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Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine



"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour"

Luke 4 18-19

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...



She is the longest reigning monarch in British history. She never went to university, but she has been the adviser and confidante to fourteen British Prime Ministers. Every day of the year, except for Christmas and Easter, she reads the red box of papers that are collated from the Prime Minister's office and other key government departments. She is referred to as Reader No. 1.

What is the secret of the Queen's remarkable consistency of character? It is clear in her Christmas broadcasts, and it is embedded in the Queen's whole life that the person Jesus Christ is an anchor in her life, an inspiration. From very early on she has modelled her life on his life, a servant life, giving herself to her family, to the nation, and to the Commonwealth.

In her 21st birthday radio address she said: *"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service."* Sixty-one years later she said: *"Jesus of Nazareth makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than in being served"*.

In an age when we are besieged by celebrities telling us about almost every aspect of their lives, the Queen has kept most of her thoughts to herself. She may have many personal opinions about many matters, but we don't know what they are. Curiously that is not the case about her faith. About Jesus Christ she has been remarkably, one might say uncharacteristically, open about what she believes.

In Christmas 2012 she said: *"This is the time of year when we remember that God sent His only Son 'to serve, not to be served.' He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. It is my prayer this Christmas Day that his example and teaching will continue to bring people together to give the best of themselves in the service of others."*

The Queen's faith in Christ leads her to accord respect and dignity to all people. Former Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks has said: *"Jews have deep respect for the Queen ... something similar, in my experience, is true of the other minority faiths in Britain. They value the Queen because they know she values them."*

Our Queen's religious beliefs are quietly held, authentic and well-known. In 1975 she said of Jesus: *"His simple message of love has been turning the world upside down"*.

May God bless our gracious Queen.

Tom

From the Churches & Villages

Parish News

*Crisis in Ukraine – latest information
from the Church of England*



The latest update from the Diocese of Leeds on its response to the crisis in Ukraine can be found by going to the News Section of the Diocese website at:

www.leeds.anglican.org/news/diocese-shares-resources-help-parishes-respond-ukraine-crisis). This includes details of a recent webinar which featured a briefing on the current situation from the Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Rev Nick Baines, who has been working in the House of Lords on the issue over the past month, and a contribution from Ewgen Chymera, of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain, who spoke about what local Ukrainian networks are doing to support refugees, and how our parishes can connect with them.

2022 APCM: A Summary

The 2022 Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the Parish of Upper Wharfedale & Littondale took place by Zoom on Wednesday 27 April. The meetings were chaired by the Vicar, the Rev Tom Lusty.

Jane Way from Buckden and Rebecca Ward-Dooley from Arncliffe were elected

as new Church Wardens. Andrew Hitchon was re-elected as a Church Warden. Jackie Yarrow has stood down as a Church Warden but has been elected as a member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Deirdre Halsall has stood down as Senior Sidesperson at Hubberholme and also from the PCC. Hilary Follows has stood down as Senior Sidesperson at Arncliffe and also from the PCC. New team arrangements are being made to cover the work they have been doing at their Churches. Sue Nelson was re-elected as Senior Sidesperson at Kettlewell and Philip Butterfield was re-elected as Senior Sidesperson at Conistone.

Sandie Parsons has stood down as a member of the PCC. Lay members of the PCC who were elected at the meeting are Keith Jeddere-Fisher, Judy Burgin and Josephine Foster.

Ex officio PCC members are Pauline Thompson and Patsy Campbell (Lay Readers), Nick Davies (Treasurer), Kathryn Butterfield (Safeguarding Officer), and the Rev Di Blakey Williams (Retired Clergy). The Parish's representatives on the Skipton Deanery Synod are Jane Way, Caroline Johnston and Sarah Paul.

There are 110 people on the Electoral Roll for the Parish as a whole, of whom 86 are residents and 24 are non-residents.

Electoral Roll

Please see a message below from our Electoral Roll Officer, Christopher Winpenny. It would be very helpful if people on the Electoral Roll could supply the contact information requested by Christopher, which we will take to be their

consent for us to hold and use this information solely for the purposes set out by Christopher in his message.

As Electoral Roll Officer for the Parish, I mentioned at the APCM that whilst we have a record of parishioners' names and addresses for the requirements of the Diocese, it would be of great help to be able to also have on record Parishioners' email addresses and telephone numbers. Whilst we have some records, it would be of great help to fill in the missing gaps.

The request for these is purely for use of communication within the Parish and will never be given to third parties. Having this information will be especially useful when we are needing to refresh the records with new forms every few years. This will make it easy to contact you with the new forms to fill in as well as saving money in not having to post forms to everyone.

I hope that you feel able to help me with this request and I can be contacted by email on christopher@winpennyphoto.co.uk or on 01756 761950. Thank you

*Christopher E. Winpenny
Electoral Roll Officer*

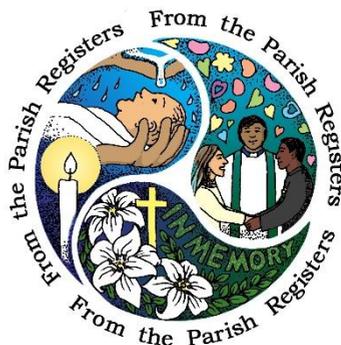
Ap-peat for bell ringers!



