

Link

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine



"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them" *John 7 37-38*

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

According to legend, if it rains on St Swithun's day, 15 July, it will really rain - for the next 40 days: "St Swithun's day if thou dost rain / for forty days it will remain". A Buckinghamshire variation goes like this: "If on St Swithun's day it really pours / you're better off to stay indoors".

The legend began when Swithun's mortal remains were transferred inside the newly restored Cathedral at Winchester on 15 July 971. He had initially been buried outside the Cathedral at his own request, "where it might be subject to the feet of passers-by and to the raindrops pouring from on high". A heavy shower on the day of the move was thought to be the saint marking his displeasure, being moved against his wishes.

There is a scientific basis to the weather pattern behind the legend. Around the middle of July, the jet stream settles into a pattern which holds steady until the end of August. When it lies north of the British Isles continental high pressure is able to move in; when it lies south of the British Isles, Atlantic weather systems predominate. The most false that the prediction has been was in 1913 when a 15-hour rainstorm on 15 July was followed by 30 dry days out of 40.

We are increasingly conscious of the ways in which climate change is already impacting the rainfall and the occurrence of drought. When water is becoming increasingly scarce in the next three months it is a good time to give thanks for rain and to acknowledge it as a blessing. We are reminded to act too - to conserve water where possible and to support the work of charities which support those trying to survive in the parts of our world where there is severe drought.



Tom

From the Churches & Villages

From the Parish Registers



BAPTISMS

11 June – St Oswald's, Arncliffe – Lucy Lee Bell (adult baptism in River Skiffare).

FUNERALS

16 June – St Oswald's, Arncliffe – Ann Ellen Rushby.

17 June – St Mary's, Kettlewell – Anne Verina Bishop (interment of ashes).

WEDDINGS

3 June – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – John Robert Akrigg and Chloe Mae Dolphin.

17 June – St Mary's, Kettlewell – Andrew John Turnbull and Anya Louise Campbell.

18 June – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – David Stuart Hird and Lianne Zoe Applebaum (blessing).

St Mary's, Kettlewell

July Rotas

Sidespeople

2 Pauline Thompson

9 No one required

16 Colin Fairweather

23 Clare Blakey-Williams

30 No one required

After Service Tea/Coffee

2 Sue Nelson

9 No one required

16 Vivienne Fairweather

23 Di Blakey-Williams

30 No one required

Cleaning

Sue Nelson

Flowers

Sue Nelson/Jaynie Smith

Churchyard maintenance

A working get-together in the churchyard at St. Mary's, Kettlewell will take place on Saturday 15 July from 9.30am to 1pm. It would be good to receive as much help as possible, but please don't feel you have to stay for the duration. The main job will be to cut and rake the two areas of grass either side of the main thoroughfare, but other routine garden maintenance needs doing too so that all is looking good for The Scarecrow Festival. The mower/strimmer will be available to make life a little easier, but please bring along any other equipment you feel might be useful – the church does have one other strimmer and some rakes, but others could come in handy. Elevenses will be provided or as and when you feel the need.

St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

July Rotas

Sidesperson

9 D Halsall

16 S&D Parsons

23 TBA

Flowers & Cleaning

2 L Sowden

9 L Sowden

16 R Hall

23 R Hall

30 S Lusted

Fundraising and social events

Many thanks to all those who arranged the **Easter Lilies** so beautifully at St Michael's and those who made donations, which totalled £205.

Thanks to all who helped set up and run the Church area at **Buckden Gala**. The children's activities were enjoyed by children of all ages, and the sale of hand knitted blankets was successful, raising approximately £200 for church funds.

By the time you get your July Link we will have had **Buckden Open Gardens** which we will report on in August. Our next fund raiser/social event is the **August Bank Holiday Refreshments and Stalls** on 28 August. We hope you will be able to join us for a drink and cake. We intend to have stalls for books, small bric-a-brac, and cakes, so if you can donate anything for the stalls, please ring Josie 761154 or Deirdre 760296 to arrange dropping off books and small items of bric-a-brac. Cakes can be brought on the day.

