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Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine

This Month....‘Peace’

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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14: 27

The Link

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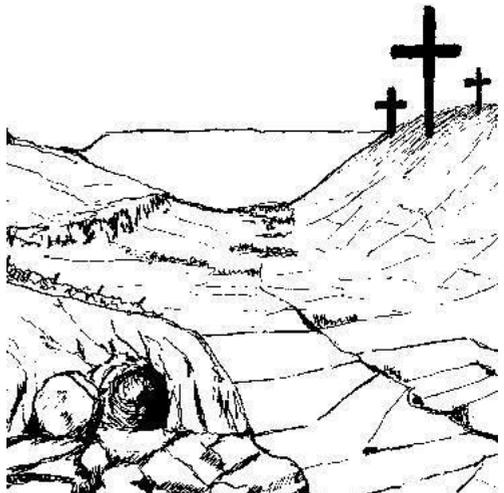
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A Dales Prayer

*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...

How do we speak about peace in a world where conflict and death are still all around us and appear to be Lord, but in a world where Christ has risen? How does the resurrection inform our understanding of peace in a world full of conflict?

“Peace” is the first word that the risen Christ utters as he greets his disciples: “Peace be with you” (John 20.19). It might have been, accusingly, “where were you when I needed you?” But, of course, nothing of the kind.

Jesus repeats his greeting (John 20.21) – in Hebrew “shalom alahem”, in Arabic “salaam alaikum”. Perhaps this time more than a greeting, an absolution. In that everyday greeting - which then, as now, was a way of saying “Hi” - they heard Jesus saying, in effect, “I forgive you all”.

The risen Christ encourages us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122.6), to pray for peace in “the city of peace”, the city where he died and rose again. An understanding of peace as “salaam-shalom” can be helpful as a way of pointing to how people traditionally at enmity may yet be united in a desire for peace.

Christ, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9.6) has brought us peace, a peace that is hard won and costly. He has united the dividing walls of hostility (Ephesians 2.14) and has reconciled all humanity to himself, in his own body at the cross.



The risen Christ says to the whole world, “Peace be with you”. Salaam alaikum. Shalom alahem. We are forgiven at the cross and through Christ’s resurrection that forgiveness - and peace - is made manifest.

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 (for this specific article go to:

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.

The Church of England has issued information for parishes and individuals about how to respond to the events in Ukraine. This can be found by going to www.churchofengland.org/resources/co

[mmunity-action/war-ukraine-responding](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/news/munity-action/war-ukraine-responding) and there is another article on the issues involved in the News Section of the Diocese of Leeds website, at www.leeds.anglican.org/news

We have been praying in our Churches for all those suffering the impact of the invasion, and will continue to do so. Tom has found a particularly appropriate prayer which may be helpful from the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, which can be found in this month's Link, and at the following link: www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/prayer-for-the-people-of-ukraine/

The Bishop of Leeds, the Right Rev Nick Baines, has shared his views on the issues involved, which can be found on the Diocese website or by following this link: www.leeds.anglican.org/news/bishop-nick-reflects-unfolding-tragedy-ukraine

In terms of fundraising to help the people affected by the crisis, it has been suggested by a number of sources that the most helpful thing to do is to donate money to the charities which are already operating in the area and can offer the most direct help, partly because there are logistical difficulties in getting other items such as clothing, etc, from the UK to where they are most needed. The national Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has an appeal for Ukraine, details of which can be found at: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal You can also donate to the same appeal through other charity websites, such as Christian Aid:

www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal and the Red Cross: www.donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal.

Palm Sunday Service



Our first Palm Sunday Procession since 2019 proved to be a memorable and joyful occasion. The Bishop of Ripon, the Right Rev Helen-Ann Hartley, returned to lead an event which was one of the many that had to be cancelled due to the pandemic for the past two years.

With donkeys and ponies in high demand on this weekend it looked as though our procession would not have any four-legged participants this year, but our Vicar, the Rev Tom Lusty, borrowed the fibreglass donkey which normally resides outside the Fox and Hounds in Starbotton.

This proved to be an inspired decision. The donkey joined people gathering for the start of the procession on Buckden Village Green and it was then decided to take him with us on the walk to Hubberholme, with a few people taking turns to carry him. One of the younger participants named him Mason,

and he even joined in the Service at the end in St Michael and All Angels Church.

About 70 people took part in the procession on a lovely sunny morning and the Church was also very well attended to hear a Service which was led by the Bishop. She recounted another recent close encounter with a 'four-legged friend', when she was called upon to help rescue a sheep stuck in some mud near her home.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

World Labyrinth Day
Saturday 7 May



Walk as one at 1

Across the globe people will walk the labyrinth at 1.00pm their time joining a constant wave of intention in celebration of peace

Join those who gather at 1pm to walk the Meadow Labyrinth in Kettlewell Churchyard

World Labyrinth Day is held each year on the first Saturday of May. It is a wave of people across the world walking a labyrinth for peace at 1pm their time. This year it feels even more important to join in a worldwide walk for peace, holding as we walk, the hopes and prayers of our hearts for peace between peoples and nations. So, on Saturday 7 May in Upper Wharfedale we will gather at 1.00pm to walk the Meadow Labyrinth in Kettlewell Churchyard.

