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Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine








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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...

Palm Sunday Invitation

I don't know about you, but I read a lot during the national pandemic. One of my most enjoyable reads was *Being Reverend* by Revd Matt Woodcock. It describes Matt's time as a pioneer minister attached to Holy Trinity Church in Hull. If a book can make you laugh out loud and cry in the space of the same chapter, it has done its job.

This book was the sequel to *Becoming Reverend* which was written during Matt's time training for ministry. Matt writes succinctly, reflecting his former career as a journalist. His passion as an evangelist is also evident in every page - allied with a frustration with the Church for the ways in which we successfully turn people away or manage to put people off Church for life.

Being 'inside the job' I found there was much I could relate to. Matt is a great role model for clergy, a sort of male Kate Bottley - sharing with her 'off the scale' extroversion, a disarming honesty and a contagious sense of fun.

Matt will be giving a talk at Kettlewell Village Hall to mark the start of Holy Week at 7.30pm on Saturday 22 March. Matt will also be joining us as our guest preacher at our Palm Sunday service at Hubberholme Church.

Matt managed to secure live camels for a nativity procession through the streets of Hull. It makes my borrowing a fibreglass donkey from a local pub look very tame in comparison! I am delighted, however, to be able to confirm that that this year we will have live animals accompanying us on our Palm Sunday procession!

So, this



is me inviting you to come along. The talk on the Saturday evening is free of charge, as is the first drink at the bar.

The events of this upcoming weekend in March promise to provide you with something thought-provoking and spiritually uplifting as well as something that is intergenerational and fun.

I very much hope that you and your family would like to join me on one or both of these occasions.

Tom

From the Churches & Villages



We have many events and services this month as we celebrate Lent and Easter. Please do join us!

Wednesday 13 March

Lent Lunch at The Vicarage, Kettlewell, from 12.30–2pm (For Christian Aid).

Saturday 23 March

Matt Woodcock will give a talk at Kettlewell Village Hall at 7.30pm to mark the start of Holy Week. The talk is free of charge, as is the first drink at the bar!



Sunday 24 March

The traditional *Palm Sunday Procession* from Buckden Village Green to the church at Hubberholme will be led by Matt Woodcock who will be the guest speaker at the 11am service when we reach Hubberholme. It will be a United Service for the whole parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale and everyone will be very welcome to gather on the Green at Buckden in time to leave at around 10 am. Please remember that the riverside walk may be wet and muddy and come suitably attired. Those not wishing to walk beside the river to Hubberholme are asked to gather at the church for the 11am service.



Tuesday 26 March

Sanctuary@6 at Kettlewell church

Wednesday 27 March

Lent Lunch at Church House, Grassington 12 noon–1.30pm (For Christian Aid).

Maundy Thursday 28 March

Holy Communion with foot washing at Arncliffe church at 7pm

Good Friday 29 March

Walk of Witness at 11.45am from Grassington Square, followed by short service.

Last Hour meditation at 2pm at Conistone church

Easter Sunday 31 March



Easter Communion at 8am at Arncliffe church

Easter Communion at 9.30am at Hubberholme church

Iona Easter Communion at 11.15 at Kettlewell for Kettlewell and Conistone churches.

Don't forget that clocks go forward on Saturday 30 March!

FUNERALS

1 February – St Mary's Church, Conistone
– Edward Spriggs.

We are also saddened to report the death of Carolyn (Lyn) Morgan, aged 76, on 1 January 2024. She and Brian lived for 19 years at Park Bottom, Litton, running the Bed & Breakfast and the Post Office before moving to Hebden.

Sanctuary@6 St Mary's Kettlewell

Sanctuary@6 provides a safe and healing space in the heart of the Church for anyone who seeks respite and calm from the noise and turbulence of life. With a mixture of music, stillness, prayer and connection, opportunities are provided to find that gentle contemplative space which can be so difficult to find as we go about our daily lives. Once a month the emphasis is on healing our brokenness in mind, body and spirit, as we are given the opportunity, if we wish to take it, of receiving communion and of anointing and being anointed with healing oils. Do come and spend a brief time with us in the sanctuary we create. You would be most welcome.

