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Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine

'It's Summer!'



Record-breaking Buckden Gala

Travels of an AED!

Presenting the Past - Finale

'Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young— a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.' Psalm 84 3

The Link

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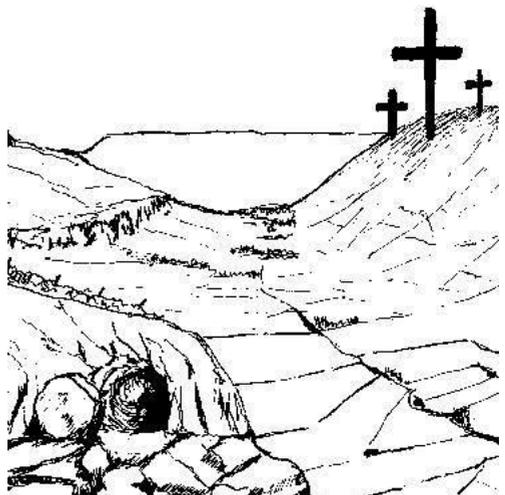
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A Dales Prayer

*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...

Scarecrows: scary or attractive?

It was perhaps inevitable. We couldn't get the Yorkshire Shepherdess or Nicholas Ralph a.k.a. James Herriot from All Creatures to be our judges for the Kettlewell Scarecrow festival. So, with the authority that only the king of the scarecrows can give, yours truly is going to be stuffed with straw to fulfil this coveted role. The idea of judging this year's entries for the scarecrow festival is already giving me sleepless nights, but it will be an honour to play Worzel.

The Worzel Gumidge character played by the actor Jon Pertwee in the film show from 1979-81 caught my imagination as a ten-year-old. Pertwee was enigmatic both as the third Doctor in the Dr Who series and as Worzel. By bringing the idiosyncrasies of his colourful personality to each role (including designing a James Bond-like car for the Doctor - he had worked as a spy for the Naval Intelligence Service) Jon Pertwee drew large audiences for each TV series which coincided with the move from black and white to colour TV.

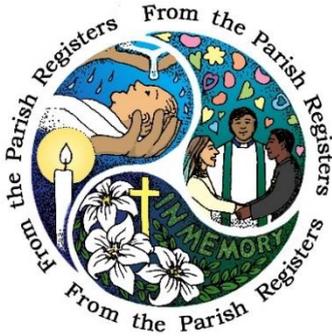
The concept of a lone figure on what looks ostensibly like a cross who comes to life has clear overlaps with the Christian story. "Here hangs a man discarded, a scarecrow hoisted high, a nonsense pointing nowhere / to all who hurry by". Words by the hymn writer Brian Wren which can be set to the tune, 'O sacred head sore wounded'.

If Christians can point people to the cross as life-giving the Christian faith becomes attractive. Perhaps to point people to the irony of this enigmatic person, Jesus of Nazareth, who lived such an attractive life, being on the cross a figure who drew ridicule, the one "from whom people turned their gaze" (Isaiah 53.3). The hymn Will you come and follow me asks the all-important question: should your life attract or scare?



From the Churches & Villages

Parish News



From the Parish Registers

WEDDING

28 May – St Mary’s, Kettlewell – Gareth Michael Roberts and Claire Louise Hargreaves

INTERMENT OF ASHES

29 May – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – Allan Thomas Chipperfield

WEDDING

4 June – St Oswald’s, Arncliffe – Edward Andrew Hastings and Megan Jill Paul

Joyous Jubilee Arncliffe Wedding

After 2 years of postponement, Megan Paul & Edward Hastings were delighted to finally be married at St Oswald’s Church, Arncliffe on Saturday 4th June. The service was conducted by Rev Tom Lusty and the sermon given by Rev Michael Heslop who was previously the vicar of this benefice and with his wife, Jan had been so supportive of Megan in her teenage years. The readings were read by friend Andrea Salt, and Auntie, Jenna Drury. Cousin Charlie Drury played the organ throughout, including the processional, theme from Harry Potter ‘Harry’s Wondrous World’ and the recessional ‘Lay all your love on me’ by ABBA! The bells rang out as the couple left the Church and rode off around the village on their tandem before joining the festivities in the Croft at Carr Farm, followed by dinner & dancing in Amerdale Village Hall.

Meg & Ed (Mr & Mrs Hastings) would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who made their wedding day so special and joyous, and to everyone who sent their best wishes.



