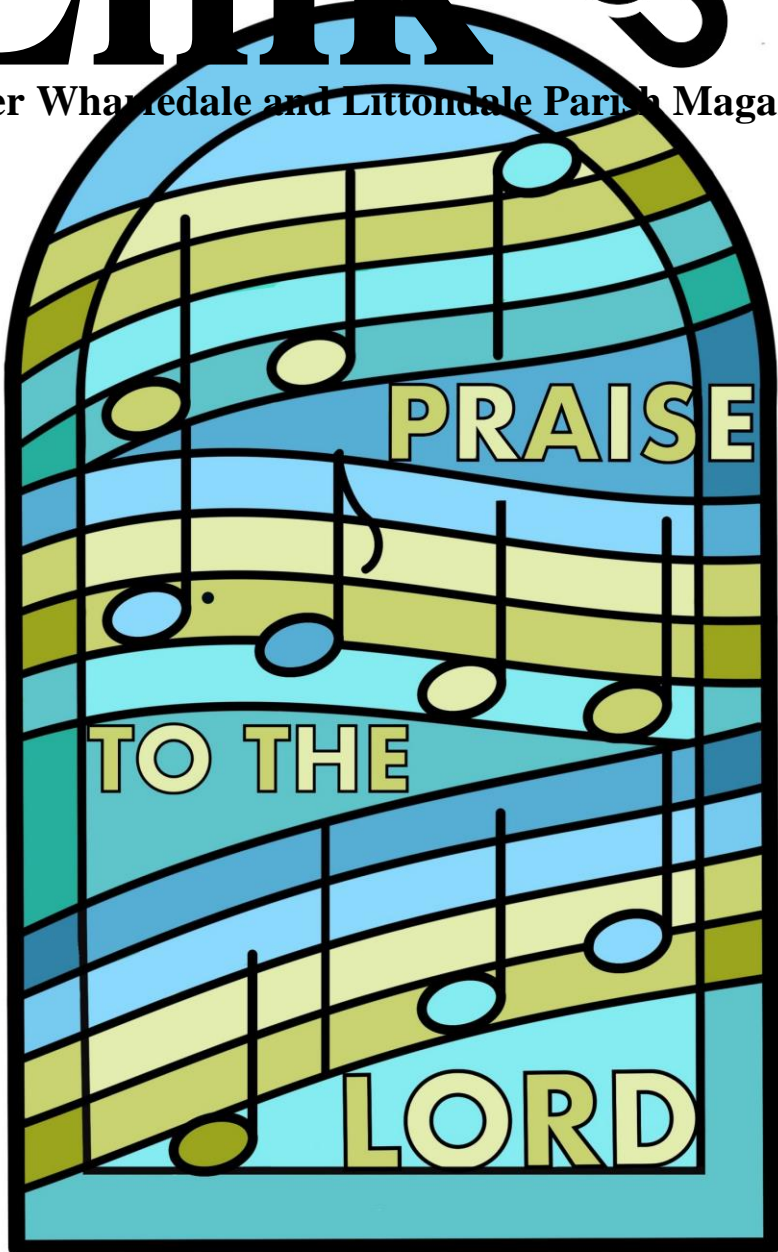


# Links

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine



Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! *Psalms 150: 6*

# The Link

The **Link** is the magazine and noticeboard for the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale, sharing news, reports and items of interest from the churches and our community. If you have something to contribute, please email it to your local correspondent or to the editor.

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## A Dales Prayer

May the Father's grace abound in you  
as the flowing water of the beck.

May the Son's love and hope invigorate you  
as the rising slopes of fell and dale.

May the Spirit's companionship be with you  
as the glory of the golden meadows.

Amen

# From the Bishop...



*Our Area Bishop of Ripon, Anna Eltringham, joined us for the Palm Sunday Procession and Service at Buckden and Hubberholme, and has kindly sent us this reflection from her visit.*

It was lovely to join with you on Palm Sunday, for a special walk, from Buckden to Hubberholme Church. There were several families with us and the young children took it in turn to carry 'Mini Mason', a knitted donkey who helped us to remember Jesus was with us too – Jesus who rode on a donkey into Jerusalem and was exalted and praised as a new, hoped for King.

I wonder if your Easter Sunday in church was also well attended. Did you have some rousing hymns, maybe an Easter fanfare with 'Alleluias' and possibly even some bells? It is glorious to celebrate the risen Christ in this way, but of course when Jesus was buried the disciples and the crowds, who had turned on Jesus and shouted 'crucify', scattered. Only a tiny number remained faithful, and on that first Easter day it was the women - Joanna, Mary the mother of James amongst others and Mary Magdelene – who discovered the empty tomb.

