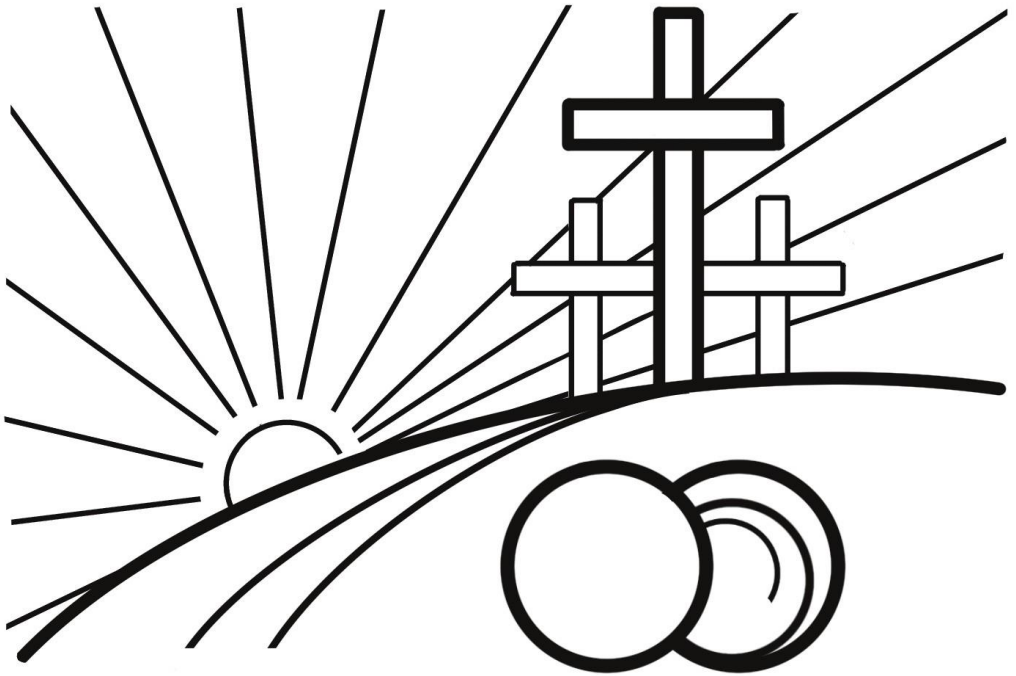


Link

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine



EASTER

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11 25

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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Thank you for your contribution.

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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...

Why Saturdays are Holy, and Fridays are Good

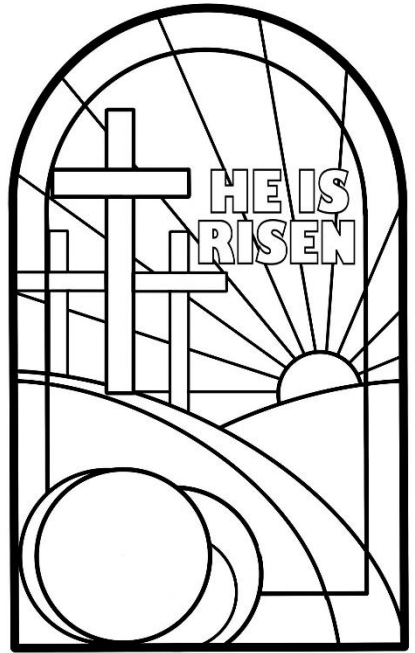
How different the different days of Holy Week and Easter feel. Maundy Thursday with its sense of something important about to happen. Good Friday about trauma and pain, the saddest day. So often we move on too quickly to Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection, a day of life and light and joy.

We tend to gloss over Holy Saturday as a holy day in its own right. The day which lies between the pain and the joy, the loss and the transcendence. For me this a really important spiritual moment in the Church year. Saturday holds the tension between crucifixion and resurrection, that limbo place between these two realities.

Resurrection without crucifixion amounts to cheap grace. A world where there is only crucifixion is a world where hope is entirely absent. It is never either/or, it is always both. On Holy Saturday Christ is not yet risen. Living between cross and resurrection involves staying in the difficult place, it involves waiting.

In in a secular world cross and resurrection can be seen together, re-conceptualised as “loss and transcendence”. In an incredible book *“Transcendence of Loss over the Life Span”*, nurse Patricia Weenolsen identified ways in which people can cope in the face of significant loss, perhaps at the end of life or after major trauma, by seeing how each loss, whilst acutely real and often painful, can be transcended. It is a big book offering countless instances of transcendence.

Weenolsen openly borrows this metaphor from Christian tradition, showing how religious language can map over into secular culture – but in order to make the same point: it is always Holy Week and Easter (or loss and transcendence) together, never one without the other. Holy Saturday holds that tension.



