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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.....

For those starting up or returning to school and university this month it is a season of new beginnings. For those of us who aren't at this stage in life we might, in the spirit of new beginnings, want to take up something new.

At the start of each communion liturgy, the priest says 'The Lord is here' and we all respond 'His Spirit is with us'. In all our new beginnings we are conscious of God's Spirit with us. It is true of the day of Pentecost. It is true of each Sunday each week as the Church gathers. It is true each new day: God's Spirit is with us. When we face something new it is good to keep on remembering this.

The Spirit who is sometimes strong, sometimes gentle … Necessary for life … Always animating things … Always changing… uncontrollable and unpredictable. Yet always present. God doesn't abandon us in our old age or forsake us when we are frail and weak. On the contrary, God's Spirit is poured out on all, irrespective of age or station in life.

We are all interconnected in God's divine plan. As we come together, drawing from the wisdom of the older generation and the vision of the young, we can forge a path towards renewal, revitalisation, a future brimming with hope. The Church: one community, where young and old can collaborate and contribute in their unique ways. Each generation possesses invaluable insights and gifts that, when shared, foster unity, understa nding and progress.

We are bound together by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Together we can create a harmonious symphony, where every voice is heard, valued, and celebrated, leading us towards a world where love, compassion and understanding prevail. May people say of us "Yes, the Spirit is alive and well in the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale". If only people *would* say that of our life together...

God's Spirit *is* with us. I invite you to recognise that truth and to connect with it as best you can. Keep praying. Keep worshipping. Keep singing. Keeping reading Scripture. These will help sustain our relationship with God, an awareness of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. And every time we say these words at the start of the Eucharist, know that it is true, and say it with joy:

"The Lord is here… His Spirit *is* with us."

Tom

From the Churches & Villages

‘Signs of Resurrection’; How can we share?

Tom has completed the first stage of the Deanery project, *Humble Enquiry*, talking with people and sharing with them what makes them sad, what makes them glad, how they sustain a spiritual life and many other fascinating areas of personal and collective challenge and spirituality. Working with Anne Vetch and Rev’d Clare Wood, these conversations have been collated and distilled into major topics or themes, showcased at the Deanery Event, ‘Signs of Resurrection’, and are being used as a basis for shared working and co-operation amongst PCCs, individuals, Incumbents, Parishes and the wider Deanery.

It has become clear that many positive things abound, but that these are not uniformly spread. At our recent PCC (Parochial Church Council) meeting, we discussed the main areas where we might benefit from the expertise of others and where we in turn may be able to offer help and support. Before we make our response as a Parish it would be really helpful to have your thoughts and views on this. These are some of the areas of expertise on offer.

Creativity: Expertise in poetry, music, art, performance, liturgy abounds in the Deanery. Specific resources can be produced, relationships facilitated and events showcased with ease: e.g. Choral Evensong, setting up a Music Group, Wholeness and Healing, Art Exhibitions, Come and Sing (‘Resistance Singing’), Photography, and even ‘Divine Weaving’!

Justice: Environmental (bronze award eco church), Inclusive Church award, Peace and Justice (an established group exists in the Deanery), Peace Vigils, Fair Trade, etc

Administration: Treasurer role, Safeguarding, Church Warden support, Grants, Faculties (diocesan planning approvals for repairs and renovations to buildings etc)

New Life: How can we recognise the power of personal experience and faith journeys and what is identifiable as ‘new life’ within our congregation and community? How do we/can we use occasional offices for evangelisation? How can we shift the narrative from lament of the past to celebration of the present?

But we also want to hear from you about what you would feel able to offer in terms of practical, sensitive sharing. We may be poor in funding terms but in this deanery, we are rich in talent and experience. We just need to find manageable ways to share it so that we all become richer. We want to grow our list of what is on offer by including your contributions.

Please email any ideas or suggestions of avenues you wish to pursue including things you may wish to add to anne@vetch.co.uk by **30 September 2026**.