St Mary's Kettlewell



May Rotas

Sidespeople

- 1 Pauline Thompson
- 8 No one required
- 15 Colin Fairweather
- 22 Phil Burgin
- 29 No one required

After Service Tea/Coffee

- 1 Sue Nelson
- 15 Vivienne Fairweather
- 22 Judy Burgin

Flowers

Sue Nelson

Cleaning

Sue Nelson

Thank you to those who joined the team to decorate the church for Easter. Your skills were very much appreciated, and the church looked beautifully spring-like for Easter Sunday.

The Lent Lunches held at Kettlewell Village Hall raised £280 for Christian Aid. Thank you for the delicious soups etc and Tom for your inspirational talks.

Sue Nelson would like to thank those who ordered Simnel Cakes for Easter and helped to raise £102 for Church funds.



St Michael and All Angels Hubberholme



May Rotas

Sidespeople

- 1 J Cowpe & S Kilvington
- 8 J Yarrow & L Hird
- 15 D Halsall & J Mudd
- 22 H & K Jeddere-Fisher
- 29 D & S Lusted

On Easter Day lilies with personal messages donated by Friends and locals, were used in a flower display as part of the Easter Church Flowers. The lilies and daffodils welcomed all who entered the church. Thanks go to all who donated and all who spent the morning making the displays. Without your support, energy and time the church would not be as bright and beautiful. This year the Lilies raised £90 for church finances. Although this was lower than some years, after the pandemic we are just thankful for any support and hope that next year more will wish to donate a lily in memory of a person or event. Thank you

The Easter Flower & Craft Workshop held at Buckden recently was most enjoyable and raised £95 for church funds. Thanks to those who supported it and to Susan and Sandra who led us all.

The Annual quiz is now available. £1 entry fee and 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!!

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 table where children can pay a small fee and make different crafts to take home eg. Hubberholme mice, sheep, fans, hand butterfly, flowers etc.

St. Michael and All Angels Church at Hubberholme in 2021 saw the Rev. Tom Lusty become our vicar.

During the year we managed to open church for some services and for quiet time and although the pandemic stopped much of our fund-raising, we managed to hold our Annual Quiz Fund Raiser. Please can I thank all who have supported us any way during the last year physically and financially.

Mrs Angela Falshaw has circulated the Link to the 'Friends of Hubberholme Church' at home and overseas. Thanks go to her and the local distributors of the Link for the giving of their time and energy. This has been a means to stay connected.

The Churchyards and School Room grass have been maintained by Sue Metcalfe, and to all those people who have attended the Churchyard Maintenance work days and looked after the gates and seats etc, we are grateful for them helping in any way to keep the areas neat and tidy. Without our cleaners, flower arrangers, sidespeople, readers and musicians, our church would not be as inviting and welcoming to all who step in through the gate and door, whether to a service or quiet time alone.

Appreciation goes to everyone in the community who has given their time and talents in support of St Michael's. 'Thank you' to all, your help in keeping everything in good order is so very much appreciated. Without everyone's support, St. Michael & All Angels could not remain accessible to all parishioners and visitors 365 days of the year, offering a welcome to all who enter. Visitors always comment on the peaceful,

loving atmosphere. Please continue to support.

Deirdre Halsall, Senior Sidesperson

St Mary's Conistone



May Rotas

Sidespeople

- 1 Patrick & Sue Baker
- 8 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield
- 15 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster
- 29 Allison Clarke & Philip Butterfield

Flowers and Cleaning

- 1 Kathryn Butterfield
- 8 Kathryn Butterfield
- 15 Allison Clarke
- 22 Allison Clarke
- 29 Allison Clarke

Many thanks to those who helped to clean the church and to arrange the beautiful flowers in preparation for Easter. The choice of blue and yellow blooms in sympathy with the people of the Ukraine has resulted in a lovely display.

St Oswald's Arncliffe



May Rotas

Sidespeople

- 1 Sarah Paul
- 8 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 22 Eileen Leahy

Flowers

Hilary Follows

Cleaning

Sarah Paul

Opening church

- w/c 1 May Eileen Leahy
- w/c 8 May Elspeth Miller
- w/c 15 May Sarah Paul
- w/c 22 May Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- w/c 29 May Hilary Follows

News from Yorkshire Camps



As we move past Easter and into spring, our season of School residentials begins. This term we have four schools from across West and North Yorkshire each coming for three days, with one school coming twice with two classes of children.

We know the value and importance of having time away on camp. Camp is always fun but coming away with your school friends and classmates is a memory they won't ever forget. As well as trying new skills like archery, working on team building at the low ropes course, be competitive with the whole camp games, grow in their independence from home (choosing whether to wash their face or not!), they will have fun of staying up talking/giggling while we encourage them to sleep (!), enjoy amazing food and also look at the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is part of the school RE curriculum but also, we love to tell children

about Jesus, and it is the central part of all our camps.

The children always love camp. They can play endlessly in a safe expansive area, enjoying the wildlife around them. If it is cold or rainy, they can use the games room, or we set up table tennis in the hall. There is always someone to play with and something to enjoy. The lighter nights mean there are even more hours to run around and make the most of their time away.



When they first arrive, the three days ahead seems daunting, but it always flies by and before you know it, just as you have got to know the children, it is time to say goodbye. Children go home looking tired, with a pile of dirty washing, but having had the most amazing time.

Perhaps this is our favourite season of the year, but then summer is just around the corner and we love the summer camps. In fact, regardless of the time of year or group/school who come along, we LOVE camp!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15 - 22 MAY

Every Gift. Every Action. Every Prayer.

Every one of us can change lives.

