

# Link

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine

Refugee Week – 19-25 June



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

*Matthew 25 35-36*

# 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...

Let the Trinity season commence

June - the season for Anglican lassitude. As John Meade Falkner put it:

*We have done with dogma and divinity*

*Easter and Whitsun past,*

*The long, long Sundays after Trinity*

*Are with us at last;*

*The passionless Sundays after Trinity,*

*Neither feast-day nor fast.*

Perhaps not so passionless this year with a string of weddings in the parish in June. And we have gone from famine to feast at Hubberholme: after no weddings in the last three years the Church will witness two weddings and a wedding blessing within the space of four weeks. Perhaps the “All Creatures” effect has finally begun?

I have now taken my first wedding at Hubberholme for local pub landlords Jeremy and Jo. It is the first time I have married a landlord (let alone two) so that makes it two firsts for me. Each Church in the parish has its own ways of doing things for weddings and it was wonderful to see all 107 candles in the candelabra lit for the occasion.



In the space of five weeks, we will see John and Chloe married at Hubberholme (3 June), Andrew and Anya married at Kettlewell (17 June), David and Liane blessed at Hubberholme the following day, and Guy and Lucy married at Arncliffe on 1 July. It is a great joy that so many parishioners want a Church wedding or blessing in 2023.

May God richly bless Jo and Jeremy, Chloe and John, Anya and Andrew, Lianne and David and Lucy and Guy, now and in all the days to come.

Tom

# From the Churches & Village

## *New Bishop of Ripon is announced*

The Rev Canon Anna Eltringham, currently the Team Rector for Oxted, in the Diocese of Southwark, will be the new Bishop of Ripon, Downing Street has announced. She



will swap Surrey's North Downs for the Yorkshire Dales and more when she becomes an Episcopal Area Bishop in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, serving many rural parishes and varied urban communities from Ripon to Ribbleshead and Richmond to Wetherby.

"Being nominated to be the next Bishop of Ripon is an honour. I am excited to serve God and his people in this place and prayerfully grow his Kingdom on earth together," said Anna.

She grew up in the West Country and studied Business and Anthropology at the University of Durham, which sparked a love of the northern countryside.

"I have felt drawn back to the north of England for a number of years and have a strong sense of God's call to this particular role," Anna said. Looking forward to her new role, Anna said: "God has laid a number of things on my heart in recent times, including a passion for climate care and justice; care for the wellbeing of clergy and all God's people; a vision for a church that serves as much beyond as within its buildings; and children and young people at the heart of it all."

Before entering ministry, Anna worked in strategic marketing, including a role in Croydon Council where she launched a successful programme that helped local

businesses cut their impact on the environment.

## *2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

The 2023 Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale took place by Zoom on Wednesday 26 April. The meetings were chaired by the Vicar, the Rev Tom Lusty. Jane Way, Rebecca Ward-Dooley and Andrew Hitchon were re-elected as Church Wardens.

Philip Butterfield has stood down as Senior Sidesperson at Conistone and Kathryn Butterfield has stood down as Safeguarding Officer for the Parish. Both have also stood down from the PCC.

Pauline Thompson has become the new Safeguarding Officer, having previously supported Kathryn in the role. Judy Burgin has stood down from the PCC, having been a member for 40 years since she joined the former Kettlewell and Conistone PCC.

Lay members of the PCC who were elected at the APCM were Keith Jeddere-Fisher, Josephine Foster, Sue Nelson, Caroline Johnstone, Sarah Paul and Jackie Yarrow. Sue, who is Senior Sidesperson at Kettlewell, gave notice at the meeting that she intends to step down in 12 months.

Ex-officio members of the PCC are Pauline Thompson and Patsy Campbell (Licensed Lay Ministers), Nick Davies (Treasurer) and the Rev Di Blakey Williams (Retired Clergy).

There are 106 people on the Electoral Roll for the Parish as a whole, of whom 87 are residents and 19 are non-residents. The numbers per Church are 40 at Hubberholme, 23 at Kettlewell, 16 at Conistone and 27 at Arncliffe.

## From the Parish Registers

### WEDDING

20 May – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – Jeremy Andrew Halsall and Joanne Louise Nelson.

### FUNERAL

13 May – St Mary's, Kettlewell – Peter Brian Evenden (interment of ashes). Mr Evenden lived in Australia, and his ashes were buried in his parents' grave at Kettlewell. His partner Gertrud came to the interment from Germany, another relative from the south of England, and his daughter, who lives in Australia, happened to be visiting France, so was also able to attend.