Advent Course

In place of our usual parish Advent events, we are, as part of Skipton Deanery, hosting an Ecumenical Advent Course, *'Reflection at the Well'*, with guest speakers who will lead the weekly sessions. A resource pack will be collated from these talks, including a video which will be shared with people unable to make the sessions.

The sessions will be held at Skipton Arts Centre at 12.00 noon.

- *'Hope'* **Wednesday 25 November**, with Revd Andrew Nunn, retired Dean of Southwark Cathedral
- *'Spirituality'* **Wednesday 2 December**, with Revd Dr Janet Williams, Vice-Principal of St Hild Theological College
- *'Wholeness and healing'* **Wednesday 9 December** with Revd Sue Hamersley of Holy Rood House, Thirsk
- '*Discipleship*' **Wednesday 16 December**, with Revd Andy Sellers, local ecumenical leader.

Remembering Loved Ones

All Saints Day will be celebrated in our parish on **Sunday 1 November**, when we take the opportunity to remember and pray for those we have loved and see no more.

If you would like a loved one to be remembered in our services that day, please contact our Parish Office, by emailing uwandl@outlook.com or phoning 01756 380237.

We will have two Services of Holy Communion in the parish that Sunday, at Arncliffe at 9.30am and at Hubberholme at 11.15am.

People linked to our Conistone community will be remembered in prayer at the Arncliffe service, and those from Kettlewell at the Hubberholme service.

From the Parish Registers

WEDDINGS

1 August – St Michael and All Angels Church, Hubberholme – Andrew Jack Ramsden and Jade Leigh Clarke.
4 August – St Mary's Church, Kettlewell – Charles Marcus Ellis and Max Lycett.
18 August – St Michael and All Angels Church, Hubberholme – Neil Lindsay Adcock and Mary Catherine Woolley.

INTERMENT OF ASHES

7 August – St Mary's Church, Conistone – Elizabeth Ward Cawley.

St Mary's, Kettlewell

September Rotas

Sidespeople
13 Clare Blakey-Williams
After Service Tea/Coffee
13 Di Blakey-Williams
Cleaning
Jenny Innoco

Labyrinth of the Heart

'keep turning your heart toward this unendurable earth'
Jan Richardson

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 acknowledge the range of feelings which preoccupy you just now

in the centre stand a while and gently open your heart to the reality of all life - the moments of despair and joy - seeking strength to live it all

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

St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

September Rotas

Sidesperson
6 S&D Parsons
20 S&D Lusted
27 H&K Jeddere-Fisher

Flowers/cleaning
6 S Parsons
13 A&A Falshaw
20 A&A Falshaw
27 C&J Sayer

Fundraising/social activities

Thank you to everyone who supported our August Bank Holiday Monday Refreshments and Stalls event in Buckden School Room event. Whether you came for a drink and cake, donated books, jigsaws, tombola prizes and cakes and scones we are very grateful. Also thanks go as well to all who helped before or on the day. Without you all we would not have been able to run a successful day to benefit the parish. It was lovely to see everyone. The amount raised will be in the next Link.

Our next event, '*Ethiopia - A Misunderstood Nation'* will be held in Buckden Village Institute on **Saturday 31 October** at 6.15pm. Ethiopia is a nation misunderstood by many people; Band Aid, famine, dusty plains, starving people is what many think of. However it is actually rich in culture, habitat and wildlife.

The talk is a PowerPoint with short video based on a trip Jane Welsh from Kettlewell took in 2019 and covers aspects of history, religious practices, cuisine, geography and unique wildlife. Something for everyone including short quiz.

Before the talk there will be a Steak/Vegetarian Pie and Pea supper which is included in the price of the ticket. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Josie (01756 761154) or Deirdre (01756 760296). Space is limited so please book your ticket and pie choice before Friday 16 October to help with catering. Profit will be divided between Water Aid and the church.