We are on the lookout for experienced bell ringers who might be interested in joining in ringing the bells at St Oswald's Church, Arncliffe, around the time of the Jubilee celebrations. If you are interested, or know

anyone who might be, please contact Ian Smith at smithiwho@gmail.com

From the Parish Registers



BAPTISM

May 15 – St Oswald's, Arncliffe – Harry Thomas Jones and Evie Grace Sara Jones.

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

21 May – St Mary's, Kettlewell – John and Gilly Woodthorpe.

WEDDING BLESSING

21 May – St Oswald's, Arncliffe – Edward Stephen Wilman and Amelia Earl.

BAPTISM

22 May – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – Adam Peter Nigel Pearson, Toby Martin Lowther and Elliot Anthony James Lowther.

St Mary's Kettlewell



June Rotas

Sidespeople

5 Dave Nelson

12 No one required

19 Andrew Hitchon

26 No one required

After Service Tea/Coffee

5 Sue Nelson & Pauline Thompson

12 No one required

19 June Appleton

26 No one required

Flowers

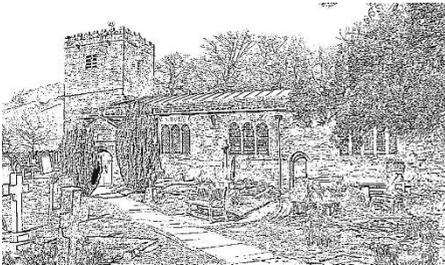
Barbara Lambert & Sue Nelson

Cleaning

Sue Nelson

The 'Afternoon Tea & Stalls' event held in Kettlewell Village Hall on Saturday 30 April raised £530 for Church funds. Many thanks to all who helped, in any way, to make this such a worthwhile event and, of course, to those who attended.

St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme Church



June Rotas

Flowers

5 C Sayer

12 L Huck

19 L Huck

26 G Owen

Cleaning

5 J Sayer

12 G Huck

19 G Huck

26 S Kilvington

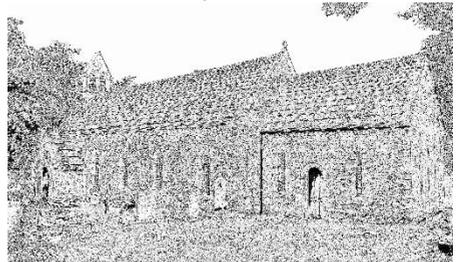
Members of the church will be hosting a stall at **Buckden Gala** which will offer cards, notelets, angels, mice, beautiful knitted blankets (large and small), as well as

a children's activity area where children can pay a small fee and make different craft items to take home.

A reminder that the **Annual quiz** is now available. £1 entry fee and a chance to win £20. Do join in and support your churches. Quiz sheets available from Josie, Deirdre, Sandie, Susan, The George, The Buck, Sue Nelson, and Arncliffe. Time to get quizzing!!

A **Date for your diary**. On August Bank Holiday Monday (29 August) there will be refreshments and stalls at Buckden Schoolroom to raise funds for Hubberholme church. We hope to have books, bric a brac, and a children's handicraft area. Further details next month.

St Mary's Conistone



June Rotas

Sides People

5 Patrick and Sue Baker

12 Hilda Dibb and Allison Clarke

19 Kathryn and Philip Butterfield

Flowers and Cleaning

5 Hilda Dibb

12 Hilda Dibb

19 Ruth Hall

26 Ruth Hall

St. Mary's Conistone **Annual Coffee Morning** will be held at Church House, Grassington on Saturday 25 June, starting at 9.30am. Offers of items for the Cake stall, Bottle Tombola and bric a brac for the White Elephant stall will be welcomed, as will offers of help on the morning. Please

contact Kathryn and Philip Butterfield, Fishers Barn, Conistone (01756 752975).

St Oswald's Arncliffe



June Rotas

Flowers

Jane Raper

Cleaning

Hilary Follows

Sidespersons

5 Eileen Leahy

12 Sarah Paul

26 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Opening church

w/c 5 Sally Smith

w/c 12 Patsy Campbell

w/c 19 Eileen Leahy

w/c 26 Elspeth Miller

News from Yorkshire Camps



It was lovely to welcome so many local people to our Open Day at the beginning of May. I am very aware that many of you may not be familiar with Yorkshire Camps, or perhaps you know the name but are not entirely sure who we are or what we do.

Yorkshire Camps is a Christian charity that runs residential holidays for children aged 7-18 (School years 3-13). We are based at Netherside Hall opposite Long Ashes. We have been at the Hall for seven years though for two years before that we were hiring scout centres in West Yorkshire and running camps from them.

We have three aims for our campers:

1. To enjoy an action-packed holiday

We want all the children who come to us on camp to have an amazing time. We're aware that some might not go on a holiday or may come from homes which are difficult, so we want them to relax and enjoy time with us. Some will go on multiple holidays and do all sorts of amazing things, but we also want them to have great fun with their friends and maybe make new ones as well. We want all children to have a brilliant time and make memories that will last a lifetime.

2. To explore the Christian message

We are Christians who believe the Bible to be God's word with relevance to all people - young and old. Our desire is to share the historical Christian message of how God loves us and sent His Son Jesus to earth so that we can know a personal relationship with God as our Saviour. On every camp we take time to look at the Bible and explain Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection and its importance to us today. We will encourage campers to ask questions, share their doubts and discuss what this all means to them personally.