Tuesday 13 February	Sanctuary@6 healing
Tuesday 27 February	Sanctuary@6
Tuesday 12 March	Sanctuary@6 healing
Tuesday 26 March	Sanctuary@6
Tuesday 9 April	Sanctuary@6 healing
Tuesday 23 April	Sanctuary@6
Tuesday 14 May	Sanctuary@6 healing
Tuesday 28 May	Sanctuary@6
Tuesday 11 June	Sanctuary@6 healing
Tuesday 25 June	Sanctuary@6
Tuesday 9 July	Sanctuary@6 healing
Tuesday 23 July	Sanctuary@6

March Rotas**Sidespeople**

3 Pauline Thompson

10 *No one required*

17 Phil Burgin

24 *No one required*

31 Clare Blakey-Williams

After Service Tea/Coffee

3 June Appleton

10 *No one required*

17 Judy Burgin

24 *No one required*

31 Di Blakey-Williams

Cleaning

Jenny Inocco

Flowers

Lent: No flowers 3 – 24 March

Easter: Barbara Lambert/Sue Nelson & Team

Easter Flowers at St. Mary's, Kettlewell

An open invitation is extended to anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Easter on Saturday 30 March from 10am. Spring flowers will be available, but if you have greenery or garden flowers you can spare, please bring them along. Tea, coffee and hot cross buns will be available to keep you fortified and motivated!

Church Work Morning

Saturday 23 March from 10am to spruce up St Mary's church in preparation for Easter. Brasses need cleaning, cobwebs removing plus other jobs that only get done once in a while. If you could offer an hour of your time, it would be very much appreciated by the small band of helpers who endeavour to keep the church clean, tidy and welcoming week by week. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available for encouragement.

Pie, Peas, Pudding & Quiz Event

This was held Saturday 10 February in Kettlewell Village Hall. This proved a very popular event enjoyed by all participants.

Thank you to all who helped or attended - £508.50 was raised for church funds.

Labyrinth of Change

...the rooks saw...what we below could not see, winter pass.

Edward Thomas



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 note the imperceptible changing of the season around and within

in the centre at this moment of changing possibility open your heart and soul to what is there for you

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

March Rotas

Sidesperson

10 *Mothering Sunday* J Cowpe & S Kilvington

17 C Winpenny

24 *Palm Sunday* J Yarrow & L Hird

31 *Easter Day* D & S Lusted

Flowers/cleaning

3 L Pickering - no flowers

10 L Pickering - no flowers

17 H Jeddere-Fisher - no flowers

24 H Jeddere-Fisher - no flowers

31 Easter Sunday- Everyone please on Thursday 28th at 10.30am

Many thanks to the friends of Hubberholme Church who have sent donations towards the cost of printing the LINK. Your gifts are most appreciated and welcome.

Angela Falshaw

St Mary's, Conistone

March Rotas

Sidespeople

3 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield

17 Allison Clarke & Philip Butterfield

29 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield (Good Friday Last Hour Meditation)

Apr 7 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster

Flowers and Cleaning

No Flowers until Easter Day (see notice below)

Open Church w/c

4 Philip Butterfield

11 Lewis Adams

18 Allison Clarke

25 Jane Pighills & Michelle Parkin-Vaughan

Apr 1 Philip Butterfield

On Saturday 30 March we will be decorating the church for Easter Sunday. Offers of help and donations of flowers and greenery will be very much appreciated. We will meet in the church from 9.30am and everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee and biscuits.