The rumour that Jesus might be alive slowly began to spread, but there was no fanfare. Instead, it was like a whisper. Like candles slowly and gently being lit and fluttering in the darkness. One by one Jesus met the need, the searching, in each he met. 'What are you weeping?' he said to Mary, and then said her name. 'Do you need to see my scars to believe?' he said to doubting Thomas, then allowed him to touch his wounded hands and side.

And today this whisper of fullness of life in Jesus is still spreading. As I go to churches I hear about young people in ones and twos turning up at church to find out more about Jesus. They have questions and are trying to make sense of who they are in a confusing world. And they are staying. A Bible Society report just released is calling this the Quiet Revival. It says "In churches across the country something amazing is happening supported by evidence. Where we have known congregations in decline, we have now seen a rise by 50% over the last six years, with the most dramatic growth amongst young people as well as men." It's worth looking it up to find out more [www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival)

We can so easily feel disheartened and worried. But Jesus says to us too 'Why are you weeping?' and reassures us he never leaves us as he draws close, personally, and speaks our name. 'Behold, I am doing a new thing' God said in the time of Isaiah and continues to do so today. If you haven't been to church for a while, maybe it's worth trying it again soon. Maybe as you see the candles fluttering in the dark church, you too may see the hope of life in Jesus calling you too.

*Grace and peace, +Anna*

# From the Churches & Villages

## *Clergy Cover in May*

**Revd Jenny Savage** is retired, having served until 2018 as vicar of Steeton. She grew up in Baildon, and following ordination in 1999, started out as curate of St Michael and All Angels Church in Haworth, later becoming rector there. In 2009 she moved to Thornton-in-Lonsdale and Burton-in-Lonsdale near Ingleton as priest in charge, and finally to Steeton in 2013. Her daughter, Lucy Wormsley, is vicar of St Mary's, Wyke.

**Bishop David Hawkins** lives in Skipton in retirement with his wife Carol. He is a founder member of Craven Arts and heavily involved in supporting the life and ministry of Parcevall Hall as the Diocesan Retreat House. I went on a retreat that Bishop David led at the start of Lent based on Eastern Orthodox spirituality and encouraging us to be 'desert dwellers'. It is the best retreat I have ever been on.

**Revd Canon Rod Geddes** is very kindly leading three separate Sunday services in the parish on 18 May and then twice in June – Rod is an old friend of the parish, conducting a lot of services here during the last vacancy. Rod was a vicar on the Isle of Man and is an authority on Celtic Christianity; he generously offered me support and encouragement as I prepared to make my own pilgrimage to Ireland.

**Revd Supo Ogunyinka** and his wife Barbara are two of our oldest friends in Leeds. When Helen and I first moved to Leeds in 2002, Supo was Reader at Holy Trinity Meanwood. Supo was able to help me to process a formative time spent in Nigeria when I taught at a theological college. Over the years we have collaborated on several musical projects together co-leading several 'Big Sings' in churches all over the Diocese. Most recently we did a double act at Helen's licensing service as Director of Parcevall Hall. Supo is currently Vicar of Middleton parish in South Leeds.

Tom

## **World labyrinth Day Saturday 3 May 2025**



Across the planet people will walk the labyrinth at 1.00pm their time joining a constant wave of intention for peace and justice

**Join those who gather at 1pm to walk  
the Meadow Labyrinth in  
Kettlewell Churchyard**

## Christian Aid Week 11-18 May



For 80 years Christian Aid has worked tirelessly to reduce poverty worldwide, providing urgent practical help in times of crisis, standing with people of all faiths and none, hoping to restore justice to our world and protect the future for our children and grandchildren. Every donation and fund-raising event helps their life changing work for long term change, working with partners on the ground in Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Latin America and Middle East, and enables them to respond immediately to humanitarian emergencies and use their voice campaigning for global change.

Envelopes will be delivered with the parish magazine in May and be available in church, which can be handed in during the week of 11-18 May at the following places:

- 🔗 **Arncliffe** - Lane Top House
- 🔗 **Buckden** - Village Shop & Pikefoot
- 🔗 **Conistone** - Fishers Barn
- 🔗 **Halton Gill** - Church Cottage
- 🔗 **Hubberholme** - The George Inn
- 🔗 **Kettlewell** - Village Store

Donations can also be made to the Upper Wharfedale Fellowship of Churches Christian Aid Account (SC 20-78-42 A/C 43851834) or send a cheque payable to Christian Aid to Jo Clarke at Birchwood, Wharfeside Avenue, Threshfield BD23 5BS. Thank you for your generous support which is so greatly needed at this time.