3. To enlarge their faith

We know that some campers will come to us and have Christian faith already. We want to help them to grow in their faith and so we'll encourage them to do that by helping them grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible and of the Lord Jesus.

It is good for campers to have time away from the normal routines and consider what life is all about. We don't force our beliefs

on anyone, but believe Jesus is good news and so make time reflecting on Christian truths an integral part of the camps we run.

We welcome different groups to Netherside Hall all year round: Church youth groups, Schools and holiday camps where anyone can book on. Most camps are for two nights, but some in the holidays are longer.

There is a Staff Team who live in Threshfield and each year we recruit a Training Team of gap year students who come and live at the Hall for one year. They undertake a lot of training but also help run the camps and manage the estate.

Each year we have open days where you are welcome to come and visit us and we

will show you around, but also if you just want to pop up at your convenience, there is usually someone who is free who will be glad to give you a tour.

For more information, please see our website: yorkshirecamps.org.uk

Instagram: [yorkshirecamps](https://www.instagram.com/yorkshirecamps)

Email: info@yorkshirecamps.org.uk



'Grassington Square' by Val Walker-Wilton, Buckden Art Group

Homes for Ukraine



The homes for Ukraine scheme is not yet working as well as it should and there are a number of families unable yet to travel to the UK and a number of willing hosts without families. The first family arrived in the Dale early in May. While UWRSG is not matching families we are linking people where we can and are providing a central point for advice and connections with other hosts or families.

Nicky is our link for Ukrainian refugees and if you would like to be a support buddy, are an ESOL teacher or trauma counsellor, or have any employment opportunities please get in touch with her at:

nicola.corp@mustardmanagement.com

We are fundraising to support Ukrainian refugees in the Dale and their hosts, particularly for transport. On 18 June, Richard Hargreaves and Paul Stead will be playing (from about 12.30 to 1.15) traditional music at Buckden Gala with a bucket collection for our local Ukrainian refugee fundraiser. Please come along and support them – Buckden Gala is a great day out for all the family (and dogs).

Stella Perrott

Upper Wharfedale Refugees Support Group

Buckden Gala

Buckden Gala will be held on Saturday 18 June from 12.30-4.30pm with live music, fell race, dog show, children's races, crafts, grand draw, beer tent, and hot and cold

refreshments. As usual we would be very grateful for donations of cakes (to sell both whole and in slices), tombola or raffle prizes. Please contact Pete (01756 761155 or gala@buckden.org) if you have any contributions. We are 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!

Buckden Supermobile Library

The Library Van will be in Buckden Car Park from 10.00am until 12 noon on Wednesday 8 June. And a reminder that the Charity Bookshelf is up and running every day in the porch of Buckden Schoolroom. Feel free to browse, select a book and perhaps leave a donation in the tin for Hubberholme church.

Kettlewell Luncheon Club



The June Lunch will be held on the 16th at 12.30 for 12.45. If you didn't put your name forward at the last Luncheon Club, please ring Sue on 760887 by 4pm on FRIDAY 10

JUNE to reserve your place. If she's not at home leave a message. The Luncheon Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. The cost is £5 for two courses plus coffee and there is a wine bar – by donation.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Kettlewell and District WI

For the monthly meeting in May, members went off to Tennant's, in Leyburn, for Afternoon Tea. Needless to say this was an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon together, albeit that our President, Maureen, was unable to be with us as she had been caught by the dreaded Covid. Sandwiches and cakes were delivered to her door and we are all pleased that she is now fully recovered. Some of the members had a tour of the Auction Rooms too.

The June meeting is open to anyone who may like to join us to hear our speaker, Mr Neil Hanson, telling us about the time when he was Landlord of Tan Hill. This should be a really entertaining afternoon and will be held in Kettlewell Village Hall at 2pm on Tuesday 14 June. We love having visitors so please do come along and enjoy a cuppa with us.

Threshfield and Linton WI

At our April meeting the speaker was Nigel Hutchinson from The Hedgerow, he planted up two pots using Spring flowers together

with perennial plants. He gave us tips on how to get the most out of our pots and also answered general gardening questions.

The May meeting saw us travel to the Himalayas and Nepal thanks to Jo Prowse and her beautiful photographs. She told us all about her travels to the Himalayas and beyond.

Our June meeting is The Creation of Otterbeck Gin (with tasting). Future meetings include:

- July: Fashionable Accessories from Toolally
- August: Gentleman Jack; The Real Anne Lister
- September: Murder Mystery Evening
- October: Sing along with the Funk Wire

Threshfield and Linton WI meet every second Wednesday of the month in Linton Village Hall where we have a speaker followed by refreshments. We also have walks and visits planned. If you would like to know more, please contact our Secretary, Sheila Carr 07879 845771/01756 752435. Visitors are always welcome to come along and see if they would like to join in the fun and comradeship that is the WI.

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

Sunday 4 September

Schedules are now available at the following places:

- Buckden Village Store
- The Buck Inn, Buckden
- The Fox & Hounds, Starbotton
- Kettlewell Village Store
- Conistone Church
- Kilnsey Trout Farm

If there is anyone who would like to join The Committee or help stage The Show, please ring Maureen Heseltine on 760371.

Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival



"3 Months To Go" update!

