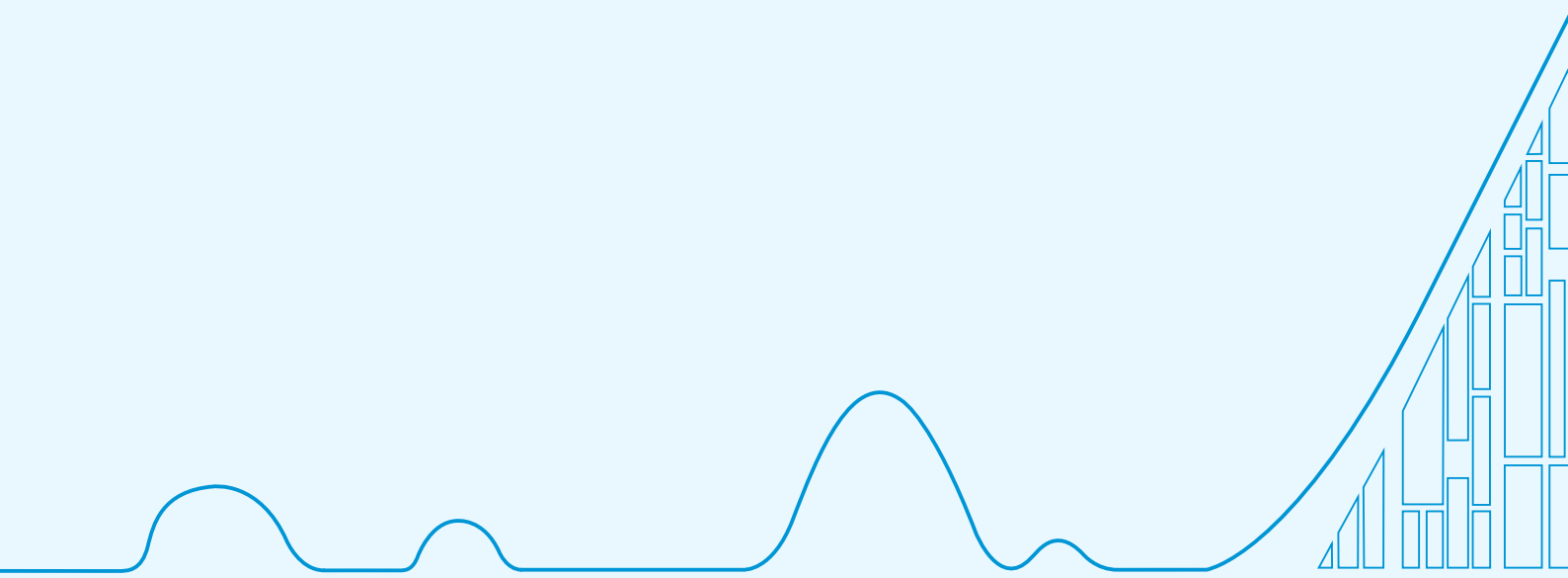




'A huge thank you to Scargill for everything last week with our Refugee Action group!'



'I have learnt to shed some of my prejudices about the enormous spiritual gifts of other traditions!'



Lives shared,

'Scargill House has enabled me to abandon myself to God's love.'