'Standing Together' is Christian Aid's strategy for upholding all their programmes with hundreds of development, advocacy and humanitarian projects in 29 countries worldwide.



Addressing extreme hunger in areas of conflict; supporting communities to respond to humanitarian crises; rapid responses to Covid-19 outbreaks in Africa; campaigning for climate justice and building resilience in the face of climate change; and now working with the other Disasters Emergency Committee UK charities for Ukraine providing food, clean water and shelter to families fleeing their homes to escape conflict.

Christian Aid thanks you for your support over the years and hopes you will

choose to celebrate with them this Christian Aid week 15-22 May 2022. There will be limited House-to-House collections in the dale this year, so these are the ways that you can give generously during Christian Aid Week:

- £ The JustGiving button on the home page of the parish website at www.upperwharfedalechurches.org
- £ Direct to Upper Wharfedale Fellowship of Churches Christian Aid Account sort code 20-78-42 account number 43851834
- £ By cheque to Joanna Clarke (Christian Aid Group Treasurer), Birchwood, Wharfeside Avenue, Threshfield BD23 5BS
- £ At the 10-hour Labyrinth Walk for Climate Justice between 7am-5pm on the Meadow Labyrinth in St Mary's Churchyard, Kettlewell



'The Wharfe near Hubberholme' by Angela Falshaw, Buckden Art Group

Buckden Mobile Library

Library van will be in Buckden car park between 10.00am and 12 noon on Wednesday 11 May.

And a reminder that the charity bookshelf is up and running every day in the porch of Buckden School room. Feel free to browse, select a book and perhaps leave a donation in the tin for Hubberholme church.

Buckden Gala 2022

Saturday 18 June; 12.30 - 4.30pm; music, stalls, dog show, children's races, crafts, grand draw, bouncy castle, coconut shy, beer tent, hot dogs, ice cream and tearoom as well as the famous Buckden Pike Fell Race. As usual we would be very grateful for donations of cakes, tombola and raffle prizes nearer the time. We are also very grateful for the support that everyone gives us to run this event which raises money to support our thriving village hall. Please do come and join us, as a helper or visitor, to make this another fabulous day!

Buckden Pike Fell Race

This year's Buckden Pike Fell Race, to be held on Gala Day - Saturday 18 June, is a championship event. Keith Jeddere-Fisher has provided this explanation of the significance of this year's event: 'The Buckden Fell race during the Gala is going to attract many of the best mountain runners in the UK. A chance to see elite athletes that you have never heard of battling each other on Buckden Pike for silverware! This year the race is part of almost every fell running championship there is! It is the only race in England for the British Championship, one of six races for the English Championship and the only race for both the Yorkshire Senior & U23 Championships. In addition

to the elite athletes there will also be some local runners enjoying the day. At the beginning of April there were already 502 entrants. A chance for records to fall? The men's record is 30 minutes 51 seconds by Colin Donnelly in 1988 and the ladies record is 36 minutes and 32 seconds by Carol Greenwood in 1993. The ladies' race is at 1.00 pm and the men's at 2.30 pm.'

Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival



A 'Four Months to Go' update!

What a busy few months it's been! We have a new Chair in Clare Blakey Williams and a new treasurer in Gill Halpin. Our website is now run by the indomitable Jennie Routley (Badger), and we have a team chomping at the bit to put together a fantastic festival.

We have decided to open the village hall every day to serve cakes, sandwiches, and drinks, and fingers crossed have the volunteers to do it! We have decided the themes for the festival are Made in Yorkshire and Julia Donaldson books (she of Gruffalo, Room on the Broom and Tabby McTat fame, amongst many others). Alongside, we've been able to strike a deal with her publisher to sell her books, and we'll also be selling flowering plants on our stands, to make them look vibrant and interesting. And oh, happy day, the Wharfedale Brewery have agreed to put on a Scarecrow beer, a blonde to hopefully

match the mood, the weather, and the colour of scarecrow hair!

Right now, we're trying to nail our celebrity judge. Check out next month's Link, when hopefully, we'll be able to name our VIP!

As always, the more volunteers, the better - even for an hour or two. If you fancy making bunting, repairing old scarecrows, or serving teas, please drop us a line: info@kettlewellscarecrowfestival.co.uk

Kettlewell Luncheon Club



The May Lunch will be held on the 19th 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 Sunday, 15 May 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.

The amount of people available to cook for Luncheon Club is lower than it has ever been in the Club's existence. If there is someone, or two or three, 'out there' who feel they could volunteer to cook occasionally, to help keep this vital Club

going for the elderly, please contact Sue, who is getting elderly herself, on the above number. Please seriously consider it! Thank you.

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show will be held in Kettlewell Village Hall on Sunday 4 September. Look out for the 2022 schedule in village 'hubs' by the middle of this month. For the Photographic Section the subjects are Spring, Bridges and Any Subject - photographs not to exceed 7"x 5" before mounting. If there is anyone who would like to join the Committee or help stage the Show, please ring Maureen Heseltine on 760371. Thank you

Kettlewell & District WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

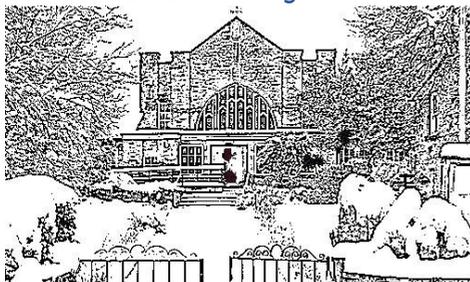
At the April meeting our speaker, Sue Woodcock, gave a very entertaining talk, with many amusing anecdotes, about how she decided to become a police officer and then, after retirement, became a sheep farmer on a small farm on Grassington Moor. Afterwards we enjoyed tea, cake and a chat with Sue and our visitors from Rylstone and Kettlewell. Thank you for attending as it is always a joy to welcome you.

