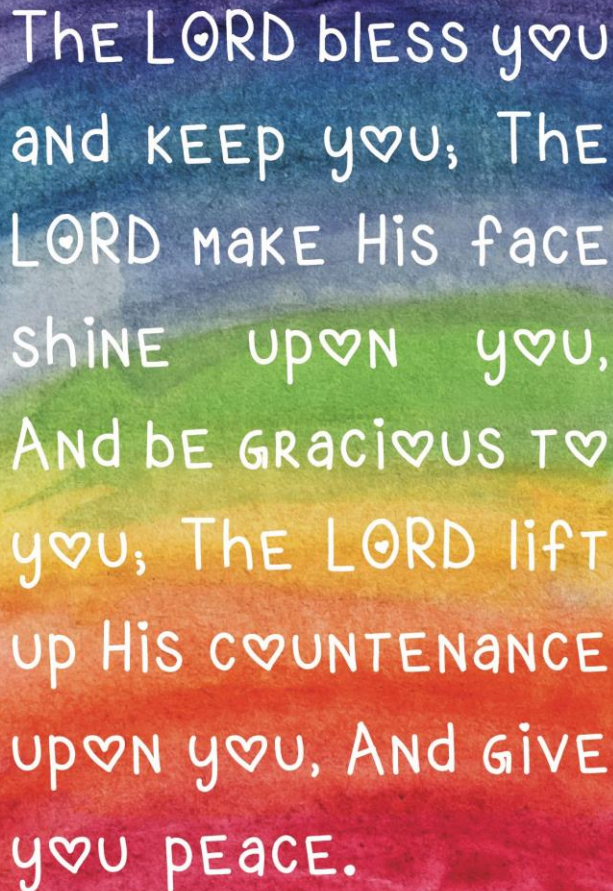


Link

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine



THE LORD bless you
and KEEP you; THE
LORD make His face
shine upon you,
And be GRACIOUS TO
you; THE LORD lift
up His COUNTENANCE
upon you, And GIVE
you PEACE.

The Link

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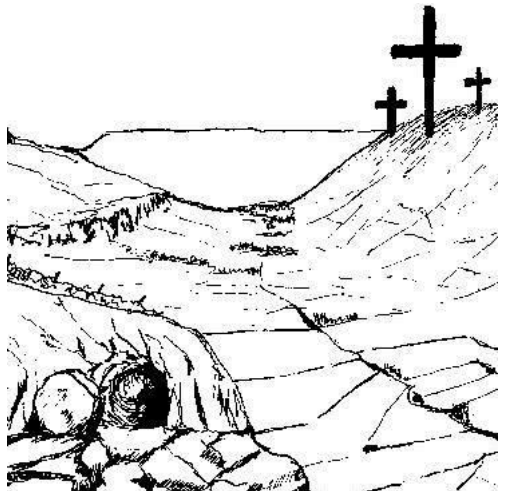
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A Dales Prayer

*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...

We almost got away with it but on Saturday night the heavens opened, and heavy rain poured down on the evening of the penultimate day of the Kettlewell scarecrow festival. Almost constant sunshine has had a positive impact on the number of folk visiting and it has been a joyous week.

I have enjoyed seeing the creativity and humour of local people expressed in the scarecrows, and the warmth of the welcome offered to strangers here. Admittedly the scarecrows don't look quite so good in the rain.

Whilst rain can potentially wreck a 9-day-long outdoor event, given the choice between rain and drought we would always choose rain. We are conscious of the ways in which climate change is already impacting the rainfall and the occurrence of drought.

Even here in the UK we are hearing about water shortages and hosepipe bans. It is time to give thanks for rain and acknowledge it as a blessing. This human response to rain has been there since time immemorial. In the book of Isaiah, we read:

For as the rain comes down from heaven and does not return until it has watered the earth ... so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty. Isaiah 55.10

And as well as giving thanks we are reminded to act too. The water for the toilet at Hubberholme Church is harvested entirely from rainwater. Perhaps this is the way we should be going, conserving water where we can in addition to supporting the work of wonderful charities like Water Aid which bring life and blessing to so many.



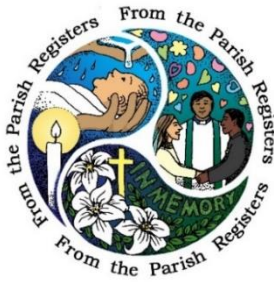
Tom

From the Churches & Villages

Parish News



From the Parish Registers



St Mary's Kettlewell



Baptisms

- 20 August - River Wharfe at Hubberholme - Charlotte Florence Horner (photos above)
- 21 August - Kettlewell Church - Alexander James Rice
- 21 August - Kettlewell Beck - Otto Reeves John Bicknell

Wedding

- 6 August - Arncliffe - Max Robert Mountain and Riah Jane Hawkins

Interment

- 13 August - Hubberholme - Shirley Leach

September Rotas

Sidespeople

- 4 Colin Fairweather
 - 11 No one required
 - 18 Clare Blakey-Williams
 - 25 No one required
- ##### After Service Tea/Coffee
- 4 Vivienne Fairweather
 - 11 No one required
 - 18 Di Blakey-Williams
 - 25 No one required

Flowers

Maureen Heseltine

Cleaning

Jenny Inocco

Very many thanks to those who helped to make our display of Scarecrows in St. Mary's, Kettlewell prize worthy - a great team effort.

