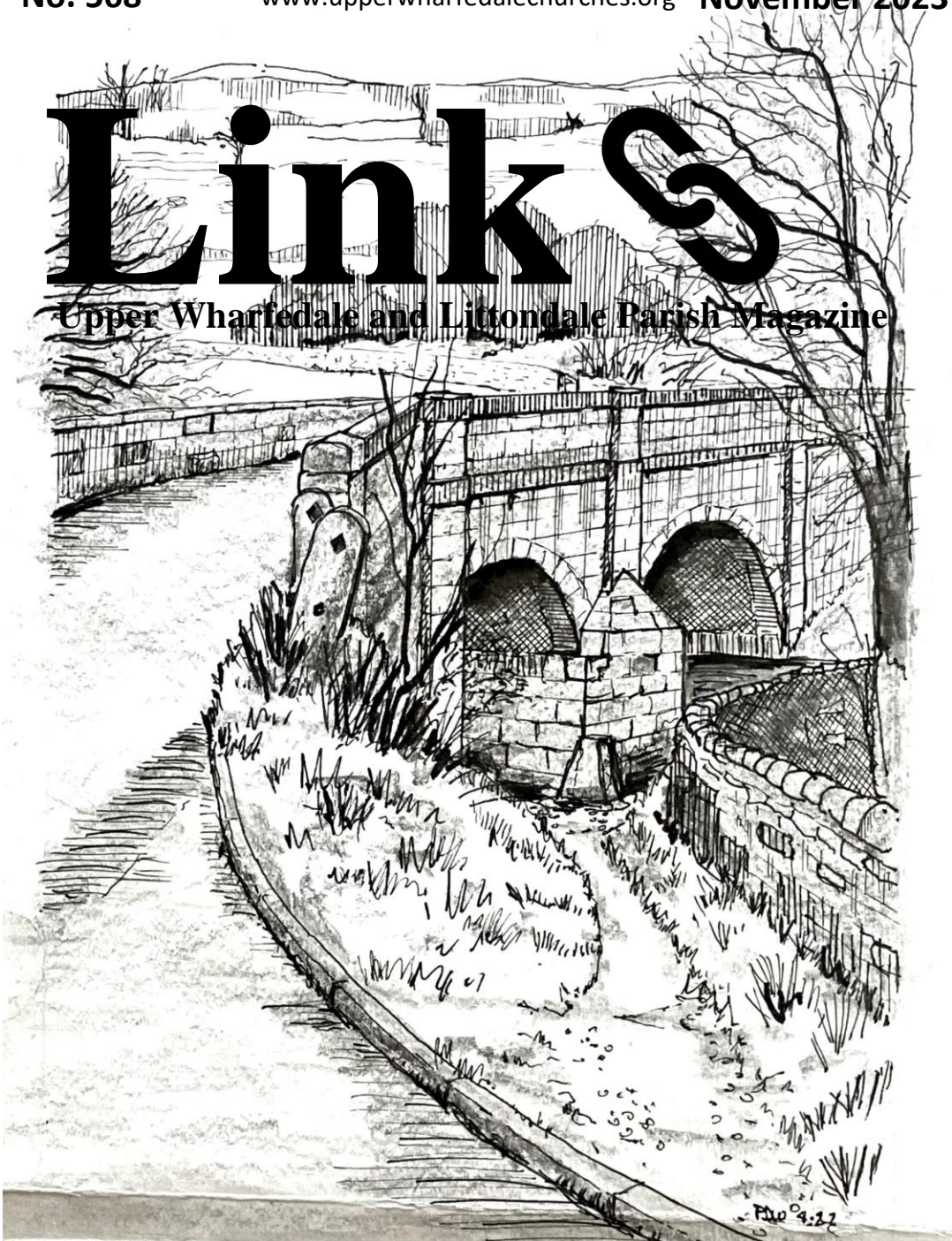


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Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine








Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12 17-18

The Link

The **Link** is the magazine and noticeboard for the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale, sharing news, reports and items of interest from the churches and our community. If you have something to contribute, please email it to your local correspondent or to the editor.

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A Dales Prayer

May the Father's grace abound in you
as the flowing water of the beck.

May the Son's love and hope invigorate you
as the rising slopes of fell and dale.

May the Spirit's companionship be with you
as the glory of the golden meadows.

Amen

From the Vicar...

The following reflection is from Father Simon Crook, Vicar of St John's Golcar and St Mark's Longwood near Huddersfield, who I recently met on retreat at Hag Dyke.

Not long ago I stayed at Hag Dyke, the highest chapel in the UK. It is at 1533 feet above sea level on the upper slopes of Great Whernside in the Yorkshire Dales.

One early morning, I met the local vicar there to celebrate Holy Communion while we watched the sunrise. From complete darkness, with candles providing our only light, the sky lightened, tantalisingly slowly, to reveal the beginnings of a beautiful new day. It was a majestic moment.