Baking has begun! Those lemon drizzle cakes and chocolate brownies won't make themselves! So our bakers have fired up their cookers, and the freezers of Upper Wharfedale are beginning to fill up! Did you know that during the average festival, 5,500 cakes and scones are bought? It seems almost unbelievable!

Press releases have gone out, leaflets and posters printed and are being put up and put out in Skipton, Shipley, Settle and beyond. And banners will be placed on junctions and roundabouts a few weeks before the festival to give us extra publicity. The Kettlewell banner will be going up very soon, so we really are on our way.

It's an interesting festival for all sorts of reasons - our committee is very new,

bringing in some great novel ideas. Look out for the cave (from the Julia Donaldson's book, CaveBaby) which small children can walk into! And more cut-out boards (the ones where you stick your head through a hole), and bunting! Lots and lots of bunting, handmade by a local resident; we hope to decorate parts of the village in grand style!

We've yet to nail our celebrity judge. But we're trying to confirm that a Glaswegian vet from a famous book, in a famous TV series, second time round, might do us the honours. If only the Scarecrow clues were this easy to solve!

So, there's still lots to do, and as always, the more volunteers, the better, even for an hour or two. If you fancy making cutout boards, repairing old scarecrows or serving teas, please drop us a line at:

info@kettlewellscarecrowfestival.co.uk

Garden Party for Manorlands Hospice

Wharfedale Support Group for Manorlands Hospice is holding a garden party at Throstles Nest in Conistone on Wednesday 6 July from 2.00 to 4:00 PM, with strawberry cream teas, raffle, cakes, plants, cards and other stalls. Tickets are £8; please call Graham 760337 or June 753139. Do come along, meet friends old and new and enjoy the relaxing beautiful gardens!

Funk Wire



The upcoming Funk Wire dates are 2 June, 16 June, 7 July and 21 July. The last choir before our summer break is on 21 July when there will be a summer lunch starting at



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“An Evening of Words & Music”



Come along and enjoy an entertaining evening listening to original music and writings produced by local contributors as part of the

Presenting in the Past Project.

The Octagon Theatre, Town Hall, Grassington.

Friday 10th June 2022 at 7.30pm

Tickets UWALS Members £8 Non-Members £10

Ticket price includes a glass of wine and Yorkshire cheese and biscuits.

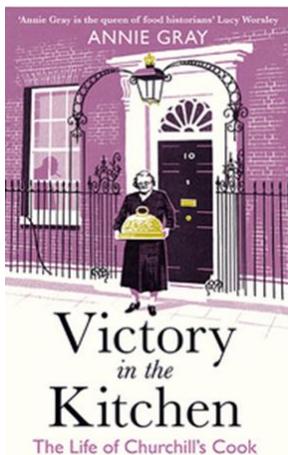


12.30pm followed by our usual choir session at 2pm. Choir will begin again on Thursday 22 September at 2pm in Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall.

An Evening with Dr Annie Gray

‘Victory in the Kitchen’ at The Octagon

Friday 15 July, 7.30pm



Annie Gray has worked widely across both TV and radio, including being the resident food historian on BBC Radio 4's award-winning culinary panel show, The Kitchen Cabinet since its inception in 2012. You will also recognise her as a consultant and

presenter on BBC2's living history series: Victorian Bakers and The Sweetmakers. Annie also regularly features on TV, both talking about and recreating the food of the past. Annie will be sharing the fascinating story of Georgina Landemare who started her career as a nursemaid and ended it cooking for one of the best-known figures in British history, Winston Churchill, a man to whom food was central, not only as a pleasure by itself, but as a diplomatic tool in a time when the world was embroiled in a worldwide war. Her story takes us to wartime London, via Belle Epoque Paris and prohibition-era New York. Tickets: UWALS members, £13 non-members £15, for reservations send an email to: uwalsociety@gmail.com or telephone 01756 770051/770350.

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victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Upcoming events for June and July include:

Walk – Nurturing Nature; Tuesday 14 June 2022, approx. 12pm – 4.00pm. A short walk from Ribbleshead railway station to two of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust’s most nature rich reserves. Graham Standing, the Trust’s Living Landscapes Officer will be offering expert insight into the native flora and fauna of the biodiverse grassland at Ashes Pasture and Salt Lake Quarry. Booking essential. No dogs except RAD.

Digital Talk on ‘Building Conservation and Lime Wash’ Wednesday 15 June 2022, 7.30pm. Lime was once an essential building material and chartered surveyor and building conservation expert, Jonathan Ratter will reveal why it is still the best choice for protecting the stonework of traditional buildings.

Volunteering Event: ‘Eyes on the Bog’. Thursday 23 June 10.30 – 3pm, Kingsdale, north of Ingleton. As part of our Peatlands

campaign #MoorPeat, we are looking to recruit volunteers to support with some simple peatland monitoring activities on a site of their choice up to four times a year. Full training and equipment will be provided at the event on 23 June. If you are interested in taking part in this long-term project – albeit one that is flexible and can be carried out on your own terms – email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Digital Talk – The Flow: Rivers and River Life: Wednesday 13 July 2022, 7.30pm. Drawing from her newly published book, *The Flow*, our voluntary President, the acclaimed nature writer Dr Amy-Jane Beer will read extracts about Dales rivers, before talking more broadly about aquatic life and the challenges facing river systems. Bring your questions as Amy-Jane is looking forward to an interactive Q&A!