Tom

From the Churches & Villages

Parish News



From the Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

James and Pippa Hird on 5 March at St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme

FUNERALS

Dinah Maria Holdsworth on 20 January at St Mary's, Kettlewell (burial following funeral service at Halifax Minster)

Sheila Foster on 23 February at St Oswald's, Arncliffe (burial following funeral service at St Stephen's, Skipton)

Dennis Lund on 24 February at St Oswald's, Arncliffe

Colin Horner on 7 March at St Mary's, Kettlewell (interment of ashes)



Aurora Catharine Booth on 4 March at St Mary's, Kettlewell (Celebration and Naming Service). We pray for Mark and Catharine at this time.

Parish Celebration of the Coronation

The Parish Celebration of the King's Coronation will be held on Sunday 7 May at 11.00 am at St Oswald's Arncliffe (please note earlier start time).



For details of all our Easter services in the parish, please see the back page of the Link

St Mary's, Kettlewell

April Rotas

Sidespeople

2 No one required

9 Dave Nelson

16 Colin Fairweather

23 Caroline Johnston

30 Phil Burgin

After Service Tea/Coffee

2 No one required

9 Sue Nelson

16 Vivienne Fairweather

23 Shirley Whitham

30 Judy Burgin

Cleaning

Jane Howlin

Flowers

Easter Team (see below)

Easter Flowers

An open invitation is extended to anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Easter on Saturday 8 April from 10am. Spring flowers will be available, but if you have greenery and garden flowers you can spare, please bring them along. Tea, coffee and hot cross buns will be available to keep you fortified.

Spring, Church and Churchyard Work Morning at Kettlewell

This will be held on Saturday 15 April from 9.30 to 1pm. It is said that many hands make light work! Please come along to help spruce up the churchyard or mini spring clean the church before the summer season gets into full swing. Tea & Coffee will be available to assist labours as and when you feel the need. Should you have equipment you feel would come in handy, please bring

it along with you. Thank you. Look forward to seeing you.

St Michael & All Angels,
Hubberholme

April Rotas

Cleaning

2 D Rowe
9 EASTER - Everyone
please on Friday 7 April
at 10.30am

16 TBA

23 TBA

Sidesperson

2 Palm Sunday - D&S Lusted
9 Easter Day - J Yarrow & L Hird
16 D Halsall & J Mudd
23 H & K Jeddere-Fisher



Easter Lilies

A reminder – there is still time for those wishing to dedicate lilies for the decoration of Hubberholme Church at Easter; please send dedications and donations to Mrs. A Harrison, Ghyll End, Beckermonds, Buckden, Nr Skipton BD23 5JL, or contact the Parish Office on 01756 380237 to donate, and sjlusted@gmail.com for dedications.

Hubberholme Church Fund Raising 2023

From April the well-known Hubberholme Annual Quiz sheet will be available for £1 from the parish churches, Sandie, Josie, Deirdre, The George Inn, Hubberholme and The Buck, Buckden. Look out for them and enjoy testing your brain. We will also have some available at the Coffee Morning. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

St Mary's, Conistone

April Rotas

Sidespeople

2 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster H.C. 6.30pm

16 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield E.P.
6.30pm

Flowers

9 Easter Flowers All help on the 8th

16 Kathryn Butterfield

23 Sue Metcalfe

30 Sue Metcalfe

Open Church w/c

3 Lewis A.

10 Philip B.

17 Allison C.

24 Jane P./Michelle PV.

We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Easter on **Saturday 8 April**. As we do not have a service in our church on Easter Sunday this year, the arrangements need to be kept fairly simple to make our church a welcoming place for those visiting over the Easter period. Any help would be appreciated at any time between 9.30 and 10.30.

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

April Rotas

Flowers

Patsy Campbell

Cleaning

Brian and Jane Raper

Open Church w/c

2 Sally Smith

9 Elspeth Miller

16 Sarah Paul

23 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

30 Hilary Follows

Sidesperson

2 Elspeth Miller

9 Sarah Paul

23 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

30 Hilary Follows

Coffee

2 Hilary Follows




9 Elspeth Miller

23 Sarah Paul

30 Rebecca Ward-Dooley






Results of the Link Survey

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the Link survey by completing the form or providing feedback on Facebook; we had over 60 responses, with very helpful feedback and many suggestions. Here's a summary of the main results.

-  91% of you said that you read it always or usually (not surprising, as you took the trouble to complete the survey!)
-  92% of you find the current format OK, though several of you made helpful comments on how we could make it easier to read.
-  75% of you prefer a printed copy, but it's also good to know that some of you appreciate reading it on the web and/or receiving it by email. Printed copies are useful for visitors to our churches and villages

Which bits are the most useful? 'Around the Villages' came out top, closely followed by 'Community Events' and 'Parish News'. 'Feature Articles' and 'Country Diary' also got high marks. At the other end of the scale, it's a thumbs down to the Crossword, though some of you suggested it could be replaced with another puzzle.