St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme Church



September Rotas

Flowers

- 4 L Huck
- 11 L Huck
- 18 H Jeddere-Fisher
- 25 H Jeddere-Fisher

Cleaning

- 4 G Huck
- 11 G Huck
- 18 K Jeddere-Fisher
- 25 K Jeddere-Fisher

Sidesperson

- 11 H & K Jeddere-Fisher
- 18 D & S Lusted
- 25 D & S Parsons

Thank you to everyone who supported the August Bank Holiday refreshments and stalls at Buckden School Room. Without the contributions of cakes, plants and bric-a-brac it could not have been as successful. The total raised will be published in the October Link.

St Mary's Conistone



September Rotas

Sides People

- 4 Allison Clarke and Philip Butterfield
- 11 Hilda Dibb and Jo Foster
- 18 Patrick and Sue Baker

Flowers and Cleaning

- 4 Vicky Fattorini
- 11 Vicky Fattorini
- 18 Vanessa Roberts
- 25 Vanessa Roberts

St Oswald's Arncliffe



September Rotas

Opening church w/c

- 4 Hilary Follows
- 11 Sally Smith
- 18 Patsy Campbell
- 25 Eileen Leahy
- 2 (October) Elspeth Miller

Cleaning

Hilary Follows

Flowers

Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Sidesperson

- 4 Eileen Leahy
- 11 Elspeth Miller

25 Sarah Paul
2 (October) Hilary Follows
Coffee
4 Patsy Campbell

11 Lynda Barker
25 Eileen Leahy
2 (October) Elspeth Miller

A letter of thanks to the 'Knit and Natter' Group

Dear Tom,

Yesterday my husband Michael and I received a "Blessings Blanket" from the Hubberholme/Buckden "Knit and Natter" group. We are overwhelmed by their generosity. Apparently, these blankets are all blessed by the Bishop of Ripon, so this is a thank you letter from us both.

Michael's father was one time Vicar of Hubberholme (1947-1960) and when we became engaged then married, we spent many happy holidays at the Vicarage. We were posted to Germany when our first child was born, but we returned to Hubberholme to have his grandfather Revd Harry Isherwood baptise him. Happy Days. Two of Michael's sisters were married at Hubberholme too.

Sad to say, we are unable to get up to Wharfedale now, but have many happy memories of the place and the people. We enjoy the Link. The Abbott of Alton Abbey liked to read it as it gave him ideas for his next homily. He used to come and stay with us when we had holidays at Dale Garth. In fact, he once took a service at St Michael and All Angels during an interregnum!

With kind regards,

Maj. Michael and Elspeth Isherwood



'Straight on to Malham Tarn' by Alison Woods, Buckden Art Group

VACANCY

Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation
Clerk to the Governors

Start date: October 1st, 2022

Remuneration: £11.93 per hour plus travel expenses (Grade F: £20,852 - £23,023 pro rata)

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Application form:

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Training:

Available for the successful candidate

Closing date: 12 Noon on Monday 26 September

Completed applications to be returned to:
cofg@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Buckden and Langstrothdale

The **Mobile Library van** will be in Buckden Car Park from 10.00am to 12 noon on Wednesday 14 and 28 September.

The **Knit and Natter** group will continue to meet at 10.30 each Tuesday morning.

A reminder that this year's **fundraising quiz** ends on 30 September. Please make sure that all completed sheets are sent to Sandie Parsons at Raisgill Farm by that date. The draw to decide the winner will take place on Tuesday 4 October and the result (and answers) will appear in October's edition of the Link. Thanks go to everyone involved - the question setters, those who sold the quiz sheets, and particularly the people who racked their brains in an attempt to answer the questions.

Future dates for your diary:

6 October: Coffee and Bake Sale in Buckden School Room in aid of Yorkshire air ambulance. Full details in October Link.

Friday 18 November: *'An Evening with Tricia Stewart'* (one of the original Calendar Girls). Tricia will be talking about her Calendar Girl adventures, exploits and travels, starting at 6.30pm in Buckden Village Institute. The talk will be followed by Q & Q, book signing and pie and pea supper. Entry will be by ticket available at £10 a head from Josie (761154) and Deirdre (760296). A donation from the ticket sales will be given to the Calendar Girl Cancer Charity.

Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival



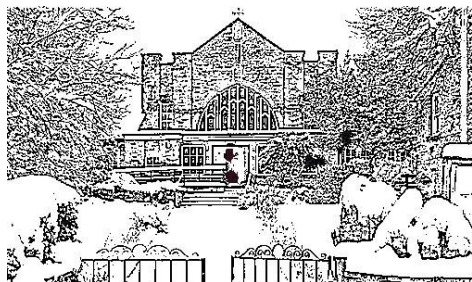
Well... that went well! The sun shone, the visitors came, the cakes ran out! We were on Radio 1, Radio 2 and Look North weather! The feedback from our visitors on Facebook was overwhelmingly supportive and appreciative that "we were back!" There were an astonishing 170 scarecrows, from the weird to the wonderful to the downright "What the heck is that...?"

Our Scarecrow AGM is in November (date to be confirmed). If you would like to request money for your local group, sports club or facilities, start to think about how much and what for! We'll ask for these requests very soon and will publicise in both The Link and through the Facebook Upper Wharfedale community group.

Finally, a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's festival a success. It has been tough pulling it together after Covid. So, a huge thank you to the committee for co-ordinating it, and to the hundred or so volunteers who baked, cleaned, served, marshalled, painted, ran workshops, made bunting, provided hay bales, put things up and took things down! We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!