Crisis in Ukraine



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:

www.leeds.anglican.org/news/diocese-shares-resources-help-parishes-respond-ukraine-crisis.

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/community-action/war-ukraine-responding

We have been praying in our Churches for all those suffering the impact of the invasion, and will continue to do so. A prayer which you may find helpful comes from the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, which can be found at:

www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/prayer-for-the-people-of-ukraine/

Christian Aid



A huge thank you to all who donated to the Christian Aid week collection this year both physically and online. Including Gift Aid,

the Upper Wharfedale Christian Aid group collected the fantastic sum of £2041.36. We are particularly grateful this year knowing how many other calls there are on everyone's purses, but you can rest assured that the funds will be quickly utilised for the benefit of others in great need.

St Mary's Kettlewell



July Rotas

Sidespeople

- 3 June Appleton
- 10 No one required
- 17 Colin Fairweather
- 24 Dave Nelson
- 31 Phil Burgin

After Service Tea/Coffee

- 3 Sue Nelson
- 10 No one required
- 17 Vivienne Fairweather
- 24 Sue Nelson
- 31 Judy Burgin

Flowers

Jaynie Smith

Cleaning

Lesley Chamberlain

Reordering Kettlewell Church

Further work has been approved on proposals to alter the interior of Kettlewell Church. The project could involve removing some pews at the back of St Mary's Church to create an area for meetings and activities, as well as other changes. The June edition of The Link featured the proposals and said they would be considered at a meeting of our Parochial

Church Council (PCC) on May 25, after The Link had gone to press.

We can now report that PCC members agreed that they were willing for work on the project to continue so more detailed proposals could be brought before them. The PCC also agreed to commission a survey of the church. These decisions were backed by most of the PCC members present, with one abstention.

During the debate concerns were expressed about the likely cost of the full project when all the Parish's Churches needed work doing on their fabric, and when there were worries about their future viability. However, it was also suggested that making the changes might improve St Mary's viability, and most speakers were positive about the proposals.

The PCC was also told about previous suggestions for changes to the interior of St Mary's, which had not gone ahead.

As well as removing some pews, the latest proposals could include relocating the font, reconfiguring the kitchen area, making changes to the heating system and part of the flooring, and possibly re-ordering the Chancel area at a later stage.

St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme Church



July Rotas

Sidespersons

10 D Halsall

17 D & S Lusted

24 H & J Jeddere-Fisher

Flowers

3 G Owen

10 L Sowden

17 L Sowden

24 S Parsons

31 S Parsons

Cleaning

3 S Kilvington

10 L Sowden

17 L Sowden

24 D Parsons

31 D Parsons

St Michael Church at Hubberholme looked especially lovely throughout the Platinum Jubilee Celebration Holiday time and there were lots of extra visitors in the Dale coming in to enjoy the peace and quiet many of whom used the Prayer Tree for their concerns. Thanks to everyone who supplied and arranged all the red, white and blue flowers and helped to make the church look so welcoming and well cared for.

A church stall was manned at Buckden Gala that showed off (and sold) examples of the talents of the local parishioners - including the blankets knitted by the Buckden Knit and Natter Group and subsequently blessed by the vicar. Particularly popular was the children's handicraft making area which attracted a stream of children for most of the afternoon. Grateful thanks go to everyone involved in the stall which realised a total of £152.20 for church funds.

There will be a further opportunity to support church fundraising when we hold our annual August Bank Holiday refreshment and stalls. We hope to have books and bric a brac, as well as a children's handicraft area and the traditional spread of Dales produced refreshments. Information will appear in the August Link to let you know where and when to bring any items you can contribute.

New Church Gate

A splendid new main gate has been put up at St Michael and All Angels Church, Hubberholme, replacing the old one which was perhaps a little the worse for wear. Our grateful thanks go to Avril Harrison, who has kindly funded the new gate in memory of her late husband, Ross.