'It's a resurrection,
The Bishop of Brad
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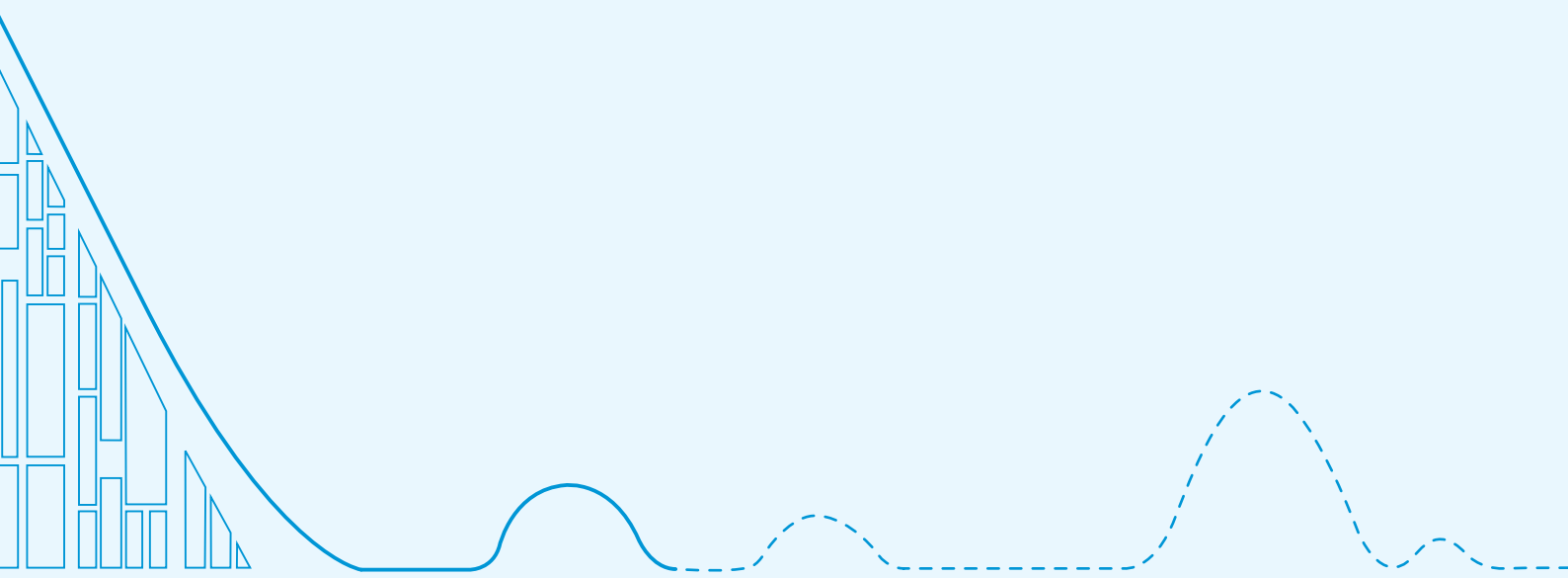




'This visit came at a time when my family was going through a crisis. You embraced us with your overwhelming love!'



'I've learned from the pattern of living, the balance of work and prayer, seriousness and fun!'



lives transformed

'not a resuscitation,'
Iford, David James,
-opening of Scargill

'I came with 'luggage' and left in
peace and hope!'





‘For all that has
been... Thanks.
To all that shall
be... *Yes!*’.

from Bishop Chris Edmondson
Chair of the Scargill Movement Council

These words of Dag Hammarskjöld, the second United Nations Secretary General, seem to me extraordinarily appropriate as this year we celebrate 60 years since the founding of Scargill, and ten years on from the new beginnings following the House's closure in 2008.

I first visited Scargill in 1972 as part of my academic research into 'modern developments in Christian community living', having also been to Lee Abbey, Devon for the first time the previous December. Little did I know then that I would one day become the Warden of Lee Abbey and, in 2009, have the privilege of becoming the Chair of the Trustees of the 'resurrected' Scargill!

In any venture of faith which, when you look back both to 1959 and 2009, the Scargill story certainly has been, there are bound to be peaks and troughs, times of great joy, and times of deep sadness. But the impact which Scargill has had on the lives of countless individuals, church groups and others who have been touched by this 'Miracle in the Dales' - the title which the late Margaret Cundiff gave to her



1994 book about the earlier years of Scargill - is incalculable.

Similarly, being part of the community has proved to be a life-giving as well as a life-changing experience for the hundreds of people, younger and older, from many different parts of the world, who have been part of, what is I know from my own experience of community living, a costly, but immensely worthwhile adventure.

So we mark this Diamond and Tin (!) anniversary with a great sense of **thanks** for God's goodness and faithfulness, and can perhaps also identify with these words of T. S. Eliot, taken from his poem 'Little Gidding', another Christian community which has known endings and fresh beginnings:

'What we call the beginning is often the end.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from...'

So we also want to say '**Yes to all that shall be**', some aspects of which we are beginning to understand and commit to, such as new

partnerships with other organisations and networks who share similar values. We are also embarking on a building development programme which will take some years to complete and will stretch our faith and finances!

However, experience at Scargill has also shown us how important it is to be flexible and open to the unexpected and sometimes unpredictable moves of the Holy Spirit, thus ensuring that whatever happens, we continue in the coming years to fulfil our vision of 'Lives shared, lives transformed, with Jesus at the centre.'