Sara Cooper

Kettlewell Village Hall



Indoor Bowls

The bowls will start again on **Wednesday 28 September**, from 1.45pm-3.35pm. New people are always welcome. For further information please contact David Whitham 01756 761099

Film nights

Saturday 10 September: *'The Duke'* based on a true story starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. *'In 1961, a 60-year-old taxi driver steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sends ransom notes saying that*

he will return the painting if the government invests more in care for the elderly.'

Saturday 29 October: *'Downton Abbey: A New Era'* starring Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville and all your favourites. *'The Crawley family go on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa.'*

KETTLEWELL CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Saturday 3 December

After nearly three years, KETTLEWELL CHRISTMAS PARTY IS BACK!!!

Featuring the covers band we all love;
THE SCENE

Bar with local beers and excellent wines!!!

Admission by ticket only - £12.50
Book now to avoid
disappointment, as numbers are
limited

Please contact Caroline on 07786 330914 or email

pandchatton@gmail.com

All profits going to charity

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

Sunday 4 September – it's here!

Main Registration: Saturday 3 September from 1-4pm in Kettlewell Village Hall. Late Registration is only for half an hour on Show Day from 9-9.30am

Schedules, listing all you need to know, available at:

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

Kettlewell Luncheon Club

Kettlewell Luncheon Club will reconvene after the summer break on Thursday 15 September at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the July meeting, please ring Sue Nelson (760887) by 4pm on Sunday 11 September 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. If you are able, it is expected that the 'younger' folk attending would be willing to help out occasionally. The cost is £5 for two courses plus coffee and wine is available by donation.



Kettlewell & District WI

PLEASE NOTE: The flower arranging demonstration on 13 September in Kettlewell Village Hall has been CANCELLED.

The July meeting was a trip to the Open Gardens at The Grange at Carleton and members enjoyed a lovely afternoon in the extensive and beautifully tended gardens.

The new arrangements for the meeting to be held on Tuesday 13 September at 2pm in Kettlewell Village Hall will be a "Round Britain Quiz" hosted by Mr Geoff Queen. Non-members are welcome at £5, which includes refreshments. Our hostesses will be Mrs S Nelson and Mrs J Foster. There will be a raffle and the competition is "E".

Threshfield and Linton WI

The June meeting of Threshfield and Linton WI was a very interesting talk by Alexa and Chris Ives from Otterbeck Gin based at Bellbusk. They described the process of

making gin and all the botanicals that they used and also the where the name Cotton Gin originated from (the building that they use was once a cotton mill). They produce four different gins which are made using botanicals picked locally. The members were all treated to a Gin and Tonic whilst they listened to Chris. Afterwards they could taste the other gins that are produced by Otterbeck Gin; everyone had a very merry evening.

We celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee by having a garden party at the home of Jane Ringrose. We were very lucky with the weather and our members gathered in Jane's beautiful garden to enjoy cream scones under blue skies.

July saw us having an interesting evening with Mags Walker from Toolally based in Barnoldswick. Mags designs and makes fashion accessories in acrylic. She started her working life as a chartered accountant as her father said she needed a "proper" job despite her being very artistic. Her artistic side came to the fore when she went to a fashion show and was introduced to the jewellery editor at Vogue who admired her necklace and asked if she produced earrings, her earrings then graced the front cover of Vogue. For thereon she has a never looked back and now has an illustrious client base of celebrities including Joanna Lumley, Laura Whitmore and Faye Tozier who introduced her to the costume designer on Strictly Come Dancing and now Mags designs and produces all the earrings that the celebrities and professionals wear on the show.

Our future meetings include a Murder Mystery Evening, A Singalong with Funk Wire and a Christmas Crafts evening.

If you would like to join us, we meet at Linton Village Hall on the second Wednesday evening of the month. More details from our Secretary – Sheila Carr, Tel. 01756 752435 or 07879 845771.



Coffee & Chat

(with White Elephant & book stall)

Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe.

Saturday 17th September,
10.30am until 12 noon.



Coffee (or tea) and homemade baking.

Payment by donation.

Proceeds to Amerdale Hall. (CIO no. 1193881)

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Rehearsals for the Autumn Season begin on Thursday 8th
September at 7.30pm in Buckden Village Institute



Why not come along?



The BIG Littondale Quiz

Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe.

Friday 30th September.



Quiz night and hot supper.

Doors & bar open at 7pm.

£10 per person, (4 - 6 people per team)

Please book by Monday 26th September for catering purposes.

Contact; Mark Houston (770419), Ruth Cowan (770293),
Sarah Paul (770282) or Gill Scott (07920 766272).

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UWALS Presents

An Evening of Autumn Music with the Elmore String Quartet



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members

AMERDALE HALL EVENTS

Save these future dates:

Sat 8 Oct: Yoga workshop

Sat 15 Oct: Live band - The SCENE.

Sun 30 Oct: Children's Halloween Party with 'Bat, Crackle & Pop'

Sat 10 Dec: Christmas Party

Sat 17 Dec: Pantomime



REVIVING TRADITIONAL DALES MUSIC AND DANCE

On Sunday 12 June a traditional pub music session took place at the Buck Inn in Buckden, Upper Wharfedale. This was instigated by Colin Speakman of Friends of the Dales and Bob Ellis, author of *“There was None of this Lazy Dancing! Folk tunes and Dances from the Yorkshire Dales”*, written and published on behalf of the Yorkshire Dales Folk Dance and Tunes Project at the Dales Country Museum in Hawes. About 30 people attended to sing, play or listen.