St Oswald's Arncliffe



July Rotas

Flowers

Mrs. S. Woodhead

Cleaning

Mrs. S. Woodhead and Mrs. G. Hawkins

Opening church

w/c 3 Mrs. S. Paul

w/c 10 Mrs R. Ward-Dooley

17 Mrs. H. Follows

24 Mrs. S. Smith

31 Mrs. P. Campbell

Sidesperson

3 Mrs. H. Follows

10 Mrs. E. Leahy

24 Mrs. E. Miller

St Mary's Conistone



July Rotas

Sidespeople

3 Hilda Dibb and Jo Foster

10 Allison Clarke and Philip Butterfield

17 Patrick and Sue Baker

Flowers and Cleaning

3 Liz Golding

10 Liz Golding

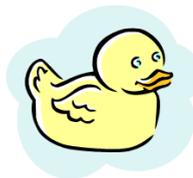
17 Kathryn Butterfield

24 Kathryn Butterfield

31 Vicky Fattorini

LITTONDALE DUCK RACE

SATURDAY 16th JULY



**TICKETS AND TEAS IN
ARNCLIFFE CHURCHYARD,
FROM 2pm**

'Quack off' 3pm from Church bridge

For tickets in advance, call Sarah (770282) or

email; carrfarm2021@gmail.com

**All proceeds to the Churches of Upper
Wharfedale & Littondale.**

Buckden & Langstrothdale

The **Library Van** will be making its usual visit this month and will be in the Buckden Car Park between 10.00am and 12 noon on Wednesday 6 July.

The **Buckden Art Group's** 30th Annual exhibition will be held in Buckden Village Institute from 27-29 August. Further details will be available on the village website and in the August Link.

Another date for your busy diary - **BUCKDEN DUCK RACE IS BACK!!!** Sunday 24 July. Quack off on Buckden bridge at 3pm. Ducks £1. Hotdogs and refreshments available on the day. All proceeds to Buckden Village Institute. All welcome.

Buckden Singers Summer Concerts

Out of the Darkness and into the Light
Marking the emergence from the Pandemic, these will take place on Friday 29 July at St Margaret's, Threshfield at 7.30pm and on Saturday 30 July at Kettlewell Village Hall at 5.00pm. Tickets, priced £5, are available from tickets@buckden.org or by ringing Anne Vetch on 01756 760882. This includes light refreshments.

Kettlewell Luncheon Club.

The July Lunch will be held on the 21st 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 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 Club will take a break in August but will be back in September.

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

Sunday 4 September, 2022

Schedules are now available at the following places:

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

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

Kettlewell & District WI

At the June meeting we were delighted to welcome guests, including several men, to hear our very entertaining speaker, Mr Neil Hanson. Mr Hanson is a former landlord of Tan Hill, the highest Pub in England, and he had lots of amusing tales to tell of his time up there, especially the cold and windy winters. Thank you, Neil.

The next meeting will take the form of a visit to a delightful open garden in Carleton on Tuesday 5 July, hoping for a lovely day. There will be no competition.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL. On 13 September, at 2pm in Kettlewell Village Hall, the **Friends from Kettlewell & District WI** will be hosting a **Flower Arranging Demonstration**, raising funds for **Cancer Research**. The demonstrator is NAFAS qualified, and he is truly a master of his art. Entry will be £5 and all funds raised will go to Cancer Research. Everyone is welcome and we hope that you can all join us for an afternoon celebrating the wonderful art of flower arranging. More information will be included in the August

and September issues of The Link, but please pop it into your diary. Thank you.

Barbara Lambert

Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival

A "2 Months to Go" update!

13-21 August 2022



Just two months to go until our little festival returns. And by the comments on our Facebook page, the whole of Yorkshire could be descending upon us! Yikes!

Hopefully, you've seen the banners and posters going up, and the leaflets and social media posts going out. Huge thanks to Peter Vetch, Buckden Gala, Keelham Farm and the farmer who farms at the Skipton Roundabout for letting us put up banners on their property, or who have re-put up our banners after they got blown down!

We've seen our very first scarecrow - made, completed and sitting in someone's spare bedroom ready to go. And do remember, our Scarecrow Workshop takes place on Sunday 7 August, 12-4pm at Kettlewell Village Hall - there'll be vaguely expert tuition and lots of free accessories and props to take away.

We've had a change of thought on our judges, and decided that after our two-year break, we need a Top Scarecrow Judge, so Worzel Gummidge and Aunt Sally will be assessing this year's scarecrows. So, the question is now - which local couple will be

dressing up to do the honours? I wonder if you can guess?

There's plenty of time to go, but plenty of things to do, and as always, the more volunteers, the better - even for an hour or two. If you fancy making cutout boards, repairing old scarecrows, serving teas or staff the car parks, please contact: info@kettlewellscarecrowfestival.co.uk

Platinum Jubilee Events

Kettlewell & Starbotten



On Sunday 5 June our villages celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a superb picnic in a packed Village Hall. It made me giggle to see the top table, nearly all eighty-year-olds tucking into their picnic boxes whilst supping Prosecco. "Ooh look, a fairy cake with cream and a strawberry!" "I'm taking mine home." "Hey, I've got a pork pie" "I just love scones and jam for tea" and one "Hmph I can't eat fish sandwiches", "I love salmon, I'll swap", "Aha, we all know who made the fruit cake!" All thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon it was a real treat.