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

March Rotas

Opening church w/c

3 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

10 Hilary Follows

17 Sally Smith

24 Elspeth Miller

31 Sarah Paul

Sidesperson

3 Hilary Follows

10 Elspeth Miller

17 *Not required*

24 *Not required*

31 Sally Smith (8.00am)

Coffee

3 Sarah Paul

10 Elspeth Miller

17 *Not required*

24 Not required

31 Everyone

Cleaning

Elsbeth and Michelle Miller

Flowers

Lent – no flowers

Buckden & Langstrothdale

SuperMobile Library

The Library van will be in Buckden car park on Wednesday 13 March from 10.00am until 12 noon.

Buckden Whist

This month's whist will take place on Wednesday 6th and Wednesday 20th in Buckden Village Institute. Doors open at 6.15pm and play starts at 6.45pm. There is an entry charge of £3.50 per evening which includes refreshments and prizes. For further information please contact David Lusted on 760877 or info@dalegarth.co.uk

Buckden Village Quiz

The Buckden Village quiz will take place on Sunday 3 March in the Buck. Please take your seats from 7.00pm. Quiz starts at 7.30pm. Entry fee - £2.50 per person. In aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Further info – email quiz@buckden.org

Coffee Morning

The Buckden Institute coffee morning will be on Saturday 9 March from 10.30 - 12.30. Coffee and cake £3. Donations of cakes would be appreciated, please email coffee@buckden.org. All welcome. Proceeds to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Kettlewell with Starbotton



30 years' worth of Scarecrows

As you probably know, we are celebrating 30 years of the Scarecrow Festival this year, and the committee want to go to town with this celebration. But we need your help. Obviously!!

We want to recreate a 'Winners Arena' with scarecrows who have won in the past. Do you still have any winning scarecrows tucked away in your shed? Would you be willing to have it placed in the Winners'

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Arena? If not the real, live scarecrow, do you have a photograph of a winning scarecrow and which year it won? Please contact Charlotte Facer at charlie_facer@hotmail.com or 07866 031377 if the answer to any of these questions is 'Yes'.

As part of the celebration, we want to create a 'Wall of History' of Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival. Do you have any photographs from past years, any stories to tell - how your scarecrow went wrong, fell apart on the rain, inspired someone, etc. Please note any photographs can be photographed rather than us using the original. Please contact Peter Ward (07506 780128) if the answer to any of these questions is 'Yes'.

We want to create a party atmosphere around the village so need lots of bunting. If you can help by providing scraps of material or sewing and stitching, please contact Caroline Johnston at the village shop.

As it is a special year, there will be extra categories for your scarecrow. We will have a prize for the best 'Scene' where there are multiple scarecrows involved, as well as a prize for the best singular scarecrow (or perhaps 2 together). There will also be a 'People's Choice' winner which will be voted on by our visitors and announced at the end of the Festival.

If you want to become involved but don't know where to start or what needs doing, please get in touch with Clare Blakey Williams at canddaway@gmail.com or 07779 933262.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS

Do you have any of the following gathering dust in the loft/shed?

☞ A wedding dress or black suit (we need 4 of each!!).

And now for something completely different.....

☞ A poly tunnel frame!

Please contact Catharine (07713 152506) or Clare (details as above)

Kettlewell Film Night

The film at Kettlewell Village Hall on Saturday 30 March is 'Wild Rose'. "A Scottish woman fresh out of prison juggles her job and two children whilst pursuing her dream of becoming a country music star. She soon gets her chance when she travels to Nashville, on a life-changing journey to discover her true voice." Tickets £6 adults £3 school age available from the village shop or on the door. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Look out for Michael Caine's last film 'The Great Escaper' (Cert 15) on Saturday 4 May.

Kettlewell Church Clock

I've really enjoyed my many years winding our village (church) clock but feel the time has come to hand this task on to someone new. The clock needs to be wound every seven days, but the day can be flexible. I would be delighted to offer any instruction needed and support if required. A degree of physical fitness is an advantage! If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Graham Chamberlain

glchambertin@yahoo.co.uk

Kettlewell Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will meet on Thursday 21 March at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the February lunch please ring or text (I prefer these modes of communication, please) Sue Nelson, 760887 (land line) or 07765 506738 (mobile) by 4pm on Sunday 17 March to reserve your place. If there's no answer, leave a message. The cost is £6 for two courses plus coffee/tea. Wine is available by donation. If for any reason, you need to cancel your meal between Monday 18 and

Thursday 21 February or are an absentee on the day, the meal will still need to be paid for as provisions will have already been ordered or purchased. The Lunch Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. If you are able, it would be helpful if you could assist with clearing following the meal. Thank you.

