

THE MILESTONE SOCIETY NORTHERN SPRING MEETING

**to be held at the
Gargrave Village Hall
West Street
Gargrave
North Yorkshire
BD23 3PT**



10:00am on Saturday 13 May 2023

Getting there:

Gargrave train station, a half mile walk from the village hall, has services from West Yorkshire and the North West. Bus services run regularly along the A65 from Skipton.

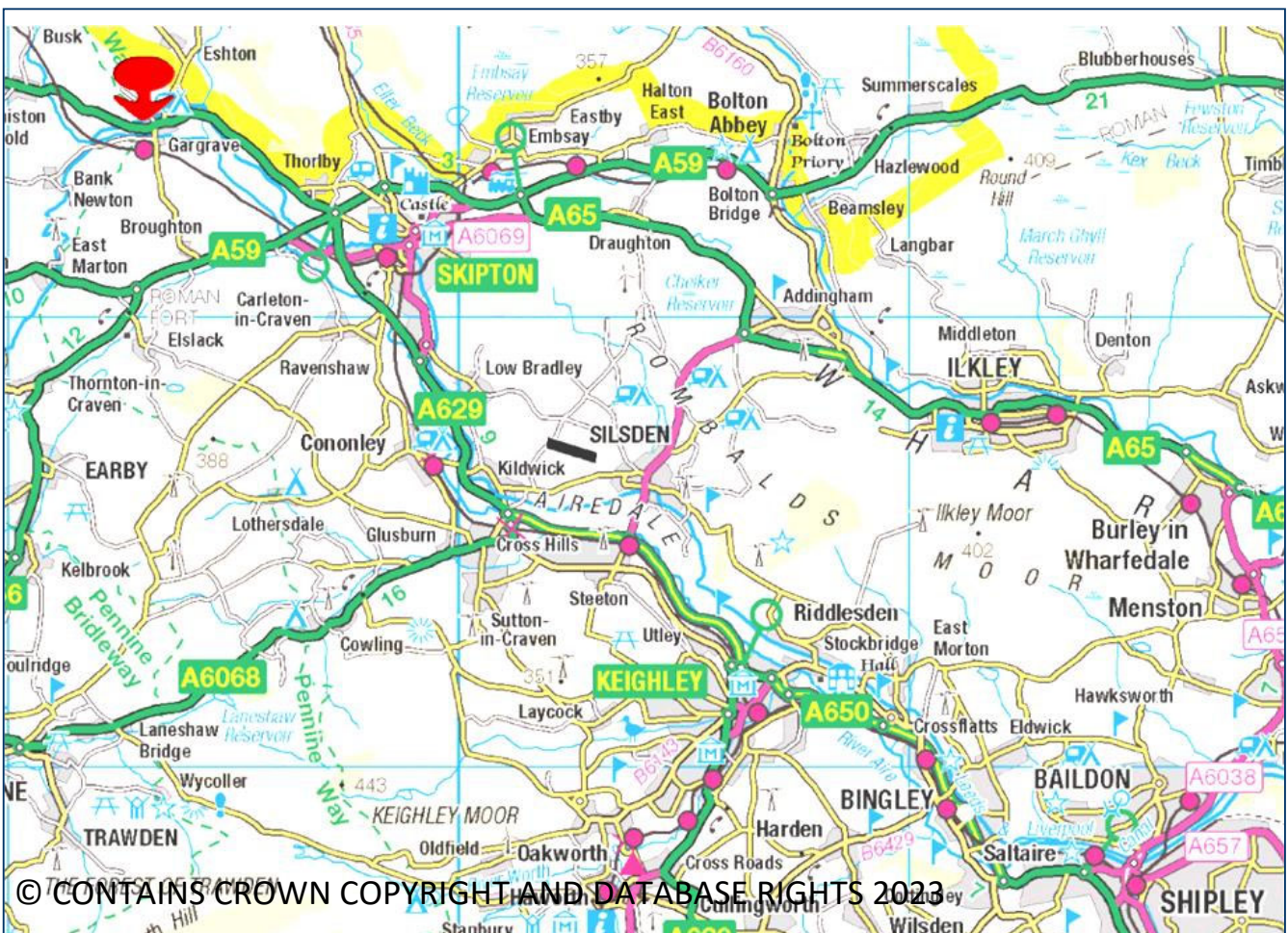
The A65 provides access to Lancaster and Kendal/M6 to the north west and Skipton and Bradford to the south east. The A59 and A56/M65 give links to Preston and Lancashire

Parking:

There is a private 32 space car park at the village hall, plus a free public car park opposite.

Accommodation:

For anyone planning to stay over the Skipton North Premier Inn is located in the village next to the canal. There is also a touring caravan site in the village (Eshton Road Tel: 01756 749229)





Timings:

Doors open 9:30 am for a cuppa and a 10:00 am start - ends by 4:00 pm.

The Event:

We've got a varied day planned for all members.

In the morning our guest speaker will be **Bill Froggatt, Heritage Advisor with the Canal & River Trust**. He will be giving a talk on the milestone restoration project along the Leeds/ Liverpool canal plus current work on the Lancaster canal.

Our North Yorkshire county representative, Hilary Jones, will follow on to introduce you to the turnpikes and milestones in the local area.

Gargrave is situated in the Aire Gap where geography provides a natural transport corridor.

To round off the morning we'll have a member Q&A session. Your opportunity to swap information on your own projects and interests. You can also find out from the committee members what's happening in the Milestone Society at the moment.

After a break for lunch (12:30 – 13:30) you'll have a couple of choices in the afternoon.

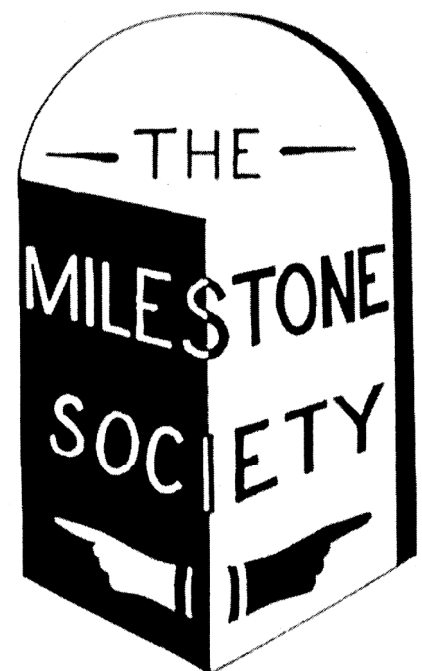
Hilary will lead a group on a guided walk (*1.5 or 2.5 mile options*) around Gargrave to view the varied mileposts, guidestones and finger posts in the village. The walk is flat and on a combination of footways and the surfaced towpath of the Leeds Liverpool canal.

If you don't fancy the walk then staying in the village hall our Vice-Chair, Bruce Keith, will present a light hearted review of Scottish milestones based on his recent book – *Are We Nearly There Yet?*

We'll regroup in the hall around 3pm for an informal get together before everyone heads off home.

Our popular free Book Swap table will be available so if you're planning to clear out any of your milestone related publications please bring them along. Other members will be delighted to have them!

Look forward to seeing you there.



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