

# Links

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine








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# 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 Vicar.....

I am just back from a course organised by the Arthur Rank Centre looking at ministry in rural contexts. I was inspired by two Archdeacons who reframed rural as specialist ministry, desirable ministry that people feel called to. They pointed to the ways in which rural Churches are flourishing and offer extraordinary and faithful ministries of presence.

Also, how you can change and reframe the narrative? When, for example, in Diocesan meetings you have urban colleagues who say, "I had 300 people in my congregation this week...and you?", and you feel small. One Archdeacon said you can legitimately respond, "I had over half of my parish in Church this week... and you?". That was the case for us at Christmas, with numbers rising again this year.

Next month I have a chance to share the fruit of my findings in my new role as a networking coordinator after speaking to representatives of each parish in the Deanery. You may have seen the poster '*Signs of Resurrection*' or heard me talking about it. The event will be in Craven Arts House, a wonderful creative venue in Skipton. I am hoping that folk from the parishes will want to come and hear about these emerging themes. It is about how we might reframe our experience and be encouraged.

We begin with new life, which is about new people who come and enrich our life together, new people who find themselves at home our congregations, who are welcomed and cherished and get involved. This is how I wanted to begin, by celebrating the cumulative effect of meeting significant numbers of people who are new. In a spirit of being open for wonderful things to happen. Open to resurrection life, open to the possibilities.

You can drop in to particular sessions that pique your interest or you can come along to the whole thing. An event like this might help us to steadily reframe our experience as rural Churches to point to the fact there is a lot going on in Churches across the Skipton area, a lot of 'living outwardly', a lot of cause for hope, signs of resurrection.

You are all invited to '*Signs of Resurrection*' on Saturday 4 July at Craven Arts House, 10am-1pm.



10am

# From the Churches & Villages

THE SKIPTON DEANERY INVITES YOU TO

## SIGNS OF RESURRECTION

Come and join us for a time of sharing, celebrating and resourcing. Stay all morning or pop in for a couple of sessions. Tea, coffee and cake provided throughout the morning. For more information email Tom at [tom.lusty.uw@gmail.com](mailto:tom.lusty.uw@gmail.com)

10.00	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
10.30	SESSION 1: NEW LIFE
11.00	SESSION 2: SOCIAL JUSTICE
11.30	SESSION 3: CREATIVE ARTS AND WORSHIP
12.00	SESSION 4: CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK
12.30	SESSION 5: A CHURCH IN GROWTH

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026  
FROM 10AM - 1PM**

**AT THE CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE  
BD23 1ET**

**Deanery Event – Signs of Resurrection:**  
As part of his new role as Deanery Coordinator, Rev Tom Lusty is organising an exciting Deanery event ‘*Signs of Resurrection*’ on Saturday 4 July from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Skipton Arts Centre. Details are on the attached poster. All are most welcome.

## St Mary’s, Kettlewell

June Rotas

### Sidespeople

14 Pauline Thompson

**After Service Tea/Coffee**

14 Di Blakey-Williams

**Cleaning** Sue Nelson

## St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

June Rotas

### Sidesperson

7 J Yarrow & L Hird

21 S&D Parsons

28 H&K Jeddere-Fisher

### Flowers/cleaning

7 S Parsons

14 S Parsons

21 B Ramsden

28 B Ramsden

Hubberholme **fundraising/social activities** continue with the ever-popular quiz sheets, which are available for the bargain price of £1 in church, at the George, the Buck, Josie (761154), Deirdre (760296) and Sandie (802090). These brain teasers will be on sale throughout the summer before the draw is made at the beginning of October. If you have not already got your copy don't miss out - buy one today.

A reminder that there will be the **annual coffee morning**, jigsaw sale, and used book

## Labyrinth of Quietness

‘I go among the trees...my stirring becomes quiet around me like circles on water’  
Wendell Berry



MEADOW LABYRINTH KETTLEWELL CHURCHYARD

To walk a labyrinth is to step into an ancient space for the soul. Take a moment to unburden yourself of expectation.