A big thank you to Joodles and Fant for their generosity and the team for their hard work.

Julia Queen

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal



Congratulations and thanks to Robin Davidson, Doug McLellan and David Nelson who received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal for their services to the community as volunteers in the emergency services for over 5 years.



Amazing Canal Run!

Mike McKenzie, 63, of Blue Scar Farm, in Arncliffe, took part in a charity race, running 145 miles along the Grand Union Canal from Birmingham to London, during the jubilee weekend, to raise money for Bowel Cancer UK with help from his backing team: daughter Cathy Harrison, wife, Carol, another daughter Linda Marfitt and long-time friends Philip and Heather Taylor.

Mike underwent chemotherapy and surgery after being diagnosed with

bowel cancer in 2020, recovering to complete the London Marathon for the eighth time in 2021, only to discover that the cancer has returned, requiring further surgery.

He said: "Taking part in the Grand Union Canal race has been an idea for a few years. Getting on the start line was delayed by 18 months of treatment for bowel and secondary liver cancer. Friends and family supported me through that time also supported me through the race which was brilliant, and I thank them for that.

The race had to be completed within 45 hours and Cathy put in an absolutely heroic effort but sadly had to retire at 85 miles during the night. Out of 98 runners that started only 53 made it to the end. Mike battled on and was thrilled to make it to the finish line in 39:22 hours and finishing 26th.



Bowel Cancer UK is the UK's leading bowel cancer charity. They fund targeted research, provide expert information and support to patients and their families, educate the public and professionals about the disease and campaign for early diagnosis and access to best treatment

and care. They're here to stop people dying of bowel cancer.

Mike is immensely grateful to all those who have supported his efforts, raising in excess of £4,000, with money still coming in. He's now looking at other events to enter.

(From the Craven Herald, 7 June)

Funk Wire

The upcoming Funk Wire dates are 7 July and 21 July. The last choir before our summer break is on the 21 July when there will be a summer lunch starting at 12.30pm followed by our usual choir session at 2pm. Choir will begin again on Thursday 22 September at 2pm in Conistone with Kilmsey Village Hall.

HALTON GILL READING ROOM

Weekly coffee mornings will resume on Thursday 7 July, from 10.30 -12noon. Everyone is welcome. All proceeds to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

A UWALS Writing Workshop with Ian Clayton - Author and Broadcaster

no experience needed just an opportunity to be grabbed!



Ian aims for participants to produce new writing on the day. He will facilitate this by a series of writing exercises that are designed as food for thought. The day will be informative, entertaining and good fun.

Ian welcomes fiction and non-fiction responses - as he will explore on the day, he does not differentiate. It will also be a chance to pick Ian's brains about the writing process.

Ian Clayton was born in Featherstone, Yorkshire and is an English writer and broadcaster. In a freelance career spanning 20 years he has edited and authored more than fifty books and broadcast on TV and radio. Some years ago now, Ian entertained us speaking about his life and we were requested to invite him back to share his writing expertise.

In recent years he has been visiting scholar in creative writing at Changchun University in China. He believes that good stories start anywhere and at any time and that the best stories have a strong sense of place, that they live and breathe in the community, just like their tellers and writers. Ian's writing workshops thrive on turning the spoken word into a piece of written work. The workshop welcomes experienced writers and new writers alike.

Wednesday 17th August 10am to 4pm at Threshfield Institute. Tickets £20 UWALS members and £25 non-members including lunch and all refreshments. Email uwalsociety@gmail.com or phone 01756 770051/770350

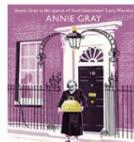
Back by popular demand, UWALS invites you to

An Evening with Dr Annie Gray "Victory in the Kitchen"



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

You will also recognise her as a consultant and presenter on BBC2's living history series: *Victorian Bakers* and *The Sweetmakers*. Annie also regularly features on TV, both talking about and recreating the food of the past.



Annie will be sharing the fascinating story of Georgina Landemare who started her career as a nursemaid, and ended it cooking for one of the best-known figures in British history, Winston Churchill, a man to whom food was central, not only as a pleasure by itself, but as a diplomatic tool in a time when the world was embroiled in a worldwide war. Her story takes us to wartime London, via Belle Epoque Paris and prohibition-era New York.