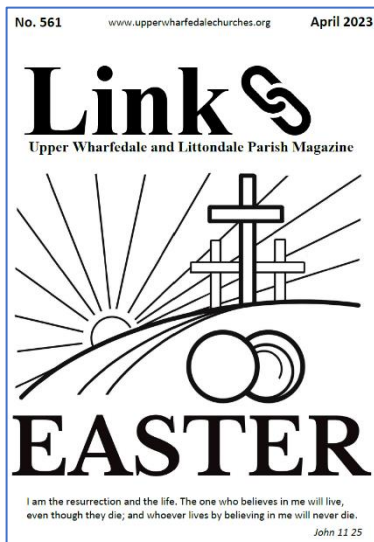
What would you like to see more of? Five themes emerged from your responses:

-  **News** – news and events in and around the parish (before they take place!)
-  **History** – of the parish and its people
-  **People** – interviews and short profiles of local residents
-  **Useful contacts** – clubs, societies, public safety, parish council, etc
-  **Adverts!** Many of you said how useful the yellow pages section is as a source of information on local businesses

A common request was 'Keep it Local!'

This feedback is very helpful, and you can expect to see several changes to the Link in the coming months as we incorporate these ideas and suggestions. And if you have additional ideas, or would like to contribute to the Link, please do get in touch at smithiwho@gmail.com

Many thanks to all those who contribute to the Link, with news, articles, reports, art and photographs, to those who deliver the Link throughout the parish, and to those who support the Link financially with your gifts. And special thanks to all our advertisers – they keep the Link going, so please do use them!



Around the Villages

Buckden & Langstrothdale

This month sees the final **Whist evening** on Wednesday 5 April. As usual the doors of Buckden Village Institute will be open at 6.15pm and play will start at 6.45pm. There is an entry charge of £3.50, which includes light refreshments. If you require any further information, please contact David Lusted on (01756) 760877.

Please remember the **EASTER SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING** on 8 April for church funds. This will be held in Buckden Village Institute between 10.30am and 12.30pm. There will be a gift stall too. Coffee and cake £3. Cakes and biscuits etc would be most welcome on the day or before. Ring Josie for any details Tel 761154 of your support.

Buckden Gala 2023

This year's Buckden Gala will be held, as is traditional, on the third Saturday in June – so please put Saturday 17 June 2023 in your diaries. More details will follow in the May Link, and at www.buckdengala.co.uk

Hubberholme Churchyards Spring Clean Up

We are planning two mornings to do some work to tidy up the churchyards after the winter. There are several small jobs dealing with vegetation, cleaning gutters and minor repairs. We have two dates: Saturday 1 April at Hubberholme, and Wednesday 5 April at the Buckden School Room from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. I know that mid-week is better for some people, but Saturday is better for others. You are of course welcome to come to both! If you think that you will be coming, please let me know so

that we can manage the work appropriately. Thanks for your help.

Keith (keithjedderfisher@gmail.com)

Coronation Street Party

Buckden will be holding a street party for the King's Coronation at lunchtime on Sunday 7 May for residents and holiday makers staying in the village. Please see next month's Link for further details, or watch out for notices on the village website, the Village Institute noticeboard or in the Community Whatsapp group. Later in the evening on Sunday 7 May the Village Hall is hoping to live-stream the Coronation concert. Again, more information will appear in the next Link.

Kettlewell with Starbotton



Scarecrows on the march!

Scarecrow Festival 12 - 20 August

At this time of year many people have a clear out, ready for spring. If you come across any clothes or shoes you no longer want, please consider donating them to the scarecrow team. You can drop them in to Kettlewell village store and they will be collected by a member of the committee. This year the trail theme is 100 years of the BBC and classic children's TV. This year's judge will be Tom Ingall from BBC Look North, so make sure you get your scarecrow in the mix!

There will be an early workshop in the village hall on **Sunday 25 June** for you to get ideas, collect clothing and props for your scarecrow, share ideas, help with making scarecrows for around the village (we really need to refresh and renew the random scarecrows as some were looking a bit tired last year!) and have a blether and a cuppa! There will also be a workshop in the village hall the week before the festival on **Sunday 6 August**.

Also, we are looking for 'safe' open space where scarecrows can be displayed, eg a garden or yard. If you have such a space for a scarecrow to sit, lean or stand, please do get in touch (Charlotte 07866031377 Rachael 07584484200 or Lucy 07768752218).

And last, but by no means least(!), ***please volunteer to help***. The proceeds from last year's festival helps to keep our small community vibrant and active. The festival can be a huge success and lots of fun with many hands. Please do your bit:

- Make a scarecrow
- Serve in the Village Hall or bake cakes (Cathy 761953, Peter 07506780128 or kettlewellscarecrow@gmail.com)
- Sell our merchandise on the stall (Nicky Barras at 07854443464 or nickybarras99@gmail.com)
- Help with car parking (Peter Chiverton at 761953 or peterchiverton@live.co.uk)

With your help, we can make it the best festival yet. Thank you

The Scarecrow Committee

Kettlewell Village Hall

Community 'Pop up' Café

**Easter Monday 10
April 2023 10.00-12.00**

Come along for a chat with friends and neighbours and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea at the Village Hall with soft drinks for the



children. Bring a board game if you would like.