Annual Quiz. Remember it only runs until the end of September and is widely available from the George, the Buck, Buckden shop, all churches in the parish, Josie, Sandie, & Deirdre

St Mary's, Conistone

July Rotas

Sidespeople

- 2 Philip Butterfield & Allison Clarke
- 9 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield
- 16 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster

Flowers

- 2 Liz Golding
- 9 Vicky Fattorini & Julie Tankard
- 16 Vicky Fattorini & Julie Tankard
- 23 Vicky Fattorini & Julie Tankard
- 30 Vicky Fattorini & Julie Tankard

Open Church w/c

- 3 Lewis Adams
- 10 Allison Clarke

- 17 Jane Pighills/Michelle Parkin-Vaughan
- 24 Philip Butterfield
- 31 Lewis Adams

A big thank-you to everyone who made our **Coffee Morning** such a success, raising a total of £456.30 for church funds. Special thanks to those from other churches in the Parish who helped on the morning and whose baking made such a contribution to the success of the cake stall which made a profit of £163.00. The generous donations made by the local community were also very much appreciated

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

July Rotas

Open church w/c

- 2 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 9 Hilary Follows
- 16 Sally Smith
- 23 Elspeth Miller
- 30 Sarah Paul
- 6 Aug Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Sidesperson

- 2 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 9 Elspeth Miller
- 23 Hilary Follows
- 30 Sarah Paul
- 6 Aug Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Coffee

- 2 Sally Smith
- 9 Elspeth Miller
- 23 Lynda Barker
- 30 Hilary Follows
- 6 Aug Sarah Paul

Buckden & Langstrothdale

Buckden Duck Race

Sunday 23 July at Buckden Bridge

Quack-off - 3.00 p.m. Prizes: £30, £20: £10, £5 & Booby prize. Hook-a-duck stall. Legendary Buckden Gala Hot Dogs & other refreshments available. Ducks £1 each and

available to purchase from Saturday 2nd July from Sandra, other Institute Committee members and from the George, the Buck and the Village Shop. Also available on the day. Come and enjoy the fun!

Kettlewell with Starbotton

Kettlewell Lunch Club

Kettlewell Lunch Club is now taking a break until 21 September. At the meal in June those present decided that some changes would come into effect from that date. The meal cost will increase to £6 per head. If booked in for a meal, but for any reason need to cancel between the Monday and Thursday of the week in which Lunch Club is held or an absentee on the day, the meal will need to be paid for as provisions will have already been ordered or purchased. The Christmas meal will be held on Thursday 14 December (rather than the 21st) and could cost a little more than usual if necessary.



Kettlewell & District WI

The May meeting took the form of a splendid canal cruise on a beautiful day, from Skipton to Bradley & back, including a lovely Afternoon Tea. Thank you, Elspeth, the lovely idea and arrangements were yours.

The Coffee Morning on Bank Holiday Monday, coinciding with the Morris Dancers, raised £367.32 of which £150 was given to Airedale Baby Unit, £150 to the Turkish/Syrian Disaster Fund, and £67.32 to our own social fund. Thank you to everyone who helped or attended and special thanks are extended to Nathan for his kind assistance in the kitchen. That was very much appreciated. You are a star!!



The next meeting is on Tuesday 4 July at 2pm in Kettlewell Village Hall and the Speaker will be Kettlewell's own Mr Geoff Queen. His talk is entitled "*In Pursuit of the Kingdom of Happiness. A Visit to Bhutan*". This is an open meeting and there will be a raffle and the competition is "M2".

Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival

12 - 20 August

We are 6 weeks away from the arrival of the scarecrows, popping up in all sorts of places in weird and wonderful outfits. We are now getting to the nitty gritty of preparations and need your help. On Monday 7 August we set up the village hall. This is a huge operation to bring all the equipment up from under the floor, set up tables and chairs, set up and clean the counter, set up gazebos (this last task takes about 6 strong people). If you can help at all between 10am and 4pm, please contact Peter Ward (07506780128) or just turn up on the Monday. Every minute is valuable help, so please consider coming for as long or as short as you can manage.



On Friday 11 August we will be setting up the props and scarecrows around the village. Again, if you can help at all please contact Lucy Huck at:

lucyhubberholme@gmail.com

REMINDER: There will be a workshop in Kettlewell Village Hall on Sunday 6 August from 11am to 3pm to make scarecrows, get clothing and props for your own scarecrow, and share ideas. If you have any spare time, please come and help.