Finally, a huge thank you from me and my fellow Trustees, to Phil and Di, members of the community past and present, Working Friends, Companions and Friends, and to all of you who support Scargill through prayer and generous and sacrificial giving of time and money. I believe we're privileged to be part of a significant piece of Kingdom work, and we are a **Movement**, so let's keep moving on with God, and 'to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen!' (Ephesians 3:21)



From left to right: Daniel, Anna, Esther, Meg, Thomas, Kat, Helen

Kat Wagner, before coming to join the Admin and House teams, was a projects co-ordinator for 11 years with BMS World Mission. 'It was a rewarding job but it felt like it was time to move on. I really appreciate community, the variety of people from different places and backgrounds and I enjoy living in the Dales. I love the type of spirituality here, allowing people to explore the welcoming nature of God.' Kat just happened to be leading Morning Prayers – and did it very well – when the BBC came to film for Songs of Praise so you may have caught her when it was broadcast.

Esther Benard spent two years on the Lee Abbey community before coming to Scargill in December to join the kitchen team. 'In between,' she told me, 'I went back home to Kenya for two years where I had a small shop and was selling online on Facebook, curtains and some women's clothing which I made myself. I also worked with a friend who was running training courses for people to help their communities. Coming to Scargill has given me a different experience. It's more like a family and the working friends are very important. As for the future, I am praying about that, and also

for my seven brothers and sisters in Kenya as jobs are hard to come by, especially for young people.'

Helen Cook arrived in February to take on the role of leading the music. 'I'd had itchy feet for six months before applying,' she said. 'I had a high pressure job with Balfour Beatty and started to explore different things. Then a colleague at work said "What about that strange place you go to?" She meant Scargill! On a previous visit, I had a transformational moment here so when I went on the website and saw the music role, I thought "Wow! I think that's it! I think that's for me." I applied and trusted God for the outcome, so here I am!'

Daniel Wigginton first came to Scargill in 2015 while Lee Abbey was being refurbished. Last December, he then left his position at Lee Abbey running the Beacon Youth Centre kitchen to join Scargill's kitchen team. 'Looking back,' he told me, 'my times in community have given me a different, and more positive, perspective on the future. One of my dreams is to become an actor but it's hard to get a place on training courses, it's very



New community members

competitive. I've had a few auditions and some more to come.' Best wishes, Daniel!

Thomas Acharya from Nepal joined us in February. He was well qualified to join the kitchen team, having worked in a large Marriott hotel in India. 'The working environment here and life at Scargill is very different,' he said. 'People are calm, understanding and encouraging.' Thomas' family in Nepal are Christians which makes life very hard as it cuts them off from relatives and society and getting a job is difficult. So his father makes a living growing and selling vegetables, supported by other members of the family.

Anna Fardon spent three months on community during which she was baptised in the river Wharfe! She said: 'It was a real testament to the healing that I found whilst being a member of the community. I really enjoyed being a part of the kitchen and house teams and learned how to work in order to serve the guests with love.' Anna threw herself wholeheartedly into community life and showed gentleness and warmth when interacting with guests. She was also able to do her House

duties in high heels! In September, she will be heading off to the University of Liverpool to study Business Management.

Meg Lucas, before joining us in February, was on the community at Lee Abbey. 'I came,' she said, 'to experience a different community.' When I asked her 'Where is home?' she replied, 'Home for me is wherever really God is. I was raised in London by my godmother but my family origin is from Djibouti. So I've had a very interesting upbringing.' Meg has a degree in Media and Cultural Studies and a Masters in International Relations. 'I think God put me on this journey to learn about my faith, to live and grow with people on community.'



Anna's baptism in the River Wharfe in Kettlewell

Challenge 60

Questions

Here's something I've asked myself (you might like to do the same): 'How might I support the Scargill I love, celebrate our birthday, and have some fun (rather important that!) at the same time? Oops, and raise some money too (after all, I am supposed to be the fundraiser) to make us 'fit for purpose' for the years ahead?'

We don't want to make this a burden, but we do want people to get involved at what for us is a really exciting time! Scargill's 60th birthday is a time of looking back and celebrating ALL the good things that have happened over the last 60 years – things that have been mentioned in this magazine. It is also a time to look forward. We don't often do that at birthdays but, for us, this looking forward with expectation and joy is really important. We want others to be a part of what we've been part of!

One of the great things about being on Community is meeting people who came as children and young people in the 1960's and now have come bringing their grandchildren. That has sparked the idea behind Challenge 60. We have benefitted – met with God, maybe even met our life partner or made deep friendships here – and we want that to be the case for our children and those who come after us.