## St Mary's, Kettlewell

### June Rotas

#### Sidespeople

4 Clare Blakey-Williams

11 *No one required*

18 *No one required*

25 Philip Burgin

#### After Service Tea/Coffee

4 Di Blakey-Williams

11 *No one required*

18 *No one required*

25 Judy Burgin

#### Cleaning

Sue Nelson

#### Flowers

Sue Nelson/Wedding

## St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

### June Rotas

#### Sidesperson

11 J Yarrow & L Hird

18 D&S Lusted

25 H&K Jeddere-Fisher

**Cleaning:** TBA

**Flowers:** TBA

The new noticeboard at Hubberholme is much admired and appreciated. Many thanks are due to Peter and Moya Holroyd for their kind donation.

### Fundraising and social events

Several fundraising and social events by Hubberholme church for Upper Wharfedale & Littondale Parish are coming up:

**Buckden Open Gardens: Saturday 1 July 10.30am to 5.30pm.** Come along and see Buckden's gardens at their best! Admission to all gardens by the trail programme is £5 per person (under 16's accompanied by an adult free). Start at Buckden Schoolroom to get your programme. Refreshments available at schoolroom and various gardens along the trail. (Please pray for fine weather!).

**August Bank Holiday Refreshments & Stalls: August 28.** There will be further details in July's Link, but if you are having a tidy out of books (hard and soft backed) and small things suitable for a bric-a-brac stall we shall be selling such items on our stalls. Please contact Josie or Deirdre.

**Annual Quiz:** Remember that the world famous Hubberholme Church Annual Quiz is available in the George Inn, the Buck Inn, all churches in the parish, and Josie, Sandie, and Deirdre.

## St Mary's, Conistone

### June Rotas

#### Sidespeople

4 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster

11 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield

18 Allison Clarke & Philip Butterfield

#### Flowers

4 Mrs R. Hall

11 Mrs R. Hall

18 Mrs H. Dibb

25 Mrs H. Dibb

#### Open Church w/c

5 Lewis A.

12 Allison C.

19 Jane P. & Michelle P.V.  
26 Philip B.

### Coffee Morning

Our annual Coffee Morning will be held at Church House, Grassington on Saturday 17 June from 9.30 to 12.00. Donations of cakes, buns, tray bakes or preserves for the cake stall, items for the white elephant and bottles of any kind for the bottle tombola will be gratefully received. Any offers of help for the morning will also be much appreciated.

## St Oswald's, Arncliffe

### June Rotas

#### Open church w/c

4 Hilary Follows  
11 Sally Smith  
18 Elspeth Miller  
25 Sarah Paul  
2 Jul Rebecca Ward-Dooley

#### Sidesperson

4 Hilary Follows  
11 Elspeth Miller  
18 Not required  
25 Sarah Paul  
2 Jul Rebecca Ward-Dooley

#### Coffee

4 Sarah Paul  
11 Elspeth Miller  
18 Not required  
25 Rebecca Ward-Dooley  
2 Jul Sally Smith

## Buckden & Langstrothdale

### Buckden Gala

**Saturday 17 June 12.30-4.30pm**

The Buckden Gala will again have live music, stalls, fell race, dog show, children's races, crafts, grand draw, beer tent, hot and cold refreshments and more. This year we are also delighted to announce the return of

Buckden Sheep Show to the Gala; more details on this will be available shortly.

As usual we would be very grateful for donations of cakes (to sell both whole and in slices), tombola or raffle prizes as well as plants for the plant stall. Please contact Pete (01756 761155 or [gala@buckden.org](mailto:gala@buckden.org)) if you have any contributions. We are very grateful for the support that everyone gives us to run this event which raises money to support our thriving village hall. Please do come and join us, as a helper or visitor, to make this another fabulous day!



### Buckden Singers

Hot on the heels of our Grassington triumph, Buckden Singers present “*Strawberries and Song*” on Sunday 4 June at 4.00pm in Kettlewell Village Hall. Tickets are £8, which includes a strawberry tea, are available for Anne/Pete on 760882 or [tickets@buckden.org](mailto:tickets@buckden.org)

### Supermobile library

Here are the dates of the Supermobile library visits to Buckden and Kettlewell for June to September. These are always between 10am & 12 midday.