Become aware of the present moment, then ...

**walking in** breath out what preoccupies you just now

**in the centre** stand a while and open your self to the quietness of this path

**as you return along the same path** reflect on what thoughts and feelings are with you as you leave to take your place again in the world around you

extravaganza at Buckden school room on August Bank Holiday Monday. Further details will be available nearer the time.

## St Mary's, Conistone

June Rotas

### Sidespeople

28 Allison Clarke & Philip Butterfield

### Flowers and Cleaning

7 Ruth Hall

14 Ruth Hall

21 Hilda Dibb

28 Hilda Dibb

July 5 Vicky Fattorini

### Opening Church

1 Lewis Adams

8 Allison Clarke

15 Jane Pighills/Michelle Parkin-Vaughan

22 Philip Butterfield

29 Lewis Adams

July 6 Allison Clarke

## St Oswald's, Arncliffe

June Rotas

### Opening church w/c

7 Sarah Paul

14 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

21 Hilary Follows

28 Ian/Sally Smith

5 Jul Elspeth Miller

### Sidesperson

7 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

21 Elspeth Miller

28 Sarah Paul

5 Jul Sally Smith

### Coffee

7 Vena Rogers

21 Elspeth Miller

28 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

5 Jul Sarah Paul

### Cleaning

Susan Woodhead & Ginette Hawkins

### Flowers

Susan Woodhead & Ginette Hawkins

## Buckden & Langstrothdale

### Mobile Library

The mobile library will be visiting Buckden car park on **Wednesday 17 June** from 10.00am until 11.00am, before heading down the Dale to Kettlewell.

### In memory of Sarah Thompson

Did you know Sarah Thompson (Falshaw)? Were you affected by her cheerful smile? Were you inspired by her courage? We are holding a coffee morning in her memory at Buckden School Room on **Saturday 13 June** from 10.30am until 2.00pm and the proceeds will go to the Sue Ryder Hospice and Yorkshire Cancer Research. Please come and join us in supporting these worthy organisations. Donations of cakes welcome on the morning or left with Janet Mudd.

### Buckden Gala

**Saturday 20 June; 12.30 - 4.30pm**



**Buckden Gala**  
Saturday 20th June  
12.30 - 4.30pm

Hot Dog Stall  
Children's Races & Activities  
Dog Show  
Music  
BEER TENT  
Raffle  
Buckden Pike Fell Race  
Crafts  
Plant Stall  
Tombla  
Tea Room with fresh Tea, Coffee & Home Made Sandwiches and Cakes  
Coconut Shy

visit - [www.buckdengala.co.uk](http://www.buckdengala.co.uk)  
or use the QR code for smartphones

**A great day out for all the family!**

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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, plants, tombola and raffle prizes nearer the time. We are also very grateful for the support that everyone gives us to run this event which raises money to support our thriving village hall. Please do come and join us, as a helper or visitor, to make this another fabulous day! 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

### *Buckden Gala Dance*



**BUCKDEN**  
**GALA DANCE**  
*Traditional Dales Dancing*

**SATURDAY 27th JUNE**  
3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**THE DALES DANCE BAND**  
with caller  
**PETER BARNARD**  
Buckden Village Institute

Admission - £10 including refreshments  
Tickets: [dance@buckden.org](mailto:dance@buckden.org) / 01756 761155

Many residents will remember the days of the Buckden Gala dance, last held in 2007. There will be a Gala Dance again this year, but in a change from former times, it will not be held on Gala Day at chucking-out time, but on the following Saturday 27 June, at 3.00 p.m. in the afternoon. Traditional

dales dances such as Buckden Feast and Huntsman's Chorus with caller Peter Barnard and local musicians. Tickets £10 to include light refreshments. Email [dance@buckden.org](mailto:dance@buckden.org) or call 01756 761155 to reserve your place.