As if that was not enough, the only cloud in the sky looked rather like a dove, here is a photo of it. It felt like a special sign from God to both of us. It was as if he was blessing us, just as Jesus was blessed at his baptism: "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." (Luke 3.22).

God may have sent the cloud as a special sign to us, or it may have been a coincidence. Either way, God spoke deeply to both of us of his presence at that moment, his presence in our lives, and his blessing on our ministries.

Maybe you have received a sign from God? If so, don't spend too much time worrying about whether or not it is genuine. Simply accept it as a gift, a symbol of God's presence in the world and in your life, and an encouragement to you as you walk in his way.

God bless.

Father Simon Crook

From the Churches & Villages

From the Parish Registers

FUNERALS

25 September – St Michael and All Angels,
Hubberholme – Noreen Galloway.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning



Saturday 4 November 2023, 9.30-12.00

The Christian Aid Coffee Morning will be held at Church House Grassington, with cakes and produce stall, a raffle and tombola. Do come!

St Mary's, Kettlewell

November Rotas

Sidespeople

5 Clare Blakey-Williams
12 Sue Nelson & Judy Burgin
19 Colin Fairweather
26 June Appleton

After Service Tea/Coffee

5 Di Blakey-Williams
12 No one required
19 Vivienne Fairweather
26 Shirley Whitham

Cleaning

Ann Lister

Flowers

Sue Nelson

United Harvest Festival Service

Thank you to all who contributed to Harvest in any way, especially those from Conistone whose help was invaluable. A letter of thanks has been received from Keighley Shared Church and their Welcome Café for the fresh produce and leftover soup from the Scarecrow Festival and Skipton Food bank were very grateful for donations of tinned and packaged products. £45 was collected at the service for the people of Ukraine.

Remembrance Sunday

There will be the usual Service of Remembrance at The War Memorial in Kettlewell on 12 November at 3pm.

Church and Churchyard Work Morning

A Church and Churchyard Work Morning has been planned for Saturday 11 November from 9.30am until 1pm. Please don't feel you have to be there for the whole 3½ hours. Any time you can give within the time slot will be very much appreciated. It is hoped there might be a good turnout, to supplement the excellent work being done by volunteers in the churchyard looking after specific flower beds, to help tidy up the Churchyard, trim areas in line with the churchyard plan and stow away benches etc, in preparation for winter. If it's your intention to join 'the team', please bring along equipment and safety gear as necessary. There are also jobs within the church which only get done 'now and then'. A few willing hands would be very appreciated. Biscuits/tea/coffee will be served at an appropriate time – or whenever you feel the need. Here's hoping for your support and a crisp, fine autumn morning. Thank you in anticipation

Winter Warmer Event

A Date for your Diary — Saturday 10 February 2024. Pie, Peas, Pudding and Quiz in Kettlewell Village Hall from 7.30pm in aid of church funds. Tickets available from January 2024.

St Michael & All Angels,
Hubberholme

November Rotas

Sidesperson

12 Remembrance Sunday 10.30 Service.
D&S Lusted

19 D Halsall & J Mudd

26 H&K Jeddere-Fisher

Flowers/cleaning

5 L Smith - no flowers

12 D Scott - no flowers



19 D Scott - no flowers

24 Poppy removal - Everyone please, on Friday 24th t 10.30am

26 D Halsall - no flowers

 **Come and see our** 
Knitted Poppy Display

**Remembering those lost
from our Parish**

 **In the Church & Churchyard of** 
St Michael and All Angels
Hubberholme

from

17th October - 24th November

 **Funds for the Royal British Legion** 
and Royal British Legion Industries

Our annual display of handmade poppies, both inside and in the churchyard, is now in

situ until 24 November to remember those lost from our parish and to raise funds for the RBL and RBLI. Handmade poppy brooches also available inside the church.

Hubberholme Action Group

Hubberholme Church Quiz Sheets

2023 Congratulations to all who completed the quiz and returned it to Sandie. Well done to all who persevered even if you did not complete it, you can now check how many you got correct. The answers to the quiz that closed on 30 September are below and the winner was Tracy Lambert from Kettlewell who very generously donated her winnings to church funds. Here are the answers:

Sweets

Not hard herbs: *soft mints*

Chomping secretion: *chewing gum*

Someone who won't conform: *maverick*

They come from Naples: *Neapolitan*

Reward for children: *treat*

Sh.... keep your voice down: *Wispy*

Safety devices: *loquets*

Planet: *Mars*

Have these at ten pin bowling: *Skittles*

It's the kids round: *Milky Bar*

Fruity kissing equipment: *cherry lips*

The Royal money maker but not metric:

Mint Imperial

Gravelly: *Crunchie*

Kojak's favourite: *lollipop*

A slight breeze on the lake causes slight

movement: *Ripple*

Aspic toddlers: *Jelly Tots*

Shops

Practise boxing: *Spar*

Jim goes through the doors: *Morrisons*

Wet pebbles: *Waterstones*

Mind this on the tube: *Gap*

No euros used in this country: *Poundland*

I cannot see why I didn't go to: *Specsavers*

A potent medicine: *Superdrug*

Beside someone or something: *Next*

Keeps my feet dry: *Boots*

Indian dishes: *Currys*

Trouble if you open the box: *Pandora*

Did Bill get his greetings here: *Clinton's Cards*

Can you buy arms and legs here: *Bodyshop*

The annual event once again was supported and enjoyed by many. Look forward to next year's quiz which will be available from Easter 2024. So far £133 has been raised.