#### Buckden

Wed 7 June  
Wed 5 July  
Wed 2 August  
Wed 30 August  
Wed 27 September

#### Kettlewell

Wed 21 June  
Wed 19 July  
Wed 16 August  
Wed 13 September

## Kettlewell with Starbotton

### *Kettlewell Volunteers excel at Coronation Lunch.*

Willing helpers served 108 villagers at the lunch in the Village Hall to celebrate the Coronation. A delightful meal was enjoyed by all, and three rousing cheers rang out to acknowledge the team of hard working and talented assistants expertly led by Judels Marshall. Grateful thanks from a village participant.

### *Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival*

#### **Saturday 12 - Sunday 20 August**

Scarecrow festival approaching, and you may recently have received a plea for help through your door. Thank you to those who have already offered their time and energy. Please respond if you are able, all contributions are valued and valuable in making this festival a success. Every hour, cake or scarecrow you offer will help.

#### **URGENT REQUESTS**

If you have any bright coloured clothing (especially an orange shirt!!) that you could donate to the festival, please drop them in at Kettlewell shop. If you could bake some shortbread, please contact Sue Nelson (760887 or 07765 506738)

#### **REMINDER**

Workshops are on:-

**Sunday 25 June** and **Sunday 6 August** in Kettlewell Village Hall from 11am to 3pm. Drop in any time to help create new scarecrows or get ideas, guidance and props for your own scarecrow.

Here's to a happy festival!

*The Scarecrow Committee*

### *Kettlewell Lunch Club*

The Kettlewell Lunch Club will meet for the last time before the summer break on **Thursday 15 June** at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the May gathering,

please ring Sue Nelson (760887) by 4pm on Sunday 11 June to reserve your place. If she's not at home leave a message. The Lunch Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. The cost is £5 for two courses plus coffee/tea. Wine/fruit juice is available by donation.

### *Kettlewell & District WI*

The May meeting was an exciting Canal Trip from Skipton on a beautiful sunny day and included an excellent afternoon tea. The Leeds Liverpool canal boat took us as far as Bradley and the views of Skipton and the surrounding countryside were fascinatingly different from the usual things we see. Thank you to Elspeth for arranging our outing and arranging the weather too. A brilliant day out!

The June meeting involves another Afternoon Tea Treat, this time at the Devonshire Fell at Burnsall.

*Barbara Lambert*

### *Chess Club*

The Chess Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Kettlewell Village Hall, 7pm until 9pm. £2 per player, tea and coffee provided. Friendly games, All welcome.

## Littondale

### *AMERDALE HALL*

#### *Open morning with Coffee & Chat*

#### **Saturday 3 June 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Following the completion of Phase 1 of the renovation works to Amerdale Hall, we are delighted to announce that the Hall has reopened, and we invite you to view progress so far at an Open morning with Coffee & Chat. Phase 1 has included re-roofing (including gutters), new insulation, re-glazing, new cloakroom facilities and at long last, an accessible toilet. Planning (&

fundraising) is now underway for phase 2, the refurbishment of kitchen and bar areas.

### *Littondale Fete*

#### **Saturday 13 August**

Time to start looking ahead to this year's Fete. If you would like to get involved with the planning or can spare some time to volunteer on the day, please come along to the meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month, 8pm at the Queens Arms, Litton, or contact your village rep; Mark Houston (770419), Ruth Cowan (770293), Sarah Paul (770282) or Gill Scott (07920 766272).

### *Littondale Christmas Party*

Save the date: Saturday 9 December, in Amerdale Hall.

Parish wide & beyond



### *The Wharfedale Three Peaks Challenge*

The Wharfedale Three Peaks Challenge takes place on the last Saturday in June and encompasses the finest Wharfedale has to offer, rugged fells, glaciated valleys and friendly villages. There are three different routes available offering a choice to suit all abilities from runners to walkers and families.

The Three Peaks Challenge was inaugurated in 2014 following the closure of the Game Show at Broughton Hall as a fund-raising event for the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association (UWFRA). It is slightly shorter than the main Yorkshire Three Peaks and can involve all the family with its three different routes.

As well as being quieter, it's also tougher terrain than the Yorkshire Three

Peaks as it lacks all the purpose-built paths and instead takes you over bogs, moorland, and farmland on a combination of footpaths, farm tracks, sheep tracks, and sometimes no tracks at all. For this reason, many believe that this challenge is the harder of the two.

