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Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine

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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.*

Keep us, good Lord,  
Under the shadow of your mercy  
In this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
And lift up all who are brought low;  
That we may rejoice in your comfort,  
Knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### The Link

The **Link** is the magazine and notice-board 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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# From the Vicar...

**A** Roman fort hidden within ancient woodland ... somewhere our dog Betty can walk off a lead knowing all local sheep are safely out of reach ... a fabulous Indian restaurant in Grassington ... and who would have thought that there were so many places where one can go for a swim? We are learning so much as a family as we settle into our new environment.

This month we think of and pray for those going back to school or starting out at university or in a new career and our focus is on learning. Although there are times when we learn intensively, we are all learning all of the time. My father in law Ivan is a good example of a lifelong learner who has recently studied for yet another MA at York St John University where he is a visiting professor. My wife Helen seems to be always reading and has the enviable task (in my view anyway) of reading the latest books on theology as part of her day job.

For Christians lifelong learning is primarily about discipleship. In our discipleship, our following Christ, it helps to have faithful companions on the road. We can do worse than to reflect on the lives of the saints. I have recently been

reading a commentary on George Herbert's poetry called *My Sour-Sweet Days* by Mark Oakley. Oakley makes the point that all of Herbert's poems are, in one way or another, about God, with their insistence that God is the loving friend of human beings and not some distant, overbearing tyrant. God is the one who takes Herbert's hand smiling.

Herbert's conversation with God is a beautiful corrective to those who talk about God as if God were akin to yoga or basket-weaving, something you take up on a Wednesday evening for self-improvement. If you regret the fact that Christianity today so often appears to be a choice between ignorance on fire or intelligence on ice, then Herbert might be for you, embodying a critical and loving fidelity to God.

God for Herbert is not an object we fuss over and fall out over, but the subject to whom my life must relate most seriously and deeply. God is never the object of our knowledge for him. God is the generous cause of our wonder. Something perhaps for our discipleship here.

Tom



# From the Churches & Villages

## Parish News

**A**n exciting new approach to our worship in the Parish begins this month with a fresh pattern of Sunday Services.

The plan is that from September we will have a service in each of our four Churches almost every Sunday, at our 'traditional', pre-pandemic times of 9.30am, 11.15am and 6.30pm.

However, it is also envisaged that the times that our different Churches hold Services will vary as the month progresses, so some weeks a particular Church will hold a Service at 9.30am, then the following week perhaps at 11.15am, and the week after at 6.30pm.

The major exception to the above rules is when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, when we will hold a Benefice Service at one of our Churches at 11am, as we did previously.

Apart from the occasions when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, the plan is to hold Services as follows:

**First Sunday** of the month – 9.30am: Arncliffe and Kettlewell (Methodist-led Service of the Word at Kettlewell); 11.15am: Conistone; 6.30pm: Hubberholme.

**Second Sunday** – 9.30am: Conistone and Arncliffe (Service of the Word at Arncliffe); 11.15am: Hubberholme; 6.30pm: Kettlewell.

**Third Sunday** – 9.30am: Hubberholme and Conistone (Service of the Word at Conistone); 11.15am: Kettlewell; 6.30pm: Arncliffe.

**Fourth Sunday** – 9.30am: Kettlewell and Hubberholme (Service of the Word

at Hubberholme); 11.15am: Arncliffe; 6.30pm: Conistone.

The idea is that most of these Services will be ones of Holy Communion led by Tom, with other Services of the Word led by Lay Readers or Methodist Preachers shown in the pattern above.

The liturgical style of the 6.30pm Services will vary, with perhaps a tendency to hold BCP Evensong Services at Hubberholme and Conistone and possibly using Taize, Northumbria or Iona liturgy at Kettlewell and Arncliffe.

The new pattern was discussed by the PCC at its meeting on July 28, and it was agreed to bring it in from the start of September.

Details of our Services are on the back of the Link, on our website ([www.upperwharfedalechurches.org](http://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org)), in our Parish emails, and on posters as appropriate, so it is well worth checking with these nearer the time of a Service.



## WEDDING

7 August – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – Adam James Proctor and Chayter Lucy Amelia Bluebell Lacey-Aldred

## *St Mary's Kettlewell*



### Stalls Success

Wet weather meant our stalls event on Saturday had to move from the lychgate to inside St Mary's Church in Kettlewell, but the result was still a great success, as the event raised £545 for Parish funds, with people enjoying stalls selling items including cakes and biscuits and scenic cards and bags, with a tombola stall to add to the entertainment.