On Friday October 20th in Buckden Village Institute, a very successful **'Kathmandu to Covid'** talk and Nepalese supper by Ian and Sally Smith took place. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed seeing and learning new things or revisiting memories about Nepal as well as the work of the World Health Organisation. Places were reserved much more quickly than we envisaged, and we are sorry to those people who were unable to get a ticket because of limited seating in the institute. £520 was raised by ticket sales, a raffle and donations and will be shared between church and INF the Nepalese charity supported by Ian and Sally. Thank you to all who supported.

Christmas is approaching so to get you into the spirit our next church Social/Fundraising event by Hubberholme Church is our **CHRISTMAS BINGO** held in The Buck Inn, Buckden. It will be held

on Tuesday 6 December at 5.45pm for food at 6pm. The food like last year's will be meat or vegetable hotpot with a crusty roll. A ticket for the food plus the 1st bingo card is £10 for an adult and £5 for children under 12. To order supper tickets please ring Deirdre (760296) or Josie (761154) before 2 December. If you don't want supper, just turn up on the night and buy your cards to play. Games start at 7 pm. Prizes for a correct line and a full house. We hope you will be able to join in this fun evening for all ages.

St Mary's, Conistone

November Rotas

Sidespeople

- 5 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster
- 12 Philip Butterfield & Allison Clarke
- 19 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield

Flowers and Cleaning

- 5 Jane Pope
- 12 Jane Pope
- 19 Kathryn Butterfield
- 26 Kathryn Butterfield

Open Church w/c

- 6 Jane Pighills/Michelle Parkin-Vaughan
- 13 Philip Butterfield
- 20 Lewis Adams
- 27 Allison Clarke

Christmas

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on the morning of Saturday 16 December from 9.30am onwards. Any help with cleaning the church, arranging flowers or decorating the tree etc, will be very much appreciated. Contributions of greenery or flowers in Christmas colours would also be welcome, these can be left at the back of the church on Friday 15th or brought on the morning of the 16th. Coffee and refreshments will be provided at 10.30. Everyone is welcome, even if it is only for a short time. Many hands make light work!

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

November Rotas

Opening church w/c

- 5 Elspeth Miller
- 12 Sarah Paul
- 19 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 26 Hilary Follows
- 3 Dec Sally Smith

Sidesperson

- 5 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 12 Elspeth Miller
- 26 Hilary Follows
- 3 Dec Sally Smith

Coffee

- 5 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 12 Elspeth Miller
- 26 Sally Smith
- 3 Dec Lynda Barker

Cleaning

Mr and Mrs B Raper

Flowers

Mrs J Raper

Buckden & Langstrothdale

The **Supermobile Library** van will be in Buckden car park from 10.00am until 12 noon on Wednesday 22 November.

Whist evenings this month are 1, 15, & 29 November in Buckden Village Institute. Doors open at 6.15pm and play starts at 6.45pm. Entry charge of £3.50 per evening includes light refreshments and prizes. For more information, please contact David Lusted on 01756 760877 or info@dalegarth.co.uk

After an absence of many years the **Buckden Gala Sheep Show Dinner** will be held at the Buck Inn on Friday 24 November at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets are £25 and available from Janet Mudd on 07967 937705.

The **Buckden Institute Coffee Morning** this month will be on Saturday 18 November from 10.30-12.30. Donations of cakes would be appreciated - please

email coffee@buckden.org Coffee and cake - £3. Proceeds will go the British Legion Poppy Appeal. All welcome.

The **Buckden Village Quiz** will be held at the Buck Inn on Sunday 12 November.

Please note that the talk on **'Buckden Before Domesday'** at Buckden Institute on Friday 17 November is unfortunately sold out.

Buckden Singers Christmas Concert Saturday 16 December, 3.00pm



Buckden Singers will hold their annual Christmas Concert at Kettlewell Village Hall. Admission, including Christmas refreshments, is £8, and tickets are available from Anne Vetch (01756 760882) or email tickets@buckden.org. Proceeds to St George's Crypt, Leeds.

Kettlewell with Starbotton

Kettlewell Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will meet on Thursday 9 November (please note one week earlier than usual) at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the October lunch please ring (I prefer a phone call, please) Sue Nelson (760887) by 4pm on Sunday 5 November to reserve your place. If she's not at home leave a message. The cost is now £6 for two courses plus coffee, and wine is available by donation. If, for any reason, you need to cancel your meal



between Monday 6th and Thursday 9 November, or are an absentee on the day, the meal will still need to be paid for as provisions will have already been ordered or purchased. The Lunch Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. If you are able, it would be generous if the 'younger' folk attending might be willing to help occasionally with clearing. Thank you.