Community Quiz Night

**Friday 28 April 2023 –
7.30pm**

Come along and join us in Kettlewell Village Hall for our next community quiz night. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and enjoy a fun evening with friends and neighbours. Bring a team (no more than four people) or come along on the night and find teammates when you arrive at the hall. £2 per head to cover costs and there will be a small cash prize for the winning team.



Film Night

The final film of the season on Saturday 22 April is '*The Phantom of the Open*'. Tickets £5 for adults, £2.50 school age.

Available from the village shop or on the door. As usual bring your own drinks and nibbles. We will start again in the Autumn. This film tells the heart-warming true story of Maurice Flitcroft (Mark Rylance), a dreamer and unrelenting optimist. This humble crane operator from Barrow-in-Furness managed to gain entry to The British Open Golf Championship qualifying in 1976, despite never playing a round of golf before. He shot the worst round in Open history and drew the ire of the golfing elite, but became a folk hero in the process and, more importantly, showed his family the importance of pursuing your dreams.



Kettlewell School News

We returned from half term fully refreshed and ready for all the exciting days we had planned. We started by marking mental health week where we made the most of our brilliant field, trees and outdoor classroom

by exploring activities to promote our positive mental health.

Everyone (staff included!) dressed up as characters from the Snow Queen or World of Narnia for world book day, there were lions, archers, queens

and even a wardrobe. What a fabulous effort everyone put into costumes and the book related design competitions we held in school that week.

All the children invited their mum or grandmother/aunt to a picnic lunch school in celebration of Mother's Day. It was lovely to have everyone together chatting and enjoying a delicious feast in the hall, thank you to Mark our school chef for preparing this.

EYFS and KS1 came together with the children from the federation to spend a day learning about John Dower who played a key role in the development of the National Park. This is part of their current history project learning about superheroes in the past. They learnt about why he was famous and made poster about him then went on a walk around Grassington and even spotted some frogspawn.

Our Year 6 children got the chance to go to Eshton Grange and take part in crucial crew activities. Learning about water, road and fire safety, keeping safe on the hills and how to perform CPR. They also took part in workshops around the dangers of drugs, smoking, vaping, cybercrime, anti-social behaviour, crime and consequences. They were very engaged and learned a lot from the experience. They enjoyed spending time



with children from various schools around the county and all showed high levels of sensitivity and maturity.

Any parents making their school choices for September 2023/24 are very welcome to arrange a visit by calling Kettlewell School on 01756 760280 or emailing admin@kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk

Charlotte Facer

Kettlewell Luncheon Club

Kettlewell Luncheon Club will take place on Thursday 20 April at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the March gathering, please ring Sue Nelson (760887) by 4pm on Sunday 16 April 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 might be willing to lend a hand occasionally. The cost is £5 for two courses plus coffee/tea and wine/fruit juice is available by donation.



Conistone with Kilnsey

Kilnsey with Conistone Village Hall

Table Tennis – Tuesdays from 6-7 pm, £2 a session – all ages and abilities

Robs Quiz is back again! Robs quiz is back Friday 28th April, 7.15 for 7.30, teams of up to six, £5 per head, to include supper. Raffle prizes gratefully received, at the Kilnsey Village Hall. Please let Liz or Michelle if you plan to attend.

Parish wide & beyond

CFRs Needed!

Could you volunteer as a Yorkshire Ambulance Service Community First Responder (CFR)? Our local area needs more volunteers. The unpaid CFR role is hugely rewarding and there is great training and ongoing support. You would be joining a small team and can choose when and how long to be on-call. For more details, check the website:

www.yas.nhs.uk/get-involved/community-first-responders or speak to one of the team: David Nelson, Doug McClellan, Pete Spillett or Sara Spillett.



support hundreds of varieties of plants, myriad insect life and dozens of bird species.

The good news is that there is something we can all do to help and prevent further decline in biodiversity – we can look to protect and enhance those former strips and remnants of traditional grassland that have survived as roadside verges. The principles of nature positive verge management are simple:

- Cut verges or other village grassland no later than April and clear cuttings away to prevent the build-up of thatch, which increases soil nitrogen levels and can encourage docks, nettles and thistles to take hold
- Do not cut the grass between May and August (inclusive) to allow plants to flower and set seed
- If cutting can't be avoided, consider mowing paths or narrow edge strips but leave some areas uncut as a wildlife refuge. This can also help to address concerns about untidiness and safety



Make your Verges – Living Verges

The last 80-90 years have seen the acceleration of a biodiversity emergency in the UK as more intensive farming – driven by farming policy – has eroded our once prevalent hay meadows. Species-rich meadows are not only more resistant to climate change and store more carbon than non-biodiverse grasslands, but they also



Supermobile library

Here are the upcoming dates for April, May & June:

Buckden

Wed 12 April

Wed 10 May

Wed 7 June

Kettlewell

Wed 26 April

Wed 24 May

Wed 21 June



Funk Wire

Conistone with Kilnsey Hall at 2 pm:

Thursday 6 April

Thursday 20 April

Thursday 11 May

Sorry, just the one in May – holidays!