### *Buckden Singers Summer Concert:*



**Buckden Singers**  
present  
**Strawberries & Song**

**Sunday 26 July 2026**  
**3pm**  
**Kettlewell Village Hall**

Tickets £10 including afternoon tea  
available from [tickets@buckden.org](mailto:tickets@buckden.org)  
or 01756 760882

Buckden Singers present "Strawberries and Song" on Sunday 26 July at 3.00 p.m. in Kettlewell Village Hall. Tickets £10 including a strawberry cream tea are available from [tickets@buckden.org](mailto:tickets@buckden.org) or 01756 760882.

### **Kettlewell with Starbotton**

#### *Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival*

**8-16 August 2026**

**TWO MONTHS TO GO!!!**

*Themes: Thrillers and Sports*

The junior trail theme is 'Sports' - please avoid doing the following sports as some of these will make up the scarecrow trail: Netball; Darts; Football; Boxing; Weightlifting; Rugby; Table Tennis; Rounders; Skateboarding; Snowboarding; Dominoes; Archery; Golf; Swimming; Breakdancing; Snorkelling; Bobsleigh.

## Judges

We are grateful to our judges this year who have a real eye for art. They are Nick Hockney and Laura Mate who run the Palette Art Gallery in Ilkley. They will be looking to put their expertise into practice on the morning of **Saturday 8 August**. Make sure your scarecrow is up and ready by 9:30am when the judging will commence.

## Workshop

In preparation, our Scarecrow Workshop takes place on **Sunday 12 July**, from 10am – 2pm at Kettlewell Village Hall. There will be ‘expert’ tuition and lots of free clothing, accessories and props to take away. Please come and help yourself to whatever you need to build your scarecrow. If you require a base for your scarecrow, please contact Lucy ([lucyhubberholme@gmail.com](mailto:lucyhubberholme@gmail.com)) or Charlotte (760424)

## Volunteer

There's plenty of time to go, but plenty of things to do, and as always, the more volunteers, the better - even for an hour or two. Thank you to all who have already committed to volunteering but if you fancy making cutout boards, repairing old scarecrows, serving teas, selling merchandise or directing cars in the car parks, please get in touch.

- For helping in the Village Hall please contact Clare on 07779933262
- To volunteer on the car park please contact Peter on 07961 985303
- For help with selling merchandise please contact Shaun on 07977 298875

If you have any old *sports equipment or kit* you could donate, please leave it at the Kettlewell Store or contact any member of the committee.

## First Aid Course

We are fortunate to be able to run a First aid refresher basics course at Kettlewell Village Hall on **Monday 27 July at 7.30pm**. All are

welcome to attend. Thanks to Doug McLelland in advance!

*The Scarecrow Committee*

## Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society

The themes for the Photographic Sections of The Show in September are ‘Best of Friends’, ‘Great British Weather’ and the usual ‘Any Subject.’ Photographs not to exceed 8” x 6” before mounting.

**Kettlewell Lunch Club** is taking a break until September

## Littondale

### Amerdale Hall Events

Coffee & Cake

**Halton Gill Reading Room.**

**10.30am - 12.30pm.**

A chance to catch up with neighbours and friends. Tea, coffee and homemade baking to eat in or take away. Payment by donation. We look forward to seeing you.



## Coffee & Cake

**Halton Gill Reading Room.**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June,**

**10.30am until 12.30pm.**



**Coffee (or tea) and homemade baking.**

**Payment by donation.**

**Proceeds to Amerdale Hall. (CIO no. 1193881)**

## Parish wide & beyond

### Project Reverb

#### Craft Club

Do you enjoy crafts? Do you have a craft idea you'd like to share with KS1 (ages 5-7) at Grassington Primary School? We'd love to have you come along to one of our sessions on Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.30. Please get in touch with Anne (email at the bottom).

#### Gardening Club

We had our first after school produce stall last month at Cracoe Primary School with amazing home-grown rhubarb, parsley plants the children had potted on, bundles of fresh herbs and a special hay fever remedy! If you have any spare flowering plants or large unwanted pots, we'd love to have them!