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society - Advance Information

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Meeting Room of Kettlewell Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 26 February. The themes for the Photographic Section of The Show in September 2024 are 'Monuments', 'Creatures of the Yorkshire Dales National Park' and the usual 'Any Subject.' Photographs not to exceed 7" x 5" before mounting. Happy snapping.

Kettlewell Film Night

The November film at the hall is 'A Man Called Otto' on Saturday 4 November at 7.30pm. Adults £5 School age £2.50. Tickets available from the village shop or on the door. As usual bring your own drinks and nibbles. Ice creams in the interval. Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

Christmas Pantomime

Looking ahead to Christmas we are delighted to bring you the annual traditional pantomime brought to us by Rural Arts. This year it is Robin Hood, performed, as last year, by Same Difference Arts. The children's Christmas party will follow afterwards but the pantomime is open to all.

Saturday 23 December 2.00pm. Further details in the December Link.

Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival AGM

A reminder that the AGM will take place in Kettlewell Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 22 November 2023

Littondale

Litton Parish Meeting

The Litton Parish meeting will take place on Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm in the Queens Arms.

Andrea Lund

Arncliffe Parish Meeting

The November meeting will be held in Amerdale Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15 November. All residents of Arncliffe are welcome.

Michelle Miller

Amerdale Hall Events

Film Night: Rocky Horror Picture Show

Friday 10 November.

Tickets £5.00. Bar & Doors open at 7.30pm, film at 8pm. Hot supper available. This film is



considered one of the greatest musical films of all time and 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the musical stage production written by Richard O'Brien who also stars in the film. The film has a cult following and is well known for audience participation (fancy dress is optional but encouraged!) Please note this film is a 'Comedic cult classic with heavy sexual innuendo' and is rated 15.

Coffee and Chat (with book stall)

Saturday 11 November 10.30am–12noon

Come to the Hall for a cuppa and a catch-up. Homemade baking to eat-in or take home.

Future Events

Littondale Christmas Party, Saturday 9 December.

Christmas Pantomime, 'Robin Hood', Saturday 30 December, 1pm.

Parish wide & beyond

Kettlewell School

We had the pleasure of welcoming several families into our school on our open morning. It was lovely to meet them all and we look forward to them joining our wonderful school in the future.

We are excited to announce a new project to regenerate the pond area at school and create a gardening area for all the children to enjoy. This and a new fire pit area within the forest school are all thanks to a grant to support outdoor learning that was available. We cannot wait to see the plans come together over the coming months.

Class two enjoyed a geography trip to Hebden with the Rivers Trust, to see how they work to support our rivers. They carried out experiments to test which part of a river is the fastest and worked brilliantly in teams. The children were spotting features of a river on their journey back.



Our local fire brigade visited the children and showed them all around the fire engine. Mrs Howick got to dress up in the protective clothing and the children used the hose.

Thank you to the fire service for visiting our school. Everyone went home and asked their parents to check their smoke alarms!

The children have been so busy learning their lines and singing songs, to put on a brilliant performance for Harvest Festival, which was held on Thursday 26 October at Kettlewell Church. Thank you to all who attended and made it another successful event!

Kettlewell School Friends.

Would you like to join Kettlewell School Friends? If you have an interest in the local school, come along, and find out how we work. We meet roughly once every half term and discuss how we can support the children's education. We plan a couple of fundraisers each year and are involved in the Scarecrow Festival each summer. You don't need to attend every meeting, just when they can, the children can come along too! Our constitution states we should have around 15 members, if anyone would like to join, or just enquire further, contact our chair **Lucy Huck** on lucyhubberholme@gmail.com



Friends of the Dales - Online Talks Programme

All digital talks can now be booked via the online ticketing platform, Eventbrite. The Zoom link for the talk will be sent out via email in the usual way a few days prior to the scheduled talk. Both talks can be booked via our Events page:

<https://friendsofthedales.org.uk/events>

Or via:

www.eventbrite.com/cc/friends-of-the-dale-autumn-winter-talk-programme-2567229

Online Talk: Funding for Sustainable Business & Community Projects in the Dales

Wednesday 6 December, 5.00pm

This talk is pitched at businesses, community groups and individuals wanting to find out more about how the Yorkshire Dales National Park's Sustainable Development Fund can support projects that aim to promote a more sustainable way of living in, working in or visiting the National Park. Meet Andrea Burden, Sustainable Development Officer for the Park who will introduce the scheme, the funding available and how to apply. Edward Sexton of Clapham based Glencroft will then reveal how the fund helped kick-start his company's now successful 'farm to yarn' project - Clapdale Wool - buying fleeces from farms within a 5-mile radius and transforming them into Yorkshire-made hand-knit yarn.