The May meeting, on Tuesday 10th, will be a visit to Tennant's Auction Rooms in Leyburn for afternoon tea. Transport will be arranged and if you would like to come it

would be helpful to let Elspeth (770141), Jane (0771 8218630) or Barbara (760886) know before the committee meeting on 3rd.

The Annual Coffee Morning, (with Bacon Butties for Early Birds), to coincide with the Morris Dancers, will be held in Kettlewell Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 2 May from 10am. There will be some stalls and tombola and proceeds are to be divided amongst “Manorlands”, “Air Ambulance” and WI.

Kettlewell Village Hall



The short mat bowling held in the Village Hall on Wednesdays has now ceased for the summer. It will start again on Wednesday 28 September at 1.45 to 3.45p.m. Why not come and try it then? It is not just for the old. New members will be most welcome.

Just a reminder that the May film show is on a Friday and not a Saturday as normal. The date is Friday 6 May at 7.30pm and the film is ‘Mothering Sunday’. All details were in the April Link.

Remembering Upper Wharfedale Past in Words and Music

UWALS would like to invite you to join us on Friday 10 June for an *Evening of Words and Music*. This will be an opportunity to enjoy performances of original writings and songs, as well as traditional dance music. All inspired by those dusty glass negatives found in Kettlewell village shop, commissioned by Percy Inman and featuring the landscape and people of Upper Wharfedale 100 years ago.

This project has succeeded in harnessing the talents of the people who have made this area their home, among them, writers, musicians, artists and photographers. All have been drawn in by the magic of those old images, so different from today, yet also so familiar. This will be an evening of nostalgia and of celebration. The dearth of documented history of Upper Wharfedale means that there are too few occasions when we are reminded of the legacy of the people who once lived here. And you can enjoy it all with a glass of wine and Yorkshire cheeses!

UWALS presents

“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.



The Funk Wire

Please note that the choir now meets at Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall. The dates for the coming months are 5 May, 19 May and 2 June; 2pm start. We meet every second Thursday and sing like no one is listening! Everyone is welcome.

Amedale Hall Events



Easter Treasure Hunt. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a wonderful Treasure Hunt on Easter Saturday and *CONGRATULATIONS* to the winners, the Miller Family (just 2 points off a perfect score) with Saffy & Kye from Hawkswick a close second.

Film night: 'The Full Monty' (Rated 15). Friday 20 May, 7.30pm. Marking the 25th Anniversary of the cult classic story of 6 unemployed former steel workers who decide to earn some money by creating their own striptease act but with a difference, as they do 'The Full Monty'. Tickets £5. Sausage supper (served in the interval) £3. Doors & bar open at 7.00pm.

Coffee & Chat: Saturday 28 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm. (Please note later times). Come along to the Hall for a cuppa and a catch up, plus homemade baking to eat-in or take away. Payment by donation.

Littondale Fete; Saturday 13 August.

Advanced notice for those of you with ambitions to win the 4-mile Road Race or a Fell Race!

If you have ideas for side stalls or would like to volunteer to help (before your arm is

twisted) please get in touch by email; carrfarm2021@gmail.com. All proceeds to Amerdale Hall. CIO no. 1193881

Litton Parish Meeting

Wednesday 11 May, 7.30 pm Queen's Arms

GRASSINGTON SINGERS

Grassington Singers will be recommencing rehearsals for our late Summer concert on 4 May. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings 6.30 to 8.30pm at the Octagon Theatre, Grassington Town Hall. New members very welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Jane Scott on behalf of Grassington Singers

Rainfall for March 2022

Arncliffe: 50.5 mm/1.99 ins

Beckermonds: 60.6 mm/2.39 ins

Litton: 55.2 mm/2.17 ins

Upper Wharfedale Arts & Literature Society

PRESENTING THE PAST EXHIBITION



Something for everyone to enjoy:

- A fascinating collection of old photographs of Upper Wharfedale
- A new archive of photographs
- Performances of original music, songs, poetry and stories
- New oral history recordings
- Original artwork inspired by the photographs
- A film of the project's progress over the year
- New research into the history of this area
- Refreshments

One visit may not be enough!

30th April & 1st May and 7th AND 8th May 2022 Grassington
Town Hall; 10am - 4pm. FREE Entry



Pray for the People of Ukraine

GOD of peace, your prophet Isaiah promised
swords would be turned into ploughshares,
and your son's mother Mary proclaimed
the mighty would be put down and the humble exalted:
visit the people of Ukraine;
deliver them from fear, violence,
attack, injury, destruction, death;
and give them courage, solidarity and allies
in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.
Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.
Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict,
restore order, and pursue justice.
And make this moment of peril
an occasion for your Holy Spirit to show your world
the cost of conflict and our dependence on one another.
In Christ our Lord, who went to his death because of our hatred,
and rose again because our hatred
is never stronger than your indomitable love.