Kettlewell Primary School



We welcomed some special visitors to Kettlewell who were coming to our wonderful school to shine a light on life and work in a Dales school. Keane Duncan who is running for the post of Mayor of North Yorkshire, came to look around our school and talked to the teachers about challenges and blessings (of which there are many blessings) of working in a Dales school. He was followed by a Channel 4 film crew.

We are looking at children's mental health week and carrying out some random acts of kindness.

We had a visitor from the Countryside Museum, talking about the Anglo Saxons. The children all enjoyed looking at artefacts and hearing all about life in those times.

Class two put their design head on and used cocktail sticks and play dough to create some elaborate and clever building structures. Class one have been fascinated, learning lots of information about the Titanic. They have each made a room using a shoe box then put them all together to make a side view of the ship.

Mother's Day Coffee morning.

Sunday 3 March 10am-12 noon

Come along to Kettlewell Village Hall for a cuppa and cake. Open to all (not just Mother!). Organised by Friends of Kettlewell School.

Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation present a **Band & Beer night** at Cracoe Village Hall, featuring Callum Spencer, on Saturday 16 March at 7pm. £12.50 per ticket (supper included). Tickets available via Friends of Kettlewell School Facebook page or from the school.

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Annual Show

Sunday 8 September

The themes for the Photographic Section of The Show are 'Monuments', 'Creatures of the Yorkshire Dales National Park' and the usual 'Any Subject.' Photographs not to exceed 7" x 5" before mounting.

Kettlewell & District WI

The February meeting took place in Kettlewell Village Hall, and we were delighted to welcome several visitors to find out from Senior National Park Conservation Officer Mr Tony Sergeant about flora and fauna in the Dales. He showed us some excellent photos of flowers, insects and birds and how we can help to conserve nature. He then had a question time and discussion which showed how everyone really would like to know how to make a difference. Thank you, Tony, we are now hoping to spot some of those flowers we didn't know existed!!

The March meeting in Kettlewell Village Hall on Tuesday 12th at 1.30pm will be 'Gardeners' Question Time', with Mr Nigel Hutchinson of 'Hedgerow' in Threshfield and it is also an open meeting (£5 including refreshments) to which visitors are most welcome. If you have

questions, please bring them along or, if you wish, give them to Barbara Lambert who can let Mr Hutchinson have sight of them before the meeting. The hostesses will be Jo Foster and Caroline Johnston, there will be a raffle and the competition is “Q”.

The recycling of used tablet blister packs is temporarily suspended but please bring along used batteries and printer cartridges, cut out used postage stamps, disused make up and spectacles.

Littondale

Arncliffe Annual Parish Meeting

The next Arncliffe Parish Meeting is the annual meeting and will be held at 7:30pm on 27 March in Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe. All parish residents are welcome to attend.

Amerdale Hall Events

Coffee & Cake

Saturday 9 March 10.30am – 12 noon

Our monthly coffee morning & opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours. Coffee (or tea) and homemade baking. Payment by donation.

Parish wide & beyond

Yorkshire Camps

The spring term is a season where we welcome church youth groups to Netherside Hall most weekends. They come from all over the north of England, from Stockport to Scarborough, as well as more local groups from Ilkley and Skipton. The youth groups vary in size and so we put a few churches together to make camp more viable and more fun with lots of young people. Yorkshire Camps look after every element of camp, allowing the group leaders to enjoy being with their young people.

Yorkshire Camps aims to run camps that allow young people to:

- enjoy an action packed and fun holiday
- explore the Christian message

- enlarge their faith.