Online Talk: Access the Dales
Wednesday 17 January, 4.30pm



Since becoming a wheelchair user in 2011, Debbie North has campaigned tirelessly to break down barriers and promote countryside accessibility for all. Founding the charity, Access the Dales, whose motto is 'making the inaccessible accessible', there are now nine 'free to borrow' all terrain wheelchairs available from designated sites across the Dales. Debbie was also appointed Cabinet Office Disability and Access ambassador for the Countryside in 2022.

This talk offers a unique opportunity to learn about the successes and improvements Debbie's campaigning has achieved, along with the challenges still to surmount.

<https://friendsofthedales.org.uk>

Settle Orchestral Society

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

🎵 **Saturday 18 November at 7.30 pm, Christ Church, Skipton**

🎵 **Saturday 25 November at 7.30 pm, Settle Parish Church**

And we will be playing:

Brahms Tragic Overture

Brahms German Requiem, with the Langcliffe Singers & professional soloists

Why not come along to one of them, to enjoy an exhilarating evening, support local musicians and help keep live music alive?

Full details of future concerts and contacts are at www.settleorchestra.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Kettlewell & District WI

At the October AGM, the committee stayed the same, apart from Mrs Elspeth Miller taking on as her helper with the Treasury for the next year, Mrs Caroline Johnston, and Mrs Liz Ward resigning from the committee, due to her moving, with husband Peter, to Richmond. We wish them well for the future.

Whilst we enjoyed refreshments, Mrs Sue Nelson showed us how to make beautiful little boxes, perfect for favours and table treats and just the right size for Ferrero Rocher chocolates!! It caused a lot

of hilarity, but all were successful in the end. Thank you, Sue.

The November meeting will be led by Mrs Linda Thomson and Mrs Jane Welsh and we will be learning some Christmas Crafting. If members could remember to bring scissors and/or glue it might be helpful but, no worries, just come along and enjoy the afternoon. The meeting is open to non-members, the competition is “N”, and the new start time is 1.30pm, in Kettlewell Village Hall.

Threshfield and Linton WI

The ladies of Threshfield and Linton WI have had a busy summer with various outings and meetings. Our speakers have included Neil Hanson from Ilkley, who is a ghost writer to celebrities who want to publish their autobiographies. Neil is a very entertaining speaker and he regaled us with various tales without actually spilling the beans on the celebrity.

We have also had Stephanie Shields whose book about the Trial of the Timble Witches was the subject of her talk. Earlier in the summer, Jilly Jobling from Threshfield and who is a reflexologist, came and talked to us about reflexology and showed us how we can do some simple exercises on our feet to relieve tension.

Last month our speaker was Andy Wilson from Yorkshire Cancer Research, who told us about Henrietta Lacks and her legacy to cervical cancer. Henrietta was a black American who had cervical cancer and her cells were used in research and became the founding cells for many cancer research projects. Her He-La cells are still used in research into a cure for cervical cancer.

The ladies have also been out and about with a walk around Grimwith Reservoir on a beautiful September evening followed by a meal in the Sailing Club House. They have also been to see Anne Lister’s home at Shibden Hall and Bankfield Museum to see

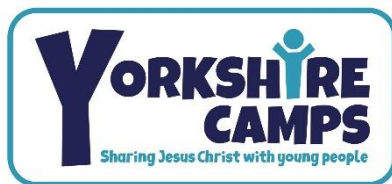
the current exhibition, which is Opening the Wardrobe – The History Wardrobe Collection of Lucy Addlington.

Our Autumn programme includes a Chocolate Demonstration, Hugh and Melinda Firth telling us about Love, Loyalty and Deceit – A Life in the Shadow of Two Eminent Men, and our annual Christmas Meal.

For more information about our meetings, please contact our secretary – Sheila Carr (07879 845771) or email sheilamc77@gmail.com

Children’s Society Annual Christmas Coffee Morning.

This will be held at Fold Farm on Saturday 25 November from 10.30am until Noon. Please, if the kind people who have loose change collection boxes have managed to find any loose change to put inside them, could they bring them to the coffee morning. There will be the wonderful Christmas Cakes, stalls and a Grand Raffle. Mince pies, Coffee, Tea and Mulled wine will be on offer. Everyone is invited including visitors and those passing through on bike or foot. If you have anything Christmassy you would like to donate to the stall, that would be greatly appreciated. A nice morning would also gladden our hearts!



Yorkshire Camps

We delighted to welcome and introduce to you our new Training Team. We have eleven gap year students with us this year, plus two from last year who have stayed on for our new Training Team Plus year.



Jolina, Marli, Caitlyn, James, Adam, Thomas and Harry

Anna, Jess, Sarah, Rachel, Jenny and Sam

They have a full year of camps ahead and play a crucial role in every part of camp from running activities to cleaning toilets. They receive extensive training throughout their year with us, covering key areas such as fire warden training, safeguarding and food hygiene. They will develop new skills such as learning how to get campers to sleep at night, leading small group discussions and standing in front of a room full of campers and giving instructions. There will be Bible teaching to help them understand more of what God has to say to us and also think through how His teaching applies to us today in our lives in North Yorkshire. Three of the Training Team are from Germany and so they also have the added

element of growing in confidence in their English and learning our colloquialisms and accents!