The main route is 18 miles long and takes in Birks Fell, Buckden Pike and Great Whernside. Some keen ones will run it but most walk. The second route is 13.5 miles and takes in Buckden Pike and Great Whernside. The third walk for those with children and those wanting a stroll is a 4.5 miles valley walk.

This year's event is on Saturday 24 June. Entries are still being accepted and is based in Kettlewell. Further information available from [www.uwfra.org.uk](http://www.uwfra.org.uk).

Attending callouts last year totalled in excess of 2,000 hours of involvement from UWFRA team members, all volunteers. In addition, team members donated over 5,500 hours of their time to training and maintaining equipment. The team is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

### *Making Space for Nature*

**Sat 1 July, 10am – 2.30pm, Addingham**  
Villages and parishes - do you want to make space for #Nature? Environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales is offering a unique opportunity for villages, parishes, environment groups and fledgling environment groups to find out practical and replicable ways to create more space for nature. In collaboration with Addingham Environment Group (AEG), they will showcase AEG's journey from inception to current times, along with information about its aims for the future and successes and challenges along the way. There will also be an opportunity to join one of two guided walks through Addingham village to see the nature positive actions taken to improve and increase habitats, support clean water and increase biodiversity.





There will be an opportunity for ideas sharing and discussion over a light, complimentary lunch. Event timed to coincide with public transport from Keighley, Skipton and Ilkley. Places are limited to two people per village/parish/group. To take part in this FREE event please email: [victoria.benn@friendsofthedailes.org.uk](mailto:victoria.benn@friendsofthedailes.org.uk)

### *Settle Orchestral Society Concerts*

Our Summer concerts will take place in Settle and Skipton as follows:  
 Saturday 17 June at 7.30 pm, Settle Parish Church

Saturday 24 June at 7.30 pm, Christ Church, Skipton

We will be playing:

Beethoven – Fidelio Overture

Dvořák – Violin Concerto (soloist Anna Tulchinskaya)

Schubert – Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished)

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

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](http://www.settleorchestra.org.uk) We look forward to seeing you soon!

### Rainfall for April 2023

**Beckermonds** Mar/Apr 336 mm/18.23 ins

**Arncliffe:** 90.5 mm/3.56 ins

Rainfall in April over the last 10 years

**10-year avg:** 57.6 mm/2.27 ins

**Highest:** 91.8 mm/3.61 ins (2018)

**Lowest:** 12 mm/0.47 ins (2021)

## 🔗 ‘Au Revoir’ to Malcolm & Patsy Campbell

It's 1896, and Robert Campbell, the new 'hind' arrives at Cosh Farm from Masham with his family - one of several farming families that moved into Littondale towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and have remained here ever since.

Robert is Malcolm Campbell's great grandfather, and over the years since their arrival, the Campbell family have occupied numerous farms in Littondale and Wharfedale, including in Foxup, Deepdale, and Bolton Abbey, and more recently Stonelands, Sawyers Garth, High Rylands, and Castle Farm, where Malcolm has lived since he was two years old.

The links between the Campbell family and Arncliffe precede their arrival in

Littondale by several years; Thomas Mallerby of Masham, a relative of the Campbells, built the frame for the bells in Arncliffe church in the late 1800s.

If you want to hear more of the fascinating history of his family, farming, and life in Arncliffe, you can listen to Malcolm's recollections for the UWALS oral histories project on the UWALS website at <https://www.uwals.co.uk/presenting-the-past/oral-history/>.

Patsy is a more recent newcomer – just 51 years ago! She came to Arncliffe from Norwich in July 1972 to work at the Falcon, as filming was starting on Emmerdale Farm and more help was needed in the pub. Patsy

lived for a time with Rev Hugh Thorman and his wife Barbara, and walking up from the Vicarage each morning to start work at 7.30, she often met Malcolm taking the cows out from milking, and, as they say, the rest is history! Following their marriage and the births of Helen and Joanne, Pasty went back to work as housekeeper at Amerdale House, where she stayed for the next 20 year, until it closed as a hotel in 2009.

Life in Littondale – and farming - has changed significantly over the years with the advent of electricity and mechanization, and there have been many changes in the church and village too. Some things they look back on with a sense of loss, such as the ‘open doors’ of a close community, the greater freedom that children had, the loss of ‘folk’ church services, and the decline in church attendance (though these were the days when tenants of the estate were expected to attend church, so were perhaps there out of a sense of duty rather than joy!).