A follow-up session will be held on Sunday 9 October in the same acoustically excellent venue from 1pm to 4pm, to coincide with the Friends of the Dales' 'DalesBus' service timetable.

Bob and Colin's intention was to revive a 1950s tradition of regular Dales music pub sessions at The Buck. Great idea! From 9 October there will be regular monthly Buck sessions, every second Sunday afternoon in the month e.g. November 13th.

A further date for your diaries. Sunday afternoon 20 November, 2pm to 5.30pm, Kettlewell Village Hall. The revival of traditional Dales music and dance goes even

further with “An Afternoon of Dales Traditional Village Dances” with a live ceildh band. Look out for full details in the October Link.

Richard Hargreaves, Hawkswick
01756 770346

Funk Wire

The Funk Wire returns this month after our summer break at Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall starting at 2pm. The dates for September are 22nd AND 29th. We sing like no one is listening so come along and join the fun. Everyone welcome!

Grassington Singers Summer Concert

Sunday 11 September, 3pm in Grassington Town Hall. Tickets from Grassington Hub.
Jane Scott on behalf of Grassington Singers

News from Upper Wharfedale Refugee Support Group

Refugee Welcome Days

We have a second refugee welcome day in Buckden on 4 September. If anyone feels the urge to bake a cake, a traybake, or biscuits that would be much appreciated.



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We are grateful for the use of the Venturer bus for transport but would welcome donations for diesel. Please get in touch with me (stella@stellaperrott.com) if you can help. Heber Farm has hosted two refugee mums and children in one of the pods for a very welcome break. If there are other holiday homeowners who can offer short-break accommodation, please let me know.

Ukraine refugees: update & transport

There is now a quite a group of refugees in Upper Wharfedale and Craven area and good connections have been made between all guests and hosts. Several Ukrainians have already found work and children were settling into school just before the holidays. Tanya, one of the guests, is a talented seamstress & dressmaker and is now taking orders through her business, Princess Britain, for everything from new commissions to alterations to upcycling. See: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082064811998>

UWRSG has raised some funds for transport for hosts or guests to enable contact and support, but a couple of families are living in areas without public transport and so are entirely reliant on hosts or volunteers getting them to where they need or want to be. We're looking at ways of increasing independence including car hire or purchase. If anyone has an old car ready for the next stage in its life or has a car sitting idle, or would consider a car share, please contact Nicky at: nicola.corp@mustardmanagement.com Any mechanics out there who might be prepared to make good an old car if one is donated?

Ukraine refugees: landlords

It is now about four months since the first Ukraine family arrived in Upper Wharfedale. The government scheme asked for a six-month commitment from hosts. Many of those fleeing from Ukraine hoped

to be home in a few months but this now looks optimistic and more permanent arrangements need to be made. While some hosts are prepared to continue, others are not, and many properties are not suitable for hosting long term; hosts and guests need space for themselves. There is a pressing need for self-contained accommodation. Ukrainians are either working and so self-funding and/or entitled to state benefits for housing. Housing benefit payments are usually below the 'market rate' for properties in the Dales but, if there are any landlords who would be prepared to rent property to Ukraine refugees please contact Nicky.

City (district) of Sanctuary

Craven District Council has approved, in principle, a proposal to become a district of sanctuary. More work needs to be done on a district wide plan before final sign off. Various local groups are part of this process and we are keen to ensure refugees are welcome and welcomed here. On 15 September there will be a Zoom presentation on City (district) of Sanctuary at 7pm which will provide more information. If you are interested, please keep the date free and sign up when the details are publicised.



From Peat to Paddling

If you are interested in debating what constitutes a healthy river '**From Peat to Paddling**' why not attend the Friends of the Dales FREE conference on 24 September at Grassington's Devonshire Institute? Guest speakers include the naturalist and

biologist, Dr Amy-Jane Beer; Professor Rick Battarbee from UCL; Professor Jonathan Grey of the Wild Trout Trust; Martin Christmas, area environment manager for North Yorkshire; Charlotte Simons from the Dales to Vale Rivers Network and Tim Thom, peat programme manager for Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. All will be exploring what constitutes a healthy river, using the River Wharfe from Oughtershaw Beck to Ilkley as a case study.

The event runs from 1pm-5pm and all 16-25 year olds can claim a travel bursary of £25. To find out more visit:

www.friendsofthedales.org.uk and to register your interest email:

victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

The charity is also hosting its regular programme of free digital talks again from September, featuring one by Wild

Ingleborough on 14 September and a review of Plastic Free Woodlands by the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust and YDNPA member and Friend of the Dales vice president, Mark Corner on 19 October. To register for either of these, email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Rainfall for July 2022

Arncliffe: 78.05 mm/3.09 ins

Beckermonds: 164.5 mm/6.48 ins (these are for June & July)

Litton: 103.87 mm/4.09 ins

CORRECTIONS: YELLOW PAGES

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kpcarpetcleans1@gmail.com

Littondale Fete Photos & Results

For a full report on Littondale fete, see page 18. If you would like to see more photos of the different races and other events, please use the following links.