We would love to welcome you to our **Open Morning** on 15 November from 9.45 – 1pm at Netherside Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for a tour as well as tea and cake.

Grassington Singers Christmas Concert
Saturday 16 December at 3pm in Grassington Town Hall. More details at Grassingtonsingers.org.uk

Rainfall for September 2023

Arncliffe: 115.2mm/4.54 ins

September rainfall over 10 years

10-year avg: 110.5mm/4.35ins

Highest: 195.7mm/7.7 ins (2019)

Lowest: 24.9mm/0.98 ins (2014)



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**Rainbows**

1st Threshfield Rainbows

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on Mondays 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

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www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
to sign your daughter up and we'll
be in touch soon with details.

John David Clements 1941 - 2023

John was born in Birmingham and came to Yorkshire to study mining engineering at Leeds University. Here he was introduced to caving and potholing and fell in love with the Dales. He didn't finish his degree course but got a job in an office working as a shipping clerk for Robert Hudson and Sons. Their main business was with Angola, Portuguese West Africa. By this time, we were married and had a son, David. When John was asked if he'd fancy a job in Angola, he leapt at the chance. This job as a marketing executive meant he had to learn Portuguese which he quickly managed. So in 1964 we set sail for Africa. We had 4 wonderful years in Luanda where our daughter Helena was born.

After Angola he got another marketing job, this time in Kinshasa R D Congo. This only lasted a year, not such a happy experience.

On our return to England in 1970, Leeds was the obvious choice of a place to settle. He got a job as a marketing executive with the YEB, first at Scarcroft and then to Hull area and finally to Bradford area until privatisation when he took voluntary redundancy.

By this time, he had achieved his dream of living in the Dales in Kilnsey acquiring Glenholme in 1980.

John then set up as a blacksmith, first at Malham forge and then at Kilnsey, following, as he liked to say, in the footsteps of his son David and his grandfather. Many of his works can be seen in churches in the Dales : Kirkby Malham, Conistone, Bolton Abbey, Coniston Cold and Denton.

Though his potholing days were over he kept in close touch with the friends he had



made. He made many local friends, often over a pint or two in the local pubs.

John enjoyed travel and visited family and old friends in South Africa, Australia, Namibia and Greece and also went to other places of interest, Cuba, Egypt and Gambia. Bird watching featured in all these visits as it did in the trips to Spain and Portugal in the ex-ambulance he converted to a camper van.

Over a long life, John's hobbies involved restoring old cars, listening to jazz, watching cricket and reading. Family and friends were the things most important to him especially when he became less mobile. He loved hearing of the achievements of his grandchildren and their partners and of his great grandson.

He died peacefully at home On 1st September and had a green burial at Tarn Moor.

Win Clements

RABI is a national charity, supporting the farming community across England and Wales, and is one of the charities supported by Upper Wharfedale & Littondale Parish. Sally Connor, Regional Manager for RABI, visited the Parish in October and spoke at the services at Arncliffe and Hubberholme. Here's some of the information she shared with us.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) provides a wide range of support and services, directly through our regionally based staff team and via partnerships with other specialist providers. This is customised to meet their individual needs and direct financial grant support to low-income individuals or those in financial crisis, a free helpline, in-person and online mental health counselling and 'click & chat' support tools/resources, mental health training, benefits guidance and support, training awards, relief farmworker awards, and emergency campaigns, such as the Return to School Campaign, which provided £1.5m in grants in 2022. More details of all these services are available on the RABI website at <https://rabi.org.uk/about/>. Here's a short message from one of their clients who had used the 'Click and Chat' support service.

“After messaging some of your colleagues at Click & Chat I was able to understand the biology of what's happening (after being prescribed new medicine by my health professional I woke one morning struggling to breath, heart pounding, and

arms and legs tingling, was terrified) and the advice has really helped. I will come back next week. I was reluctant at first, but I can't see any harm in trying. I don't know you, and you don't know me, yet I felt you did actually care about me, and you wanted my life to be better. Finally, and it doesn't relate to anything I've got going on at all, but it was really good to hear folk at Click & Chat are receiving training specific to agriculture, in my time in the young farmers club there were 3 different sets of kids each without a father, such a waste. Farming is different. At times it can be really hard. Very long hours, (common in the industry to do spells of 100hr+ weeks at lambing or harvest), physically demanding, financially stressful, working alone, you can never switch off/your always on call, increasing/changing regulations, the responsibility to your livestock and family/ancestors combined with the easy access to the tools to end it all. But I'm sure you know all this and I'm teaching granny to suck eggs so to speak! Take care and thank you.”



RABI are a national charity that provides local support to the farming community across England and Wales.

Upper Wharfedale Venturer – the future

On 4 June 2015 a packed meeting in Kettlewell Village Hall listened to the Director of Passenger Transport for North Yorkshire County Council explain that, from April 2016, the Skipton-to-Buckden Pride of the Dales bus service would terminate at Grassington. This was because of cuts to the local transport subsidy. The key message was that, if the people of Upper Wharfedale wanted a bus service, we would have to set up our own.