- Remove invasive weeds (nettles, thistles, docks) by chopping down/uprooting, not spraying
- Do a second cut in September – clearing all cuttings away.

In other words, Cut Less, Cut Later, Takeaway!

We have several resources available on our website to help you get started, at <https://friendsofthedales.org.uk/campaigns/verges> including Village Guide; Monthly Planner; Link to a campaign video by our Living Verges campaign champion, Dr Anne Readshaw and a 'No Mow' sign you can print off to let your neighbours know that you are managing verges for nature.

Do let us know if we inspire a change of approach – and please send any photos of any botanically rich verges and grassland you encourage!

For all questions, comments and feedback, email:

victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Victoria Benn

Upper Wharfedale Spring Sing

Grassington Singers and Buckden Singers present 'Upper Wharfedale Spring Sing'; Sunday 30 April at 3pm in Grassington Town Hall. Details at

grassingtonsingers.org.uk and buckdensingers.org.

Tickets at £10 each including light refreshments available from Grassington Hub or on the door.

RSC Kettlewell visit re-boots

Shakespeare Project

The unprecedented visit to Kettlewell by a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company has successfully re-launched the UWALS Discover Shakespeare project. The

project will now follow up the visit with another similar event on Saturday 13 May, entitled *Discover Shakespeare: Sonnets, Soliloquys and Soundbites* (Kettlewell Village Hall, 10am – 4.30pm, £5)

RSC voice and text coach Gary Horner – who also acts, directs, and leads the Acting MA course at Liverpool’s prestigious Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA) – led an enjoyably active workshop on Saturday 11 March. Despite the Arctic conditions which had descended upon us during the previous 48 hours, 22 enthusiastic participants aged from 16 – 89 made it through the snow to spend the day exploring their vocal ranges and getting to grips with several Shakespeare texts.

Says workshop organiser Ron Norman: ‘Everyone seems to have had a great day – in some cases doing what they called ‘this sort of thing’ for the very first time! Such was the enthusiasm at the end of the day that we are now hugely encouraged to press on with our Discover Shakespeare project. This is very much designed to offer everyone – whatever their previous contact with Shakespeare - the chance to experience perhaps a different and more active engagement with his work than they have had before.’

So – everyone is very welcome at the next Rediscover Shakespeare session,

whether or not you were there for the first workshop. This time the session will be led by Ron, himself an experienced director and student of Shakespeare with some RSC training under his belt. Once again, the session will involve some gentle explorations of vocal technique applied to Shakespeare’s language, before getting stuck into some of his sonnets, a couple of soliloquies and an intriguing look at the language of political propaganda, linked to the production of Julius Caesar (which visits Bradford Alhambra in May). If you fancy joining the fun, please contact Ron via UWALS at uwalsociety@gmail.com or call him on 01756 770350.

Rainfall for February 2023

Arncliffe: 80.9 mm/3.2 ins

Litton: 115.3 mm/4.5 ins

This is the last reading from Litton, as Jane Sheard is moving on. Many thanks Jane for your contributions over the last 3 years.

February rainfall over the last 10 years

Rainfall in February was the lowest since 2010 when only 65.5 mm/2.58ins fell!

Average: 205.8 mm/8.1 ins

Highest: 512.0 mm/20.16 ins (2020)

Lowest: 80.9 mm/3.2 ins (2023)

SETTLE ORCHESTRA

Summer Concert

Beethoven
Fidelio Overture

Dvořák
Violin Concerto
Soloist - **Anna Tulchinskaya**

Schubert
Unfinished Symphony

Dvořák
Slavonic Dances Op. 72
Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7

Conductor - **Xinjie Yang**
Leader - **Anne Heaton**

Saturday 17th June
7.30pm
Settle Parish Church

Saturday 24th June
7.30pm
Christ Church, Skipton

Tickets £15, students £7.50, children free
Available from: Forage and Feast, Settle; Bentham P.O. via www.settleorchestra.org.uk;
from orchestra members; or on the door. Cash or card payments on the door.

Reg. charity 1025554

Remembering Verina Bishop 1933-2023

The following obituary is based on the eulogy given by her family at Verina's funeral at St Mary's Kettlewell on 3 February.