The Octagon Grassington: Friday 15th July 2022 7.30pm. Tickets: UWALS members, £13 non-members £15, for reservations email uwalsociety@gmail.com or telephone 01756 770051/770350.

LITTONDALE FETE 2022

This year's Littondale Fete will be held on Arncliffe Village Green on Saturday 13 August. Starting at 1pm with the 4 mile road race and music from Skipton Brass Band. There will also be the BOFRA fell races throughout the afternoon, as well as Childrens races and various side stalls including refreshments and tombola. Further details will be in the August Link, but if you can help in anyway with this year's fete, particularly with volunteering on the car park or with tea & cake. Please get in touch at carrfarm2021@gmail.com or come along to the next planning meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 5 July in the Queens at Litton.

Rainfall for May 2022

Arncliffe: 92 mm/3.6 ins
Beckermonds: 159 mm/6.26 ins (Apr/May)
Litton: 99 mm/3.90 ins

Buckden Gala: A record breaking afternoon

Following a break of two years due to the pandemic, record crowds came to Buckden on Saturday afternoon for the 2022 Buckden Gala and Fell Race. The afternoon, which raises funds for Buckden Village Institute, followed the usual formula with a wide variety of stalls as well as a coconut shy and tombola. Hubberholme Church ran craft activities

for children while the Friends of Kettlewell School had games for children and face-painting. The beer tent was provided by the George Inn and the Gala Tea Tent offered a fine selection of home-made baking; the legendary Buckden Hot-Dog stall was not to be missed. As always, Roger Ingham provided both the ice-cream and his own unique style of commentary. Music was provided by Skipton Ukulele Club and Buckden musician Laszlo Jakab, as well as Richard Hargreaves and Paul Stead of the Buttered Peas, whose set was in aid of Ukrainian Refugees. Sadly, there was no Buckden Sheep Show this year, but we are hopeful that it will return next year.

This year's Buckden Pike Fell Race was a multi-championship event, featuring in the British, English and Yorkshire Senior & U23 Championships. This resulted in a much larger number of entries than usual with 100 finishers in the women's race and 251 in the men's race. The course is 3.7 miles long up Buckden Pike with a climb of 428 metres. The women's race was won by Hannah Russell of Helm Hill Runners in a time of 37 minutes & 11 seconds. The winner of the men's race was Finlay Wild of Lochaber Athletic Club whose time of 30



minutes 39 was 11 seconds faster than the previous record, which had stood for 30 years.

The Dog Show was popular as always and in a strong field Carole Toothill's Walter took Best in Show, while other class winners included Charlie belonging to Phoebe Baylis, Louise Thompson's Flin, Ellie Close's Billie, Eve Lee's Milo and Willow belonging to Sandra Kilvington. In the hotly contested children's races, winners included Robert, Felix, Kiki, Emily, Jack and Tom. The afternoon concluded with the Grand Draw with a range of excellent prizes and the now traditional egg-throwing competition as a finale.

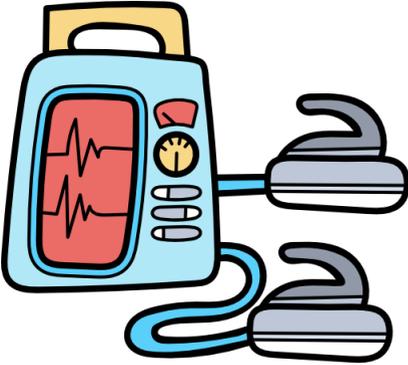
All in all, a fantastic afternoon with the whole community working together to put on a memorable event to mark the emergence from the pandemic. Buckden Institute committee would like to thank all those from the Buckden and Kettlewell communities, and beyond, who worked so hard to make the event so successful.

Next year's Gala will be held as usual on the 3rd Saturday in June - 17 June 2023 – a must for the diary!

Peter Vetch



The Travels of an Automated External Defibrillator!