Fancy Dress, Novelty races, etc

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/U11SU1QCwSeWPgGb8>

Senior Fell Race

The Start: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/d4fP34izGnx1hiWC7...>

The Run Out: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/KFyKRESDGcEGYaNK8>

Run Off Fell: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gcdBvWorJn4xGzhE9>

The Finish & Winners: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xC4r1RkBp1TXPRkU7>

Junior Fell races

U9 fell race: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2MqkFLxzRTq5wCAw5>

U12 fell race Start & Finish: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/cJdSiJoDCcBT1Ufs5>

U12 fell race - Run Out & Back: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ByMA5u2fCQ5fHFbz5>

U14 fell race - Start & Finish: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/RyWm27hHXeVPSmJZA>

U14 fell race - Run Out & Back: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/PpJgMeH6CUZZfZ8A6>

U17 fell race: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/PWcxdojMsdcapvxb9>

Results: <http://bofra.org.uk/arncliffe-gala-results-2022/>

Littondale 4-mile Road Race

Start, Finish & Winners: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/WMRQwikD5YpmMRLK6>

Run Down Valley: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/FWz3EnvyLLypqqUJ6>

Skiffare Bridge: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Xen4uU5gtB26GQbk7>

Results: <https://race-results.co.uk/res.../2022/littondale%202022.pdf>

Hag Dyke Scout Hostel celebrates 75 years



Hag Dyke Scout Hostel at Kettlewell is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its opening on Saturday 24 September 2022. The Hostel will be open to all visitors from 11 am to 5 pm. Anyone with an interest in or previous connection with Hag Dyke will be very welcome.

Hag Dyke Scout Hostel is the former farmhouse above Kettlewell on the way up to Great Whernside summit. The building was probably constructed around 1730 and was a working farm until the 1930's.

Following the severe winter of 1947, the 1st Ben Rhydding Scout Group from Ilkley were looking for an outdoor base in the Dales. They had already started work on a barn at Hay Tongue when the then owner of Hag Dyke, Becket Henderson, offered them the use of Hag Dyke further up the hill. The scouts had come to the rescue of a Land Rover belonging to Mr Henderson which had come off the road while driving to the summit. Work started to clear and improve the building which was formally opened on 27 September 1947.

At first it was only used by members of our Scout Group, but from 1951 it was made available to other Scout Groups and youth

groups and that policy has continued ever since.

The property started as a house with separate large barn joined on. Originally, we used just the house comprising dining room, kitchen, bedrooms and bathroom but then a major building project in 1960 converted the barn into a new lounge and entrance (the 'boot room') with three bedrooms above. We now have 36 beds available for visitors with a separate room for the duty warden.

A separate building across the paddock houses a storage barn and the chapel created in 1954 and extended in 1966. We believe this to be the highest place of worship in England, at 1533 feet above sea level.

Over the years the building and its facilities have been continually improved. Originally lit by paraffin lamps we progressed to gas lighting and now electricity provided by solar panels and a wind turbine. The water comes from a spring on the moor and a recent major improvement is a water treatment plant to provide a safe clean supply for the first time in the history of the building. We now even have an internet connection available!

Hag Dyke has always relied on the services of volunteer wardens and others to



run and maintain the hostel. We also acknowledge the help of key Kettlewell residents who have provided transport and services. The names of Norman Nelson, Andrew Wright, Norman Close and Robert Close will be familiar to many.

Hag Dyke is leased to the Scout Group by the Coulthurst Trust. We are grateful to the Trust for their continuing financial support and to other organisations and individuals who have provided funding over the years. This enables us to keep our charges to visitors at a level accessible to young people who have much to benefit

from the facilities. Anyone interested is welcome to visit Hag Dyke on our Anniversary open day September 24th. We will be open from 11.00 with a short service of celebration at 3 p.m. RSVP to enquiries@hagdyke.org.uk and please visit our website for information: <https://www.hagdyke.org.uk>

The photo above from the early 1930's shows peat for fuel being collected by horse drawn sledge. Nowadays we use more practical but maybe less 'green' modes of transport!

Robin Beaumont



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Watching the Weather!!

This reflection on weather forecasting is taken from Patsy Campbell's sermon at Arncliffe on 14 August and is based on the words of Jesus in the Luke's gospel.

Given the heatwave we've had these past few days and weeks, the gospel reading for today struck a chord.

I don't know about you, but the one of the first things I look at in the Link is the rainfall figures. I'm often surprised at how much there has or hasn't been in the last month, although we no longer have the table to compare with previous years. We listen

to the forecast on the radio in the morning and on television during the day, hoping that it'll be better than the one only an hour ago; we're never satisfied, are we? No wonder they say the British are obsessed with the weather, sometimes it seems to be our only topic of conversation, well I'm not surprised, it can change so often, especially here in the dales, Littondale

certainly has its own weather. And of course we now have so many choices of how to check the weather, we no longer have to rely on the piece of seaweed hanging by the back door, brought back fresh each year from the Sunday School outing, or even tap the barometer every time we walk past it, memories of haytime and hearing my father in law get up each morning and hearing the tap, tap, on the barometer as he passed it. We can watch Paul on Look North, check many of the sites on the internet, or even get it sent straight to our mobile phones. I still

like the traditional sayings such as 'Red sky at night'; many of them turn out to be surprisingly accurate. At our house, if we can hear the church clock strike, we know that the wind has changed direction, so the weather is likely to change as well.