#### Youth Club

Youth club is on the move! After trialling youth club at Cracoe Village Hall, we're

very excited to be trying out new venues this month. If you are in school years 6 to 11, we'd love to see you; Monday evenings are for you! We've got lots of exciting plans for all things youth club related so do come along and give it a try. If anyone would like to come and help with youth club please do get in touch, it doesn't have to be every week, maybe you could help us in the kitchen once a month? We're starting a '10 Minutes of Fame' slot and we'd love to hear from anyone who would like to come and talk for 10 minutes about their life, job, hobby, or anything interesting - or it could be sharing a skill, please get in touch!

#### Pop up Eco Cafe

We are starting an Eco pop up cafe every Wednesday at Church House, Grassington starting on 1 July, from 3.30-5.30pm. Please do come along for a cuppa. If you'd like to get involved in any way or have any ideas, I'd love to hear from you. All donations of baking gratefully accepted!



**PROJECT REVERB**  
**YOUTH CLUB**

**GAMES** **PIZZA**

**BE CREATIVE** **£2 A SESSION**

**TABLE TENNIS** **ROUNDERS**

**FOOTBALL** **CRICKET**

**RUGBY**

**A SPACE TO HANG OUT FOR SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 11 INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>1 June - Linton</b> LINTON VILLAGE HALL 6PM - 8PM	
	<b>8 June - Cracoe</b> CRACOE VILLAGE HALL 6PM - 8PM	
	<b>15 June - Grassington</b> GRASSINGTON CHURCH HOUSE 6PM - 8PM	
	<b>22 June - Cracoe</b> CRACOE VILLAGE HALL 6PM - 8PM	
	<b>29 June - Kettlewell</b> KETTLEWELL VILLAGE HALL 6PM - 8PM	

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

FOR ANY MORE INFORMATION EMAIL ANNE  
cypreverb@gmail.com  
PROJECT REVERB IS A REGISTERED CHARITY IN ENGLAND AND WALES 1140928



**LAUNCHING WED 1ST JULY 2026**

**3.30PM - 5.30PM**

**Project Reverb & EcoChurch** **CHURCH HOUSE GRASSINGTON**

**pop-up eco-cafe**

**WHAT'S IN STORE?**

- Homemade cakes, fairtrade tea, coffee & hot chocolate
- Refillable eco household cleaning products & soap - bring empty bottles!
- Seed-swap & home-grown produce
- Share environmental ideas and thoughts for the progression of Eco-Cafe
- Fairtrade stall coming soon
- Children's corner with colouring & crafts while you shop!

For more details or if you would like a stall contact Anne Peart  
cypreverb@gmail.com / 01750 753554

Project Reverb is a registered charity in England and Wales 1140928

## Piano Marathon & Churchyard Picnic



*Picnic & Churchyard Clear-up*

tea, coffee, homemade cakes 10.00am-4.00pm

piano  
marathon try the  
bring a  
picnic  
labyrinth

help tidy up the churchyard 1.00-3.00pm

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**ST MICHAEL'S, LINTON**



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Come to St Michael's, Linton on Saturday 11 July and listen to the amazing pianist Joyce Milner play the piano for 9 hours to raise money for 'EcoChurch'. Bring a picnic and a blanket, hot drinks and homemade cakes will be provided. Hopefully the sun will shine whilst anyone who would like to help tidy up the churchyard 1pm-3pm, collecting fallen branches to build sheltering spaces for insects and hedgehogs, clearing the paths, and whatever else needs doing to help attract wildlife.

As always, a massive thank you for all the help and support.

*Anne Peart*  
[cypfververb@gmail.com](mailto:cypfververb@gmail.com)

### *Kettlewell Primary School*

Well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have shown real focus, determination and resilience during SATs week. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and look forward to celebrating with them and enjoying their final term at school.



Year 5 enjoyed a tasty treat around the bonfire as part of their final Forest School session of the year — a wonderful way to round off their outdoor learning experiences.

The whole school took part in a fantastic art session exploring Aboriginal art, using cotton buds to create their own beautiful painted designs.