A big thanks to everyone involved in this latest event, which follows similar ones in Kettlewell Lychgate (in drier weather). Check out the Fundraising Fun page on our website at:

[www.upperwharfedalechurches.org](http://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org)

### September Rotas

#### **Sidespeople:**

- 5 Judy Burgin
- 12 Caroline Johnston
- 19 Di Blakey-Williams
- 26 Colin Fairweather

#### **Coffee/Tea:**

- 5 Di Blakey-Williams
- 12 (No-one required)
- 19 Clare Blakey-Williams
- 26 Vivienne Fairweather

#### **Cleaning:**

Jenny Inocco

#### **Flowers:**

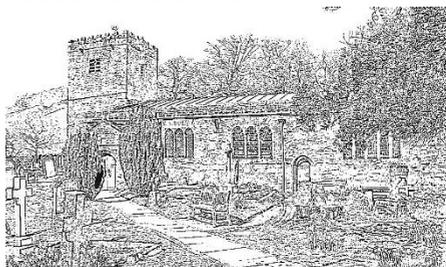
Jane Howlin

The church will now be opened daily from 9am until 6pm (dusk during winter months)

### The Children's Society, St Mary's Kettlewell.

Because of Covid, the annual box collection opening and Christmas coffee morning did not take place last year. Several kind donations meant that £200 was sent instead. However, last month, a film crew was looking for two days of vehicle parking which took place at Fold Farm. They paid a generous remuneration of £500 which has been sent to the charity and, with gift aid, that amounts to £625. If anyone feels that they were inconvenienced by the filming, we are sorry but, please be assured that you have contributed towards helping underprivileged youngsters. Hopefully, the usual Fold Farm coffee morning and box opening will take place in November.

### *St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme Church*



### Fundraising

St Michael and All Angels fundraising quiz sheets are still available from The Buck, The George, Josie (761154), Sandie (802090) or Deirdre (760296). They cost only £1 and will provide not only much needed funds for church, but also hours of entertainment for the family over the summer holidays.

## September Rotas

### Flowers:

- 5 C Sayer
- 12 C Sayer
- 19 Harvest Festival or H Jeddere Fisher
- 26 Harvest Festival or H Jeddere Fisher

### Cleaning:

- 5 J Sayer
- 12 J Sayer
- 19 Harvest Festival or K Jeddere Fisher
- 26 Harvest Festival or K Jeddere Fisher

### Sidespeople:

- 5 K & J Robinson
- 12 J & B Way
- 19 J Cowpe & C Winpenny
- 26 S & P Ebdon & J Yarrow

Please note that services may not be held on all these dates, depending upon Covid restrictions. Please contact Deirdre

(760296) if you are unable to fulfil your sidesperson duties and alternative arrangements can be made.

## St Oswald's Arncliffe

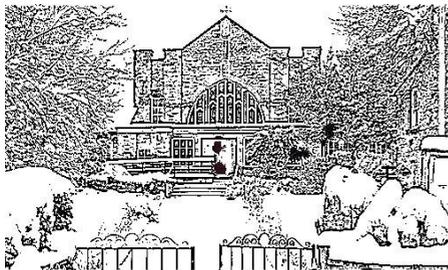


## September Rotas

**Cleaning:** Mrs. H. Follows

**Flowers:** Mrs. R. Ward-Dooley

## Village News



### Kettlewell Village Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Kettlewell Village Hall will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 13 September in the hall. Here you will hear what has been happening at the hall in these challenging times and plans for the future. The hall is looking for new members of its committee for its ongoing work and if you want to be involved please come along. You can also contact Melanie Thornton 01756 761685 or email:

[kwellvillagehall@aol.com](mailto:kwellvillagehall@aol.com) for further information. The meeting is open to all residents of Kettlewell and Starbotton and all are welcome to hear about the work of the hall.

### Kettlewell Luncheon Club

Luncheon Club will begin again on Thursday, 16 September, in Kettlewell Village Hall, 12.30 for 12.45pm.

If you would like to attend please ring Sue Nelson on 760887 no later than Sunday evening 12 September, please. Leave a message if there's no answer.

If you're aged 55 years or over you are entitled to come along, however, it would be advantageous if 'younger' folk would be willing to help out occasionally.

The wearing of face coverings, when not seated at a table, will continue until everyone feels 'safe' without them, as will

socially distanced tables of 6 and hand sanitising.

## GRASSINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE

Surgery hours:  
8:00 am to 6:00 pm weekdays

Tel. 01756 752313  
Out of hours: Tel. 111

## *Upper Wharfedale Venturer*

*Community bus service between  
Buckden and Grassington,  
Monday to Saturday. Timed to  
connect with Pride of the Dales  
service to Skipton and Ilkley.  
Sunday and Bank Holiday services  
through Dalesbus.*

[www.upperwharfedale.com](http://www.upperwharfedale.com)

*Travel line, Tel 0871 200 2 233*

### *Kettlewell Village Hall Film Shows*

All being well, we hope to start the film shows again. The dates will be Saturday 2 October, Saturday 6 November, Saturday 4 December, and Saturday 15 January. All at 7.30pm. The films are yet to be decided. Please see notice boards, the village hall website and Facebook for information on the films. Tickets sales are back to normal, preferably from the village shop so we can keep a track of numbers. When entering the hall, you will need to apply hand sanitiser and scan the QR code or fill in the track and trace form in the entrance

hall. In line with the shops we ask that you wear a mask until seated. We look forward to seeing you again.

## TRUSTEES OF CLEMENT ROEBUCK CHARITY

We will shortly be having a one bedroomed bungalow for rental on Conistone Road, Kettlewell

Initially this property will be available only to Retired Persons living in the Parishes of Kettlewell with Starbotton, Buckden, Conistone with Kilnsey and Littondale.

Only persons not owning their own property will be considered.

Anyone interested in applying should contact the Trustees of the above Charity by Letter only explaining their circumstances to the address below before 20 September 2021.

**(Please note date change from previous adverts)**

The Trustees of the Clement Roebuck Charity  
C/o Hideaway Cottage  
Middle Lane  
Kettlewell  
Skipton  
North Yorkshire  
BD23 5QX

### *UWALS Update*

It was with great regret that UWALS decided to postpone two upcoming events in The Octagon: The Brothers Grimm on 28 August and the RNCM student quartet planned for 16 October. However, we were receiving very clear messages that people's confidence was not high enough to attend anything held in such an intimate space yet, and, as we are a not for profit

organisation, we do need to have full houses to cover our costs. The good news is that things are definitely improving, and we are optimistic about the planned November and December events:

- 🎵 History Wardrobe presenting their Agatha Christie afternoon at Kettlewell Hall on 4 November in the afternoon
- 🎵 UWALS AGM with speaker, David Joy, on Thursday 11 November
- 🎵 Calligraphy workshop on 19 November
- 🎵 Christmas Wreath-making workshop on 2 December
- 🎵 The wonderful Maire Ni Cathasaigh and Chris Newman's Christmas Music concert on Friday 3 December.

Of course, we have everything crossed that our annual Christmas Singalong Evening will also be going ahead on Friday 10 December. I have kept the best until last though:



### THE FUNK WIRE IS BACK!

Of all the UWALS activities we organise, Funk Wire is the one which seems to have been missed the most, so we have decided to start the sessions again. The first session will be on Thursday 23 September at 2pm in Arncliffe village hall and then every two weeks as normal, as circumstances allow.

If you are at all uncomfortable about being indoors in this type of group setting

and prefer not to come back just yet, we fully understand, and we will look forward to seeing you when you do.

Please spread the word as we don't have email addresses for all the choir members. Further information from: [uwalsociety@gmail](mailto:uwalsociety@gmail.com) or telephone 01756 770051/770350.

### *Mobile Library*

The Library van will be in Buckden Car Park between 10.00am and noon on Wednesday, 1 September, and again on Wednesday, 29 September.

### *Buckden Knit & Natter*

We plan to resume the Knit and Natter Group on Tuesday 7 September. The group meets at 11 Dalegarth, Buckden between 10.30 and 12.30 each week – the ability to knit is not required, just come along, join in the chat and enjoy a coffee! New members will be very welcome; if you would like more information ring Sue on 760877.

### *Buckden Whist*

Whist starts on Wednesday 15 September, and then held fortnightly in Buckden Village Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm and play starts at 7pm; there is an entry charge of £3:50 including supper. The evening is light-hearted, with the emphasis on good company! Newcomers will be made very welcome by all our 'regulars'. If you would like more information ring David on 760877.