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Halton Gill Reading Room

THURSDAY DROP-IN COFFEE MORNINGS ARE BACK! We resume the weekly coffee mornings on Thursday 7 July 10.30 - 12noon, everyone welcome. Donations to Cystic Fibrosis Trust

Road Closure in Hawskwick

Hawskwick village has a licence to close the road for the Jubilee celebrations between 12 noon and 7pm on Sunday 5 June. The section closed will start after the stone bridge by Low Barn and will run to the junction to the main road in Arncliffe (near Bridge House). Outgang Lane will remain fully open. We apologise for any inconvenience this will cause.

LITTONDALE DUCK RACE

Saturday 16 July

The Annual Littondale Duck Race will be held on Saturday 16th July with 'Quack off' from the Church bridge at 3pm. Tea, cake and duck tickets for sale in the Churchyard from 2pm, or in advance from Sarah Paul (770282) or by emailing carrfarm2021@gmail.com

All proceeds to the Churches of Upper Wharfedale & Littondale.

AMERDALE HALL NEWS

Thank you, Craven College Students

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to Peter Face and his team of Full time Diploma level 1,2,3 painting and decorating

students from Craven College in Skipton, who recently used their work experience week to volunteer their time to decorate the Village Hall. Everyone agrees how much lighter and brighter the Hall looks after the face-lift and we are very grateful to you all, and especially lecturer Peter Face who organised the project and brought it all to fruition. The team involved are pictured here and their names are; Elliot Morris, Abbie Rosier, Matthew Stevens, Peter Face, Josh Wiseman, Jack Elvin, Jake Hodges and Jakub Karbarz.

Coffee & Chat

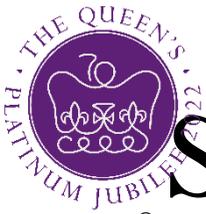
Saturday 25 June, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Come along to the Hall for a cuppa and catch up, plus homemade baking to eat-in or take away. All proceeds to Amerdale Hall. CIO number 1193881.

Rainfall for April 2022

Arncliffe: 64.1 mm/2.52 ins
Litton: 66.58 mm/2.62 ins





Coronation memories; *Sheila Foster*

Sheila Foster of Arncliffe Cote Farm has vivid memories of Queen Elizabeth's accession and coronation. The last baby to be born in Skipton Castle (in the very room where Lady Anne Clifford was born!), she was at boarding school in Berkshire when the news of the King's death came through. The headmistress interrupted their geography class to bring them the news, and led the children to chapel, where a requiem mass was held later that evening.

The coronation the following year was a joyous affair; school children were given five days of holiday, so she was able to come up to Skipton for the noisy celebrations in the town, which were only partially dampened by the heavy rain. The family had planned to light up the castle with floodlights, but the rain put paid to that, so they put night lights in jam jars in all the windows – a much prettier sight than the floodlights would have been! The bonfire wouldn't light either!

Her grandfather, Lord Windelsham, was at the coronation in Westminster Abbey in heavy robes and carrying his coronet, which could only be worn during the service. It was a long day, and it was rumoured that several peers of the realm had sandwiches stashed away in their coronet! Watching the service on TV at the castle, she was able to recognise her grandfather, who stood out due to his height.

There was also an opportunity to join in celebrations over the following days, and she travelled up to Kettlewell for a coronation tea with Mis Cutcliffe Hyne, daughter of the famous English novelist CJ Cutcliffe Hyne, author of the Captain Kettle series and 'The Lost Continent: The Story of Atlantis'!





Coronation memories; *Jane Hargreaves*

Coronation day - wonderful reception of television and sound and watched whole ceremony on the Metcalf's set, just in two days previously. A surprising pleasure to see and hear it. After lunch to Halton Gill for sports in the rain and wind. Bob staggered round the under 15 years fell race course. Fine tea in the Dawson's family farm. Everest has been climbed and many talked to me about it.

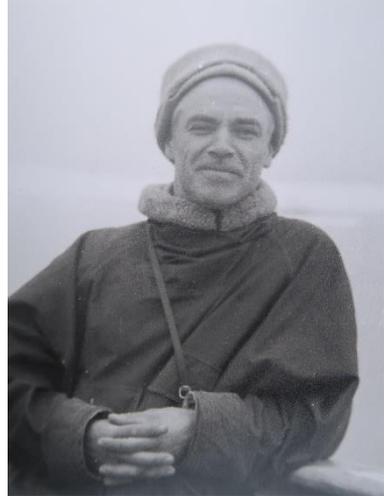
Sawyersgarth Diary, 2 June 1953. Written by LRW.

Jane (and Richard) Hargreaves, lives in Hawkswick, and was on holiday in Litton in June 1953 for a few days, having come up from Oxford where her father, Lawrence Wager, was professor of geology and she was at school. Her family would regularly come up to Sawyersgarth for Easter and Summer holidays. Electricity had come up the Dale that year and there was a small black and white television at Freda Brook's house on which they watched the coronation – Freda's father was Tom Metcalf who farmed at Sawyersgarth at that time.

Following the coronation, the family went up to Halton Gill for the sports and tea party. The main topic of conversation was the ascent of Everest by Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing - the breaking news had been published in the Times that morning and the exciting news was all over London, enjoyed by crowds who had spent the night on the pavements

It's not surprising that her father commented on this fact in his diary that day; he was an avid climber and had been on the Everest expedition in 1933. Together with Percy Wyn-Harris, he had climbed higher than anyone before – and anyone after, until the successful ascent of 1953. While they were up there, they found the ice axe that had belonged to Mallory or Irvine, who both died on their tragic attempt in 1924.