Answers

Challenge 60 is an invitation for whatever you want it to be and what works in your area. If you can raise £60 – or £600 or some multiple of 60 – great. An afternoon tea with 60 guests, sing 60 hymns, have 60 cheeses? But it

doesn't have to have 60 in it. Fun, Finding out about Scargill, and Fundraising are the central elements.

So, here are some ideas: sell 60 minutes of your time for chores / babysitting / odd jobs; work as a group, so say six people doing 60 mins gardening; a sponsored event – walk, cycle, swim maybe 60 Km / laps / lengths; a Children's church sponsored silence for 60mins; bake and sell 60 cakes; grow 60 plants to sell on – e.g. tomatoes, sweet-peas, geraniums; de-clutter 60 books and have a Book Sale; a BBQ; a coffee morning with a car-wash! You could even visit 60 different coffee shops or pubs! (Maybe not in one evening – and make sure that it's sponsored)! We'd love to hear your ideas and how you get on, and we have a badge for all those able to take part. For more information call Paul on 01756 760500, or email him at paul.reily@scargillmovement.org.

Here are some of the ideas we're already doing: a 'Three Peaks Challenge' on Saturday 13th July – 20 people walking the three peaks (= 60) and you are invited to sponsor us for this; cruise and dine with Helen and John Lloyd on 'DOLLY 2' during May and July along parts of the Leeds & Liverpool, Trent & Mersey, Shropshire Union canal network (more details when you contact them: john@llo.me.uk); Ian Proudler is taking part in a sponsored cycle ride; and Tom Raper and Ruth Paynter have already had a coffee morning at their church. These are just a few of the events that are taking or have taken place. Most importantly, let it be enjoyable, make God's name known, talk about Scargill and at the same time raise some money for us!



Left top to bottom: Doing chores, grow and sell plants, Ian Proudler in a sponsored cycle ride.

Right top to bottom: Doing a 'Three Peaks Challenge', selling tea and cake, cruise and dine with Helen and John Lloyd on 'DOLLY 2'.



Beginning

We came in 2009, sure we should be here, but with no idea of what might lie ahead. How could we have guessed that a feeble blip in the timeline of Scargill and a relatively short period of our own lives could affect us so profoundly? Our job here was two-fold. First, we would bang on about the resurrection of Scargill wherever we went. Second, we would be instrumental in getting the guest programme restarted.

Straightforward? Well, the ambassadorial role was easy. Many people had never heard of Scargill. A lot didn't even realise that it had closed. We sprayed information like confetti. We still do. Initiating the programme meant shamelessly cashing in favours, persuading well known speakers to trek North, especially for the first Summerfest. Great fun. By contrast we had no idea we would find ourselves laughing and weeping through some very dark tunnels with so many stumbling, loyal followers of Jesus. Occasionally we have been with them as they emerged into the new light of the Holy Spirit. This was and still is wonderful to see.

ASKING SILLY QUESTIONS

Three notes sound when the Scargill House lift stops. They correspond exactly with the first three chorus notes of a Tom Jones song called Delilah. Here's the question: Why does a Christian lift broadcast references to biblical characters? Maybe God set it up. He is a bit strange. Nowadays I hum 'Delilah' all over the site. So will you now. Sorry.

CHECKING THE LABELS

Scargill is officially – we've forgotten the word – Anglimenical? Ecumanglican? Still not right. Got it! Ecumenical. That's the word. Scargill is officially ecumenical. How could we have got it so wrong? We must be more careful in future, especially with something so important. Sorry.

JOURNEYING ON?

We shall always be part of Scargill, even though we are no longer technically members of the community. All close relationships are the same. You give away an important part of yourself, and because it was a genuine gift it cannot be retrieved. We remain in contact with many guests and ex-community members as friends and supporters, and we continue to embrace the inevitable mix of pleasure and pain involved in leading Scargill events. God brought us here and remains with us now, wherever we are. That fact, filled as always with unexpected excitements and bewildering uncertainties, is the most important thing of all.