The October Buckden Village Institute Saturday Coffee Morning will be run by Hubberholme Action Group to the usual format from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Cakes are very welcome.

Thank you again to everyone who continues to support our fund raising and church. Don't forget that entries for the quiz will close at the end of this month and the draw will take place on 7 October.

The Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale presents

Ethiopia – A Misunderstood Nation

An Evening with Jane Welsh

An Illustrated Talk

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Saturday October 31st

In Buckden Village Institute at 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Price: £10.00 to include a pie and pea supper with vegetarian option and tea, coffee and biscuits

Bring your own drinks

Proceeds to be split equally between the Parish and WaterAid

Tickets available from Deirdre (01756 760296) or Josie (01756 761154

Fundraising by Hubberholme Church

St Mary's, Conistone

September Rotas

Sides People
20 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster

Flowers and Cleaning
6 Vanessa Roberts
13 Vanessa Roberts
20 Vanessa Roberts
27 Vanessa Roberts
Oct 4 Abigail Shaw

Opening Church
7 Jane Pighills/Michelle Parkin-Vaughan
14 Philip Butterfield
21 Lewis Adams
28 Allison Clarke
Oct 5 Jane Pighills & Michelle Parkin-Vaughan

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

September Rotas

Opening church w/c
6 Ian & Sally Smith
13 Elspeth Miller
20 Sarah Paul
27 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
4 Oct Hilary Follows

Sidesperson
6 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
20 Elspeth Miller
4 Oct Sarah Paul

Coffee
6 Sarah Paul
20 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
4 Oct Ian Smith

Cleaning
Vena Rogers

Flowers
Vena Rogers

Buckden & Langstrothdale

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be parked in Buckden car park on **Wednesday 9 September** from 10.00am until 11.00am.

Buckden Whist

This month sees the return of the world-renowned Buckden Whist evenings. These run alternate Wednesdays in Buckden Village Institute starting play at 6.45pm (doors open at 6.15pm). There is an entry charge of £3.50 per evening, inclusive of refreshments, and an extra £1 for the raffle. The first two sessions will be held on 9th and 23rd September. Additional players are always needed, and expert tuition will be given if necessary. David Lusted (760877) will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Buckden Art Group Exhibition

The Buckden Art Group's annual exhibition, which took place at the end of August, was a success. Final details, including the donation to be passed on to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, will appear in the October edition of the Link. New members are particularly welcome to join the group, and help is available for beginners. Why don't you come to our first meeting of the autumn season in Buckden Village Institute on **Monday 7 September** between 7.00pm and 9.00pm and be inspired. For further information please contact Angela Falshaw on 01756 760259 or angela.falshaw@gmail.com

Buckden Village Quiz

The Buckden Village quiz will take place on **Sunday 6 September** in the Buck. Please take your seats from: 7.00 p.m. Quiz starts: 7.30 p.m. Entry fee - £3.00 per person. In aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Further info – email: quiz@buckden.org

Buckden Coffee Morning

The Buckden Coffee morning in September will be on **Saturday 12 September** from 10.30 - 12.30. and will be organised Buckden Parish Council to raise funds for the parish defibrillator maintenance and supplies. Raffle, coffee and cake - £4. Please do come and support this important local cause. All welcome.

Buckden Singers

Dates for the Diary

Start back after summer break - **Thursday 3 September** in Buckden Village Institute
Open evening - **Thursday 10 September** - no obligation to join

Rehearsals - every Thursday thereafter except for Thursday 29 October – half - term. Rehearsals resume on **Tuesday 3 November** (please note change of day) and then back to normal from Thursday 12 November and thereafter up to and including Thursday 17 December (Kettlewell Village Hall)