Verina was born in Bradford in 1933 and grew up as the only child of Wilfrid and Doris, who had lost their first child, Keith, to meningitis at the age of nine. Known as Anne until she started school, she became Verina (a Swiss name given in honour of her Godmother Verina) as there were several other Annes in her class. Her father was a librarian, who became Director of Bradford City Art Galleries and Museums, and the family home was in the Heaton area of Bradford. She had a very happy childhood and enjoyed her schooldays at Bradford Girls Grammar School, where she established friendships that lasted a lifetime.



Through her involvement with St Barnabas church in Heaton, she met her future husband, Norman Bishop. Barbara Lambert remembers, when she was eight years old, meeting Verina at the Bishop family home, and thinking that the young bride-to-be was “a beautiful princess”.



Verina and Norman married at St Barnabas 68 years ago, and moved into their first home in Shipley, together with Cavvi, her much-loved corgi. Within nine years there were four children - Steven, Andrew, Susan, and Philip – and the family had moved (in 1958) into a larger, newly-built house in the Cragg Wood area of Rawdon.

The children's memories of Rawdon are not far off idyllic. “*We remember enjoying Mum's cooking and baking and helping her with tasks like licking out the bowls and the mixing spoons, making the best Yorkshire pudding, baking cakes and biscuits, mostly using recipes she had learned from her mother. We remember her seemingly constant knitting –, when she got the chance to sit down for any length of time – and the many jumpers that she knitted for us.*”

Everything changed in November 1973 when Norman died suddenly, leaving her as a 39-year-old widow with four children. A few months later, she lost her father, which gave her the added responsibility of keeping an eye on her elderly mother. But her strength of character, her courage, and her determination saw her not just coping with everything that life threw at her, but robustly overcoming all obstacles.

In 1978, after her mother had died, she moved to Wear's Fold in Kettlewell. The

cottage had been in the family for centuries but until then had only been used for holidays. She took readily to village life, looking after the garden, adding embroidery and tapestry to her knitting skills, and entertaining friends and family to supper.

The desire to volunteer and to serve on committees, as well as a keen interest in politics, was a distinguishing aspect of the whole of her life, and she was involved with around 20 separate organisations over the years in various roles. This was obvious following the move to Kettlewell; she was a member of the Village Hall Committee for over 35 years, including five years as Chairman from 2003–08, and secretary from 2008. For 30 years she served as advertising manager for the Link, and took on numerous responsibilities in St Mary's Kettlewell, including serving as Treasurer from 1980-85 and Church Warden from 1985-90. She was also an active member of Kettlewell Parish Council, including two stints as Chairman.

Verina remained relatively fit and active into her 80s and, as she faced the onset of the various health issues that arise in old age, she displayed her typical mixture of impatience and stoicism. She remained determined to keep her independence in her

daily routine at Wear's Fold but appreciated help and support from others with shopping, cleaning, and bringing in coal and logs for the fire, maintaining her regular routine of a daily gin & tonic at 6 pm, followed by a three-course evening meal accompanied by a glass of red wine. She was an avid follower of TV soaps and quiz shows!

In any resumé of her 89 years there are some very clear threads running through. Food features pretty highly, with catering on an industrial scale! This was a manifestation of one of her core characteristics; hospitality. Her open house was a reflection of her open heart. Her energy and selflessness were remarkable and her willingness to give of her time to others was something she shared with her husband.

Verina's family concluded with this expression of thanks to the community of Upper Wharfedale, "*Much has been said of what she gave to the community, but it would be very wrong for us not to acknowledge what she gained from her wider community here in Upper Wharfedale and beyond in terms of constant friendship, support and indeed love. We thank you all for the part you have played in our mother's life over the last 89 years.*"



Sheep on the Moor by Angela Falshaw, Buckden Art Group



Remembering Dennis Lund 1925-2023

Dennis Lund, born on 12 May 1925 in Penyghent Cottage (also known as Upper Hesleden), died on 7 February 2023 aged 97 at his home in Litton, with his family by his side. The Craven Herald has a lovely obituary, which you can read at <https://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/23381138.litton-bids-farewell-dales-farmer-dennis-lund/> His funeral took place at St Oswald's, Arncliffe, and Patrick Walker gave the following tribute to Dennis.

Dennis looked me up and down. It was my first time on Potts Moor, and I thought I was a reasonably self-confident teenager but this tweed jacketed man, with plus fours big enough to hide a business of ferrets, seemed rather scary.

'This is my second son, Patrick' began my father and Dennis grunted. I peered down at Dennis' high leather hobnailed boots. "He's got to learn the ropes, so he's come to beat" continued my dad.

Dennis looked me up and down, scratched his head without quite dislodging his cap, moved closer to my father's face. "He won't manage that – he'll avto flank – come with me."

"Very well" said my father "The guns will be in the butts at 11am."

Dennis hitched up his shoot day belt (it was probably less effective than the weekday baler twine): "10:45 you said". He strode up the hill and I stumbled behind.