- Adrian & Bridget Plass



BUILDING ON ROCK

from Dave Lucas

In one way or another, we have been working on the long term plans for the development of the buildings at Scargill for the last ten years since its resurrection. In the best traditions of the Yorkshire Dales, it has been a long and twisting path to get to this point on our journey. Along the way we have so often seen God's leading, His provision and His grace. Our thoughts, plans and designs have changed and been refined as we have prayed and listened to guests, working friends and community. We've reflected on how the ministry here has worked well in these buildings over the last ten years and how it could be improved. In all that we do at Scargill, we try to keep Jesus at the centre, whether it be in our life together as community, our work in all its various forms or in how we look to develop our buildings. So we want to be Building on Rock - not only on the solid limestone of the Yorkshire Dales but first and foremost on Jesus, who is our sure foundation and the rock on which we want to build.

In our 60th year, we are at a significant point in this journey, it feels a bit as though we've stopped for the first bite of a butty from our packed lunch, before pressing on. It's a brief pause to look back at where we've been, time for a bit of sustenance and then to move forward on the path that lies ahead of us, wondering what challenges and adventures it will bring.

The journey so far . . .

As we look back at where we've come from, it's good to remind ourselves why we started this journey in the first place. There is much that works really well with the buildings at Scargill, things that we would want to keep or perhaps improve upon. However, there are some significant shortcomings, in design and construction, with some of our buildings that will need fundamental solutions. Our buildings are the space in which Scargill as a community carries out its ministry to those who come through our doors. The buildings are a means to an end, not an end in themselves - we don't want fancy buildings

for the sake of having fancy buildings! Having said that, our buildings, our physical environment, can enable and add to our work here, if they are built and adapted with this in mind. In all the work we do with our buildings, we have three words that we use as a benchmark - Quality, Simplicity and Beauty. These are the values that we aspire to see in the buildings at Scargill.

We want to plan the development of the buildings, so Scargill can continue to be fruitful for the next 60 years. The main objectives of our long term development plans are:

- Step-free access to all public meeting spaces and the majority of bedrooms
- Increased number of en suite bedrooms
- More disabled accessible bedrooms
- A multi-purpose accommodation area with its own meeting rooms that can be used for youth / school groups as well as families and adults
- Larger and more comfortable dining space
- Repositioning of kitchen to perimeter of building and upgrading equipment
- Improved meeting rooms and other gathering spaces
- Improved entrance and reception area and easier stair access upstairs
- Better and more flexible community accommodation
- More car parking space

The overall philosophy of this scheme is to use the existing footprint of the complex of buildings and to improve and integrate these into a cohesive whole whilst addressing these long term shortcomings. This will involve the selective demolition and re-building of certain parts of the building and major change and renovation to other areas.

One of the key values we want to maintain is for all our guests, working friends and community to be able to pray and worship together and to eat together. The overall scale of the scheme has been centred around the size and capacity of the chapel and all the other elements of the building have been designed to match and balance with this scale. These other elements of the building include guest and working friend bedrooms, dining space, kitchen facilities, various size meeting rooms, circulation spaces, breakout areas, little quiet corners, offices, storage, workshops, community accommodation, etc.

Over the last ten years, as well as working on the long term plans for the development of the buildings at Scargill, we have also carried out a significant amount of maintenance and refurbishment work. Blocks of work that have cost £100k or more we have described as phases of work. The phases completed so far are:

- Phase 1 - this was foundation / infrastructure work required in the early years of Scargill re-opening and included new fire alarm, major electrical work, significant refurbishment of community accommodation etc.
- Phase 2 - Refurbishment and conversion of Cragdale bedrooms to en suite
- Phase 3 - Installation of bio-mass boiler system and overhaul of heating system
- Phase 4 - Installation of chapel lift and new water treatment system
- Phase 5 - Development of Pent Garage to form three new community bedrooms and new community laundry and also to provide guest camping showers, toilets and self-catering area
- Phase 6 - Refurbishment of Three Peaks including replacement of all the windows

As well as these major phases, we have also carried out numerous other smaller projects including new footpaths and automatic gate in the Walled Garden, new dining room windows, new beds and mattresses throughout the house, decorating and re-carpeting all bedrooms and corridors, etc.

The way ahead . . .

So what do we think the path ahead may look like? We have recently been working on a phasing plan for this longer term development of the buildings.