## 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day

On Thursday 8 May we're marking the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day), when the nation will unite to remember the end of the Second



World War in Europe. Around the country, events will be taking place to pay tribute to those involved in that conflict, as well as reminding us to pray and work for peace in our communities and in the world. On VE Day, churches sounded their bells to signify the end of the war. This year on **8 May at 6:30pm** you can join churches and cathedrals around the nation as they let their bells ring out - an opportunity to reflect and give thanks for the peace that so many sacrificed their lives for during the Second World War. The church bells at Arncliffe, Hubberholme and Kettlewell will be part of this national tribute, so anyone who would like to join us in ringing the bells (no previous experience necessary, just plenty of enthusiasm) will be most welcome.

## From the Parish Registers

### INTERMENT OF ASHES

15 April – St Mary's Church, Kettlewell – Anton John Inocco.

### FUNERAL

22 April – St Michael & All Angels Church, Hubberholme – Susan Dorothy Brame.

## St Mary's, Kettlewell

### May Rotas

#### Sidesperson

11 Dave Nelson

#### After Service Tea/Coffee

11 Sue Nelson

#### Cleaning

Ann Lister

## Flowers

Linda Thomson

### Easter Flowers

Many thanks to the few who helped to make the church look so colourful for the Easter celebrations.

### Churchyard & Church Work Morning

A big 'thank you' to all who came to help spruce up the churchyard, flower borders, trim grass and brambles, clear steps of moss (health & safety!) and retrieve the benches from their winter storage. Also, to those who helped within the church with the cleaning of brasses and numerous other jobs to help the church to be looking at its best for Easter. We are very grateful for all your help especially as 'the team' gets smaller and smaller as the years go by.

### Lunch Lunches

In our part of Upper Wharfedale & Littondale, the sum donated for Lent Lunches was £94. This will be added to that raised in the Grassington area before being sent to Christian Aid. Thank you.

## St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

### May Rotas

#### Sidesperson

18 J Cowpe & S Kilvington

25 H&K Jeddere-Fisher

**Flowers/cleaning** (TBA)

### Summer maintenance

We are thankful to Dudley, who has maintained the four benches for many years (two in the main churchyard and two in the new one). We now need someone to take on cleaning and oiling these at some point during the summer. Also, it is now 11 years since Gordon and Sandra painted the gutters and downpipes at church and we would like to do this again while they are still in good condition. If anyone would like to find out about taking on one of these tasks, please

give Keith a call (760351). All materials will be supplied.

### Quiz

Hubberholme Church's world-famous quiz has returned for 2025! This year the theme is Anagrams, Proverbs, Colours, and Music Groups. Quiz sheets (only £10) are available from Sandie (802090), Josie (761154), Deirdre (760296), the Buck Inn, and the George Inn. This quiz is part of the ongoing fundraising and support for the churches in our parish and will be available to purchase until the end of September.

## St Mary's, Conistone

### May Rotas

#### Sidespeople

25 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster

#### Flowers and Cleaning

4 Allison Clarke & Sue Spriggs

11 Allison Clarke & Sue Spriggs

18 Allison Clarke & Sue Spriggs

25 Allison Clarke & Sue Spriggs

June 1 Ruth Hall

#### Opening Church

5 Philip Butterfield

12 Allison Clarke

19 Jane Pighills/Michelle Parkin-Vaughan

26 Philip Butterfield

June 2 Lewis Adams

## St Oswald's, Arncliffe

### May Rotas

#### Opening church w/c

4 Ian & Sally Smith

11 Elspeth Miller

18 Sarah Paul

25 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

1 Jun Hilary Follows

#### Sidesperson

4 Elspeth Miller

#### Coffee

4 Ian Smith

#### Flowers

Sarah Paul

## Cleaning

Ian & Sally Smith

## Buckden & Langstrothdale

### *Buckden Quiz*

The last Buckden Village quiz of the season will take place on Sunday 4 May in the Buck. Please take your seats from: 7.00 p.m. The quiz starts: 7.30 p.m. Entry fee is £2.50 per person, in aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Info: [quiz@buckden.org](mailto:quiz@buckden.org)

### *Library Van*

The **Library van** will be in Buckden Car Park from 10.00am until 12 noon on Wednesday 7 May.