Amen

40 years on – Grassington and District Peace Group

It was a showing of a film in a full Grassington Town Hall in 1980 that brought this local Peace Group into being. Banned by the BBC, “The War Game” dramatically illustrated the devastating



consequences of nuclear warfare. Among the people who signed up to discuss and campaign on issues of peace and the nuclear threat were Bob and Mary Wilkinson of Grassington, Dr (now Professor) Nigel and Mrs Antonia Young of Bradford University Peace Studies, Dr Arthur Raistrick (Conscientious Objector and founder of the Upper Wharfedale Field Society), Mike Towers, Headteacher of Upper Wharfedale School, Angela Robinson (Grassington Congregational Church) and leading Quakers Richard and Elma Harland. Far from being “a bunch of communists controlled by Moscow”, as some labelled them, they developed a public awareness programme of vigils, public meetings and lectures, letter writing, media articles, peaceful protests against nuclear weapons testing and the arms trade, anti-war marches in London, exhibitions and links with peacemakers in other countries. Regular printed newsletters from the early 1990s eventually became the email updates they are now. Many of these activities continue into 2022, though rather restricted during the Covid pandemic. Some recent activities:

Peace Group and Quakers’ annual public lectures, e.g. Professor Paul Rogers, “Chances for Peace in the 2020s: Climate Crisis to Peaceful

Planet” and Professor Molly Scott-Cato, “No Climate Justice, No Peace” Exhibitions during the Grassington militaristic 1940s weekends, “The 1940s Social Contract, Planning for a Fairer Future”, how the wartime Beveridge report led to the post-war welfare state.



Our weekly Knitting for Giving group still creates garments for poorer countries and white poppies for the fence round Faslane nuclear submarine base, etc.

Our bi-monthly Thinking Together Days discuss individuals’ concerns for a more peaceful world and ways to do something about them, e.g. NHS privatisation, the UK “hostile environment” for asylum seekers/refugees, support for CND, etc.

August 2021 Vigil in Grassington Square for Hiroshima Day. See photo. Note the Peace Group banner though you can’t see “May Sheep Safely Graze” on the back. Sadly, active member Dave Knight on the right died of pancreatic cancer in January 2022.

For more information, contact Richard Hargreaves at strand@hawswick.net or 01756 77034

The government's scheme inviting people to offer homes to Ukrainian refugees has attracted 200,000+ sign-ups so far – including here in Upper Wharfedale. A handful of refugees have now arrived; others are expected shortly.

Whilst the authorities are putting some formal arrangements in place, there's a need for local, targeted assistance on the ground, prompting us to set up a support group signposting hosts & refugees to practical, bureaucratic & emotional support. Think of it as an actual/virtual "Kettle's on - how can we help?".

Alongside a growing online information library, we're on the hunt for **Support Buddies**: volunteers offering anything from driving to English conversation, navigating public services to sharing hospitality.

Many Support Buddies have already volunteered their services, I'm delighted to



say, variously pledging lifts to church/hospital/the shops, help with GPs, dentists, schools registration, counselling and companionship. We even have a Russian speaker.

Fancy joining Team Support Buddies? If so, I'd love to hear from you. Email me at nicola.corp@mustardmanagement.com stating what you'd like to do & where in Upper Wharfedale you're based.

A quick note on hosting; it won't be for everyone for all manner of reasons, but if you've registered to host, would like to be part of our group & haven't yet let me know please drop me a note.

Who knows how much support refugees & hosts alike will need? Could be a lot, might not be much at all. Either way, we'll do our best.

Thanks everyone, keep well.



Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Halton Gill

Thursday 2 June: Beacon Bonfire, 9.45pm

Sunday 5 June: Parish Party, from 4pm

Arncliffe will have a Jacob's Join Village Party to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 2 July from 3 pm (as the Jubilee weekend will be busy with a village wedding). There will be a marquee (hired with funds at hand from *All Creatures Great & Small*) to enable the party to go ahead whatever the weather on the green in front of The Falcon. As filming *All Creatures Great & Small* has caused inconvenience through road management for everyone in the Dale we will be inviting anyone from the rest of the Dale. Just bring food and drink - drinks will also be available from the Falcon.

Hawswick Jubilee Street Party is on Sunday 5 June. Music, games and traditional tea! Further details will be posted on the village noticeboard.

Buckden residents (and holiday makers staying in the village on that day) are all invited to join the Buckden Platinum Jubilee Street Party on Sunday 5 June, taking place in the lane behind the Village Institute. More details will be available nearer the time, but this will be a lunchtime Jacob's Join event. For more information contact Debbie Roe (debbie@beckcottage.com) or look out for notices on the village noticeboards, village website, and local social media

Kettlewell

The Celebration Picnic Tea for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be on Sunday 5 June from 3 pm, at Kettlewell Village Hall, for residents of Kettlewell and Starbotton. BYOB. Tea, coffee and juice provided. Places are limited, so could you please contact Fant before Sunday 15 May at fant@btinternet.com or 760200. Please inform us of any dietary requirements.

Doubling Thomas

I am sure we've all heard variations on the old cliché, "Make one little mistake and you're labelled for life!" I've got no proof of this, but I wonder if Thomas was one of the first to utter those words!

Thomas was one of Jesus' inner circle of twelve disciples. Like most of the group, we know almost nothing about him and hear virtually nothing from him. But poor Thomas: he speaks at length just once in the whole Bible and he is forever thereafter known as 'Doubting Thomas!'

Whether or not his incredulity about Jesus' resurrection was typical of Thomas we don't know, but the incident involving Thomas in John 20 has provided the church with one of its most memorable and instructive biblical texts. So let us consider both Thomas' reaction to Jesus' resurrection and Jesus' reaction to Thomas' reluctant faith.