It seemed an unlikely proposition, but we quickly realised that it was true, and also that it might just be possible, particularly as it became clear that NYCC would be prepared to support us financially. Over the following weeks, a small group of local people worked together to understand what would be involved and to develop an outline proposal and business plan. By September, we had submitted a bid to NYCC; in December we heard it had been successful. Three frantic months followed in which many people from Buckden, Kettlewell, and beyond got involved in all sorts of ways to help make the Upper Wharfedale Venturer a reality.

On Monday 11th April 2016, the Venturer set off from Buckden for the first time (complete with BBC camera crew), and the service was up and running. Since then, we have carried 70,000 passengers and covered 200,000 miles up and down the dale. By the end of 2022 passenger numbers had almost recovered to pre-Covid levels, and in 2023, helped by the £2 fare-cap scheme, we have carried more passengers than at this stage in any previous year.

In July this year, we finally managed to get our new bus into service; quieter, more comfortable, more economical, and greener, with low-floor access to help those with restricted mobility.



Meanwhile, we are fortunate to have a fantastic team of some 20 people who are involved in running the service in various ways, both employees and volunteers, driving of course, but also involved in planning the service, keeping the bus on the road, and running the business side.

So, with a great team, good passenger numbers, a brand-new bus, and a fare cap scheme in place until November 2024, the future of the service looks bright? Well – for the next couple of years....yes. However, in the long term, the challenge is that many of those involved in setting up and running the service from the start are in or are approaching their seventies. If Upper Wharfedale Bus is to have a long-term future, we need more people locally who would be up for driving or helping out in other ways. Essentially, we need new people to get involved, as those who have been there from the start step back over the coming years. Otherwise, it is hard to see how the service will survive through to the end of the decade. If you might be interested, please email us at future@upperwharfedale.com and we can arrange to have a chat and explain what is involved.

Peter Vetch, Upper Wharfedale Bus

Noreen Galloway 1962-2023

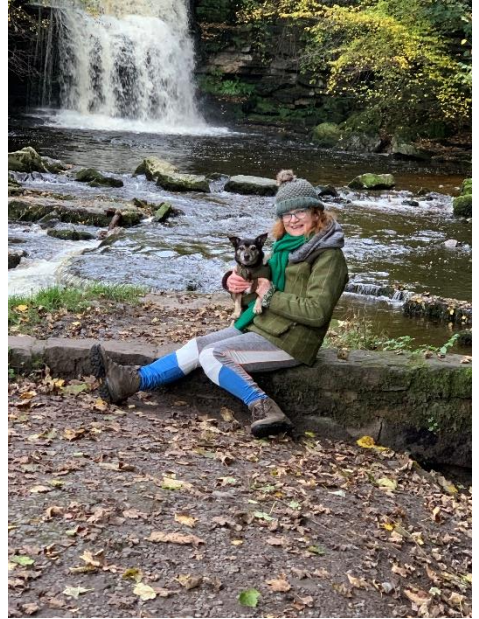
For those in the village of Buckden who got to know Noreen, I think you would agree with me that you found a gentle trusting lovely person who so loved her dog Penny, eventually carrying her in her old age all the way to Starbotton.

You have probably met her walking by the riverside, always happy with a lovely smile. When you met her Noreen would have touched you by her smile, her gentleness, and her warmth – she would have made you smile or laugh.

Noreen was a very strong person with tenacity. When she was diagnosed with breast cancer, she fought it and beat it. She never cried. Her son was travelling abroad at the time. And in his words “You made the decision not to tell me, so I could experience life and not worry. It was the kind of person you were.”

That what Noreen was, she was just selfless. She forgave those who trespassed against her. She was so forgiving her gentleness was just outstanding.

In conclusion, I would like to share part of my poem that I wrote for her in love;



Noreen

I thank you
For you Love, your loyalty
Your companionship, your gifts
And as your hand slips from mine
You have left me alone
But in my sadness, I rejoice
For now, you are now in hands of God
For you are now holding Jesus's hand
But alas no longer mine
Goodbye now my love my gentle my little Noreen
Rest be happy, have no sorrow
For you so touched our souls
For you gave us love
But for me Noreen, you gave me life

Country Diary - November

There is much to be said for evening walking; especially as the sun is setting and ribbons of pink and orange fade from the sky while gentle plumes of mist rise up from the river. Young tawny owls are in the business of establishing their own territory, and are very vocal at dusk, though unseen, unlike barn owls who seem to be lit up with their own ghostly luminescence. Bats are preparing for the long slumber and on milder nights can be seen, flitting hither and thither, snapping up whatever flying insects are available.



Living in a designated Dark Sky Reserve, November is a great time to enjoy stargazing with lots of events happening in the area. From a Dark Skies Experience at Stump Cross Caverns to a Magical Full Moon Walk at Malham Cove and even a Canoeing, Star Gazing and Pizza night at How Stean Gorge. Head over to www.darkskiesnationalparks.org.uk for more information about all the events on this November.