### *Buckden Annual Parish Meeting*

**Wednesday 7 May, 7.00pm**

The annual parish meeting will be in a similar format to last year with short updates from a variety of local organisations and groups about what they have been up to and what lies ahead. This is a great opportunity to find out what is going on in our community as well as to ask questions and air any ideas or concerns. The meeting will be on Wednesday 7 May at 7.00 p.m. in Buckden Village Institute. All Buckden parish residents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments provided. More details will be on the village website and on the WhatsApp community chat nearer the date, but in the meantime please put the date in your diary.

### *Ring the church bells for VE Day*

**Thursday 8 May, 6.30pm**

Please join us at St Michael's as we ring the church bells to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. Everyone is welcome – no experience necessary!

### *Buckden Coffee Morning*

**Saturday 10 May, 10.30-12.30**

The Buckden Institute coffee morning will be on Saturday 10 May from 10.30 - 12.30.

Coffee and cake - £3. This month's coffee morning is being organised by the **Grassington and Upper Wharfedale Community Hub**. Its purpose – apart from enjoying delicious coffee/tea and cake - is to raise awareness of the opportunities for us all both to access different services and support via the Hub, and to become a Hub volunteer in the various wide -ranging capacities available. Do come along and enjoy the usual chat, refreshments and find out more about this brilliant service open to us all. Donations of cakes would be appreciated - please send an email to [coffee@buckden.org](mailto:coffee@buckden.org). All welcome – please come along and find out what Grassington Hub has to offer.

### *Buckden Gala & Sheep Show*

**Saturday 21 June 12.30 - 4.30 pm**



Live music, stalls, dog show, children's races, crafts, grand draw, bouncy castle, coconut shy, beer tent, hot dogs, ice cream and tearoom as well as the famous Buckden Pike Fell Race! As usual we would be very grateful for donations of cakes, tombola and raffle prizes nearer the time. We are also very grateful for the support that everyone gives us to run this event which this year is being run to raise funds towards the purchase an extension to the village green area. Please do come and join us, as a helper or visitor, to make this another fabulous day! If you are able to help on a stall for an hour or so, please email [helpers@buckden.org](mailto:helpers@buckden.org). For more info, go to [www.buckdengala.co.uk](http://www.buckdengala.co.uk). To contact us, please email [gala@buckden.org](mailto:gala@buckden.org) or call 01756 761155.

## Kettlewell with Starbotton

### *Commemorating VE Day*

**8 May, 6.30pm**

On VE Day church bells will ring out across the UK to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe. This is a national event, with many communities participating. You are warmly invited to the tower of St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm to ring the church bells as we join in this special event.

### *Kettlewell Village Hall Annual Tidy-up*

**Monday 12 May 10-12 noon,**

Kettlewell Village Hall needs a bit of a spruce up! We are planning a tidy up of the exterior of the building and we have some internal jobs to do as well. We are planning to do this work on 12 May between 10 and 12 noon so if you have a few minutes to spare to help, the committee would be very grateful. Jobs that need doing include:

- § Clearing moss around the hall
- § Staining the external doors
- § Clearing rubbish from the side and rear of the hall
- § Repainting the Disabled Parking signage
- § Cleaning cobwebs off the exterior of the hall
- § Resealing around the external doors
- § Annual audit of the crockery and cutlery in the kitchen so we can order replacements
- § Tidying the bar area

We are also looking for a couple more people to join the Village Hall Committee. We will be celebrating the Hall's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday next year and we would like to complete the refurbishment of the hall and plan a party. So, if you are a frustrated interior designer or party planner, we would love to have your help. Thank you!

*Kettlewell Village Hall Committee*

### *Kettlewell Lunch Club*

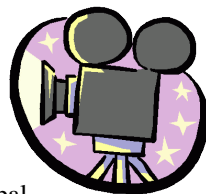
Kettlewell Lunch Club will meet on Thursday 15 May at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the April meeting, please ring or text Sue on 760887 or 07765506738 by 4pm on Sunday 11 May to reserve your place. If there's no answer on the landline, please leave a message. The cost is £6 for two courses plus coffee and wine is available by donation. If, for any reason, you need to cancel your meal between Monday 12 and Thursday 15 May or are an absentee on the day, the meal will still need to be paid for as provisions will have already been ordered or purchased. The Lunch Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. If you are able, it is expected that the 'younger' folk attending would be willing to help clear following the meal. Please note this is the last lunch of the season. Lunches will resume on 18 September.