We have recently installed new swings which will enhance the enjoyment of campers in free time. We know these will be a big hit with the campers and help create many happy memories.



Each camp we take time to look at what the Bible teaches and to introduce campers to Jesus. We also want to help those with faith in Jesus to grow in their love and knowledge of Him.

A poster for Yorkshire Camps Open Day. The top part shows a large stone building (Netherside Hall) with a group of people in front. The text on the poster includes: 'YORKSHIRE CAMPS' logo, 'OPEN DAY', 'MONDAY 6TH MAY 2024', '10AM - 4PM', and a list of activities: 'PLEASE JOIN US TO MEET THE TEAM, ENJOY COFFEE AND CAKE, HAVE A TOUR OF THE HALL, HEAR OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS & ENJOY THE GROUNDS'. At the bottom, it says 'NETHERSIDE HALL, THRESHFIELD, BD23 5PP' and 'WWW.YORKSHIRECAMPS.ORG.UK 01756 753227'.

Settle Orchestral Society

Our Spring concerts will take place in Skipton and Settle as follows:

Sat 16 March, 3.30 pm, Christ Church, Skipton

Sat 23 March, 3.30 pm, Settle Parish Church

NB Both concerts will be in the afternoon rather than the evening this term!

We will be playing:

- 🎻 Weber Der Freischütz Overture
- 🎻 Grieg Peer Gynt Suite No. 1
- 🎻 Elgar Cello Concerto, soloist Bob Buller

Why not come along to one of them, to enjoy an exhilarating evening, support local musicians and help keep live music alive? Full details of future concerts and contacts are on our website:

www.settleorchestra.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Funk Wire



The Funk Wire resumed on Thursday 15 February in The Octagon, Grassington and will be held there again on 29 February and 14 March at 2pm. Please note the change of venue for the first few meetings while Kilnsey with Conistone Hall is repaired. Other dates are 4 and 18 April; venue to be confirmed.

Friends of the Dales

Here are the latest FREE events from Friends of the Dales.

Friends 4 Friends

Wednesday 6 March 11am-3pm

If you've ever wanted to know more about Friends of the Dales and its environmental campaigning work - now is your chance to find out! We are hosting a **social event** for non-members and supporters wanting to learn more at Gargrave Village Hall on Wednesday 6 March. Existing members are

welcome too as long as they bring a 'non-member' friend with them! There will be welcome refreshments, a short presentation, light complimentary lunch (donations welcome) followed by a guided, leisurely three-mile circular walk. There is absolutely no obligation to subscribe as a member at the event – it just offers an opportunity for anyone with a passion and interest in building a sustainable future for the Yorkshire Dales to get to know the charity better! To book your place email:

victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Online Talk: Connecting Young People to the Yorkshire Dales

Wednesday 20 March 4.30pm

Meet one of Friends of the Dales Creative Campaigners – its group of passionate environmentalists aged 20-30. In this online talk Ruth Garrett will share the issues close to her heart as well as providing insight into the challenges faced by young people wanting to connect with or live in a National Park. In addition to supporting the charity's work, Ruth runs her own film production company, Kittiwake Productions and is an Ambassador for Campaign for National Parks (CNP). Ruth also created a short documentary on sustainable farming featuring former Friends of the Dales trustee, farmer Anthony Bradley, made possible with a CNP New Perspectives Bursary in 2022. To book, visit:

www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events

Rainfall for January 2024

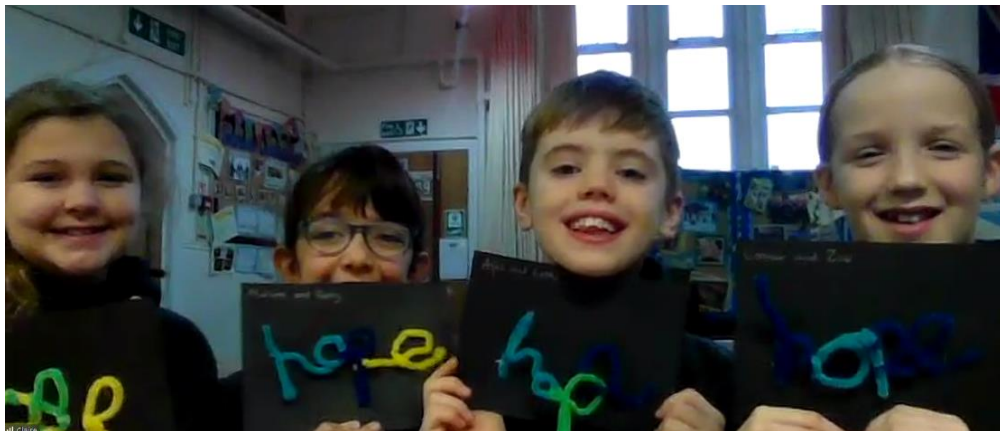
Arncliffe: 227.8 mm/8.97 ins

January rainfall 2000-2023

Average: 192.3 mm/7.57 ins

Highest: 405.6 mm/15.97 ins (2008)

Lowest: 55.8 mm/2.20 ins (2019)



Continuing our series on hope, this month we meet Isabella, Betsy, Alfie and Connie –four amazing students in the Worship Committee at Kettlewell Primary School. Together with Claire Greenwood, Co-Headteacher at the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation, they talked enthusiastically about 'Hope', which was the theme for their worship before the holidays.

What does hope mean for you?

Alfie: What we thought was there's different types of hopes and wishes. There's a world wish. That's for everybody.

Connie: And then there's a human wish for somebody that you care about.

Isabella: Our first world wish was stop war

Besty: And our second was stop global warming.

Alfie: The third one was stop deforestation.

Connie: And the fourth one was stop poverty. And we've got two human wishes and they're sort of a bit different. The first one was for a pet and that's more for yourself, but then the second one was to be healthy. That might be you or it might be a family member that's ill or going through something that is quite worrying.

Claire: We talked a lot about the fact that hopes could be something like material things, but quite often hopes were more than that. Hopes were about people's feelings and events and making a change, wasn't it?

They don't necessarily have to be getting a new computer game - hopes are usually bigger than that, which we felt is the big difference between a hope and a wish.

What were some of the highlights of 2023 for you?

Connie: Well, my highlight this year was passing my Skipton girls test to get into high school. Yeah, it was quite funny actually. I thought I hadn't got in and I started crying. Then then my mom was telling me, you've got in, why you crying? But yeah, that was really exciting.

Alfie: My highlight last year was I started playing with a lot more friends.

Claire: We talked about friendship in school but also in other different walks of life like clubs, online and in real life too - everywhere. It's all about friendship, isn't it?

Besty: My highlight was getting my dog Angel. She's a Springer spaniel. She's a

good puppy. She's actually better than one of the other dogs. [Betsy has seven dogs!]

Isabella: My highlight of last year was the collective worship committee being the best of the Federation.

Claire: All the Federation schools went on a training day for their committees of leading assemblies. Kettlewell's committee were the best on the day and Isabella thought that was definitely a highlight!

What about this next year? What are your hopes for the year ahead?

Connie: Okay, so my exciting part this year will be going on my residential to London with school. So that will be fun. I've been with my family once or twice, but I don't remember much to be honest. I know about the main parts of London, but I've not been there that often.

Claire: They're going to the Tower of London, on a river cruise, on an open top bus, to see Matilda the musical, to see the changing of the guard - the list is endless! Connie had written down that her main thing was also about getting some sleep, but I pointed out if she doesn't, she's going to have a very grumpy me to deal with! She might do a roving report thing for the Link!

Alfie: Mine is to get into Upper Wharfedale Secondary School. To start my application for it. And you get to sit on the bench!

Betsy: My hope is pretty much the same as Alfie's.

Claire: That's the excitement of being in year six. There are loads of privileges of being in year six, and you get to do lots of jobs and have extra responsibilities. Betsy will be in Year 6 too.