Richard Hargreaves also has an unusual link to events commemorated in the Jubilee. He was on National Service in the army in Kenya in 1955 and was sent for battle camp training in the Mount Kenya forest. They were billeted one night in a lodge above a forest watering hole where on sentry duty they could watch elephants, buffalo and rhinoceros coming to drink. They were told that this was the place where Princess Elizabeth was staying when she heard the news that her father had died. She had gone to bed as Princess and woken up in the morning as Queen. This lodge belonged to the Treetops Hotel in Nyeri where the Queen was staying in February 1952.





Proposal to Reorder St Mary's, Kettlewell



Changes have been suggested to the layout of St Mary's Church in Kettlewell. The proposals, which include removing some pews at the back of the Church to create a more welcoming space for people to use, have been submitted to our Parish's Parochial Church Council (PCC). The PCC was due to meet on Wednesday, May 25, after the June edition of *The Link* had gone to the printers, so we hope to bring you news of the PCC's decision in our July edition.

The proposals started out as a conversation about how to further enhance the experience offered in the award-winning Churchyard at St Mary's. This led to discussion about the entrance to the Church, and then progressed naturally to looking at the part of the building just inside the main entrance. The conversations so far have involved a small number of people involved with the Church, who have had a brief and informal discussion with Andrew Boyce, the Inspecting Architect for St Mary's. The proposals are at a very early stage, and as

a result the ideas are not yet set out in detail.

Over the last few years, much hard work has gone into creating an award-winning Churchyard surrounding the Church building, offering a garden of peace and tranquility, of hospitality and welcome, of creativity and beauty for locals and visitors alike. The idea is to now bring the experience of enhancing the churchyard to bear on the interior of the building through an imaginative and practical reordering of space. Such a reordering should reflect a desire to create a more useful space for today and for the future.

One of the first suggested steps is to remove the pews on both sides at the back of the Church to provide the opportunity to create a more welcoming space for people to use in a variety of ways, including:

- Space for people visiting the Churchyard, providing quiet, beauty and simplicity
- Churchyard events, somewhere to reflect and gather

- Exhibition space
- Café Church
- Messy Church – space for trestle tables and craft activities
- Spiritual development - quiet days, retreat space, labyrinth workshops (walking a hand-painted canvas labyrinth)
- Small Pilgrim Places network
- Meeting space, eg for PCC meetings
- Concert space – including room for overspill and providing refreshments
- Youth Church (safe indoor space for youth work)
- Playhouse.

Chairs and tables would be provided for some of these activities, and chairs would also be needed for events or Services when the Church is likely to be more full than normal. The chairs and tables would have to be easily removed and stored elsewhere.

The proposal is to retain the same floorspace/footprint for the kitchen area as now, but to reconfigure it to make the kitchen easier to use, and to create more efficient storage space. For example, it might be possible to hang up to 30 folding chairs in this area.

One possible change is that the font could be moved to a more central position in the Church. The font is, of course, the oldest feature inside the Church and has been used for baptisms for the best part of 1,000 years. The idea of such a change would be to make more of a feature of the font and to make a statement about the value of baptism as the start of the journey for the Christian community.

There is a potential need to take a more holistic approach when looking at changes to St Mary's, which could also include alterations to the Chancel area. This might form part of a future phase of any broader reordering of the building. Any changes in this part of the Church would, of course, be guided by the need to enhance the spiritual



journey of worshippers and the communal nature of worship.

The flooring at the back of the Church is a mixture of stone and wood surfaces and there would be a need to consider changes to these surfaces as part of any scheme to reorder this area. In addition, the Parish would need to consider changes to the heating system, for three reasons:

- The current heating system is working satisfactorily now but has a limited life
- These changes would work better with more ‘user-friendly’ heating arrangements to make the proposed new space more comfortable and welcoming
- If changes were made to the heating the Parish would almost certainly be asked to consider zero or low-carbon alternatives for any new system.

PCC members were due to be asked to indicate whether they were willing for work to continue, with a view to bringing forward more detailed proposals.

St Mary's Kettlewell Organ Music (2)

Following Myra Eteson's article in the April Link about the new digital organ in St Mary's, we received the following interesting message from Jane Begley, in Essex: "I worship at The Church of the Holy Innocents, High Beach, near Loughton, Essex where we have one of the smallest examples of a Willis Organ which was installed in 1873, the year our church was built [pictured].... We have 670 pipes and still have the ability to pump by hand in the event of a power cut. Apart from the foot pedals, the remainder of the organ is in its original condition. Kind regards, Jane Begley. So, here's a bit more of the story of how the organ with Willis voicings came to Kettlewell...."

One Friday afternoon in August 2016, I went to St. Mary's to do some organ practice in preparation for a wedding the next day. The first piece I practised began with a low F note on the left foot pedal, alternating with another pedal F an octave higher (right foot), but what I heard was something entirely different! The low F was sounding one octave and a very sharp 5th higher! I tried other notes on the pedals, and then some on the manuals (the organ had 2 keyboards), and the same thing was happening to all the notes throughout the whole range of Flute (medium) stops. The only remaining sounds available were either very loud – painful for those sitting at the back of church - or very soft.