In Luke 12 49-56, we hear Jesus complimenting his listeners on their proficiency at weather forecasting. In

Jesus said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"

Luke 12 54-56

Palestine, when the Jews saw clouds forming in the west over the Mediterranean Sea, they knew rain was on its way. When the south wind blew from the desert, they knew that the Sirocco-like wind was coming, bringing with it the scorching heat.

But then, he challenged them; if they were so knowledgeable about

the weather, how come they were so completely lacking in common sense about spiritual matters? They could not, or would not, read the signs of the times. Jesus knows that there is a crisis coming, a crisis at which his own life and death will be the central figure; he is astonished that so few of his contemporaries can see it, are they really so unaware of what is happening around them?

Was Jesus being political? Yes, he probably was, and not for the first or last time. These were difficult times in Palestine – does that sound familiar? Yes, I'm afraid

it does – these were times of political turmoil. The land was occupied by the Romans; granted they had brought with them good roads, public services and stability, but many Jews thought that only God ought to rule over Israel, and still they waited for their Messiah to come and drive the Romans out, and to enable them to continue their ancient way of life. There was also the oppressive regime of Herod, handed down to the ordinary people by the wealthy and arrogant High Priests in Jerusalem. And here in the middle of all this we find a young prophet, an ordinary looking young man, preaching and announcing that God’s kingdom is coming, he’s healing the blind, the lame and the lepers and performing other miracles. Why can’t they put 2 and 2 together and realise that this is the moment all Israel’s history has been waiting for? Why can’t they see that the crisis is coming? There was some muttering and sedition, some of the Jews encouraged it; others said that politics was nothing to do with them and anyway, if you ignored it, it would surely go away, many of us still feel that way today. But just 40 years later after the death of Jesus, it would all erupt into secret stabbings, what we would today call ‘acts of terrorism’, and then into open revolt. In AD70 the Romans would march into Jerusalem and destroy the temple. It took very little political awareness to recognise that this was the way things were going. The revolutionaries must have realised that they were leading their nation to disaster, the people who pretended not to care should have done something to stop the terrorists. How many people today I wonder, those who think that violence will solve political problems, or those who will

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have nothing to do with politics, how many of them are equally blind? Edmund Burke, an 18th century statesman and author said, “All that is needed for evil to triumph is that good people do nothing.” A chilling thought.

But then, hindsight is a wonderful thing. We look back in amazement on previous generations and ask ‘how could they have been so blind? How could the 18th century have ignored the evil of slavery; the 19th century, the hardship of children working in the mines and the factories; how could the 20th century have condoned racial discrimination and apartheid? I wonder how future generations will view us. Will they shake their heads at what is generally thought of as the end of moral values and the rise of anti-social behaviour? And what about the church? What will they make of that?

Will they be amazed that so many people consider it an optional extra for those who like ‘that sort of thing’, I imagine they’ll be surprised at how many different ‘religions and faiths’ there are, and how few of them seem to talk to one another. Will people in the future say of us “How could they have been so blind?” So good at weather forecasting, but with no spiritual common sense!! Perhaps it’s time we took a good look at ourselves and decide to try and do better.

Today’s reading from Luke comes almost half-way through the Gospel. Luke has already established the fact that the Christian way of life was no easy option but instead a demanding commitment, in last week’s reading Jesus commanded his followers to sell their possessions and look instead to treasure in heaven.

This was true 2000 years ago and it's equally true today. Even in our so-called enlightened society it can be difficult to admit that you're a Christian, it's hard sometimes to do the 'right thing' but that's what we who call ourselves Christians are commanded to do. As it says in the passage we heard today 'it will divide families and communities' indeed, how it did then and still does today. There are still so many places in the world which are divided by religion, there seems to be more and more today. Dreadful wars are being fought in these places today. There seem to be more each time we listen to the news. We have seen so much of it in our own lifetimes, our own country is not immune to it either, from what might seem a trivial thing, the rivalry between what used to be the 2 main teams in Scotland, Celtic and Rangers, between Catholic and Protestant, and of course the dreadful troubles in Ireland, there seems to be no end in sight for their disputes, more and more of the trouble in our cities is between people of different faiths.

We must hope and pray that we, us here in this church this morning as well as those around us, won't be like those followers, who were taken to task by Jesus, and that we will be aware of what is happening around us and be prepared to stand up for what is right. I hope the next generation won't be shaking their heads and wonder how we could have been so blind to what was going on around us.

Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy was a chaplain in the first world war who was known as Woodbine Willie; this poem of his is called Indifference, he wrote it in about 1920 but it's still relevant today.

Amen

Indifference

When Jesus came to Golgotha
They hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands & feet,
And made a Calvary.
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns;
Red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days,
And human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham,
They simply passed Him by.
They would not hurt a hair of Him,
They only let Him die;
For men had grown more tender,
And they would not give Him pain;
They only just passed down the street,
And left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, 'Forgive them,
For they know not what they do,'
And still it rained the winter rain
That drenched Him through and through;
The crowds went home and left the streets
Without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall
And cried for Calvary.

GA Studdert Kennedy



Wow, what a scorcher! We wondered if the heat would affect the athletes but there was a record turnout again. There were 103 entries in the 4-mile road race and this year's winner was Thomas Hodgson (Halifax Harriers & AC) in a time of 21.12. First lady was Helen Smith (23.22) and first local was Litton legend, Jane Sheard (26.53).