### *Kettlewell Film Night*

**Saturday 17 May, 7.30pm**

The last film of the season is 'Conclave' and is on Saturday 17 May at 7.30pm. Filled with intrigue and mystery, Conclave is a thought provoking papal drama that delivers edge-of-your-seat suspense by a stellar cast. Ralph Fiennes performance as a potential English pope is compelling. Cert PG. Tickets, adult £6, school age £3. available from the village shop or on the door. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Ice creams served in the interval.





## Kettlewell Duck Race

**Monday 26 May, 3.00pm**

The annual duck race will be held on Spring bank holiday Monday 26 May, starting at 3.00pm. Tickets £1, on sale from the village shop, village hall committee members or outside the village hall on the day. All money raised goes towards village hall funds.



## Scarecrow Festival 2025: Celebrations & Festivals, Magical & Mythical

**9 - 17 August 2025**

The planning for the Festival is well and truly underway and rotas of volunteers for the stalls, the car park and the cafe are beginning to be compiled. Please volunteer and join our amazing community event!



- 🔗 To help in the **Village Hall**, please contact Catharine on 07713 152506
- 🔗 To volunteer on the **car park**, please contact Peter on 07961 985303
- 🔗 For help with **selling merchandise**, please contact Nicky on 07854 443464

For suggestions for scarecrows for festivals and celebrations please refer to last month's *Link*. Ideas for Magical and Mythical and the Trial scarecrow list will be published in next month's *Link*. Of course, you can do any scarecrow of your choosing!! The more interactive the better (according to last year's visitors!).

If you have any old wellies or boots that have seen their last useful days please contact Clare (07779 933262) who will collect them from you at a convenient time for you. Thank you

*The Scarecrow Committee*

## Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

The themes for the Photographic Sections of The Show in September 2025 are 'Vehicles', 'A Village Activity' and the usual 'Any Subject.' Photographs not to exceed 7" x 5" before mounting.

### Kettlewell Primary School

Class two have been cooking each week this half term and made some delicious creations including crumble and pies. They also made some amazing cheese scones for our coffee morning with the help of class one. Class one took part in a Great Fire of London workshop. They discovered more about fire safety and the structure of houses at that time, made bread and candles. They got to meet local firefighters and learnt about the equipment they use. There were plenty of excited faces as they sat in the fire engine and even got a chance to use the hose! Class two also had a wonderful trip to explore to history of lead mines at Yarnbury. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to connect with the past, learn more about the history of their local area, and explore the surrounding countryside. Some of the children were even lucky enough to spot a lizard!



The whole school had some great easter fun in the sun before breaking up for the holidays. They all participated in the Kettlewell School tradition of rolling hard

boiled eggs, followed by an egg hunt on our field; pleased to report everyone found all their eggs in the end!

Thank you to everyone who baked, helped out and came along to our Mother's Day coffee morning. We raised over £300 for school!

The Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation is organising a colour run in partnership with Upper Wharfedale School. Come along on **Friday 11 July** from 4pm to join the paint party, walking, running, or even skipping round the track. Tickets £6.50 from School or via QR code on our FB page.

### *Kettlewell & District WI*

The March meeting was an engaging and truly enlightening talk by Revd Annie Naish from Scargill. She told us about her two years, from 2022, spent on a Mercy Hospital ship. Some of the time was whilst it was being re-furbished in the Canaries and then in Senegal, where it served to provide medical aid for local people who had no access for even the simplest of operations. She answered lots of questions about these ships, of which there are two. As well as treating patients, local doctors get training, as do other personal for many associated careers. In fact, Annie was trained, and she qualified as a Marine Firefighter! It is an amazing charity, so Thank you, Annie, for bringing it to our notice.

On 12 April three members attended the Federation Spring Council meeting at Tennants in Leyburn. After a short business report, the morning speaker was Valerie Welti who told us lots about women, 'Crossing the Blue Line', a fascinating history of women in policing, who were determined to continue their place in society after the Suffragette Movement. After lunch, members were well and truly



entertained by Revd Kate Bottley, of television fame in "Gogglebox" and "Songs of Praise" who showed us a woman, who takes her work as a minister, very conscientiously but, caused lots of hilarity regarding some of her, to put it mildly, antics. A good day out!

Our next meeting on 13 May in Kettlewell Village Hall, at 1.30pm, is an entertaining description of the production and filming, by Diane Poole, (one of the child stars), of the delightful film, 'Whistle Down the Wind'. This meeting is open to all so, please come along for what promises to be a fun afternoon. Visitors £5 including refreshments and a raffle and, for members, the competition is "B".