We have divided the work into five phases of work. These continue on from the phases already completed and so start with Phase 7:

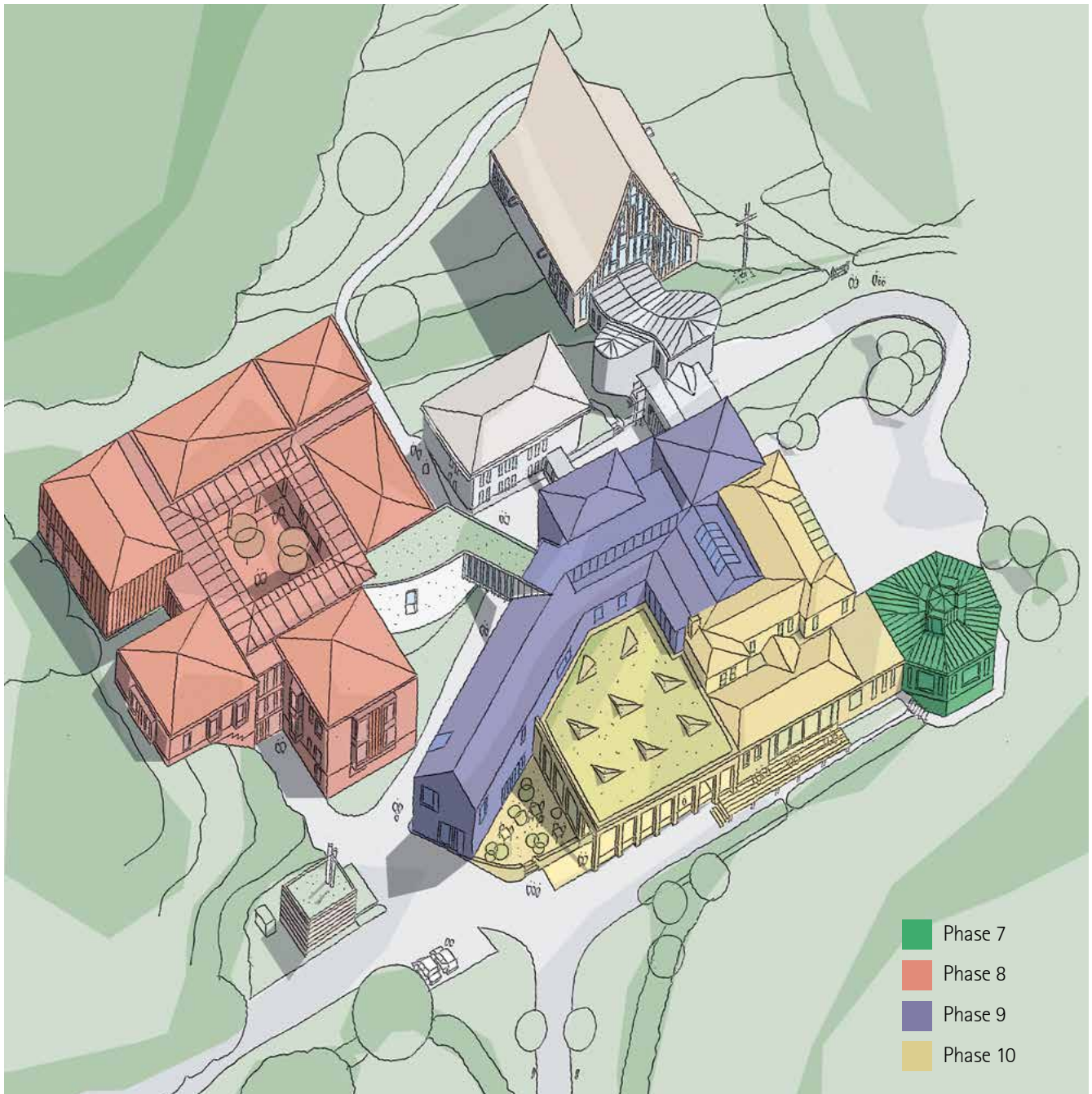
- Phase 7 - Marsh Lounge refurbishment - this includes removing the wooden columns, opening out the back wall with a sliding partition, new windows and a new zinc roof covering. Also in this phase is the new woodland car park and the extension and re-roofing of the Barn workshop.
- Phase 8 - Three Peaks demolition and re-building - this includes a main step-free floor with en suite and disabled accessible bedrooms, new working friend bedrooms, new extended set of meeting rooms and level courtyard garden.
- Phase 9 - Aysgarth demolition and re-building - this includes new kitchen in Lower Aysgarth, new centralised office area in Upper Aysgarth, covering over the middle courtyard and installing a second main passenger lift which will access four levels - Sun Lounge, Upper Lounge (linking to chapel lift), Old House and Lower Cragdale bedrooms and the main floor level of the new Three Peaks.
- Phase 10 - Dining Room demolition and re-building - this includes new entrance, re-modelling the Sun Lounge including a new staircase up to the Old House bedrooms and adding new bedrooms into Old House that were office spaces.
- Phase 11 - "The Morph" Community Accommodation block - this will replace the existing Pent, Pentex and Jubilee accommodation. It will provide more accommodation but based in smaller "family" style units of 4 to 6 bedrooms. These will be very flexible in how they can be used and are suitable for single folks, couples and small families.