It all started with my wife deciding to “check the defib”, as is her want. “The pads are out of date” she then informed me. As I seem to know a few people, I managed to get a set donated. Off Jan trots to install the new pads, only to return to say “the defibs beeping”. So I am despatched to look at the defib and sure enough it is beeping. Take the battery out and put it back in, still beeping. Disconnect the pads and re connect, still beeping. Obviously, time to contact another of the ‘people I know’. I am shown how to enter the diagnostic mode. This tells me that a service is required. Now my contact has already said that the Cardiac Science G5 AED doesn’t require regular servicing, so that’s strange. As luck would have it, my medical equipment was due a service, so I took the village defib along with me. Whilst all my equipment passed, I was told that I would need to talk to Cardiac Science about the village defib. Cardiac Science is now owned by Zoll Medical; I rang them at their Stockport office and spoke to Steve in Tech Support who was really helpful. He asked if I had the defib with me.

“Yes, I do.”

“Can I listen to the message?”

I duly opened the case and it announced, “Service required”.

“It’s not that I didn’t believe you, it’s just that some people say their machine needs a service when the machine is actually saying maintenance required”.

Apparently, that usually means it’s battery or pads that need changing. Steve checked the serial number and said it was still under warranty, and as such, they would repair it free of charge. They offered us a loan machine as the turnaround time is around 6-8 weeks. After a few forms were completed, we arranged a time for the loan machine to be delivered.

“Once you get the loan machine, use your battery and pads and then pack your machine in the box, give us a ring and we will arrange pick up and get it sent off to the States”.

“Sorry, did you say States?”

“Yes, we have to send them back to America for a new printed circuit board to be fitted”.

Now I’m just a simple Yorkshire man, but surely it is more cost effective to send a printed circuit board to England than to send the defib to the States to have one fitted and then ship it back again! The defib was picked up the following day and I got an email saying they had it and would get it repaired. I assume by now it is sat on a work bench in the States having its printed circuit board fitted before being sent on another voyage back to us.

The response and interaction with Cardiac Science/Zoll has been superb so far. It is obviously worth checking the defib regularly, it could avoid an expensive repair. If anyone needs to know how to access the diagnostic settings on a G5 AED, please feel free to contact me at ellergillbarn@outlook.com

John Howe, Halton Gill

Presenting the Past: The Project Finale

In September 2018 Eileen Leahy and Geraldine Norman applied for a grant to The Heritage Lottery Fund. The Upper Wharfedale Arts and Literature Society (UWALS) had come into possession of a treasure trove of early 20th century photographs of Upper Wharfedale commissioned by Percy Inman, with kind permission from their owner, Mathew Roberts, to exhibit them and use them as the focus for a community project. Now UWALS just needed the funding to make the most of this opportunity.

In October 2022, UWALS heard that HLF was impressed by the project's aspirations and had awarded them the full grant. UWALS had previously successfully applied for several smaller grants, including one to fund the 2018 exhibition about Upper Wharfedale in 1918, but this was their most ambitious project yet. This time, building on their experience of previous projects, UWALS wanted to involve as many local people as possible in engaging with the photographs in ways they enjoyed, whether this be through historical research or other more practically creative explorations. And so *Presenting the Past* was launched at Conistone-with-Kilnsey Village Hall on 26 January 2019.

Last month, two years late – and we all know why – the exhibition was put on over two weekends in Grassington Town Hall where over 1,100 visitors enjoyed the photographs, research, music, words, oral histories and artwork produced by the local community. A film was made, now available on the UWALS website, which captured the project's development.



Main Hall Grassington Town Hall

UWALS is grateful to filmmaker Graham Kay. Thanks are also due to photographer Andrew Brooks, who led the photography group to the production of wonderful 'now and then' shots which adorned the corridor of the GDI and earned much praise.

After all the hard work, it was very rewarding to see how much pleasure the exhibition brought to people. Over 100 members of the local community contributed to its success. Most of the



Musicians performing at the Exhibition (photo: Jane Hargreaves)

material collected during the life of the project - including oral histories, photographs and research material - will be available on the UWALS website (uwals.co.uk), thereby initiating the development of an archive of hitherto uncurated Upper Wharfedale social history.

In addition to the exhibition, we were also pleased to showcase the work of the writers and musicians who took part in the project in a separate *Evening of Words and Music* in The Octagon.

The audience was able to enjoy readings from the collection of writings produced by nine members of the Creative Writing group – already published in the book *Present in the Past* – alongside a variety of music inspired by the photographs. This included Richard Hargreaves' collection of once-popular traditional dance tunes of Upper Wharfedale, Simon Dooley's ambient soundscapes incorporating extracts from oral histories, and several original songs



Readings at the Exhibition (photo: Jane Hargreaves)

from Ron Norman's CD produced for the project, *Glass Shadows*. The evening also featured a performance by present day vicar, Tom Lusty, playing past Arncliffe vicar William Boyd, and was a fitting finale to UWALS's ambitious *Present in the Past* project.