Performances/Outings

Sunday 1 November 11.15 –Hubberholme, All Saints Day
Sunday 13 December 3.00 pm – St Margaret's, Threshfield, Carol Service
Saturday 19 December 3.00pm Kettlewell Village Hall, Christmas Concert
Sunday 27 December 7.00pm – Hubberholme, Carol Service

Kettlewell with Starbotton

Kettlewell Village Hall

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Trustees and Committee of the Kettlewell Village Hall CIO invite you all to attend the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on **7 September 2026**. The village hall is at the heart of community life whether it is the clubs and groups that use its facilities, the wedding and other celebrations that are held there or the popular film shows hosted by David Nelson. Please come along to hear what the committee has been up to during the year and about the financial position of the hall. If you are interested in getting involved in the running of the village hall, please do join the Committee as we will be electing members at the AGM. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kettlewell Village Hall Committee

Kettlewell Film Night

Film nights are here again. The first film is On **Saturday 12 September** at 7.30pm and is '*Swimming with Men'*. The film is based on a true story and stars Rob Brydon, Jane Horrocks and Jim Carter. It is a film of Comedy, Drama and Sport.

'Eric (Brydon), who is suffering a mid-life crisis, eventually finds new meaning to his life as part of an all-male, middle-aged, amateur synchronised swimming team. Together they make a bid to compete at the unofficial Male Sync-Swimming World Championships, and no doubt a shot at personal redemption along the way.'

Watch out for the following films:
17 October: '*Hamnet*'
14 November: *'1914 All Out'*. This film was made in 1987 and shot mainly in Arncliffe with some locals in the cast.
12 December: '*Good Fortune'*

We look forward to welcoming you back at our film nights.

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

Sunday 6 September

The show is very nearly here! Main Registration: Saturday 5 September from 1pm to 4pm in Kettlewell Village Hall. Late Registration for half an hour only on Show Day – 9-9.30am.

Schedules, listing all you need to know are available at:

- Kettlewell Village Store
- The Fox & Hounds, Starbotton
- Kilnsey Trout Farm
- Conistone Church
- Scargill House, Kettlewell
- The Buck Inn, Buckden
- Kettlewell Village Hall
- And Then….. (Deli), Kettlewell

Themes for the Photographic Sections: 'Best of Friends', 'Great British Weather' and the usual 'Any Subject.' Photographs not to exceed 8" x 6" before mounting.

Kettlewell Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will reconvene after the summer break on **Thursday 17 September** at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village

Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the May meeting or can't remember if you did, please ring or text Sue on 760887 or 07765506738 by 4pm on Sunday 13 September to reserve your place. If there's no answer on the landline, please leave a message. The cost remains at £6 for two courses plus coffee, and wine is available by donation. If, for any reason, you need to cancel your meal between Monday 14th and Thursday 17 September or are an absentee on the day, the meal will still need to be paid for as provisions may 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 would be willing to help clear following the meal or maybe even volunteer to cook the meal every now and then – it would be good to have a team to call upon.

PLAY TABLE TENNIS

Kettlewell Village Hall
Most Wednesdays in Term Time

3.15-4pm - Young players (6-7) £1
4-5pm - Experienced players (8-12) £1
5-7pm - Teens (£1) & Adult drop-in £2

All welcome!

For more information : Phone 07779933262

Littondale

Amerdale Hall Events

Coffee & Cake

Halton Gill Reading Room on **Saturday 12 September** from 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.

The BIG Littondale Quiz

***SAVE THE DATE* Friday 2 October**

Parish wide & beyond

Discover Shakespeare

As we leave this remarkable summer behind, and Arncliffe's June day of 'Midsummer Madness' begins to pass into memory, the *Discover Shakespeare* group plans to re-group when they gather in October to view footage of the event (captured on the day by Teddy Cook) and start to plan for their next project. Anyone interested in getting involved is of course very welcome! The session will take place in Kettlewell Village Hall on **Saturday 3 October** from 10am – 4pm. Please contact Ron Norman via uwalsaociety@gmail.com for more details.