Class 2 had a brilliant day on their geography field trip to Malham. The children put their map-reading, sketching and data-collection skills into practice through tourism questionnaires and traffic surveys, and a great day was had by all!

We are currently looking into our school's history and creating a display of photographs from the past. If anyone has any pictures that they would be happy to share, please email copies to [kettlewelladmin@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:kettlewelladmin@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk) or contact Charlotte on 07866 031377, who can arrange to take copies for the display. Any recent or old photos welcome.

### *Saltaire: A Victorian Vision to Contemporary Arts Space*

by Dr Maddie Hewitson

**Wednesday 10 June**

Dr Maddie Hewitson is an art historian specialising in nineteenth-century British art. She is a Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham, exploring how Victorian

artists reimagined the Bible in a rapidly changing world. She has also curated exhibitions at major UK museums. Maddie is also a lecturer for Travel Editions, leading specialist tours on British art history.

This illustrated lecture explores the remarkable story of Saltaire, the model industrial village founded by Titus Salt in the mid-nineteenth century. Developed around Salts Mill, the village embodied Salt's vision of enlightened industrial paternalism, combining textile production with high-quality housing, education, and civic amenities. The lecture situates Saltaire within the broader context of Victorian model villages, comparing its ideals and realities with later developments such as Bournville and Port Sunlight. It considers what made Saltaire distinctive in its time, both socially and architecturally. Finally, the talk traces Saltaire's transformation in the late twentieth and twenty-first centuries into a vibrant cultural destination, highlighting its cultural revival and its celebrated association with David Hockney, whose work has brought new audiences to this historic site.

The lecture will take place at Kilnsey with Conistone Hall at 2pm on **Wednesday 10 June**. £6 including tea, coffee etc. Please reserve your place by emailing [uwalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:uwalsociety@gmail.com) or phone 01756 770350.



## *A Shepherd's Year*

A new community choral work  
celebrating Dales farming life

On **Saturday 4 July**, Langcliffe Singers will premiere '*A Shepherd's Year*', an exciting new choral work by locally raised composer Vahan Salorian. Commissioned to mark the choir's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the piece reflects the cycle of Dales farming life.



Composer Vahan Salorian working with Settle schoolchildren  
(Photograph supplied by Janine Bobbington of Gorgeous Media)

The project began at Skipton Auction Mart, where the rapid-fire of the auctioneers' calls and the rhythms of the mart sparked musical ideas. The work traces the agricultural year:

- Autumn – The Auction Mart
- Winter – Bringing the Animals Inside
- Spring/Summer – Country Life

Salorian and librettist Dominic Kimberlin have worked with schoolchildren, farming families, auctioneers, and others to gather stories of Dales life. The result is a piece co-created by the community and dedicated to the people of Craven.

The premiere will be at Settle Parish Church. Langcliffe Singers will be accompanied by members of Settle Orchestra, and renowned deaf musician Paul Whittaker OBE will sign the performance.

The project has been supported by the Victoria Wood Foundation, whose backing

enabled the commission and workshops to go ahead. A documentary film about the project, including interviews, auction mart footage and workshops, will be shown and then archived at The Folly Museum in Settle, creating a lasting record of rural life in Craven. More than a concert, 'A Shepherd's Year' is a community portrait in music, giving voice to farming families whose work is often unseen. You can find out more about the premiere at [langcliffesingers.org.uk](http://langcliffesingers.org.uk)

### *Settle Orchestra Seeks New Leader*

Settle Orchestra has announced an exciting opportunity for an accomplished violinist to take on the role of Orchestra Leader from September 2027, as the current postholder prepares to step down after many years of dedicated service. The orchestra rehearses weekly in Settle, with concerts held in November, March and June in Settle and Skipton. The position is paid, with fees dependent on experience. Applications are open until **31 October 2026**, with shortlisted candidates invited to interview and audition in January 2027. To apply, candidates should visit <https://www.settleorchestra.org.uk/vacancies/> and send a CV and covering letter to: Charlie Dobson (Chair) at [charles\\_snaygill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charles_snaygill@yahoo.co.uk)

### *Rivers4Life at the Dales Countryside Museum*

Rivers4Life is the brand-new exhibition opening at the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM), Hawes on Saturday 6 June, running to 27 September. This family-friendly exhibition, packed with information about the work of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, promises to engage and inspire everyone to support its mission to create wild, natural rivers, valued by all.