### *Rainfall for July 2021*

**Arncliffe:** 78.3 mm/3.08 ins  
**Litton:** 83.1 mm/3.27 ins



What a pleasure it was to be able to go back into the schools late last term and remind myself of what a fabulous learning environment and wonderful learning opportunities we offer to all our children! Of course, Maths, Literacy and Phonics were in evidence everywhere, but that was only part of the picture. What struck me far more were the manifold examples of exciting learning and experiences in which the children were engaged. Our curriculum is rich, varied and exciting. Healthy living, outdoor learning, spirituality, the environment, creative arts, personal and social development, science deep-learning days, spotlight on Africa - all these have featured regularly for children working together across the Federation and they are exposed to a wonderful variety of learning opportunities.

However, probably the most interesting and innovative for me

personally has been watching the development of our “Learnology” programme. We are very conscious that much of what we teach and what children learn today will be obsolete within the next ten years or so and may not be relevant to the lives they will be living or the jobs they will be doing. In fact, the jobs that they will be doing may have not been invented yet and the skills they will require to do them are probably not part of the mainstream curriculum. How many of us have had to struggle to learn basic computing and I.T. skills from scratch as adults in order to live in the present-day world? We use online banking, programme our smart TVs, call on our mobile phones, book holidays, order groceries, send flowers, cards and presents all using technologies which didn't exist when we were at school. The worlds of medicine, manufacturing, finance and others similarly depend on ever-changing technologies. We are in

the very early days of AI which will have a huge impact on our lives. How much are we constantly having to learn?

Therefore, we teach children how they can continue to learn beyond their schooling and formal education. They come to understand the basics of how the brain works, the skills required to learn, the fact that we all learn differently and the idea of a “growth mindset” and the “power of yet”. Put simply, our children come to recognise whether, as individuals, they learn better through listening, seeing, experiencing, or doing and can thereby adapt their personal learning accordingly. We explore the fact that we need to develop memory, resilience, perseverance, practice, the ability to co-operate with others and self-confidence. We discover that not understanding something now, does not mean it will be unclear to us forever; you only need to check my use of spreadsheets

to confirm that! Our children learn the “power of yet”... ie they may not be able to do something yet, but will in the future be able to revisit and potentially acquire that particular skill or knowledge.

From our youngest pre-schoolers to our Year 6 leavers, the schools buzz with excitement, creativity, positive values, and behaviour for learning; our teachers, support staff, and Governors all buy into this exciting approach to learning and therein lies our success! It allows all our communities to “Be the Light” and carry the light beyond school.

Please do visit our websites at [www.theupperwharfedaleprimaryfederation.co.uk](http://www.theupperwharfedaleprimaryfederation.co.uk) and come along to our open days to see us in action.....Covid permitting!

*Anne Vetch  
Chair of Governors  
Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation*

## Littondale Fete 2021

This year the rain held off and the runners came from miles around to mass on Arncliffe Village Green for an afternoon of athleticism. The afternoon began at 1pm with 104 runners in the 4-mile Road Race. The winner was Joe Monk from Preston Harriers in a time of 20.06 & the first female was Rachel Pilling of Pudsey & Bramley in 25.14. First Local was Arncliffe star, Hannah Rayner.

The Fell race programme started at 2pm with the U9's. First local boy was Jonty Charnley in 10<sup>th</sup> and second local boy was Henry Rayner. First local girl was Scarlett Charnley. Races for the U12's, U14's and U17's followed, then the afternoon concluded with the Senior Fell Race. This year saw a record 130 entries and a closely fought race, won in the final stages by local legend, Ted Mason (Wharfedale) in a time of

10.34. 2<sup>nd</sup> was Simon Bailey (Staffordshire). First lady was Elsie Butler (Howgill Harriers).

Skipton Brass Band provided a traditional musical accompaniment to the day and lashings of tea & delicious cake were served on the Green.

Over £900 was raised for the maintenance and refurbishment of Amerdale Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day run smoothly – the car parkers, marshals, safety officials, cake bakers & servers & to all those who set up and took down! The Hall is now available to hire and an events programme is being arranged for the coming months. If you would like further information or have ideas for the future use of the Hall, please contact Sarah; [carrfarm2021@gmail.com](mailto:carrfarm2021@gmail.com).

**F**ounded in 1982, u3a is a UK wide movement of locally run interest groups which provide a wide variety of opportunities to come together to learn in an enjoyable manner. Members can explore new ideas, skills and activities in an informal and sociable way.

There are 1,057 u3as with over 450,000 members nationwide. Membership is open to everyone who is no longer in full-time work. Members in Craven pay an annual membership fee of £30 but attendance at group sessions is generally free.

Craven u3a is very active with our members being drawn from Skipton and throughout Craven. Most group meetings are held in Skipton, but outdoor groups can travel far and wide.