Tell us one or two responsibilities of being in year six. What do you get to do?

Alfie: You get to sit on the bench. Everyone else has to sit on the carpet. You feel really cool - it's really fun.

Connie: You also get to chair school council. If you're on school council and

there should be two year sixes on school council, there'll be a secretary, and then there'll be a chair.

Isabella: My wish for next year is to do well in my times tables test.

Claire: There's now a statutory assessment at year four to times tables so it's nothing for Isabella to worry about at all because she's a superstar. They do an online times table check. It's not really a test, it's a check. She wants to do really well at that.

What are your hopes for the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation?

Claire: Obviously, we're all for little schools that work closely together, and our hopes are that the Federation continues to grow and flourish. Kettlewell Primary School has 27 children, but there are 169 in the four schools that make up the Federation. Our real strengths are our collaborations - not just the way that the children work together, which is lovely to see, but the way that we collaborate across schools. One of the things that we've built on since I came is we now use Kettlewell for all the Federation schools to come and do forest school on a Monday afternoon. We've also got the PTAs working together to organize shared events. This March we're doing a 'band and beer' night for all the Federation parents. We're trying to encourage parents to collaborate, children to collaborate and all our staff to further links. We do lots of outdoor learning, and looking constantly for ways to make the four schools work well together and flourish - this is my main hope for the future for the Federation.

The children are also writing a report for the Link on a major project they are working on to regenerate the pond area next to the school with raised beds and gardens to grow vegetables and herbs!

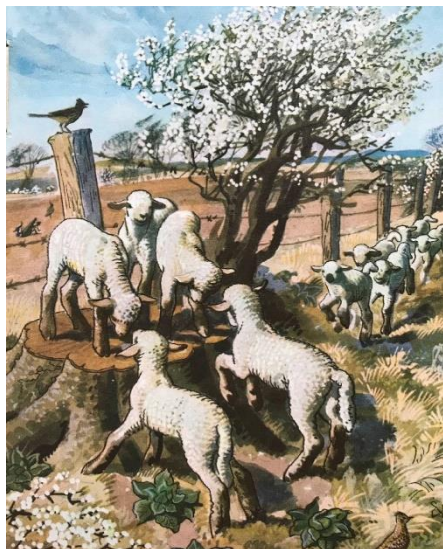
Country Diary - March

*Blows the thaw-wind pleasantly,
Drops the soaking rain,
By fits looks down the waking sun:
Young grass springs on the plain;
Young leaves clothe early hedgerow trees;
Seeds and roots, and stones of fruits,
Swollen with sap put forth their shoots;
Curled-headed ferns sprout in the lane;
Birds sing and pair again.*

Spring – Christina Rossetti

Here we are in the transitional month of March again, caught between the outgoing winter's inclemency and the growing presence of a verdant spring. The birds have been singing for a few weeks now, at first a small sound barely heard above the rush of a fast-flowing river and high winds amongst the treetops; small but insistent. This afternoon on my post-work dog walk, the makings of a full evening chorus were present with the robin, chaffinch, blue tit and song thrush serenading my steps from the treetops. How it lifts the spirits!

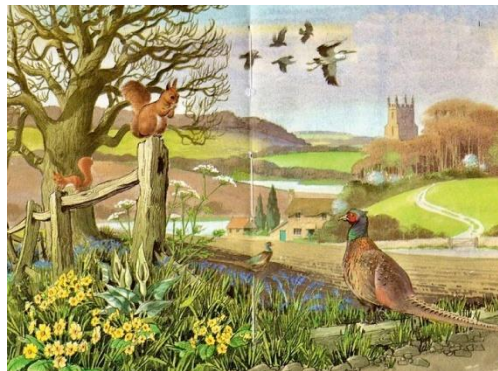
I have been enjoying looking through illustrations from old ladybird books after reading about the incredible collection of Helen Day's that has been travelling round the country in various art galleries since 2018. I'm earnestly hoping it pops up somewhere in North Yorkshire soon.