Present in the Past and *Glass Shadows* are both available to buy by emailing uwalsociety@gmail.com.

Geraldine Norman



Harvest Time - with Mary Calvert (centre) of Kettlewell (photo courtesy of Sue Nelson)

Daylight hours may have peaked following the Summer Solstice on 21 June, but we generally see this as the beginning of the season, with the long hot days of July and August ahead. As I write we are enjoying some old-fashioned June weather, though as the day progressed, the skies developed a threatening amber hue and there was a sense of a storm on its way. It put me in mind of St Swithin's Day and the old folklore poem:

*“St Swithin's Day, if it does rain
Full forty days, it will remain
St Swithin's Day, if it be fair
For forty days, t'will rain no more”*



St Swithin's day takes place on 15 July each year, and according to traditional folklore, whatever the weather is like on St Swithin's Day, be it rain or sunshine, it will continue unbroken for the next forty days and forty

nights. This means some anxious weather observation on the 15th, lest it herald the summer being washed away with continuous rain. It has certainly felt like that in recent years with most of the fine dry weather occurring in April and May.

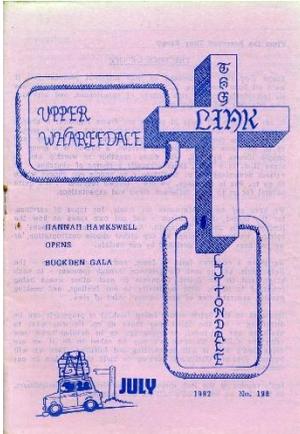


Swithin was a man born around the year 800, who later became Bishop of Winchester. Unlike other religious figures, he asked not to be buried inside Winchester Cathedral, but outside in a simple tomb, “where the sweet rain of heaven may fall upon my grave”. The legend says after his remains were moved inside at a later date, there was a great storm and it rained unceasingly for many weeks after.

Swithin died on 2 July, a time in the year when the landscape is adorned with a tangle of wildflowers, all vying for the space to soak up the hot sun, or the ‘sweet rains of heaven’. In the dale we see and smell the highly scented dog rose, the honey fragranced meadowsweet, the velvety purple meadow cranesbill, delicate red campion and gentle pastels of field scabious. A riot of colour, texture and scent to delight the senses – a blessing indeed.

Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Links to the Past

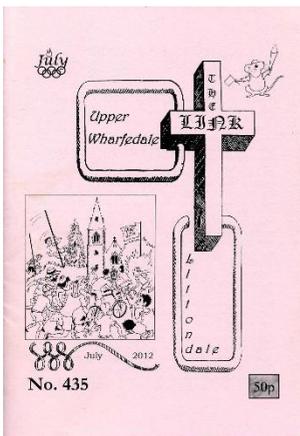


The *Link* of July 1992 reported that Hannah Hawkswell, the well-known farmer who lived a life of austerity, was guest of honour at Buckden Gala. ‘It was a double anniversary; 30 years since the first Buckden Gala was staged, and 80 years to the day since the foundation stone was laid for the Buckden Village Hall. The profits from the Gala (estimated to be around £2000 that year) went towards the upkeep of the hall which continues to play an important part of village life today.

In her speech of welcome, Hannah voiced her pleasure in being in such a beautiful setting amongst the hills she knew from her own experience how important village halls are to the life of the Dales communities and she wished everyone well.’



The July 2002 *Link* reported on the violent thunderstorm of Sunday 2 June, ‘which plunged Arncliffe church, along with the rest of the dale, into darkness shortly before the Hoarstones Ensemble and the Amarone string quartet were due to begin the annual ‘midsummer’ concert. It also prevented the men of Arncliffe from putting up the swing boats and bunting for the next day’s Jubilee celebrations. They wisely retired to the Falcon, but the rain, getting even worse, came in the door and they turned to with buckets and mops. With admirable phlegm as well as elegance the instrumentalists in church played their baroque concert first by the light of torches held by members of the audience and then by hurricane lamp. A few minutes after the vicar had expressed the audience’s thanks, the lights came back on again. Rainfall in the storm amounted to 1 ¼ inches.’