There are over 70 groups which are run by u3a members who have a wide breadth of experience. The walking groups are popular with walks ranging from the more strenuous treks to a Walking to Lunch Group, which has easier walks followed by lunch in a pub or café.

Other groups focus on birdwatching, films, science, geography, railways, whist, book discussions, learning a language and the work of artists and musicians. Practical groups include

croquet, woodturning, ten pin bowling, keep fit, bowls, yoga, Pilates, singing and many other subjects. We even have a group that tends two allotments in Skipton. If you have an interest you would like to share with others, please do contact me.

The monthly meeting on Saturday mornings consists of a talk by an invited speaker followed by refreshments and another chance to socialise.

Over the last year Craven u3a has adapted to holding many meetings on-line. Eighteen months ago, many members had never heard of Zoom, yet during the pandemic we have often managed to maintain meetings and groups virtually.

Our Annual Open event was held at Skipton Town Hall on the afternoon of 10 August and enrolment for classes started shortly after.

Membership of Craven u3a is still available and a list of groups that have vacancies is published on our website – <http://www.cravenu3a.org>

If you would like any further information, don't hesitate to contact us at: [membership@cravenu3a.org](mailto:membership@cravenu3a.org) or [chairman@cravenu3a.org](mailto:chairman@cravenu3a.org)

*Doug McLellan  
Chair Craven u3a*



## Yarndale is Back!

**Y**arndale is well known as the annual wool and yarn festival at Skipton Auction Mart, loved by knitters and crocheters around the world and coming up at the end of this month!

The Yarndale team are passionate about inspiring creativity and encouraging people to start a new hobby or skill and they have started their 'Yarndale Make

Along With...' videos on their official YouTube channel. They are designed as a guide for people keen to start knitting or crocheting but may be uncertain about what they may need or how to get going. The videos have been very well received, with one lady writing recently from Australia: "Thank you Yarndale! 50 years of knitting and innumerable attempts to make socks, I finally succeeded by following your great Talking Socks episodes."

One of the videos features instructions on how to make a soft and versatile cotton cloth. These cloths form part of the 2020/2021 Yarndale Worldwide Creative Project with the community being asked to make and donate their own to help raise money for Martin House Hospice Care, Yarndale's chosen charity for 2020. All the cloths will be sold at Yarndale 2021 to help raise vital funds for this fantastic cause.

Other Yarndale initiatives to share the love of yarn include a monthly Craft Club



where members of the team and like-minded people can share the joy of making and chat whilst they make. These sessions have proved very popular and all details can be found on the Yarndale website.

Last but not least, Yarndale's collaboration with West Yorkshire Spinners is going from strength to strength. Last summer, Yarndale introduced their Hope Yarn range which incorporated the colours of their 2020 Yarndale sheep mascot, Hope, in an exclusive colourway. A further exclusive colourway takes inspiration from the 2019 sheep, Barbara. Yarndale's multi-coloured Barbara and Hope Yarn is available at the show and on the website.

Tickets for Yarndale on 25 and 26 September are available in advance only from [www.yarndale.co.uk](http://www.yarndale.co.uk) The team look forward to seeing you there!

*Kate Beard*

## REMEMBER.....Brenda McKenzie

*The following is excerpted from the eulogy given by Carol McKenzie at the thanksgiving service for the life of Brenda, her mother-in-law, a lifelong resident of Arncliffe, and former teacher at Arncliffe School.*

Whether you knew Brenda as: Mother, Big Brenda, Nana, Mrs B or Brenda there is no doubt that she influenced your life in some way. Also without question is the fact that Brenda gave far more to our community than she ever expected back. Brenda's humility, selflessness and kindness are just some of her many qualities we shall all remember.

Brenda was born at Ryelands Farm to Eddie and Violet Greenwood and was the youngest of two girls. Her birth year, 1932, saw the UK economy start to slowly emerge out of the great depression, she lived most of her childhood through the second world war, living with rationing until 1954. Maybe it was a culmination of these events, that the 'life-long' custom for Brenda was to use every scrap of food. It was routine to cut mould off cheese. It was typical of Brenda to save wrapping paper and reuse it. It was commonplace to mend clothes and darn socks. It was her 'norm' never to throw anything away – including her very own gas mask, still in its original box and canvas bag with Brenda Greenwood written upon it. This artifact has been proudly borrowed by grandchildren and great grandchildren for many a school project and 'show and tell'. Today we are all encouraged to reduce, reuse, recycle, for Brenda this is something she did all her life.