Littondale

### *Litton Annual Parish Meeting*

Litton Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 May at 7.30pm in the Queens Arms.

### *Amerdale Hall*

Work on phase 2 of our renovation project is well underway, and we are continuing to raise the £30,000 required for phase 3 of the work. If you would like to help by making a donation or joining the **Buy-a-Brick** scheme, please visit the fundraising page of our website - [www.amerdale-hall-littondale.net](http://www.amerdale-hall-littondale.net) to contribute online or contact Sarah Paul (07470 070031) or Gill Scott (07511 381357) for more details.



## Arncliffe Cross Country Golf

**Saturday 10 May**

This unique and popular event will be taking place in the fields around Arncliffe from 9am on Saturday 10 May. Tee times are now fully booked, but all are welcome to come to the Cricket Field in Arncliffe and enjoy the refreshments that will be served from 10am - 8pm (or whilst stocks last!). There will be a Bar, BBQ, Tea, Coffee & homemade cakes. Seating, parking and toilets will also be available on the field. All proceeds to the Amerdale Hall (CIO 1993881) Renovation Project.

### ARNCLIFFE CROSS COUNTRY GOLF

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am – 8pm**

**The Cricket Field**

All welcome – come & enjoy  
**Refreshments served all day**  
(or whilst stocks last!)

**Bar, BBQ, Tea/Coffee and  
homemade Cakes.**

All proceeds to the Amerdale Hall  
Renovation Project  
(CIO 1993881)



Parish wide & beyond

### Mobile Library Visits April - July

The mobile library will visit Buckden from 10am - 12 midday and Kettlewell from 1pm - 3pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 7 May

Wednesday 4 June

Wednesday 2 July

Wednesday 30 July

### Upper Wharfedale Spring Sing

Grassington Singers & Buckden Singers present 'Upper Wharfedale Spring Sing' on 4 May at 3pm in Grassington Town Hall.

### Want to learn to do Wood Cut prints?

**Wednesday 17 September**

Following on the success of Tilly Dagnall's (<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Tillydagnall>) lino cutting workshops, there were several requests to put on a woodcut day and Tilly has agreed to come to Upper Wharfedale to do so. This is a more expensive day than the lino cutting but still cheaper than similar days elsewhere, and they are rather rare! It will cost £55 including all materials (subsidised by UWALS).

Beginners and experienced are all welcome. Tilly is a proven excellent tutor and it should be another very enjoyable day. The workshop will be held at Conistone with Kilnsey Hall (TBC) on Wednesday 17 September from 10am to 4pm. If interested, please email [uwalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:uwalsociety@gmail.com) or phone 01756 770350.



## Settle Orchestra Summer Concerts

After two hugely successful

performances of our Spring programme in March, we are looking forward to our Summer concerts on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June at Settle

Parish Church and Christ Church, Skipton when we will play Mendelssohn's overture Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage, Schubert's Symphony No. 3, and then Ewan Hudson, a regular member of our horn section and one of our younger players, will be the soloist in Weber's breathtaking Concertino.

After graduating from Leeds College of Music in 2017 Ewan went on to study for his Undergraduate Degree in Music at the University of Liverpool, where he achieved the highest recital mark of the academic year for his performance of Strauss' 1<sup>st</sup> Horn Concerto in 2022. Ewan then completed his Masters in Classical Performance and became the first recipient of the Sarah Barrow Excellence in Music Bursary. Ewan's time in Liverpool would see him join the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra in 2021, briefly returning for the orchestra's 2025 tour of Tuscany as part of the Florence Youth Orchestra Festival. Now back in Yorkshire, Ewan



performs regularly with multiple orchestras across the North-West, both as a soloist and principal horn.

Thanks to a generous legacy from a former member of the orchestra – Dorothy Wrathall who played the violin with us for many years – admission to these two concerts will be free. Donations will be welcome and will be split between the Orchestra and Jessie's Fund [www.jessiesfund.org.uk](http://www.jessiesfund.org.uk), a charity which helps children with serious illness, complex needs, and communication difficulties through the therapeutic use of music.

Given the success of our previous concerts, we recommend that you book your tickets in advance. These will be available from Forage & Feast in Settle, orchestra members and online at [www.settleorchestra.org.uk](http://www.settleorchestra.org.uk). They will also be available on the door, subject to availability after advance bookings for which seats will be held until 15 minutes before the performances start at 15:30 and then released for general admission. We look forward to seeing you!