Buckden Pub Traditional Music Sessions

The Autumn/Winter season of traditional music-making at the Buck Inn sessions start again on **Sunday 11 October** from 2pm to 5pm. They continue till next March on the second Sunday of the month from 1pm to 4pm on 8 November, 13 December, 10 January, 14 February, and 14 March.

The small core group of folk musicians, singers, poets and story tellers love to welcome others to join in with a song, a tune or a poem, or just to listen. The theme is mostly the music and songs of the Yorkshire

Dales, but it often goes wider than that. Anyone is welcome, young or old, beginner or experienced, confident or nervous. If you can play tunes on a musical instrument or have a song to sing, come and have a go. It's all free! And you can get to Buckden by bus.

The time for these afternoon sessions are based on the Sunday Dalesbus timetables. Dalesbuses 874, 875 and 876 run from Leeds to Buckden and they all stop at Grassington, then Kilnsey and the villages up the dale. For the October session it is the summer timetable, 2pm to 5pm. From November onwards it is the Winter timetable, 1pm to 4pm. A great system and many people use it!

The 'Courtyard' room at The Buck is spacious with great acoustics and the staff at the pub love having us there. We even have a book of Buck tunes. If you want to know more about the sessions you can ask me, Richard Hargreaves in Hawkswick – strand@hawkswick.net or 01756 770346.

New season for Settle Orchestra

Settle Orchestra begins an exciting new chapter this autumn as Colombian conductor Juan José Muñoz Borja takes up the baton for the orchestra's 2026–27 season. Juan José is currently studying for a Master's degree in Orchestral Conducting at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester and has worked with professional and youth orchestras in Colombia and internationally.

His first concerts with Settle Orchestra take place at Settle Parish Church on Saturday 14 November and Christ Church, Skipton on Saturday 21 November, both at 3.30pm.The programme features Mozart's *Ballet Music from Idomeneo*, Beethoven's lively *Symphony No. 8* and a particularly special performance from one of the orchestra's youngest members.

At just 17 years old, bassoonist Harris Birch achieved a Distinction in his Bassoon Diploma earlier this year with an outstanding 48 marks out of 50. This autumn he steps forward as soloist with his fellow orchestra members in Jacobi's *Introduction and Polonaise for Bassoon and Orchestra*.

Tickets are £15, or £7.50 for students and benefit claimants, while everyone aged 18 and under can attend free. Essential carers also attend free, and the orchestra's Buy One Donate One scheme provides further opportunities to enjoy live music locally.

The season continues in March 2027 with music for flute by Poulenc and Boustany alongside Schubert's Symphony No. 6.

Saturday 14 November, 3.30pm — Settle Parish Church

Saturday 21 November, 3.30pm — Christ Church, Skipton

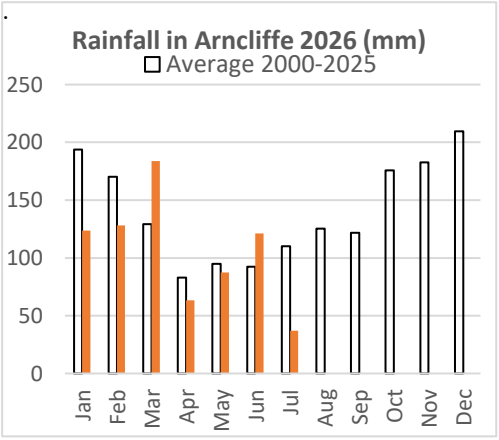
Further details and tickets: https://www.settleorchestra.org.uk/

Rainfall for July 2026

Arncliffe: 37.1 mm/1.46 ins – the lowest for the month of July this century.

July rainfall 2000-2025

Highest: 215.2 mm/8.47 ins (2017)
Lowest: 46.4 mm/1.83 ins (2001)
Average: 109.6 mm/4.31 ins



What a Wonderful Scarecrow Festival 2026!