Brenda was a pupil at Arncliffe C of E School and would in due course teach there. And at one stage Brenda became the acting Headmistress.

Brenda went to Skipton High School, where she excelled academically, and was



offered a place at Bingley Training College in September 1950 where she became a regular spectator at Headingley and became a passionate lifelong supporter of cricket. Brenda kept score for the Littondale Cricket for over 40 years.

During the time she was training to become a teacher she met Leslie and after leaving College in 1952 was married here in St Oswalds. Jean was born in September 1953 followed by Wendy and Michael.

Education and sport were of great importance to Brenda. She started teaching at Arncliffe School in 1967 and taught Michael. Then her grandchildren, along with countless children from the dale some of whom are here today.

Not only did Brenda teach many children to read, to write, to count, she fostered them to be inquisitive and curious. She gave them the confidence to

succeed and opened their minds. Life skills were imparted, and she prepared so many so well for their next steps.

Brenda's service to this church was unparalleled, she was christened here, married here and will now be buried here. Brenda attended church from being a child, she pumped the organ, was on the cleaning rota and sidesman's rota and on the church committee for decades. She was part of raising funds for the many appeals over the years. One of her favourite subjects at school was Religious Knowledge which she passed with credit.

Brenda was involved in most things which went on in Arncliffe. She was prominent in the committee which raised funds to resurrect Littondale Tennis Club in the 1970's. She was Secretary and Treasurer to Arncliffe Parish meeting for over 30 years. She was secretary of Littondale WI for decades. She was part of the generation who raised funds to build a new village hall. Brenda organised Whist Drives, Domino Drives and Beetle Drives. She was part of the Annual Children's Christmas Party and with others went around the dale collecting to fund it. She was the poppy seller in Arncliffe for the Royal British Legion. She delivered the Link. All these and more demonstrate her boundless contributions to the community and village she loved so much. This brought her much enjoyment, satisfaction and fulfilment.

Her youngest great grandchildren remember her for always having Kit Kats and paying them for picking dandelions for 1 pence each (she'd count them out afterwards). All the grandchildren and great grandchildren remember Nanna for always being interested in their achievements and what they were doing.



*Violet Greenwood with Margaret and Brenda at Arncliffe Cote*

A sad time in Brenda's life was the death of her only grandson Mark. Like her nephew Peter, Mark suffered from muscular dystrophy and died aged 20. Brenda gave to many charities, but closest to her heart was Martin House Hospice.

It was sad to witness Brenda's decline with dementia but uplifting that family and people in the village did everything they could to keep her in her beloved Arncliffe and it was a very sad day when she went into Threshfield Court. But even there with her condition she proved to be quite a character and a firm favourite among the residents and staff.

People mattered more to Brenda than possessions. She never got stressed and she was never too busy to listen to or help anybody. She is back in her beloved Arncliffe, she never wanted to be anywhere else. Whenever she went off, she would always say "let's get home".

Well Mother..., Big Brenda, Nana, Mrs B, Brenda, you are now home, rest in peace.

A friend once remarked to me that the Dales are at the best in September and May, and I tend to agree. Whilst the days shorten and temperatures drop, the trees and hedgerows acquire their flaming attire, and the moorlands are transformed with swathes of violet heather.



I have though been saddened to observe the plight of the Horse Chestnut trees locally over the last couple of years. Those trees in Littondale and Upper Wharfedale notorious for bearing the most abundant and plentiful conkers simply did not fruit in Autumn 2020, and this year looks to be the same. It appears that the much-loved tradition of gathering perfectly round and glossy conkers, for display or games, will soon become a foot note in dales' natural history.

The Horse Chestnut trees are under attack from a variety of pests and diseases, such as leaf miner moth, bleeding canker and leaf blotch, and it's thought that these iconic British trees could cease to be part of our landscape eventually. Various projects are underway to try and understand more about the issues affecting this tree, in order to try and stem the decline, and you can find out more at:

[www.conkertreescience.org.uk](http://www.conkertreescience.org.uk)



Rowan trees have been heavily festooned with their shiny, scarlet berries for a number of weeks already, with the dry, warm weather hastening their ripening. These berries will provide ample foraging for visiting birds such as fieldfares and waxwings when they arrive, often with numerous birds feasting at once, it can make for a spectacular sight.



Late summer and early autumn can see the appearance of late second litters of hedgehogs. Hoglets born so late in the year have a huge challenge to gain enough weight to successfully hibernate through the winter months, and small youngsters can often be seen out at odd times of the day, scavenging and confused.