Sadly, the Campbells are now moving on, as Malcolm and Patsy have finally finished farming and are leaving Castle Farm in Arncliffe to be closer to their family in Skipton.

Malcolm and Patsy have contributed so much to Littondale and beyond through their work and service in the community. They have an extraordinary depth of understanding of the social history and

people of the area, and an extensive collection of documents, books and photographs – thousands and thousands. They are a fount of local knowledge! Patsy also played a key role in reviving the Littondale Horticultural Show in 2010 – a show that was first organized by the vicar, Rev William Boyd, in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century but sadly went into decline and had not been held for over 100 years!

Patsy has been closely involved in the life and work of the parish since she arrived in Arncliffe, her own journey of faith beginning as a teenager, when she went forward at a Billy Graham rally in Norwich in 1967 to give her life to Christ. Her faith and service have had such a profound influence on many people, having served as churchwarden of St Oswald’s for 20 years, and lay reader since 2007. She started leading services when Tony Knapp was vicar and was then licensed as lay reader under Michael Heslop.

The parish is very fortunate that Patsy is willing to continue as lay reader for the remaining period of her current license, even if it means Malcolm will have to bring her up here from Skipton!

So this is not really a farewell, but more of an expression of thanks for all you have done, and an ‘au revoir’ – for we will be seeing you both again!

## Arncliffe Coronation Cross Country Golf

**T**he Coronation Cross Country Golf day held on 8 May was an immense success, with 42 teams competing for numerous prizes. The 18-hole course teed off on the cricket field at Carr Farm and headed down the southern side of the Dale to Low Rylands farm where it crossed the road. The teams made good use of the refreshments tent at this halfway point, before heading back up the Dale, with the

final hole in Vicarage Pasture. Everyone got plenty of exercise and many got a good soaking, given the inclement weather!

The winner, with a remarkable round of 61, was Neil Benstead, captain of Ilkley Golf Club, who on receiving his trophy at the Falcon Inn later that evening said, “It’s the best I’ve ever won!”. The trophy for best fancy dress was won by the ladies team of Brenda, Joanne, Claire and Hannah; the

prize for nearest to the pin was won by Dan Stockdale; the longest drive trophy went by Louis Verity, and Alfie Brown of Litton proudly took home the trophy for Worst Golfer Ever! Suffice to say that there was a diversity of skill in the competitors, with several probably able to throw a golf ball further than they could hit it (and almost certainly with a greater degree of accuracy!).

Huge thanks to all those who made it such a success, particularly Rhish Paul, who led the organizing team, James Middleton, the Village Hall Committee, Andy Collinson and Peter Fort (green keepers), and David Charnley for making the wonderful trophies. Grateful thanks too to the sponsors, to Skipton Hire who provided the roller for the greens, and to the All Creatures Great & Small locations team, who provided the toilets. An amazing total of £4,539 was raised which will go to Parkinson's UK and Amerdale Hall.

Arncliffe Cross Country Golf has a noble history which goes back nearly 20 years. The first tournament was held in August 2005, with the tee off on the hill above Halton Gill known locally (and highly appropriately) as 'Dangergate' as it headed down the steep hill into Hesleden Gill. The eleven holes meant golfers had a long walk down the valley, finishing with a crazy golf hole on the village green in front of the Falcon Inn in Arncliffe, designed and built by Jimmy and Liz Metcalfe.



*Arncliffe Cross Country Golf 2005, and the final hole of Crazy Golf at the Falcon*

The next golf day was held in May 2010, and all the subsequent tournaments have been held in the first week of May, as it falls conveniently in the period between the end of lambing and the beginning of the silage cutting season. There were twenty teams of four people, and Robin Miller offered his old white Vauxhall Astra as a prize for the person who got a hole in one. Needless to say, he didn't have to give it up! Paul Hirst won with a round of 78 over the same course as present. That year, the tournament event made about £3,000 pounds with half going to the church and half to the Worcester College for the Blind, where Rhish and Sarah's daughter Megan was studying.

The third golf day was held in 2014 with 18 holes, again over the same course, and again in support of the village hall, raising about £2,000 pounds.

Everyone is asking, when will the next tournament be held? We don't know – but hopefully we won't have to wait until the next coronation!