Well, that was fun!! What an incredible effort, what a wonderful community spirit, what a successful festival - even the weather gods were joining in!

Thank you to all who contributed to such a wonderful week: giving up your time, giving your energy, your cheerful welcome to visitors and your sheer hard work - because of this collective effort, the village keeps thriving.

The festival this year has been another incredible success. There has been a wave of positive comments from our visitors. The comments below reflect the general feeling:

'The village hall refreshments were excellent. Thank you, Kettlewell Village'.

'Amazing - hats off to all who make this iconic event happen every year - thank you'

'Thoroughly enjoyed our visit. Thank you to all volunteers that make this event possible.'

'Lovely atmosphere - great place to visit. Will be back.'

'Congratulations to you all, our first visit but definitely not our last; fabulous effort.'

'We had a fabulous day, starting with the lovely car park guys, the super scarecrow trail and the lovely cakes and drinks in the village hall. You're always so welcoming of your visitors . . .thank you to all involved.'

'The effort and organisation behind the scenes is superb. Thank you to each and every one of you who have helped to put on such a brilliant festival. Outstanding.'

'We really enjoyed our day. Looking at the scarecrows with my granddaughter and my 89-year-old Mum. My Mum said it was the best day out she has had for a long time! We are looking forward to next year!'

Scarecrow Festival AGM

The Scarecrow AGM will be on **Wednesday 11 November** at 7.30pm in Kettlewell Village Hall. (*Please note this is a week earlier than usual so be ready to put your bids in early too*.) This will be a celebratory event with cake and drinks before the AGM takes place. All are welcome to contribute ideas and observations to continue to improve our annual event.

Bids for Funds

If you would like your local group, activity or club to benefit from the funds raised, start to think about how much you need and for what. We will be asking for these requests in the very near future and will publicise how you submit them through the Link, the Kettlewell noticeboards and the Facebook page. Thank you.

The Scarecrow Committee

A glorious day for the Littondale Fete!

This year's Fete was a scorcher, and competitors came to Arncliffe in their droves. The afternoon began with the Littondale '4' Road Race, with a record 231 entries and 201 finishers despite the heat. U20 Ewan Wilkinson of Keighley and Craven used his superior speed to win in 20.21, eight seconds ahead of Nathan Marsh (20.29). Leeds City's Rachel Friend won the women's race, finishing 12th overall in 24.12, ahead of multiple former winner Helen Smith (24.48).

There were 124 junior runners and 150 senior entries in the fell races. Sam Bentham (Ilkley Harriers) won the senior race in 11.07, with local legend Ted Mason (Wharfedale Harriers) second in 11.27. First lady was Izzy Rowe (Wharfedale Harriers) in 13.50.

Skipton Brass Band provided the traditional musical accompaniment.

The children's fancy dress, judged by Carol McKenzie and Wendy Moor, was won by Harrison Cowan-Richards as Kaleb Cooper, followed by Mollie Metcalfe as Outlander and Archie Middleton as the Yorkshire Vet.

Thirty-nine dogs entered the dog show, judged by Indu Smith. Meg, owned by Sarah, won Best Big Dog, and Betsy, owned by Liz, Best Small Dog. The children's races were hotly contested – congratulations to all who took part!

Ripon Runners once again completed their four-race challenge, starting with Fountains Abbey Park Run before tackling the Littondale '4' road race, Senior Fell Race and sack race. Fraser Quince and Angela Brown were the men's and women's sack race winners.

The afternoon concluded with the strongmen and strongwomen competition, with 16 teams taking part. The 2026

Strongmen winners were John Miller and Andrew Price, while Jo Buckley and Marie Osbourne won the Strongwomen competition.

For a full selection of fantastic photos of the day, please visit www.amerdale-hall-littondale.net.