In the July 2012 *Link*, the vicar, Peter Yorkstone, wrote about ‘rings of truth to a balanced life’, noting the many sporting allusions in the Bible, usually using physical fitness as a metaphor for being spiritually healthy. ‘I’ll go along with that especially if we are both physically and spiritually healthy. I suspect we could all do with more activity to keep us fit and well and we will get the benefit of more vigour and a better-balanced life. I suspect that we are even more likely to benefit from more spiritual exercise; time to pray, to lift our eyes to important and eternal things, to be quiet and reflective at sometime in the day. That would also help us to be more positive in our outlook and give us a better more balanced life. So let’s keep fit and healthy in every way this summer.’

Crossword

Across

1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)

3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)

8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)

9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)

11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)

14 In Cain (anag.) (6)

15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)

17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)

20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)

21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)

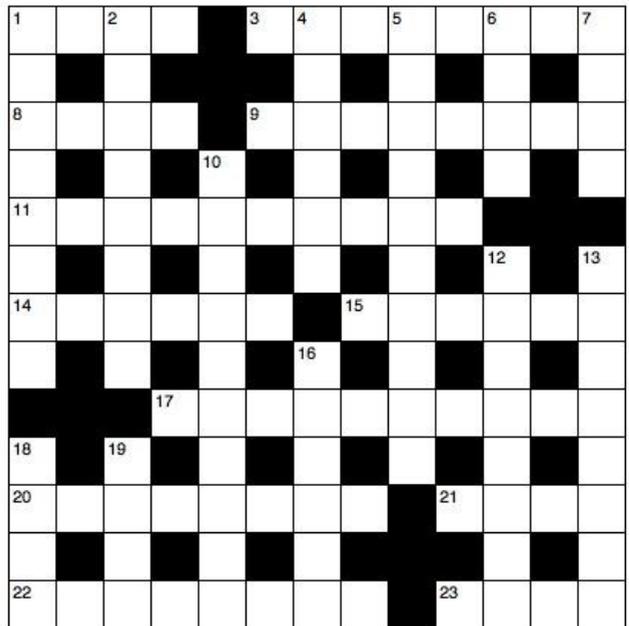
22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)



4 'We three kings of — are' (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22) (10)

12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear (James2:21) (8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34) (4)

19 Rear (anag.) (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

Sat 2 July	Littondale Jubilee Jacob's Join Party, 3 pm, Arncliffe village green
Wed 6 July	Garden Party for Manorlands Hospice, Throstles Nest, Conistone
Thu 7 July	Funk Wire, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall
Wed 13 July	Friends of the Dales: digital talk on The Flow; Rivers and River Life
Fri 15 July	'Victory in the Kitchen', evening with Annie Gray, Octagon, Grassington
Sat 16 Jul	Littondale Duck Race, 2 pm, Arncliffe churchyard
Thu 21 July	Kettlewell Luncheon Club
Thu 21 July	Funk Wire, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall (last for the summer)
Sun 24 July	Buckden Duck Race, Buckden Bridge, 3 pm
Fri 29 July	Buckden Singers Summer Concert, 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Threshfield
Sat 30 July	Buckden Singers Summer Concert, 5 pm, Kettlewell Village Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Sat 13 Aug	Littondale Fete
13-21 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Wed 17 Aug	UWALS Writing Workshop with Ian Clayton, Threshfield Institute
27-29 Aug	Buckden Art Group 30 th Annual Exhibition, Buckden Village Institute
Mon 29 Aug	Fund raising stalls for Hubberholme church, Buckden School Room
Tue 30 Aug	Kilnsey Show & Sports
Sun 4 Sep	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show
Tue 13 Sep	Flower arranging demonstration, 2pm Kettlewell Village Hall
Th 22 Sep	Funk Wire recommences, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.



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

3 July		
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Arncliffe	09.30	Holy Communion
Conistone	18.30	Holy Communion
Hubberholme	Free	
Kettlewell	11.15	Methodist Service

10 July		
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Arncliffe	09.30	Morning Prayer
Conistone	18.30	Holy Communion
Hubberholme	11.15	BCP Holy Communion
Kettlewell	Free	

17 July		
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Arncliffe	Free	
Conistone	18.30	Evening Prayer
Hubberholme	11.15	Holy Communion and baptism
Kettlewell	09.30	Holy Communion

24 July		
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Arncliffe	09.30	Holy Communion
Conistone	Free	
Hubberholme	11.15	BCP Holy Communion
Kettlewell	11.15	Morning Prayer

31 July		
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Kettlewell	11.00	United Parish Service
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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.

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