Highlights include art works and creative projects produced in the

Rivers4Life workshops run with Yorkshire Dales schools and community groups, including a Richmond care home and two refuge groups in Catterick and Ripon. Additionally, the exhibition will also showcase the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust photography competition winners whose work show cases Yorkshire Dales rivers, catchments and their wildlife through the seasons.

There will also be an exciting bespoke community theatre performance – *Tributaries* - about the River Ure at the DCM on 27 and 28 June and at the Ripon Workhouse Museum during the Ripon Theatre Festival on 4 July.

The Rivers4Life exhibition and the theatrical production are part of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust's National Lottery Heritage Funded Rivers4Life project, which is a three-year project combining the arts and science, to enable the Trust's work to reach a wider audience. Full details of all dates, venues and how to book can be found at:

<https://www.ydrt.org.uk/rivers4life>

### *Mobile Veterinary Clinic*

Ashlands Veterinary Centre are delivering a mobile Veterinary Clinic every 2 weeks at Grassington Town Hall. This is our community project to better support communities in the dales with access to Veterinary care. Details of the clinic and the dates can be found at:

<https://ashlandsvets.co.uk/about-us/mobile-clinics>

### **Rainfall for April 2026**

**Arncliffe:** 63.4 mm/2.5 ins

#### *April rainfall 2000-2025*

**Highest:** 157.0 mm/6.18 ins (2000)

**Lowest:** 12.0 mm/0.47 ins (2021)

**Average:** 82.8 mm/3.26 ins

## Shakespeare comes to Arncliffe!



*Members of the 'Mr Shakespeare's Midsummer Madness' company taking part in a special outdoor voice workshop led by visiting professional actor/director Niall Costigan*

**T**he village of Arncliffe is set to be gripped by an outbreak of Mr Shakespeare's Midsummer Madness on **Saturday 20 June**. Throughout the afternoon, the sound and sight of Shakespeare will be heard and seen in and around the village, as characters from several of his best-loved plays 'pop up' at various locations, performing short extracts and speeches from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' 'Twelfth Night', 'Much Ado About Nothing', 'Macbeth', and many more.

The afternoon's fun and games begin at 1.45pm when none other than Prince Hamlet addresses the company of performers outside Amerdale Hall, and for the next couple of hours, spectators will be encouraged to wander freely around the village to enjoy the many mini-performances taking place at various locations, mainly outdoors. The one-off 'pop-up Shakespeare promenade' concludes with a gathering and Finale on the Green outside The Falcon at around 3.45pm.

The event (made possible by a grant from the 'Two Ridings Community

Foundation') is the brainchild of the UWALS 'Discover Shakespeare' Project, and features a cast of 31 active participants, including many from Littondale and Upper Wharfedale. This will be the third significant presentation to emerge from the Project, following from 2024's 'Fourteen Lines' and last year's 'Country Matters'.

Some of the scenes being presented have been suggested by locations around Arncliffe – others are linked by the theme of 'midsummer madness' itself, a phrase from Twelfth Night which refers to a seasonal tendency for the world to go topsy-turvy and for characters just to 'lose it' in various ways!

Teas, cakes and event programmes for Mr Shakespeare's Midsummer Madness will be available at Amerdale Hall from 1.30. The event is open to all and there is, of course, no charge for promenading spectators - though donations on the day will be appreciated!

In the event of bad weather, the performances will be based in St Oswald's church, Amerdale Hall and The Falcon.