Marsh Lounge with columns



Marsh Lounge without columns



The next few steps . . .

So what are the next few steps on this journey? Well, we are working on the detailed design work for Phase 7 so that we will be ready to go to tender for this work. We will also have some work to fulfil some of the planning conditions that we can be getting on with. The Planning Consent and the Listed Building Consent (for the Marsh Lounge) both have three year time limits but once work has started they have no further time limit. So we are

working towards starting Phase 7 in Spring 2021. The cost estimates from our Quantity Surveyor for this phase is between £0.75 and £1 million, depending on exactly which work we include.

So as we look at the path ahead of us, we look forward to continuing our journey together. We are excited by the adventure that this will take us on, no doubt with challenges but also with confidence in God, the rock on which we build.



Phase 11 - "The Morph"

Of your own free will

How can I give something to Scargill that costs me nothing at the moment?

We want to encourage people to support Scargill now, but one way in which so many of us have made a difference to Scargill going forward is by leaving a legacy. Our Christian faith is partly about looking to the future after we are gone, and yet so often we don't take the necessary steps to look after the practical things that we have.

Most of us know that making a will is an important, but non-urgent task. The problem then is that we don't get around to doing anything about it! That is the reason why we at Scargill have teamed up with the National Free Wills Network. During the months of May, June and July, you can ask us to refer you to them. This means that you will be sent the contact details of about six local (to you) participating solicitors, one of whom you can contact about making a will. The will is written according to your instructions, and the solicitor's bill comes to us: it costs you nothing. Obviously we

encourage people to consider leaving something to Scargill Movement, but there is no obligation.

By teaming up with the National Free Wills Network we are trying to remove one of the hurdles that stand in the way of any of us getting this important job done. People have found this a very good way to do things: it is simple and straightforward and, most importantly, you are able to express your wishes accurately. All you need to do is email Paul Reily at legacy@scargillmovement.org or phone 01756 760500 and that referral can be made.

Because we are a small charity the percentage of the donation income that we receive from wills does vary: but it is so important to us. It enables our ministry of transformation for the generations that are to follow: a real legacy indeed! Slightly older people are often so much wealthier than their parents ever were, and also wealthier than their children. Reasons such as living through the housing price increase contribute to this. But for many people this does not make them 'rich', as their wealth is

tied up: they can't be spending it. It does mean however that when their time comes they can give some of that wealth to Scargill Movement by having left us a legacy.

If this seems right for you then do contact us, or if there are any questions that you want to discuss we'd be pleased to help you.



Leaving a legacy for the future: Four generation of a family who come to Scargill

Identity and Values

Identity

- We are a Christian movement with its home in the Yorkshire Dales where an intentional community representing many nationalities and Christian traditions is committed to a common rule of life and service.
- We believe that lives are transformed by the love and joy of God that is found in Jesus Christ. We are willing to be caught up in the ingenious creativity and adventurous life of the Holy Spirit.

Values

- Being a resident community with Jesus at the heart in which prayer, eating together and chewing over the Bible are integral to our daily rhythm. We offer time and space for individuals and groups to encounter God and each other in a homely, peaceful and cherishing setting where God may be heard.
- Holding a safe and open space through sharing lives based on generous hospitality and welcome to all. Following the example of Jesus, we seek to encourage individuals and groups, including those who feel marginalised within society and the church.
- Helping guests and Community to gain and be enriched by a vision for Community where creativity, vulnerability and laughter are embraced in an individualistic world.
- Being a place of resourcing, training and equipping for guests and Community members alike. We seek to send our guests back with new vision and purpose. For Community members we provide a rich and broad apprenticeship style training for Christian mission and service.
- Entrusted with a beautiful part of the environment, we aspire to be responsible stewards of God's creation. We provide thought provoking programmes and outdoor activities for all ages with scope for creativity and personal development.
- Quality, Simplicity and Beauty are gospel values. They reflect how we aspire to care for our buildings and capture the essence of our life together as a Community.

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