"Take this flag, don't wave it, and sit here until I collect you." I sat for what would have been eternity but for the wonder of the moor which I have come to love as much as I know Dennis did. The shooting started, the shooting finished, a dog bounded over and licked my face. The drive had finished, and Dennis had made sure I didn't spoil it.

Stephen would confirm that Dennis was not always willing to share his massive country knowledge, but in time he allowed me to beat (it nearly killed me), encouraged me as a young shot, and brought white heather to give to my mum. It was funny the way he could always find some but never quite show you where it was hidden!

As a judge my father rather expected to be listened to and to be in charge. But Pott's Moor was Dennis' courtroom and we were his attentive clerks and ushers. "Never, never" he began in a booming voice which had me quaking at what Littondale law I had broken, "never put lamb's grease on your boots." As it happened, I had never even thought of doing so, but of course I had to ask why. The answer, as I



suspect almost the entire congregation already knows, is that "rats 'll eat the laces!"

Dennis was proud of the caravan window he salvaged and cut into the south wall of the beaters' hut. We peered out together, following the Skirfare's glistening trail to Arncliffe and watching the clouds scud over Pennyghent. "The finest panomoronic view in Yorkshire" he exclaimed as he drew breath through a large gap in his teeth. That view is truly wonderful, and I was up there last week. Dennis had not left Potts moor or Littondale. I suspect that like the stone men of Blue Scar, he will look over us forever.

Country Diary - April

*If I can write about anything, I can write about you, curlew.
You with your call of liquid gold that lifts a soul in benediction.
You whose curves carve open the skies with effortless grace
You whose departure lays a blanket of silence across the fells.
You whose return delivers on a promise.*

April is my birth month, my favourite month in nature and the month that celebrates my favourite bird: the curlew.

World Curlew Day takes place on 21st April; a day facilitated by the organization Curlew Action to champion this much loved and now sadly endangered wader.



This day was chosen as it is the feast day of St Beuno, patron saint of curlews. St Bueno was a 7th century Welsh abbot born in Powys. He is linked to the birds due to the following legend; this telling of it is taken from the online blog ‘Call of the Curlew’.

“When he lived at Clynnog, St Bueno used to go regularly on Sunday to preach at Llanddwyn, off the coast of Anglesey, walking on the sea with the book of sermons which he used to carry about with him. One Sunday, as he was coming back from Llanddwyn to Clynnog, treading the surface of the sea as if it had been dry land, he dropped his precious writings into the water, and failed to recover them. The saint was much worried, because even for saints the task of writing sermons is a troublesome

one. When he reached dry land, he was much relieved to find his book on a stone out of the reach of the tide, with a Curlew mounting guard over it. The pious bird had picked it up and brought it to safety. Thereupon the holy man knelt down and prayed for the protection and favour of the Creator for the Curlew. His prayer was heard, and ever since it has been extremely difficult to discover where the long-beaked bird lays its eggs.”

For more information about World Curlew Day and how you can get involved, please head to: www.curlewaction.org

Curlews have long featured in literature and poetry, signifying a profound and important status in the affections of those who love and take an interest in nature and wildlife. The above website contains a lovely compendium of poems about this beloved bird, but the subject matter provokes such a rich seam of creativity that whole anthologies have been devoted to the subject; the bird proved to be a muse to WB Yeats and Dylan Thomas, to name just two.

The poem above is my own brief attempt to honour the curlew, written for National Poetry Writing Month (also in April) in the first Covid lockdown.

Rebecca Ward Dooley





Links to the Past: 130 years ago!

Many visitors to Hubberholme will have walked through the village and spotted an unusual diamond shaped stone plaque built into the wall of a beautiful old house on the roadside.

The story behind the plaque – which also reveals the history of the house and its former role – was recorded by the ‘houseless parson’ of Hubberholme, the Reverend R Anderton, in the Upper Wharfedale Parish Magazine of April 1893.

April 1893: Heber Memorial Parsonage at Hubberholme.

“The above is in course of erection on a lovely spot near the church. It will be an old house restored, formerly the property of Bishop Heber, of Craven and Calcutta, who wrote the well-known missionary hymn, “From Greenland’s icy mountains”. The property was bought at Christmas 1890 from a descendant of the bishops’, Richard Heber Wrightson, Esq., a most kind benefactor of our church and parish, lately called to his rest. A memorial stone in the front elevation will bear the following



inscription “AD 1893 Restored in loving memory of Bishop Heber.” The house will be built by public subscription, and it is hoped that very many from a kind regard for the bishop’s memory, and the hard lot withal of a houseless Parson, will subscribe to the building fund. Including the purchase of the site, the cost will be about £600. The



The architect is Mr. JW Broughton, of Skipton, and the contractors are Messrs Raw and Calvert, of Kettlewell. Subscriptions may be paid to the Craven bank, Skipton, for “Hubberholme Vicarage Building Fund”, or direct to the Rev RFR Anderton, who will gladly acknowledge them.”