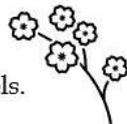
With a population of less than a million hedgehogs now across the UK, numbers having fallen from an estimated thirty million in the 1950s, they need all the help we can provide. If you see a

hedgehog out during the day, there will invariably be something wrong with it that requires intervention. Ashland's Vets in Skipton are happy to admit all hogs and health check them before transferring them to a rescue centre for care, free of charge. Do contact them on 01756 636999 if you find a hedgehog that needs help. Future generations will thank us for securing the future of our wonderful spiky friends!

*Rebecca Ward Dooley*



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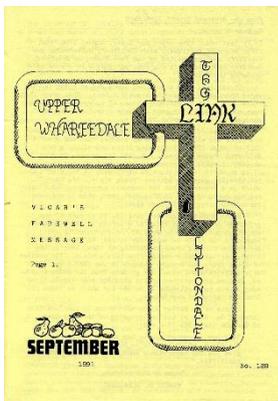
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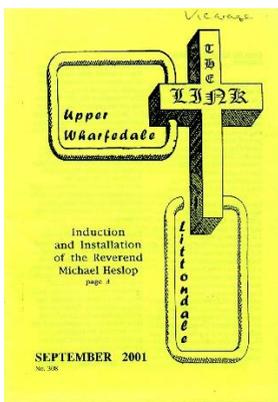
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## LINKS to the Past: 10, 20, 30 years ago

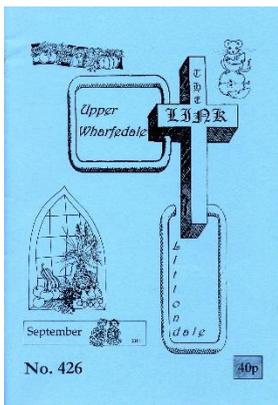


In September 1991, Ernest Blanchard penned his final letter for the Link, having served as vicar of the four parishes for the past 9 years. *"We go away from the Dales mellowed, matured and enriched by the kindness and friendship so many of you have extended to us and for which we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."*

Arncliffe Fete, held on 10 August, was reportedly a success, because *'everything went wrong at the right time'*. *The magnificent RAC veteran car rally was late and came through the Arncliffe as the Fete started. It drizzled the whole afternoon and the refreshment stall was so popular that boiling water for tea could barely keep pace with demand, so cakes and sandwiches were snapped up while people were waiting.'*



Ten years later, and another vicar is on the move, on this occasion, incoming not departing. The September 2001 Link announced that Michael Heslop would be installed as vicar of the four parishes at St Oswald's on 15 September. Michael and Janet Heslop wrote to thank everyone for the warm welcome and help in moving into the vicarage in Kettlewell. *'A welcoming hanging basket enhanced the front door, considerable energy had been expended in cleaning throughout the house, decorations were finished, and two lovely boxes of goodies were on the kitchen surface. There are angels in the Benefice! All the above represent offerings of hard work and kindness. Thank you for your tokens of welcome.'*



The September 2011 Link had its own 'Links to the Past' section, and included the following letter from Rev Thorman from the September 1961 edition, announcing a 'sort of thanksgiving' at Halton Gill Harvest Service on 17 September, as *'Mrs Ingleby and family are giving a new electronic organ for the church and it will be dedicated by Archdeacon Sephton at that service. It is a very generous gift (the smallest organ is an expensive affair) and Mrs Ingleby has played on harmoniums, which always suffer quickly from damp, for, I believe, some 50 years without any sort of remuneration. Thank you, Mrs Ingleby!'*

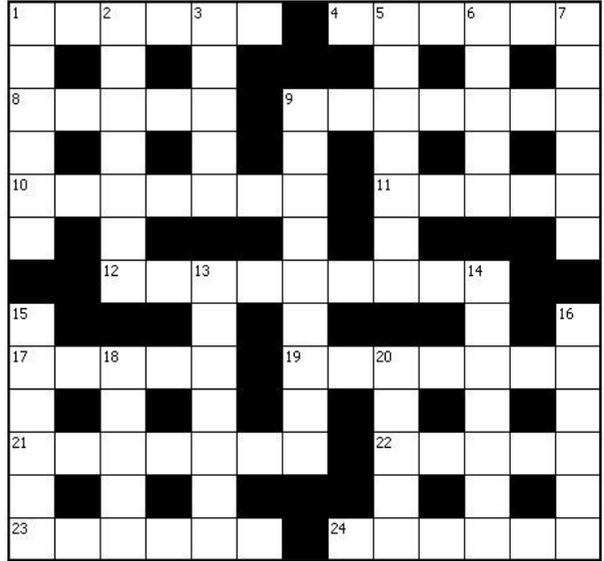
# Crossword

## Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained .... by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)  
 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)  
 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)  
 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)  
 10 Belgium's chief port (7)  
 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)  
 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)  
 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)  
 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)  
 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)  
 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)  
 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)  
 24 'Out of the... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

## Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)  
 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)  
 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)  
 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)  
 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)



- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)  
 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)  
 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)  
 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)  
 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)  
 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)  
 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)  
 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

*Solution on next page*

# Community Events

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

## THIS MONTH

Wed 1 Sep	North Yorkshire Mobile Library at Buckden, 10.00-12.00
Tue 7 Sep	Buckden Knit and Natter Group, 10.30-12.30
Thu 9 Sep	Buckden Singers meet (Buckden Institute or Zoom - TBC)
Mon 13 Sep	Kettlewell Village Hall AGM, 19.00
Wed 15 Sep	Buckden Whist, Buckden Village Hall, 18.30
Thu 16 Sep	Luncheon Club restarts, Kettlewell Village Hall, 12.30
Thu 23 Sep	UWALS Funk Wire restarts: Arncliffe Village Hall, 14.00
25-26 Sep	Yarndale, Skipton Action Mart
25 Sep-2 Oct	'Calendar Girls; The Musical', Grassington Devonshire Institute
Wed 29 Sep	North Yorkshire Mobile Library, Buckden, 10.00-12.00
Wed 29 Sep	Buckden Whist, Buckden Village Hall, 18.30

## FUTURE EVENTS

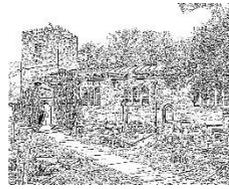
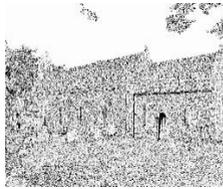
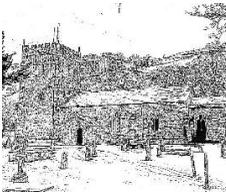
Sat 2 Oct	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show (film TBC)
Thu 4 Nov	History Wardrobe - Agatha Christie, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 6 Nov	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show (film TBC)
Thu 11 Nov	UWALS AGM with speaker, David Joy
Fri 19 Nov	UWALS Calligraphy workshop
Fri 3 Dec	UWALS Christmas Music concert, Maire Ni Cathasaigh & Chris Newman
Sat 4 Dec	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show (film TBC)
Fri 10 Dec	UWALS Christmas Singalong Evening
Sat 15 Jan	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show (film TBC)

### Answers to Crossword

**ACROSS:** 1 access; 4 blinds; 8 rhyme; 9 loyalty; 10 Antwerp; 11 Aeon; 12 loftiness; 17 Satan; 19 Obadiah; 21 on earth; 22 storm; 23 exhale; 24 depths

**DOWN:** 1 Adrian; 2 crystal; 3 siege; 5 lay bare; 6 nylon; 7 saying; 9 Lappidoth; 13 funeral; 14 spit out; 15 ashore; 16 Thomas; 18 teeth; 20 aisle

# Church Services



## 5 September

Arncliffe	09.30
Conistone	11.15
Hubberholme	18.30
Kettlewell	09.30

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Evensong  
Service of the Word

## 12 September

Arncliffe	09.30
Conistone	09.30
Hubberholme	11.15
Kettlewell	18.30

Service of the Word  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Evening Prayer

## 19 September

Arncliffe	18.30
Conistone	09.30
Hubberholme	09.30
Kettlewell	11.15

Evening Prayer  
Service of the Word  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion

## 26 September

Arncliffe	11.15
Conistone	18.30
Hubberholme	09.30
Kettlewell	09.30

Holy Communion  
Evensong  
Service of the Word  
Holy Communion

**Wearing of face masks** is not obligatory. We encourage people to wear face masks when moving around Church but, if they wish, remove their face masks when settled in their pew.

**Physical distancing** is no longer required inside Church, but we ask that people utilise all the available space in Church.

**Congregational singing** is permitted. We encourage people to wear face masks if they wish to sing, but this is not obligatory.

We ask people to **sign in** at the back of our Churches or to use the NHS app, but this is not obligatory.

Our Churches are now open on most days for longer hours during the daytime.