It needed attention. The organ builders told us that a new electrical system would cost about £7,500. The Diocesan Organ Adviser said that it wasn't worth spending that much money on what would become obsolete technology, or indeed, on that organ (*pictured in the April Magazine*).

A replacement 2-manual pipe organ and the cost of its installation was offered in March 2017 as a gift, but could not be accommodated in St. Mary's, as the organ



was 'all in one' and could not be operated from a separate console. The previous organ chamber had become the 'Jubilee Room' (now the Parish Office), and the original organ, which had been removed, was an 1889 Harrison and Harrison with electric blower, and hand pumping still operative!

The answer to our prayers came via a Scargill connection, namely Andrew Allington, who had been part of the Community, had met his wife there, and was serving as Assistant Rector to David Macha based in Burnsall. He told me that his mother was going into a nursing home and had a digital organ in her house of considerable value which they had to dispose of. If his brother in Australia had no use for it, he would gladly give it to St. Mary's Church, remembering his love of the area and the happy times spent in Kettlewell.

We thank the family for their wonderful generosity!

Myra Eteson

Country Diary - June

June is the month to celebrate the dales' famous wildflower meadows. I often feel that at this time of year, when I close my eyes to go to sleep, I see buttercup yellow after days immersed in a landscape of gently swaying fields of sunshine. A real delight.



The meadows are of course fertile ground for an impressively wide range of species of wildflower and grasses, alongside meadow buttercups, with equally impressive names such as devil's bit scabious, rough hawkbit, lady's bedstraw, and my own personal favourite, melancholy thistle. It's worth taking the time to really study an area of meadow and see how many different species you can see; an education in itself.



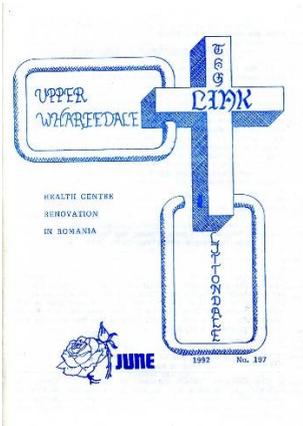
This is the time of year that we start to see reluctant fledglings encouraged to leave the nest by parent birds. You may see fully

feathered, slightly shell-shocked looking youngsters at ground level waiting for the parent bird to come back and feed them. Differing species provide support for longer once fledged, dunnocks and blackbirds feed their young for about two weeks before launching them at the world, with all its many dangers, whereas starlings pack them on their way after a mere couple of days!

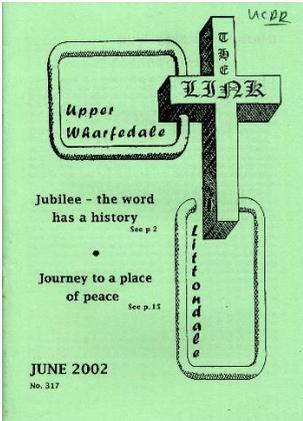


I was recently reminded of the superhero nature of parent birds, and the sheer energy and will it must take to feed a hungry brood to the point of successful fledging, when my cat captured a starling youngster and brought it in, mercifully unharmed. Unable to find the parent bird, I then undertook the task of feeding it myself every hour from 4:30am to 9pm for a few days, before the wonderful Jane from Settle Animal Rescue Resource Network came to collect him- by which time I was an exhausted heap! Hard to imagine the resources needed to do it for many birds from hatching to fledging; yet another wonder of the natural world.

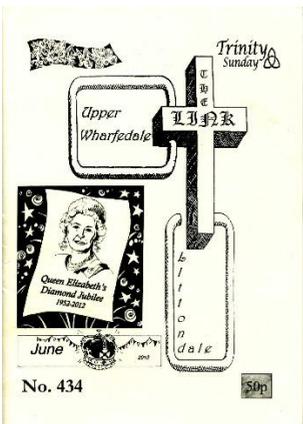
Rebecca Ward-Dooley



The June 1992 Link included a report on local aid for Romania. “On 21 April 1992, a group of eight people, including Leslie Chamberlain of Kettlewell and David Claughton of Halton Gill, left for Romania with six tonnes of aid equipment in two vehicles and a trailer. On arrival at their destination, the medical centre in the village of Obirsia Closani, they unloaded the vehicles and cooking facilities and set up a sleeping accommodation with the help of local people. The next day was Easter Sunday, being one week later than our Easter, so that evening the group was invited to take part in the Easter vigil service in the small but ornately decorated church. Renovation work continued including building renovation, sanitation, water treatment and medical and education needs.”



‘A good spring’ was the headline in the Link of June 2002, reporting on birdlife returning to the area. “On the good days of spring, and there have been many, people in the Dales, especially Littondale, have remarked on the natural beauty around them. Plenty of curlews. Two or three pairs of redshanks have been seen on the lower Skirfare and yellow wagtails have returned to Arncliffe, where redstarts were also seen on 2nd May. Further up the river the oyster catchers made their usual mistake by nesting on an island above Litton which was then submerged when the river rose. It seemed at first that there would be fewer swallows and martins than usual, but they may have picked up. We learn that sand and house martins were seen in Kettlewell as early as 6th of April. The first cuckoo was heard on 20th of April.....”