There is something timeless and enchanting about the accompanying artwork in the books, especially the seasonal guides. The artist CF Tunnicliffe is a particular favourite of mine, creating images that you could simply step into. I have included some illustrations from the 1961 edition of 'What to look for in Spring' by E L Grant Watson (Ladybird Nature Book series 536) to accompany this month's diary.

The experience of looking through the books brings back memories of the treasure trove of the classroom 'nature table' in spring; a spray of golden catkins, half a speckled blackbird's egg, an intricate nest, blown out of a tree and discovered by enthusiasm, on the way to school. There is something incredibly comforting about revisiting the joy of discovering nature's bounty through the lens of childhood and it's delightful to see the appeal of these books enduring to this day. You can find out more at www.ladybirdflyawayhome.com

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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

Sat 2 Mar	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Julia Queen, St Mary's Kettlewell
Sat 2 Mar	Traditional Dales Music and Dance, Grassington Town Hall
Sun 3 Mar	Mothers' Day Coffee Morning, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sun 3 Mar	Buckden Village Quiz, The Buck Inn
Wed 6 Mar	Buckden Whist, Buckden Village Institute
Sat 9 Mar	Coffee & Cake, Amerdale Hall
Sat 9 Mar	Buckden Institute Coffee Morning Talk
Sun 10 Mar	Dales Music and Song, Buck Inn, from 1-4pm
Wed 13 Mar	Lent Lunch, Kettlewell Vicarage
Wed 13 Mar	Mobile Library, Buckden
Sat 16 Mar	Band & Beer night, Cracoe Village Hall (UWPF)
Sat 16 Mar	Settle Orchestral Society Concert, Christ Church, Skipton
Wed 20 Mar	Buckden Whist, Buckden Village Institute
Thu 21 Mar	Kettlewell Lunch Club, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 23 Mar	Settle Orchestral Society Concert, Settle Parish Church
Sat 23 Mar	Talk by Matt Woodcock, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 27 Mar	Lent Lunch, Church House, Grassington
Wed 27 Mar	Mobile Library, Kettlewell
Wed 27 Mar	Arncliffe Annual Parish Meeting, Amerdale Hall
Sat 30 Mar	Film night ' <i>Wild Rose</i> ', Kettlewell Village Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Sat 4 May	Film night ' <i>The Great Escaper</i> ' Kettlewell Village Hall
Mon 6 May	Yorkshire Camps Open Day
Aug 10-18	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Sun 8 Sep	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Show

REGULAR EVENTS

What	When	Where
Chess Club	1 st and 3 rd Tues, 7-9pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Play Table Tennis	Wed 3.15-4, 4-5.30, 5.30-7.15pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Funk Wire	Thur -fortnightly 2pm	Venue to be confirmed
Whist Evenings	Alternate Wed, 7pm	Buckden Village Institute
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 following schedule of church services in our parish is planned for this month. Please check the parish website for confirmation at www.upperwharfedalechurches.org

Sunday 3 March

09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Iona Communion
16.30	Conistone	Holy Communion

Sunday 10 March – Mothering Sunday

09.30	Arncliffe	United Parish Communion Service
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Tuesday 12 March

18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6 Healing
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Sunday 17 March

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

Sunday 24 March - Palm Sunday

10.00	Buckden Green	United Parish Procession and
11.00	Hubberholme	Service of the Word

Tuesday 26 March

18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
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Thursday 28 March – Maundy Thursday

19.00	Arncliffe	Holy Communion with Foot Washing
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Friday 29 March – Good Friday

11.45	Grassington Square	Walk of Witness and short service
14.00	Conistone	Last Hour Meditation

Sunday 31 March – EASTER DAY

08.00	Arncliffe	Easter Communion
09.30	Hubberholme	Easter Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Kettlewell & Conistone Iona Easter Communion

Sunday 7 April

09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Iona Communion
18.30	Conistone	Holy Communion

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