### Rainfall for March 2025

**Arnccliffe:** 29.2 mm/1.15 ins

Lowest March rainfall this millennium!

### March rainfall 2000-2024

**Highest:** 296.2 mm/11.66 ins (2019)

**Lowest:** 31.6 mm/1.24 ins (2012)

**Average:** 129.1 mm/ 5.08 ins



*The Beresford family playing in Buckden (see 'It All Began in Upper Wharfedale')*

## 🔗 'It all began in Upper Wharfedale'

On Sunday 13 April a crowded Buckden Institute was treated to a delightful afternoon of music and dance. The prime reason for the event was to present the story of a remarkable Dales family, the Beresfords of Upper Wharfedale. Three members of the Beresford family, Brian and Peter Beresford and their cousin Kenneth Leak, were present, supported by members of the Dales Traditional Music and Dance Collective, playing a mixture of traditional dance tunes and contemporary music and song.

Richard Hargreaves explained the background to the Dales Collective and how it was inspired by the extraordinary work of melodeon player and music historian of Hawes, Bob Ellis, in his book, *'There was None of this Lazy Dancing'*, published in 2020. Following its publication, it was decided to revive the tradition of music sessions in the Buck Inn in Buckden on winter Sundays. These events were soon attracting up to twenty players, dancers and poets from all over the Dales, and a revival in both Wharfedale and Nidderdale of regular folk dance evenings, using tunes recorded by Bob in his book. Tragically Bob Ellis died suddenly in January 2024, but his friends were determined to carry on.

Richard contacted the Beresford family, who had farmed for generations in Langstrothdale, producing many musicians, mainly fiddle or accordion players. The first Peter Beresford came to Upper Wharfedale in the 1770s, possibly from Ireland, probably to work in the Duke of Devonshire's lead mines. But Beresford soon started farming, later generations farming in Buckden, Hubberholme, Yockenthwaite and Oughtershaw. The first Peter was also a noted Dales fiddler, a family tradition that developed through the next two centuries through what were large

families with many fine fiddle and accordion players. In the 1980s Rosie, daughter of Jackie Beresford of Buckden, married Tim Boothman of Threshfield a noted Dales fiddle and accordion player. Tim and Jackie continued traditional Dales dancing alive well into the present century.

Dales music and dance reflect a society and way of life before cinemas, television, laptops and iPhone screens, when people had to generate their own entertainment, by firesides, on farms, within inns. Musicians were self-taught, learning and playing traditional and popular melodies by ear and instinct. Much of the precious legacy was recorded and captured by Bob Ellis. Revival in interest in these traditional tunes and dances is a way of breaking the grip of mass produced, popular entertainment. In a very literal and physical way Dales Dancing brings people together, as the traditional afternoon dances on Sunday, led by Caller Peter Barnard, so vividly demonstrated.

Present generations of Beresfords, Peter (guitarist) and Brian (pianist and songwriter), presented the audience with some brilliant guitar music inspired by Langstrothdale in winter, vigorous new piano compositions, and powerful piano and guitar duos, all influenced by tunes learned from their parents and grandparents in the Dale. But most moving of all was a rendering of Brian's *'This is the Moment'*, a setting of words by world-renowned conservationist Sir David Attenborough, with handwritten letters of support from Sir David, which has been performed by school children throughout the UK and worldwide.

Thanks to Buckden Village Institute making this joyful event free but inviting donations to charity a total of £211.41 was raised. It has been split equally between Yorkshire Air Ambulance and BIASAN's support for refugees and asylum seekers.

## Country Diary - May

*“Now it is warm in earth and air. Spilt are the fertile rains of April, and May is among the trees as they quicken and swell. The wastes of sky diminish between their branches; the meadows are growing lush and high and the pathways in the little lanes have shrunk in width, so generously have the green things grown in the ditches. In the depths of the hedges, above the mist of cow parsley, many small bright eyes watch the lanes..”*

*Clare Leighton – The Farmer’s Year: A Calendar of English Husbandry*

**M**ay: surely the most bountiful and beautiful month of the year; and here in the dales, more than anywhere. As Emily Brontë said, “May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.”

For me, as Clare Leighton references, May is characterised by the dreamy, blousy layers of pignut and cow parsley, laced umbelliferous plants that adorn the lanes as if dressed for a bridal celebration.

Pignut is a small umbellifer (member of the carrot family) with fine leaves and delicate stems. Small umbrella-like clusters of white flowers bloom in May, and are attractive to a range of insects, such as soldier beetles and hoverflies. The root of the plant is edible and was often foraged in times gone by and is still considered to be a delicacy. The flavour is described as nutty and with notes of celery.