*Ron Norman, UWALS*

## Butterflies

*Frail Travellers, deftly flickering over the flowers;  
O living flowers against the heedless blue  
Of summer days, what sends them dancing through  
This fiery-blossom'd reveal of the hours?  
Theirs are the musing silences between  
The enraptured crying of shrill birds that make  
Heaven in the wood while summer dawns awake*  
*Siegfried Sassoon*



Nature's year is reaching its wild, tangled, frenzied peak. Wildflowers meadows are blooming, turning from green to a haze of buttercup yellow, roses are in bloom with their heady scent encouraged by the warmth of the sun, frothy clouds of zesty elderflower weigh heavy on the bough, swallows and swifts populate the skies, and threading their way in between all this rampant life and beauty are the 'frail travellers': butterflies.

Butterflies aren't just things of fragility and beauty, the flicker in the corner of your eye on a hot summer's day, they are accurate indicators of the state of the environment and play a vital role in the food chain and the pollination of plants. The UK has 60 species of butterflies, 58 resident species of butterflies and two regular migrants; the Painted Lady and Clouded Yellow.

The report: 'State of the UK's Butterflies 2022 found that 80% of butterfly species in the UK have decreased in either abundance, distribution, or both since 1976, making it ever more important to consider their habitats and food sources when gardening for wildlife (which we should all be doing).



There are rich sources of information online as to how this can be done effectively- some simple ways can be leaving windfall fruit on the ground, always avoiding the use of pesticides, and planting larval food plants such as brassicas (if you plant them expressly for a butterfly buffet, it won't feel as annoying when your cabbages get decimated!), nasturtiums, wild grasses and nettles (even a small patch will help!).

There is a website currently surveying Britain's Favourite Butterfly: [britainsfavouritebutterfly.co.uk](http://britainsfavouritebutterfly.co.uk) you have 18 days to cast your vote and enjoy the wonderful images and facts to help educate and enchant us on these magical insects.

# Community Directory

## Upper Wharfedale & Liddale Directory of Local Organizations June 2026

### Clubs and Associations

Clubs and Associations	Contact Person	Telephone/Email
Buckden Art Group	Angela Falshaw	01756 760259/angela.falshaw@gmail.com
Buckden Singers	Anne Vetch	01756 760882/anne@vetch.co.uk
Friends of the Dales	Victoria Benn	victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk
Funk Wire	Ron Norman	uwalsociety@gmail.com
Grassington & District Peace Group	Richard Hargreaves	01756 770346/strand@hawkswick.net
Kettlewell & District WI	Jane Welsh	07718 218630/janeawelsh@googlemail.com
Kettlewell Chess Club	Melanie Thornton	melaniethornton@live.com
Kettlewell Cricket Club	Sally Horner	01756 760834/sallyandcolin@yahoo.com
Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society	Sue Nelson	01756 760887/sueamercottage@aol.com
Kettlewell Lunch Club	Sue Nelson	01756 760887/sueamercottage@aol.com
Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival		kettlewellscarecrow@gmail.com
Kettlewell Table Tennis Club	Di/Clare Blakey-Williams	07779933262/ <a href="mailto:canddaway@gmail.com">canddaway@gmail.com</a>
Kettlewell Toddler Group	Charlotte Facer	charlie_facer@hotmail.com
Liddale Cricket Club	Jack Hirst	jackhirst38@gmail.com
Settle Orchestra	Jill Gates	jillgates100@gmail.com
UW Arts and Literature Society	Geraldine Norman	uwalsociety@gmail.com
UW Field Society		<a href="https://uwfs.org.uk/">https://uwfs.org.uk/</a>
UW Refugee Support Group	Stella Perrott	stella@stellaperrott.com

### Village Halls

Amerdale Hall	Sarah Paul	01756 770282/carrfarm2021@gmail.com
Buckden Village Institute	Peter Vetch	01756 761155/hall@buckden.org
Conistone with Kilsney Village Hall	Liz Appleton-Hall	Kilsneyvillagehall@gmail.com
Kettlewell Village Hall	Maggie McLellan	kettlewellhall@gmail.com