The programme of Fell races started at 2pm with the U9's. First local home was Henry Rayner in 3rd, closely followed by Scarlett Charnley, Beatrix Miller and Imogen West. In the U12's race, first local was Jonty Charnley, closely followed by Molly Miller. Races for the U14's and U17's followed then the programme concluded with the Senior Fell Race. This year saw the record for entries broken with 134 runners. Ted Mason (Wharfedale Harriers) won yet again in a time of 10.54, just 20 seconds slower than his run last year. First lady was Hannah Cairns (14.09) and first local, the Arncliffe star, Hannah Rayner (17.31). Mention must be made of Martyn Rayner who also entered, returning in a time of 19.19!

The Fancy Dress competition was judged by Kitty North and had 9 entries



Local under 9 and under 12 Fell Race runners with Joss Wood (Doctor) winning the over 5's category and Tommy winning the under 5's as a Fireman.

The Dog Show was judged by Lady Smith and the winners were:

- 1st - Jess the Italian Spinone, owned by Chris Lewis.
- 2nd - Archie the Caverpool, owned by Janet Orrell.
- 3rd - Mother & daughter duo, Meg & Beau the Border Collies, owned by Richard Forster.

Skipton Brass Band provided a traditional musical accompaniment to the afternoon's entertainment that also included children's races and the strongman/woman competition to round off the day.

Over £2500 was raised for the maintenance and refurbishment of Amerdale Hall. The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Fete and especially those who helped make the day run smoothly – the car parkers, marshalls, safety officials, judges, cake bakers & servers, stall holders and all those who set up and took down.



The Fancy Dress competition

Though there is always the inevitable melancholy with the arrival of September, the reduction in day length by over two hours, and the meteorological start to autumn, there is still so much to see and enjoy outdoors.

This is the month where sunrises and sunsets blaze across the land, and foliage is decorated with the minute lacework of arachnids, then further adorned with dew and light, to offer up nature's jewellery.



Spiders and their handiwork don't just stay outside however, as those who may find their surprise appearances something of a challenge to the nerves know all too well; September is: 'Spider Season'.

There is a specific reason for their visits to our homes, and that is for them to find a warm, dry place to have a spot of eight legged romance and commence their mating season while the early autumn weather turns chilly and damp.

With an astonishing 650 different varieties of spiders in the UK, there are

plenty to pop in and pay us a visit, although the most common ones that you will find scampering out from underneath the sofa are giant house spiders (the first couple I've come across so far have been deserving of this name!), and the spindly legged cellar spider.

A lot has been written about how to deter their appearances in the home from essential oils, to conkers, to chalk! My preferred method is to have a humane spider catcher to hand at all times to quickly and gently transfer them back into the garden.

Browsing through one of my favourite books to take you through the seasons, Edith Holden's 'The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady' I came across this verse from Scottish poet Alexander Smith (1829-1867) which describes the month perfectly:

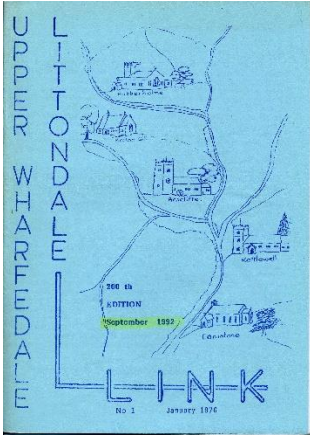
Best I love September's yellow,
Morns of dew strung gossamer,
Thoughtful days without a stir,
Rooky clamours, brazen leaves,
Stubble dotted o'er with sheaves –
More than Spring's bright uncontrol
Suit the Autumn of my soul.

Rebecca Ward Dooley

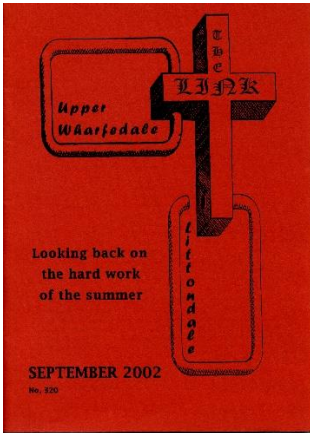




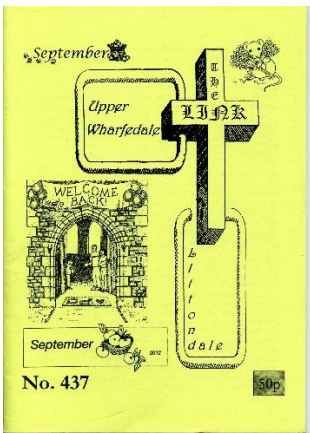
Links to the Past; 10, 20, 30 years ago



The September 1992 Link celebrated the 200th edition of the magazine, first produced in January 1976 following the unification of the five parishes into the United Benefice of Upper Wharfedale & Littondale. The first edition had more adverts than news and included a plea for contributions! The 1992 edition announced an open meeting to be held on 10 September on proposed changes to the interior of St. Mary's, Kettlewell. 'We plan to use displays to open to explain exactly what is involved and to discuss the purposes of the changes. We will then discuss the objections which have been raised.' The Link also reported that the BBC were considering using Arncliffe as the backdrop for a forthcoming TV series; a meeting of parishioners in August with a BBC spokesman led to a 'spirited discussion'!