## 🔗 Refugee week 19-25 June



The theme of this year's refugee week is 'compassion' – to celebrate what compassion looks like in action. Upper Wharfedale Refugee Support Group (UWRSG) will be joining with other groups in the Craven area to explore the topic and do our best to put it into action. During Refugee Week there will be:

- 🔗 **All week.** A Craven District of Sanctuary (DoS) display at the library which will include the work of local refugee groups, information about refugees and a display of books about refugees and displacement.
- 🔗 **From 14 June.** Publication of the annual Upper Wharfedale Refugee Fact Sheet containing the annual (2022) summary of refugee and asylum data from global to local. Please contact [stella@stellaperrott.com](mailto:stella@stellaperrott.com) for copies.
- 🔗 **June 19 at 7pm** a Craven DoS Zoom presentation on refugees, asylum seekers, small boats and anything else 'you wanted to know about refugee and asylum matters but were too afraid to ask'. Please get in touch with 'Angie Pedley' [angie.pedley@gmail.com](mailto:angie.pedley@gmail.com) to book a place.

🔗 **20 June at 7.30pm**, at the library, a celebration of refugees through stories, poems and artwork. Please get in touch with Charles Dobson [charles\\_snaygill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charles_snaygill@yahoo.co.uk) to let him know if you will be there.

🔗 **Saturday 24 June from 10-4pm** an information and engagement stall outside the library

🔗 **Also, 29 July** UWRSG with Buckden House and the Great Get Together (Jo Cox Foundation) will be hosting a 'welcome day' for Upper Wharfedale folk and refugees. There will be fun, food, music, a walk and games on 29 July between 11am and 4pm (there are too many events to hold it in Refugee Week). If you would like to come or help in anyway please get in touch with [stella@stellaperrott.com](mailto:stella@stellaperrott.com)

### Other activities

UWRSG continues to support Ukrainians and other refugees in our area. It is now over a year since Ukrainians began arriving in the UK. Many have now moved on from hosts and are settling into their own accommodation. The support from local people has been outstanding. Many people have acted as hosts and their neighbours and

friends have supported them and their guests. The Ukrainians are now supporting each other, and hosts and volunteers are less involved than previously. Although there have been quite a few difficulties along the way, not least the long waits for visas and to get into the UK, once the scheme was up and running it has been remarkably successful.

We are also continuing to **campaign** on the Illegal Immigration Bill and will be writing (again) to Julian Smith in refugee week.

If you would like to know more about UWRSG or how you can support refugees in the area, please get in touch [stella@stellaperrott.com](mailto:stella@stellaperrott.com)

*Stella Perrott*

## Craven District of Sanctuary

**I**n June 2022 the then Craven District Council formally committed to join the UK wide City of Sanctuary movement by pledging to adopt its charter and core principle. That is: “City by city, community by community, we’re building a more welcoming UK for people forced to flee their homes”

The City of Sanctuary movement was founded in Sheffield in 2005 to coordinate, support and reward community groups, small or large, which do all they can to welcome asylum seekers and refugees. In 2007 Sheffield itself became the first ever City of Sanctuary and Bradford followed soon after. Since then, hundreds of local councils, schools (including our own Upper Wharfedale School), universities, libraries and theatres have been awarded with Sanctuary Status, pledging to create a culture of solidarity, inclusivity, welcome and compassion for people fleeing violence and persecution in their own country.

Before 2015 there were virtually no recent refugees in the Craven area but that year the image of the two-year-old Kurdish Syrian boy Alan Kurdi dead on a beach in Turkey led to the UK government responding to the surge of compassion in public opinion. It pledged to accept 20,000

Syrian refugees over 5 years to 2020. North Yorkshire County Council Council responded by placing seven Syrian families in Skipton, and another family in Settle in 2019 CAME under the Community Sponsorship scheme. Support groups were formed in Bentham and Skipton/Craven from 2015 onwards to offer welcome and

support and this has continued for the two Afghan families now in Skipton. These people were not asylum seekers.

They were flown here as refugees with leave to remain in the UK, but they still needed lots of support. A Craven Refugee Support Network has operated to link the various groups in the area, including those which have

arisen to welcome the many Ukrainians now here.