It's Sunday, the first day of the week. Earlier that day Peter and John had checked out Mary Magdalene's report that the grave was empty and found it to be true. Mary, however, did meet with Jesus and told the disciples about this truly amazing event.

It's difficult to know what the disciples made of it. The one thing we do know is that they were still paranoid, believing the same people who got Jesus killed would come looking for them next, so, the door was locked 'for fear of the Jews.' Any desire the disciples had to go find Jesus themselves was not strong enough to counteract the desire to protect themselves. The seemingly remote possibility of meeting up with Jesus struck them as less likely than meeting up with the Jewish authorities whom they'd last seen in action in Gethsemane.

The ten disciples in that locked room were initially no different to Thomas. You

can sense that they were not ready to believe this resurrection story, either--based only on the report of a hysterical woman. As far as they were concerned, the Jews had killed Jesus and so it is still the Jews, and not Jesus, who shaped their behaviour that first Easter Sunday evening.

While they were gathered, Jesus appeared to them through the locked door and displayed his pierced hands and side and there was no denying the warmth that was emanating from his body. This was no ghost. The disciples were truly convinced, as Mary had been that Jesus was alive.

Thomas, however, was absent. Maybe he was hiding out somewhere else, or wandering around aimless, lost and deeply grief-stricken. Wherever he was and whatever he was doing, he believed that Jesus was dead. Then the disciples come running up to him. "Thomas, Jesus is alive. He's back from the dead! We've seen him!"

Poor Thomas. When your hopes hit bottom, when your life has been reduced to so many broken fragments, you can't just instantly pick up the pieces and return back to where you had originally been. Life as Thomas had come to know it for the last few years was over. And now, based on an unsubstantiated report he was expected to instantly believe that Jesus was alive again.

For Thomas, as for many of us, it doesn't work that way. He is guarded. He can't deny his friends enthusiasm, but he'd been around these men long enough to know that they'd been wrong before. One time out in their boat during a storm they mistook Jesus for a ghost. Now maybe they mistook a ghost for Jesus. So Thomas responds "Unless I see the scars and put my hand in His side I will not believe."

For the next week this remained Thomas' mind set. Seven days and nights went by without a trace of Jesus. Perhaps

Thomas was confident he'd taken the right approach. The disciples then invited him to join them the next for Sunday evening.

I can imagine Thomas rolling his eyes at the invitation, but eventually he relents and joins them. The disciples re-create the scene from the previous Sunday in the hope that Jesus will come again, and he does! He greets them, "Shalom." Then Jesus turns to Thomas and offers him the evidence he had said he needed.

I think Jesus fully understood the hurt and sorrow that had hardened Thomas' heart since the crucifixion. I don't think he blames Thomas for hesitating, especially since it was a hesitancy borne of grief. So I picture Jesus smiling as he approached Thomas, generously holding out his nail-pierced hands and speaking in the tone of voice a parent adopts when trying to reassure a weeping child that it's OK the milk spilled. "Thomas," Jesus says, "Look at me, touch me. It's OK, stop doubting and believe." Jesus wasn't trying to shame him or make him feel worse. He was trying to love him and make him feel better, and I suspect that it was the warm smile and the tender words and the overflowing love, which, more than the nail-pierced hands led Thomas to recognize exactly who was in front of him. "My Lord and my God!" was all Thomas could choke out through his tears. It was all he needed to choke out.

And then Jesus says something curious. "You've believed because you've seen me in the flesh. Blessed are all those who have not seen and yet still believe as fiercely as you do."

This is still His hope; that we would have the faith to believe in him and give him our lives and our love for him to use to bring healing and hope to those who are bruised and broken.

We, like those disciples, have gathered on the first day of the week. Perhaps the doors are not locked here in Kettlewell,

and yet for Jesus to step into this church and be among us, as we believe he is, requires that he pass through something more formidable than a bolted door. He must pass through two millennia of history. He must pass through our minds, which have been trained to be cynical and sceptical of things like virgin birth and resurrection. He must spiritually "appear" to people who have never seen him the way Thomas did and so he understands the difficulties we face in coming to and maintaining faith.

And yet he does come to us in all our humanity, in all our struggles, in all our doubts. And by his Spirit he vividly comes to our hearts, smiling and exuding love, calling for us to join Thomas in overcoming our understandable difficulties that we might keep on believing.

Thomas entered that room of disciples that evening full of doubts that were rapidly hardening into cynicism. His heart was lifeless, his spirit sagging, his hopes still in disarray. But Thomas left the room alive--alive in a way he never thought possible!

And if that encounter with Jesus is what led the church to keep on gathering on Sundays for the next two thousand years in the hope that Jesus would come and be among them, too, then you can only conclude that Sunday worship services are the best idea anybody ever had. For Jesus keeps coming back in a thousand ways and in a million places each Lord's day, speaking "Peace" and bringing life.

Make one mistake and you're labelled for life. But in Thomas' case we can also say: make one statement of faith and you set an example for millions. Thank God for 'Believing' Thomas and all that he has taught us! Amen.

*Kettlewell Church, 24 April
Based on a sermon by an unknown writer*

May is my favourite month in the dales. It is the month that everything bursts into glorious, verdant life, and a simple ten-minute walk can be a feast for all the senses. The list is endless: vast frothy borders of cow parsley line the lanes, swallows and swifts carve out aerobatic shapes in the sky; the lone evocative call of the cuckoo can be heard. Though you might be surprised to know that one of my very favourite May time sights is the king of the mini beast: the cockchafer beetle, otherwise known as the May bug, doodlebug or May beetle.