The June 2012 Link reported on the outstanding Lambing Service held at Hubberholme. “We had well behaved plans pleasant weather and a full church. Maybe people came to see the new Bishop; maybe they came to hear what Chris Akrigg had to say about the lambing year. Chris spoke movingly about the challenges and difficulties of the worst and wettest April for ages. His humour and observations helped us understand more about the life of a hill farmer. The Bishop picked up on much of what Chris said and spoke about Jesus as both the ‘Good Shepherd’ and also the ‘Lamb that was slain’; the one who became vulnerable and suffered for us. Thanks go to them and also young Robin Schofield for his reading of ‘The Lamb’ by William Blake.”

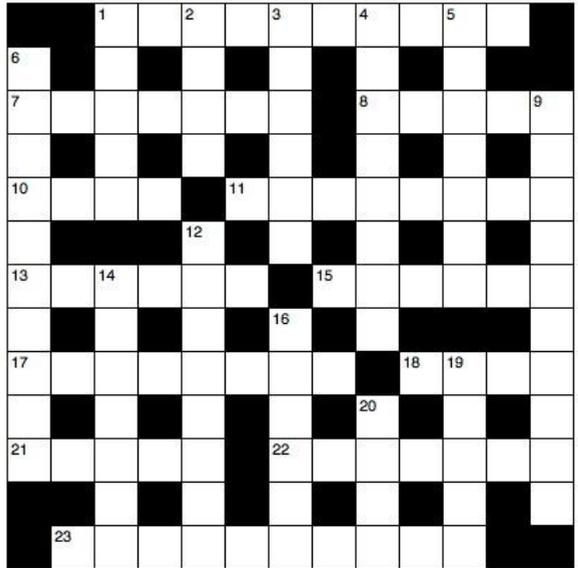
Crossword

Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
 10 'We are hard pressed on every —' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (4)
 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be —' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
 21 'As for man, his days are like —, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)



- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)
 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)
 19 'All these — come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7) (4)

Solution below!

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness, 7, Harpist, 8, Teach, 10, Side, 11, Impostor, 13, Encamp, 15, Saddle, 17, Ignorant, 18, Tent, 21, Grass, 22, Olivier, 23, Wrongdoers.
DOWN: 1, World, 2, Critb, 3, Entomb, 4, National, 5, Started, 6, Whispersing, 9, Harvesters, 12, Imprison, 14, Centaur, 16, Unload, 19, Evils, 20, Give.

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

Thu 2 June	Halton Gill Beacon Bonfire, 9.45 pm	
Sun 5 June	Buckden Platinum Jubilee Street Party Kettlewell Jubilee Celebration Picnic Tea Hawswick Jubilee Street Party	
Sat 2 July	Arncliffe Jacob's Join Village Party	
Thu 2 June	Funk Wire, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall	
Sun 5 June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	
Wed 8 June	Super mobile library, Buckden	
Fri 10 June	UWALS ' <i>An Evening of Words & Music</i> ', Grassington Town Hall	
Tue 14 June	Friends of the Dales: Nurturing Nature Walk	
Wed 15 June	Friends of the Dales: digital talk on Building Conservation and Lime Wash	
Thu 16 June	Funk Wire, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall	
17 Jun – 2 Jul	Grassington Festival	
Sat 18 June	Buckden Gala and Buckden Pike Fell Race	
Wed 22 June	Supermobile library, Kettlewell	
Thu 23 June	Friends of the Dales: Volunteering event - Eyes on the Bog	
Sat 25 June	St Mary's Conistone Annual Coffee Morning, Church House, Grassington	
Sun 26 June	Act of Worship, Grassington Festival	

FUTURE EVENTS

Wed 6 July	Garden Party for Manorlands Hospice, Throstles Nest, Conistone
Thu 7 July	Funk Wire, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall
Wed 13 July	Friends of the Dales: digital talk on The Flow; Rivers and River Life
Fri 15 July	' <i>Victory in the Kitchen</i> ', evening with Annie Gray, Octagon, Grassington
Sat 13 Aug	Littondale Fete
13-21 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Mon 29 Aug	Fund raising stalls for Hubberholme church, Buckden School Room
Tue 30 Aug	Kilnsey Show & Sports
Sun 4 Sep	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

REGULAR EVENTS

What	When & Where
Play Table Tennis	Wed 3.20-4, 4-5 and 5-7pm, Kettlewell Village Hall
Funk Wire	Thur - fortnightly 2 pm, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall
Coffee Morning	Thur - weekly 10.30-12.00, Halton Gill Reading Room

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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

Sunday 5 June		
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Arncliffe	09.30	Holy Communion
Conistone	18.30	Holy Communion
Hubberholme	Free	
Kettlewell	11.15	Methodist Service

Sunday 12 June		
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Arncliffe	09.30	Morning Prayer
Conistone	18.30	Holy Communion
Hubberholme	11.15	BCP Holy Communion
Kettlewell	Free	

Sunday 19 June		
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Arncliffe	Free	
Conistone	18.30	Evening Prayer
Hubberholme	09.30	BCP Holy Communion
Kettlewell	11.15	Holy Communion

Sunday 26 June		
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<i>Ecumenical service, Grassington Town Square (in the event of rain, Grassington Town Hall)</i>	10.00 am	<i>A service for all the Upper Wharfedale & Littedale Churches, as part of the Grassington Festival.</i>
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