Cow parsley joins the party a little later than pignut as we head towards June and early summer. In contrast to pignut, its toxicity as a member of the hemlock family, earned it the sinister common name of ‘Mummy die,’ a name created to frighten children into thinking that if they picked cow parsley, their mother would die. This ghoulish name was believed to be a successful deterrent against curious children handling the plant. Its other common names, ‘Fairy Lace,’ ‘Queen Anne’s lace’ and ‘Lady’s Lace’ are a good indicator of why its delicate, frothy appearance meant it was so tempting to pick and handle.

I hope you can find the time and space to enjoy our lovely, petal strewn lanes of May as we head out of spring and into summer.



*Rebecca Ward-Dooley*

# Community Events

The following events have been announced, and details are inside the Link, however, please confirm with the organisers, as the situation may change.

## THIS MONTH

Sun 4 May	Buckden Village Quiz, The Buck Inn
Sun 4 May	<i>'A Spring Sing'</i> , Grassington Town Hall
Mon 5 May	Yorkshire Camps 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Open Day, Netherside Hall
Wed 7 May	Supermobile library visits to Buckden and Kettlewell
Wed 7 May	Buckden Annual Parish Meeting, Buckden Institute
Thu 8 May	Ring the church bells for VE Day in Arncliffe, Hubberholme & Kettlewell
Sat 10 May	Arncliffe Cross Country Golf Day
Sat 10 May	Buckden Coffee Morning, Buckden Institute
Mon 12 May	Kettlewell Village Hall Annual Tidy-up
Mon 12 May	<i>'Demonstration of Chocolatier's Skills'</i> , Conistone with Kilnsey Hall
Tue 13 May	Litton Annual Parish Meeting, Queen's Arms
Thu 15 May	Kettlewell Lunch Club, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 17 May	Fim Night <i>'Conclave'</i> , Kettlewell Village Hall
Mon 26 May	Kettlewell Duck Race

## FUTURE EVENTS

Wed 4 Jun	Supermobile library visits to Buckden and Kettlewell
Mon 16 Jun	<i>'An Evening with Patrick Grant'</i> Grassington Town Hall
Sat 21 Jun	Buckden Gala and Fell Race, Buckden Gala Field
Sat 21 Jun	Settle Orchestral Society Concert, Settle Parish Church
Sat 28 Jun	Settle Orchestral Society Concert, Christ Church, Skipton
Wed 2 Jul	Supermobile library visits to Buckden and Kettlewell
Fri 11 Jul	Colour Run for Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation
Wed 30 Jul	Supermobile library visits to Buckden and Kettlewell
9-17 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Wed 17 Sep	UWALS Wood Cut Workshop, Conistone with Kilnsey Hall (TBC)

## REGULAR EVENTS

<b>Buckden Singers</b>	Thursday – 7.30pm <i>Buckden Village Institute</i>
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Thursday – 10.30-12.00 <i>Halton Gill Reading Room</i>
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Tuesday – 10.30-12 <i>Kettlewell Hostel</i>
<b>Dales Music &amp; Song</b>	Second Sunday - 1-4 pm <i>Buck Inn</i>
<b>Funk Wire</b>	Thursday fortnightly - 2pm <i>Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall</i>
<b>Kettlewell &amp; District WI</b>	Second Tuesday – 1.30pm <i>Kettlewell Village Hall</i>
<b>Play Table Tennis</b>	Wednesday – 4-5pm, 4-5.30pm, 5.30-7.15pm <i>Kettlewell Village Hall</i>
<b>Whist Evenings</b>	Alternate Wednesday - 7pm <i>Buckden Village Institute</i>



The following schedule of church services in our parish is planned for this month, however, please check the parish website for confirmation at [www.upperwharfedalechurches.org](http://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org)

**Sunday 4 May**

10.00 Arncliffe Holy Communion

**Sunday 11 May**

10.00 Kettlewell Iona Communion

**Tuesday 13 May**

18.00 Kettlewell Sanctuary@6 Healing

**Sunday 18 May**

11.00 Hubberholme Holy Communion

**Sunday 25 May**

11.00 Conistone Holy Communion

18.30 Hubberholme Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 27 May**

18.00 Kettlewell Sanctuary@6 Taizé

**Sunday 1 June**

10.00 Arncliffe Holy Communion

Holy Mass is celebrated on Sundays at 9.00 am at St. Margaret Clitherow's R.C. Church, Threshfield