Hubberholme Old Vicarage. Photos courtesy Winpenny Photography

Crossword

Across

1 Relating to the whole universe (6)

4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)

8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)

9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)

10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)

11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)

12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)

17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)

19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)

21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)

22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)

23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)

24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

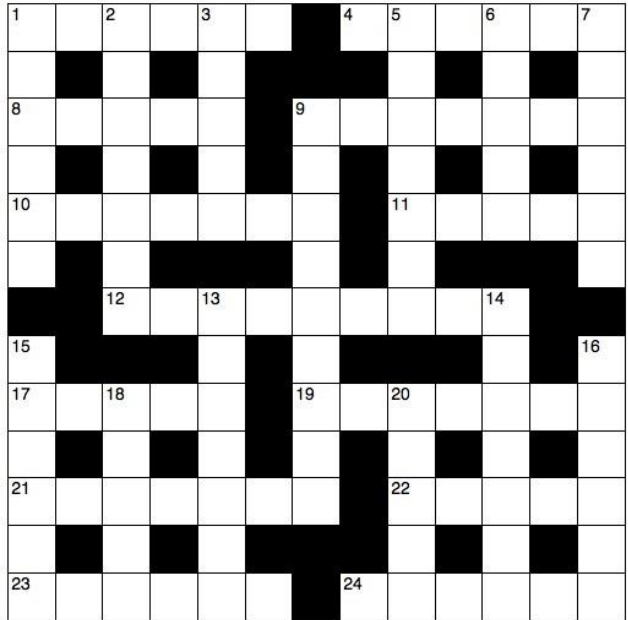
Down

1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)

2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)

3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)

5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)



6 11 Across is certainly this (5)

7 He reps (anag.) (6)

9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)

13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)

14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)

15 The human mind or soul (6)

16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)

18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)

20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Solution on next page!

Community Events

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

THIS MONTH

Wed 5 Apr	Final Whist Evening for the season, Buckden Village Institute
Thu 6 Apr	Funk Wire, Conistone & Kilnsey Village Hall
Sat 8 Apr	Coffee Morning, Buckden Village Institute
Mon 10 Apr	Community 'Pop Up' Café, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 12 Apr	Supermobile Library, Buckden
Thu 20 Apr	Kettlewell Luncheon Club
Thu 20 Apr	Funk Wire, Conistone & Kilnsey Village Hall
Sat 22 Apr	Film Night: <i>'The Phantom of the Open'</i> , Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 26 Apr	Supermobile Library, Kettlewell
Fri 28 April	UWALS; Andrew Thwaite, Chocolatier, Conistone & Kilnsey Hall
Fri 28 Apr	Community Quiz Night, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 30 Apr	Upper Wharfedale Spring Sing, Grassington Town Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

6/7 /8 May	Coronation Events
Tue 9 May	Kettlewell & District WI Canal Trip
Wed 10 May	Supermobile Library, Buckden
Thu 11 May	Funk Wire, Conistone & Kilnsey Village Hall
Sat 13 May	UWALS 'Discover Shakespeare' workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 24 May	Supermobile Library, Kettlewell
Wed 7 June	Supermobile Library, Buckden
Sat 17 June	Buckden Gala
Sat 17 June	Settle Orchestra Summer Concert, Settle Parish Church
Wed 21 June	Supermobile Library, Kettlewell
Sat 24 June	Settle Orchestra Summer Concert, Christ Church, Skipton
Sat 1 July	Buckden Open Gardens
12-20 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival

REGULAR EVENTS

What	When	Where
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
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

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar



The following schedule of church services is planned for this month. Please check the parish website for confirmation at www.upperwharfedalechurches.org

Sunday 2 April: Palm Sunday

11.00	Hubberholme	Palm Sunday Service of the Word and blessing of Palm Crosses, with Buckden Singers at St Michael's Hubberholme. Gather on Buckden Green for 10am for Procession to the church.
18.30	Conistone	Holy Communion (BCP)

Monday 3, Tuesday 4, and Wednesday 5 April: Holy Week

19.00	Kettlewell Vicarage	Holy Communion & short address
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Thursday 6 April: Maundy Thursday

19.00	Kettlewell	Meal in Church followed by Holy Communion (Please email Tom tomlusty.uwl@gmail.com if you plan to come, for catering purposes)
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Friday 7 April: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00	Arncliffe	Easter garden making and bonfire building
10.00	Rylstone Church	Walk to Rylstone Cross
11.45	Grassington Square	Good Friday procession & short act of worship
14.00	Conistone	Last Hour reflection

Sunday 9 April: EASTER DAY

06.00	Arncliffe	Meet by the Skirfare for Sunrise Service & Holy Communion
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15	Kettlewell	All Age Worship service

Sunday 16 April

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

Sunday 23 April

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

Sunday 30 April

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