Littondale residents have recently faced holdups due to static caravans transported to Hawkswick Cote. The 2002 Link includes a tribute to Elizabeth Fell who lived in Hawkswick Cote for 30 years and died at her home in Grassington in July that year. 'In 1956 they and their three children moved to Hawkswick Cote Farm, which at that time still had its collection of old buses and cars used as 'holiday homes' and known locally as 'Chinatown'. These gradually faded away as the Fells established their more orderly caravan park, where Olive remained after Arnold's death, only retiring to Grassington in 1995. She found it a great wrench to leave the dale, but after settling happily, was heard to say, "I lived in the Dale for all that time and loved every minute of it, but then it was time to move on." It was typical of her positive and cheerful attitude to life.



The 2012 Link reported on a visit from the leader of the Keighley Salvation Army who gave a talk at a church service in Arncliffe about the work of the Keighley Centre, and the support they provide to the homeless, the unemployed, families, victims of trafficking, and many more. He also described the food parcels that the Centre hands out, as at harvest time the churches always have a collection of packet and tinned foods which is taken to the Centre. The church was told that on average the Centre currently handed out 80 food parcels a week, compared to the 120 plus that they used to be able to do. Following this the church decided to hold a packet and tinned food drive so that they could continue to help many more people.

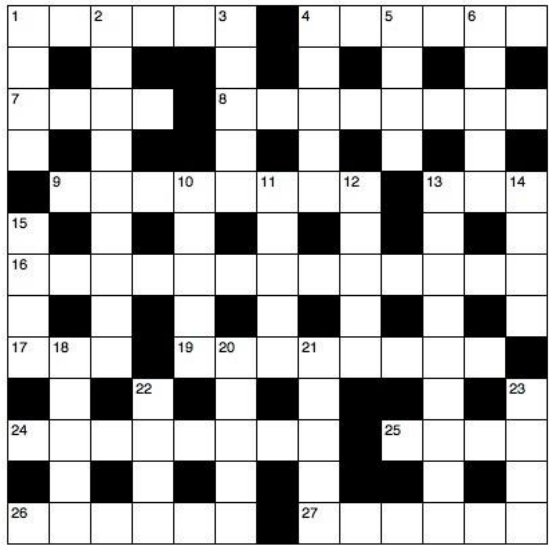
Crossword

Across

- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
 19 Mock (Luke 14:29) (8)
 24 Disgrace (Psalm 44:13) (8)
 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus 13:4) (4)
 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23) (6)

Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)



- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
 11 Do ten (anag.) (5)
 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
 13 Capable of being used (1 Kings 7:36) (9)
 14 'Each one should — his own actions' (Galatians 6:4) (4)
 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)
 21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)
 22 Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)
 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

Solution on next page!

Community Events

THIS MONTH

Sun 4 Sep	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show
Thu 8 Sep	Buckden Singers, Buckden Village Institute
Sat 10 Sep	Film Night; <i>'The Duke'</i> , Kettlewell Village Hall
Sun 11 Sep	Grassington Singers Summer Concert, Grassington Town Hall
Tue 13 Sep	Kettlewell Village Hall AGM
Tue 13 Sep	Flower arranging demonstration CANCELLED (see inside for details)
Wed 14 Sep	Mobile library van, Buckden Car Park
Thu 15 Sep	Kettlewell Luncheon Club, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 17 Sep	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Thu 22 Sep	Funk Wire recommences, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall
Sat 24 Sep	Hag Dyke Scout Hostel 75 th Anniversary
Sat 24 Sep	<i>'From Peat to Paddling' conference</i> , Devonshire Institute, Grassington
Wed 28 Sep	Mobile library van, Buckden Car Park
Thurs 29 Sep	Funk Wire, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall
Fri 30 Sep	BIG QUIZ and Supper, Amerdale Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Thu 6 Oct	Coffee and Bake Sale, Buckden School Room
Sat 8 Oct	Yoga Workshop, Amerdale Hall
Sun 9 Oct	Traditional Dales Music & Dance, Buck Inn
Fri 14 Oct	UWALS: Elmore String Quartet, Town Hall, Grassington
Sat 15 Oct	Live music <i>'The Scene'</i> , Amerdale Hall
Sat 29 Oct	Film Night; <i>'Downton Abbey: A New Era'</i> , Kettlewell Village Hall
Sun 13 Nov	Traditional Dales Music & Dance, Buck Inn
Fri 18 Nov	<i>'An evening with Tricia Stewart'</i> , Buckden Village Institute
Sun 20 Nov	Afternoon of Dales Traditional Village Dances, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 3 Dec	Kettlewell Christmas Party, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 10 Dec	Christmas Party, Amerdale Hall
Sat 17 Dec	Christmas Pantomime, Amerdale Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

What	When	Where
Play Table Tennis	Wed 3.20-4, 4-5 and 5-7 pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Funk Wire	Thur -fortnightly 2 pm	Conistone/Kilnsey Hall
Buckden Singers	Thurs – 7.30 pm	Buckden Village Institute
Indoor Bowls	Wed 1.45-3.35 pm	Kettlewell Village Hall

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.

DOWN: 1, Lose. 2, Blamerest. 3, Radio. 4, Agree. 5, Tend. 6, Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve. 20, Isaac. 21, Ishvi. 22, Fret. 23, Ebed.



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

4 September

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

11 September

Arncliffe	09.30	Morning Prayer
Conistone	18.30	Holy Communion
Hubberholme	11.15	BCP Holy Communion

18 September

Conistone	18.30	Evening Prayer
Hubberholme	09.30	BCP Holy Communion
Kettlewell	11.15	Holy Communion

25 September

Arncliffe	09.30	Holy Communion
Hubberholme	11.15	Patronal Festival

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

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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