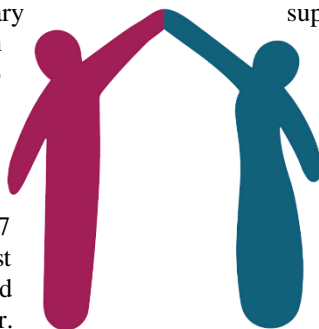
A Craven District of Sanctuary group has formed with members from Bentham, Settle, Ingleton, Malhamdale, Upper Wharfedale, Grassington, Skipton and South Craven. To learn what the group is doing and planning, go to its website and other sources of information:

<https://craven.cityofsanctuary.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/728693005597079>

<https://twitter.com/home?lang=en-gb>

*Richard Hargreaves and Angie Pedley*



## Country Diary - June

**A**t this time of year, everything is so *alive*. The freshly unfurled leaves on the trees have a zesty vibrancy that only lasts for a few precious weeks before they start to look more ‘lived in’; the meadows start to sway with colour and the lambs, now around 8 weeks old, have grown into their sinewy limbs and race around the field with robust confidence.



Look above though, and nothing is more alive than the skies. By June, the swallows, swifts and martins have returned from their winter homes in Africa and are ready to nest and breed.

I love all of these hypnotic acrobats of the skies, but my favourite is the swift, now unfortunately in sharp decline. Though they don't have the beautiful inky, white and scarlet plumage of the swallow, instead being somewhat plain, sooty and brown; their presence in the dale always makes me stop what I'm doing and raise my eyes aloft. Arriving overhead, their screams are audible before they are visible, flying at much higher altitudes than swallows or martins. They are reminiscent of rowdy teenagers, full of joie de vivre and a bit of mischief, wishing to make their presence felt.

One of my favourite things to do on a warm summer's day is lie on my back on

the grass and gaze at the skies, often seeing a swift, swallow and martin sandwich as they race, dip and dive at their own altitudes, one above the other, stitching patterns in the hazy skies.

For more information about the organisation ‘Swift Conservation: Keeping the Skies Alive’, you can head to [www.swift-conservation.org](http://www.swift-conservation.org)

The charity has been working to protect our population of swifts for twenty years and support with education, surveying and swift first aid and care.



For those into their tech, there is an RSPB ‘Swift Mapper’ App, available on mobile phones, to record the location of swifts and swift nest sites across the UK. It is hoped that this information will assist with protecting breeding swifts during building development and renovations. Ultimately, it is hoped that this data will play an important role in reversing the decline of this wonderful migrant bird, the star of the summer skies.

*Rebecca Ward Dooley*

# 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 3 Jun	Open morning with Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sun 4 Jun	Buckden Singers ' <i>Strawberries &amp; Song</i> ', Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 7 Jun	Supermobile Library, Buckden
Thu 15 Jun	Kettlewell Lunch Club
Sat 17 Jun	St Mary's Conistone Coffee Morning, Church House, Grassington
Sat 17 Jun	Buckden Gala
Sat 17 Jun	Settle Orchestra Summer Concert, Settle Parish Church
Wed 21 Jun	Supermobile Library, Kettlewell
19-25 June	Refugee Week
Sat 24 Jun	Wharfedale Three Peaks Challenge
Sat 24 Jun	Settle Orchestra Summer Concert, Christ Church, Skipton
Sun 25 Jun	Kettlewell Scarecrow Workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall

## FUTURE EVENTS

Sat 1 Jul	Buckden Open Gardens
Sat 1 Jul	Making Space for Nature, Addingham
Sun 2 Jul	Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation 'Family Fun Music Festival'
Sun 6 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
12-20 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Sat 13 Aug	Littondale Fete
Mon 28 Aug	Bank Holiday Refreshments & Stalls, Buckden
Sat 9 Dec	Littondale Christmas Party

## REGULAR EVENTS

What	When	Where
Chess Club	First & third Tuesdays 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](http://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org)

<b>Sunday 4 June</b>		
09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Iona Communion
18.30	Conistone	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Wednesday 7 June</b>		
18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
<b>Sunday 11 June</b>		
09.30	Arncliffe	Morning Prayer
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion (BCP)
18.30	Conistone	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Sunday 18 June</b>		
10.30	Grassington Town Hall	Ecumenical Service
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion with Wedding Blessing
18.30	Conistone	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday 21 June</b>		
18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
<b>Sunday 25 June</b>		
09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Morning Prayer
18.30	Hubberholme	Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 2 July</b>		
09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Iona Communion
18.30	Conistone	Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Mass is celebrated on Sundays at 9.00 am at St. Margaret Clitherow's R.C. Church, Threshfield		