I remember these rather intimidating beetles from growing up in the Eden Valley in Cumbria but was reacquainted with them in the first week following our move to The Dales when I found one lurking in my welly! Many find them rather scary, having sinister associations with a cockroach, but they are really rather fascinating creatures, quite beautiful and astonishing to look at.

There is something rather poignant and symbolic about the way the larvae, known as ‘chafer grubs’ develop in the earth for up to five years before emerging as an adult cockchafer complete with hard tapered carapace, rather glamorous furry underwear, and the most incredible fanned



antennae. Following this metamorphosis their life span above ground is a mere six weeks before they lay eggs and their life cycle comes to an end. All that hidden preparation for such a short life.

I recently discovered online, much to my delight, a treasure trove of artwork, commencing in Victorian times depicting anthropomorphised Maybugs in a whole manner of scenes: having boozy lunches, boating, romancing, delivering mail. These scenes were produced as post-cards, mainly in Germany, to celebrate Pentecost.

I sought the opinion of my German friend as to what the possible link could be to this date in the Christian calendar, and a chunky, furry beetle. He advised that in his childhood the beetles were collected by children who gently blew on them making them appear to come to life from being in a torpid state, before flying off, rather clumsily. A captivating sight. This, through the years, has become associated with Jesus’ act of breathing on his disciples saying, ‘receive the Holy Spirit!’

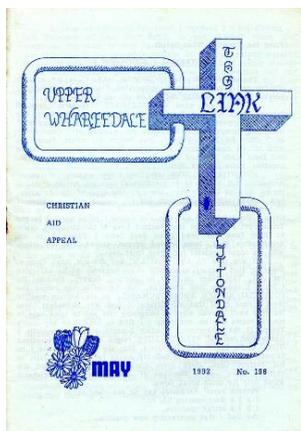
So you might think again when you see one of these portly little beetles, of their fascinating and symbolic heritage, and the brief, and fleeting nature of their time under the sun.

Rebecca Ward Dooley



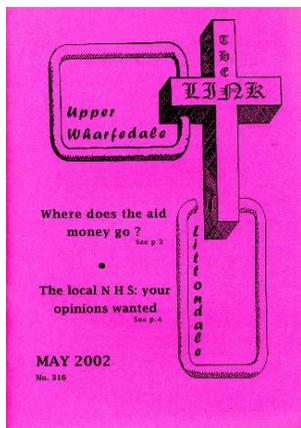
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Links to the Past – 10, 20 & 60 years ago

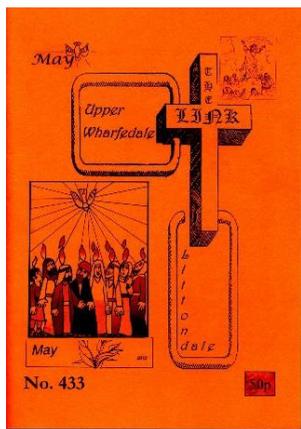


The May 1992 Link reported that Arncliffe church was holding an ‘Arncliffe Church at Home’ event on the Spring Bank Holiday, to commemorate St Oswald, who died 1350 years earlier. The display featured details of the development of the church up to the present day, including many old photographs.

Cyclists from Littondale and further afield were taking part in a 55-mile ride through the Dales, starting and finishing in Halton Gill, and passing through Stainforth, Ribbleshead, Hawes, Buckden and Kettlewell. The ride was planned in aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research.



The Look North weatherman, Paul Hudson, visited Kettlewell School on 9 April. The May 2002 Link reported that after a tour of the school, Paul started the balloon race [an event that would probably not be held nowadays due to environmental concerns!]; ‘..a myriad of coloured balloons, each one bearing the name of a Kettlewell/Arncliffe pupil or member of staff, was released into the air. A very special pair of silver balloons complete with a card celebrating the life of the Queen Mother [who had died recently] was also released and may have been seen bobbing low over Kettlewell. We have already received several cards from people finding the balloons on their return to terra firma. Astonishingly, the first card arrived in the post the following morning from Manchester.’



For those of you who wonder when the Lambing Service started in the parish, the May 2012 Link reported that the answer was to be found in the *Upper Wharfedale Magazine* of May 1962, quoting John Potter, the vicar of Kettlewell-with-Conistone at that time, ‘As I announced at the annual parish meeting, I am planning to mark Rogation Sunday (27 May) by holding a service of Thanksgiving for Lambing, instead of the more usual Blessing of the Fields, which seems rather inappropriate in an area where there is little or no arable land. I shall be writing personally to invite the farmers to be present, and I hope that this may be the start of an annual opportunity to thank God for his providence that will prove to be more realistic than even the harvest festival at the end of summer.’