### Parish Councils/Meetings

Arncliffe	Michael McKenzie	michael@bluescarfarm.co.uk
Buckden	Elaine Barlow-Hall	buckdenclerk@gmail.com
Conistone with Kilsney	Liz Appleton-Hall	liz.hallconistone@gmail.com
Halton Gill	Amelia Wilman	earl.amelia@googlemail.com
<del>Hawkswick</del>	Gill Scott	gillscott007@gmail.com
Kettlewell with Starbotton	Laura Jowett	kettlewellstarbottonclerk@gmail.com
Litton	Brenda McKenzie	<a href="mailto:brendaemckenzie@yahoo.co.uk">brendaemckenzie@yahoo.co.uk</a>

### Local Services/Organizations

Conistone Hostel	Wendy McNally	conistonebookings@gmail.com
Grassington Medical Centre	01756 752313	
Grassington Dental Care	01756 753782	
Grassington Pharmacy	01756 752338	
Kettlewell Primary School	01756 760280/kettlewelladmin@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk	
Scargill House	01756 760500	
UW Bus	01756 636161/info@upperwharfedale.org	
UW Fell Rescue Association	secretary@uwfra.org.uk	
Yorkshire Camps	01756 753227/info@yorkshirecamps.org.uk	

If there are other voluntary organizations in Upper Wharfedale & Liddale that could be included in this directory, please contact the editor at [smithiwho@gmail.com](mailto:smithiwho@gmail.com)

# 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

Wed 10 Jun	Lecture; <i>'Saltaire'</i> by Dr Maddie Hewitson, Kilnsey with Conistone Hall
Sat 13 Jun	Coffee morning in memory of Sarah Thompson, Buckden School Room
Sat 13 Jun	Coffee & Cake, Halton Gill Reading Room
Wed 17 Jun	Bird and Nature Walk, Malham Cove
Wed 17 Jun	Mobile library, Buckden and Kettlewell
Sat 20 Jun	<i>'Midsummer Madness'</i> Shakespeare festival, Arncliffe
Sat 20 Jun	Buckden Gala and Buckden Pike Fell Race
Sat 20 Jun	Settle Orchestra Concert, Christ Church, Skipton
Sat 27 Jun	Settle Orchestra Concert, Settle Parish Church
Sat 27 Jun	Buckden Gala Dance, Buckden Village Institute

## FUTURE EVENTS

Wed 1 Jul	Wildlife Photo Walk, Broughton Sanctuary
Wed 1 Jul	Pop up Echo Café, Church House, Grassington
Sat 4 Jul	<i>'Signs of Resurrection'</i> Skipton Arts Centre
Sat 4 Jul	<i>'A Shepherd's Year'</i> , Langcliffe Singers, Settle Parish Church
Sat 11 Jul	Piano Marathon and Churchyard Picnic, St Michael's, Linton
Sun 26 Jul	Buckden Singers Summer Concert, Kettlewell Village Hall
8-16 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
28-31 Aug	Buckden Art Group Exhibition, Buckden Village Institute
Mon 31 Aug	Cakes, books and jigsaws, Buckden School Room

## REGULAR EVENTS

What	When	Where
Chess Club	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues, 7-9pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Play Table Tennis	Wed 4-5, 5-7pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Funk Wire	Thur -fortnightly 2pm	Conistone & Kilnsey Village Hall
Buckden Singers	Thurs – 7.30pm	Buckden Village Institute
Indoor Bowls	Wed 1.45-3.35pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs – weekly 10.30-12.00	Halton Gill Reading Room
The Monday Club	Monday - weekly, 1pm	Amerdale Hall



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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 7 June**

09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion

### **Sunday 14 June**

10.00	Kettlewell	Iona Communion
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### **Sunday 21 June**

09.30	Arncliffe	Morning Prayer
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion

### **Tuesday 23 June**

18.00	Kettlewell Church	Sanctuary@6 Taizé
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### **Sunday 28 June**

09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Conistone	Holy Communion
16.30	Hubberholme	Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 5 July**

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