Over £5,000 was raised for the maintenance and refurbishment of Amerdale Village Hall.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Fete, especially the car parkers, marshals, safety officials, judges, cake bakers and servers, barbecue chefs, stallholders and everyone who helped set up and take down.

Thank you very much everyone!

Our parish supports Manorlands Hospice

As part of our parish's charitable giving, we have chosen to support **Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice**, a charity whose work touches the lives of many people and families across our part of Yorkshire.

Based at Oxenhope, near Keighley, Manorlands provides specialist palliative and end-of-life care for people living across Airedale, Wharfedale, Craven and north Bradford. For many of us, this makes Manorlands very much a local charity. We may know someone who has been cared for there, or a family that has benefited from its support.

The work of a hospice is about much more than caring for people in their final days. Manorlands helps people living with life-limiting conditions to live as fully and comfortably as possible. Its doctors, nurses, care assistants and therapists provide expert help with pain and other symptoms, alongside emotional, practical and spiritual support.

Care is provided not only in the hospice itself. Manorlands' specialist community team supports people in their own homes, helping them to remain in familiar surroundings wherever possible. The hospice also provides community day services, rehabilitation, complementary therapies and wellbeing support. Importantly, its care extends to families and carers, who often face enormous emotional and practical pressures when someone they love is seriously ill.

This combination of professional expertise and compassionate, individual care is one of the reasons we have chosen Manorlands as one of the charities our parish will support. At the heart of hospice care is a belief in the value and dignity of every human life, including at times of frailty, serious illness and approaching death. Those are values which resonate strongly with our Christian understanding of loving and caring for our neighbours.

Manorlands also depends heavily on charitable support. Although its services are provided free to patients and families, Sue Ryder has to raise a substantial proportion of the cost of providing its palliative care services through donations and fundraising.

By supporting Manorlands, therefore, our parish is helping to ensure that people in our own communities can receive skilled and compassionate care at one of the most difficult times in their lives – and that their families do not have to face those times alone.

We hope that our support for Manorlands will be both practical and a small expression of our calling as a Christian community: **to care for our neighbours, to uphold the dignity of every person, and to accompany people through all the seasons of life.**

Country Diary - September

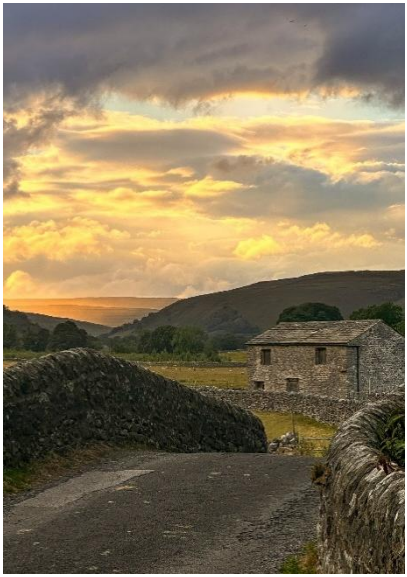
"We live in a perpetually burning building, and what we must save from it, all the time, is love."

Tennessee Williams

According to the Met Office, this summer has been the hottest and driest on record, and this comes as no surprise as every season now presents a new unprecedented and frightening extreme as climate change develops. It's often hard to feel positive or encouraged about the future of nature, as we all watch wildfires rage across the country and farmers and gardeners struggle against impossible odds.

And yet we know that spending time in, and engaging with, nature and the changing of the season is the key to maintaining good mental health, and that doing so and taking some small actions to provide a helping hand, and reaping the rewards, can provide hope and boost the spirits.

There are good news stories out there if you look hard enough for them, globally and locally, and we can start to think how might adapt our own gardens and local areas for drought conditions, with flowers to best encourage insects and wildlife and to provide good food sources. I noticed that Sarah Raven's website now has a page for the most drought tolerant plants to grow, with many of those cited also providing excellent nourishment for pollinators.