In most areas of the UK, the sheer amount of light pollution prevents the viewing of the wonderful bowl of stars that frame our landscape on cold, clear nights in autumn and winter, and it's something that I never take for granted. Light pollution



accounts for a 40% decline in moths, and a staggering 63% decline in nocturnal pollinators visiting flowers. Some mammals emerge too soon from their period of hibernation as a result of light pollution, disrupting their natural activities. All of the above provides many resounding reasons why we should place as much importance on the protection of our dark skies as we do our daytime flora and fauna, in order for our native creatures of the night to flourish under a star studded sky.

Rebecca Ward-Dooley



Community Directory

Upper Wharfedale & Littondale Directory of Local Organizations

Clubs and Associations

Buckden Art Group
Buckden Singers
Friends of the Dales
Funk Wire
Grassington & District Peace Group
Kettlewell & District WI
Kettlewell Chess Club
Kettlewell Cricket Club
Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society
Kettlewell Lunch Club
Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Kettlewell Table Tennis Club
Kettlewell Toddler Group
Littondale Cricket Club
Settle Orchestra
UW Arts and Literature Society
UW Field Society
UW Refugee Support Group
UW Runners

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Amerdale Hall
Buckden Village Institute
Conistone/Kilnsey Village Hall
Kettlewell Village Hall

Sarah Paul
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Parish Councils/Meetings

Arncliffe
Buckden
Conistone with Kilnsey
Halton Gill
Hawkswick
Kettlewell with Starbotton
Litton Parish Meeting

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Local Services/Organizations

Grassington Medical Centre
Grassington Dental Care
Grassington Pharmacy (Boots)
Kettlewell Primary School
Scargill House
UW Bus
UW Fell Rescue Association
Yorkshire Camps

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If there are other voluntary organizations in Upper Wharfedale & Littondale that could be included in this directory, please contact the editor at smithiwho@gmail.com

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 4 Nov	Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Grassington
Sat 4 Nov	Film Night: 'A Man Called Otto', Kettlewell Village Hall
Thu 9 Nov	Kettlewell Lunch Club, Kettlewell Village Hall
Fri 10 Nov	Rocky Horror Show (film and fancy-dress night), Amerdale Hall
Sat 11 Nov	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sun 12 Nov	Buckden Village Quiz, The Buck Inn
Wed 15 Nov	Open Morning, Yorkshire Camps, Netherside Hall
Wed 15 Nov	Arncliffe Parish meeting, Amerdale Hall
Fri 17 Nov	'Buckden Before Domesday' Talk, Buckden Institute (SOLD OUT)
Sat 18 Nov	Coffee Morning, Buckden Institute
Sat 18 Nov	Settle Orchestra Concert, Skipton
Wed 22 Nov	Supermobile Library, Buckden
Wed 22 Nov	UWALS AGM and talk, Victoria Benn, XXX
Wed 22 Nov	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival AGM, Kettlewell Village Hall
Fri 24 Nov	Buckden gala sheep show dinner
Sat 25 Nov	Children's Society Christmas Coffee Morning, Fold Farm
Sat 25 Nov	Settle Orchestra Concert, Settle
Tue 28 Nov	Litton Parish Meeting, Queen's Arms

FUTURE EVENTS

Tue 6 Dec	Bingo in the Buck
Sat 9 Dec	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 9 Dec	Littondale Christmas Party
Sat 16 Dec	Buckden Singers Christmas Concert, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 16 Dec	Grassington Singers Christmas Concert, Grassington Town Hall
Sat 23 Dec	Christmas Pantomime, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 30 Dec	Christmas Pantomime – Robin Hood, Amerdale Hall
Sat 10 Feb	Pie, Peas, Pudding and Quiz, Kettlewell Village Hall
Mon 26 Feb	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society AGM

REGULAR EVENTS

What	When	Where
Chess Club	1 st and 3 rd Tues, 7-9pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Play Table Tennis	Wed 3.15-4, 4-5.30, 5.30-7.15pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Funk Wire	Thur -fortnightly 2pm	Conistone & Kilnsey Village Hall
Whist Evenings	Alternate Wed, 7pm	Buckden Village Institute
Buckden Singers	Thurs – 7.30pm	Buckden Village Institute
Indoor Bowls	Wed 1.45-3.35pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs – weekly 10.30-12.00	Halton Gill Reading Room



The following schedule of church services in our parish is planned for this month, however, please check the parish website for confirmation at www.upperwharfedalechurches.org

Wednesday 1 November

18.00	Kettlewell	Healing Service
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Sunday 5 November

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

Sunday 12 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

09.30	Arncliffe	Remembrance Service
10.30	Hubberholme	Remembrance Service
15.00	Kettlewell War Memorial	Remembrance Service
18.30	Conistone	Remembrance Service

Wednesday 15 November

18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
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Sunday 19 November

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

Sunday 26 November

09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Morning Prayer
16.30	Hubberholme	Evensong (BCP)

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