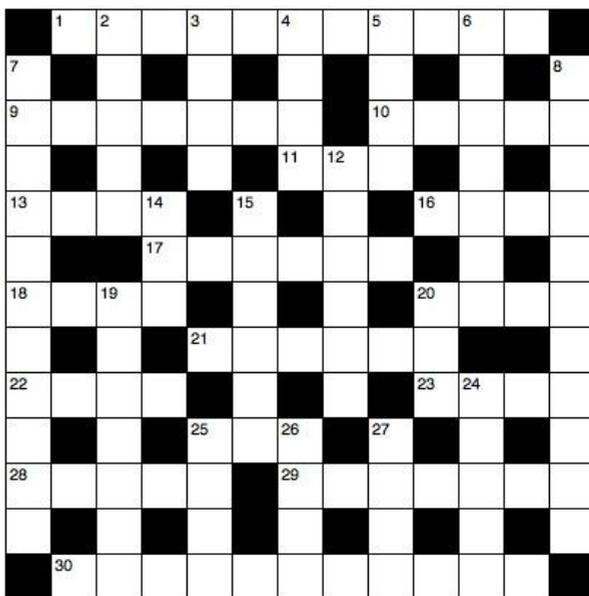
Crossword

Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deut 11:4) (11)
 9 'The — are mantled with corn'
 (Psalm 65:13) (7)
 10 'Each man—a sword to his
 side'(Exodus 32:27) (5)
 11 On the death of Jesus the
 curtain in the temple was torn
 from— to bottom (Matt 27:51)
 (3)
 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7)(4)
 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the
 good he ought—and doesn't do
 it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts13:50)
 (6)
 18 Burden (Luke11:46) (4)
 20 'As far as the east is from the—,so far
 has he removed our transgressions from
 us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
 21 Sign (Luke23:38) (6)
 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a
 basin and began to—his disciples' feet'
 (John 13:5) (4)
 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn
 which swallowed up the good ears in
 Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
 25 Has (anag.) (3)
 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and
 Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that
 they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah
 51:39) (4,3)
 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me
 and is not ashamed of my chains' (2
 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
 3 'A bruised — he will not break'
 (Matthew 12:20) (4)



- 4 'Suddenly a great company of the
 heavenly — appeared with the angel'
 (Luke 2:13) (4)
 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
 6 'Take an awl and push it through his —
 — into the door, and he will become your
 servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
 8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do
 good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15)(3)
 15 'He...became obedient to death, even
 death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
 19 Refrain (1 Peter2:11) (7)
 20 'She began to—his feet with her
 tears'(Luke 7:38)(3)
 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or
 Shiva (5)
 25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke
 6:30) (4)
 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where
 does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
 27 One of those whom the Lord said would
 be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as
 judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

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

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| Sun 1 May | UWALS <i>Presenting the Past Exhibition</i> , Grassington Town Hall |
| Mon 2 May | Kettlewell Duck Race |
| Mon 2 May | Kettlewell & District WI Annual Coffee Morning |
| Thu 5 May | Funk Wire, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall |
| Fri 6 May | Film Show at Kettlewell Village Hall; <i>'Mothering Sunday'</i> |
| 7 & 8 May | UWALS <i>Presenting the Past Exhibition</i> , Grassington Town Hall |
| Sat 7 May | World Labyrinth Day, Kettlewell Churchyard |
| Tue 10 May | Kettlewell & District WI |
| Wed 11 May | Buckden Mobile Library |
| Wed 11 May | Litton Parish Meeting, Queen's Arms |
| 15-22 May | Christian Aid Week |
| Thu 19 May | Kettlewell Luncheon Club |
| Thu 19 May | Funk Wire, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall |
| Fri 20 May | Film night, Amerdale Hall, <i>'The Full Monty'</i> |
| Sat 28 May | Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Village Hall |

FUTURE EVENTS

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| Thu 2 June | Funk Wire, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall |
| Sun 5 June | Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations |
| Fri 10 June | UWALS <i>'An Evening of Words & Music'</i> , Grassington Town Hall |
| Sat 18 June | Buckden Gala and Buckden Pike Fell Race |
| Sun 26 June | Act of Worship, Grassington Festival |
| Sat 13 Aug | Littondale Fete |
| 13-21 Aug | Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival |
| Mon 29 Aug | Fund raising stalls, Buckden School Room |
| Sun 4 Sep | Kettlewell & District Horticultural Show |

REGULAR EVENTS

| What | When | Where |
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| Play Table Tennis | Wed 3.20-4, 4-5 and 5-7pm | Kettlewell Village Hall |
| Funk Wire | Thur -fortnightly 2 pm | Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe |

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

DOWN: 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.



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

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| 1 May | | |
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| Arncliffe | 09.30 | Holy Communion |
| Conistone | 18.30 | Holy Communion |
| Hubberholme | | No Service - TBC |
| Kettlewell | 11.15 | Methodist Service |

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| 8 May | | |
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| Arncliffe | 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| Conistone | 18.30 | Holy Communion |
| Hubberholme | 11.15 | BCP Holy Communion |
| Kettlewell | | No Service |

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| 15 May | | |
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| Arncliffe | | No Service |
| Conistone | 18.30 | Evening Prayer |
| Hubberholme | 09.30 | BCP Holy Communion |
| Kettlewell | 11.15 | Holy Communion |

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| 22 May | | |
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| Arncliffe | 09.30 | Holy Communion |
| Conistone | | No Service |
| Hubberholme | 18.30 | Evensong |
| Kettlewell | 11.15 | Holy Communion |

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| 29 May | | |
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| Conistone | 11.00 | United Parish Service/Holy Communion |
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COVID guidance

We continue having masks and hand sanitiser available in our Churches and to keep certain pews empty to allow for physical distancing. The wearing of masks while moving around our Churches, and while taking part in congregational singing, is a matter for the discretion of individuals attending our Churches. We would ask that everyone respects the views of those who wish to continue taking precautions.