For now, the rains have finally come, and as I look out of my window, the swallow glide and dip low over the fields to boost their reserves with midges, before they start to line up on the telegraph wires, preparing for their long journey home.

Our climate is ever changing, but there is still the comfort of the change of the seasons, and the shift from summer to autumn this year will provide welcome respite from often hot and uncomfortable conditions.

The quote from Tennessee Williams has often come to mind this summer, reiterating the need to cherish and love the landscape, and if we do that, there is always hope.

Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Community Events

THIS MONTH

Tue 1 Sep	Kilnsey Show
Thu 3 Sep	Buckden Singers, first of autumn season, Buckden Village Institute
5-6 Sep	Vernacular buildings of Arncliffe
Sun 6 Sep	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Show
Sun 6 Sep	Buckden Village Quiz, The Buck Inn
Mon 7 Sep	Kettlewell Village Hall AGM
Mon 7 Sep	Buckden Art Group, first of autumn season, Buckden Village Institute
Sat 12 Sep	Buckden Parish Council Defib Coffee Morning, Buckden Institute
Sat 12 Sep	Coffee and Cake, Halton Gill Reading Room
Sat 12 Sep	'*Swimming with Men'* Film Night, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 9 Sep	Mobile library, Buckden and Kettlewell
Sat 12 Sep	Kettlewell Film Night, Kettlewell Village Hall
Thu 7 Sep	Kettlewell Lunch Club, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 23 Sep	UWALS talk *'Lives of Marie Hartley, Ella Pontefract & Joan Ingilby'* by Esther Rutter, Kilnsey with Conistone Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Fri 2 Oct	BIG Littondale Quiz, Amerdale Hall
Sat 3 Oct	*Discover Shakespeare* group meeting, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sun 12 Oct	Traditional Music Session, first of autumn season, Buck Inn
Sat 31 Oct	Talk '*Ethiopia – a misunderstood nation'* Buckden Village Institute
Wed 11 Nov	Scarecrow Festival AGM, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 14 Nov	Settle Orchestra Concert, Settle Parish Church
Sat 21 Nov	Settle Orchestra Concert, Christ Church, Skipton
Wed 25 Nov	*'Hope'* Advent Course, Skipton Arts Centre
Wed 2 Dec	'*Spirituality*' Advent Course, Skipton Arts Centre
Wed 9 Dec	'*Wholeness and healing'* Advent Course, Skipton Arts Centre
Wed 16 Dec	'*Discipleship'* Advent Course, Skipton Arts Centre
Sat 19 Dec	Buckden Singers Christmas Concert, Kettlewell Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

What	When	Where
Buckden Singers	Thurs – 7.30pm	Buckden Village Institute
Chess Club	1st and 3rd Tues, 7-9pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs – weekly 10.30-12.00	Halton Gill Reading Room
Coffee Morning	Tues - weekly 10-30-12.00	The Kettlewell Hostel
Funk Wire	Thur -fortnightly 2pm	Conistone & Kilnsey Village Hall
Indoor Bowls	Wed 1.45-3.35pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Play Table Tennis	Wed 3.15-4, 4-5, 5-7pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
The Monday Club	Monday - weekly, 1pm	Amerdale Hall
Whist Evenings	Alternate Wed, 7pm	Buckden Village Institute

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

Sunday 6 September		
09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 September		
10.00	Kettlewell	Iona Communion
Tuesday 15 September		
18.00	Kettlewell Church	Sanctuary@6 Healing
Sunday 20 September		
09.30	Arncliffe	Morning Prayer
11.15	Conistone	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 September		
10.30	Hubberholme	United Parish Holy Communion, Patronal Festival, and celebration of Lay Readers
Tuesday 29 September		
18.00	Kettlewell Church	Sanctuary@6 Taizé
Sunday 4 October		
09.30	Arncliffe	Harvest Festival
Holy Mass is celebrated on Sundays at 9.00 am at St. Margaret Clitherow's R.C. Church, Threshfield		