Rotas are being finalised but there are many volunteers still required. Many hands.....so please do get involved:

- 🔗 Make a scarecrow
- 🔗 Serve in the Village Hall (Cathy 761953 or

kettlewellscarecrow@gmail.com or
Peter (07506780128)

- 🔗 Sell our merchandise on the stall
(Nicky [07854443464](tel:07854443464))
- 🔗 Help with car parking (Peter 761953
or peterchiverton@live.co.uk)

Thank you,

The Scarecrow Committee

Making Scarecrows

Please avoid the following children's TV classics
as they are on the trail:

Dennis the Menace
The Teletubbies
The Clangers
Bodger and Badger
Brum
Chucklevision
Mr Tumble
Shaun the Sheep
Postman Pat
Hey Duggee

Here are some ideas for others you can do (or do
anything you like of course!!):

Bagpuss
Balamory
Ben & Holly
Bernard's Watch
Bing
Charlie & Lola
Danger Mouse
Jekyll & Hyde
Magic Roundabout
Mr Bean
Numberblocks
Meg & Mog
Octonauts
Paddington
Peppa Pig
Peter Rabbit
Rainbow
Sarah & Duck
Sooty & Sweep
Thomas the Tank Engine
Tweenies

Littondale

LITTONDALE DUCK RACE

Saturday 15 July

Tickets and teas available in Arncliffe Churchyard from 2pm. Quack Off from the Church bridge at 3pm. Tickets available in advance from Sarah Paul, phone 770282 or email; carrfarm2021@gmail.com. All proceeds to the Churches of Upper Wharfedale & Littondale.

AMERDALE HALL EVENTS

Coffee & Chat

**Saturday 8 July, 10.30am
– 12.30pm**

Coffee, tea & homemade
baking. Payment by
donation.



Littondale Fete

Saturday 12 August

This year's Fete will be held on Arncliffe Village Green on Saturday 12 August, starting at 1pm with the 4-mile road race and music from Skipton Brass Band. There will also be BOFRA fell races throughout the afternoon, as well as children's races, the dog show and various stalls and refreshments in the Village Hall. New this year will be a Littondale produce stall and we would be grateful for your donations of homemade preserves, fresh garden produce, garden plants, eggs, handicrafts, anything produced in Littondale! Further details will be in the August Link, but if you can help in any way with this year's Fete, particularly with volunteering on the Car Park or with serving Tea & Cake, please get in touch at carrfarm2021@gmail.com or please come along to the next planning meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 4 July in the Queens at Litton. Everyone welcome.

Future events - Save the dates

- Fri 8 Sept – Big Quiz
- Sat 9 Sept – Coffee & Chat
- Sat 14 Oct – Coffee & Chat
- Fri 27 Oct – Bingo
- Fri 10 Nov – Rocky Horror Show (Film & Fancy-dress night)
- Sat 11 Nov – Coffee & Chat
- Sat 9 Dec – Coffee & Chat
- Sat 9 Dec – Littondale Christmas Party

Parish wide & beyond



Kettlewell School News

On Monday's over the summer term KS1 from the federation (Grassington, Cracoe and Burnsall) come to join our school and we use our forest school's area to enhance our learning and make the most of our wonderful outdoors. The children have been having a brilliant time especially with the sunshine we've been having!

Class Two had a great time as they took part in healthy lifestyles workshop with Octavia and Dario from Tanzi TV alongside the federation schools.



The school received a special delivery of some eggs and an incubator. The children kept checking the eggs then watched with delight as they started to hatch and chicks

appeared. Everyone enjoyed caring for the chicks before they left school.

Class One got to enjoy a trip to Harlow Carr as part of their topic 'growing and fantastic foods'. They identified plants in the beautiful gardens and looked at where and how some foods are grown. They all had a brilliant time.

Everyone has had the opportunity to channel their inner pop star as they joined our federation school to record their very own CD. The children have sung a variety of songs which sounded great, and we are looking forward to hearing the final copy.

Girls from year 5 and 6 at Kettlewell, Grassington, Burnsall and Cracoe made up a team to take part in a girl's rugby tournament at Keighley Rugby Club. They all played amazing; well done girls!



Friends of the Dales Summer Events

All events are free – find out more about who we are and what we do at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk

Make Space for Nature

Saturday 1 July 10.00am – 3.00pm

This is a unique opportunity for individuals, villages, schools and community groups to find out how they can make more space for nature. In collaboration with Addingham Environment Group (AEG) discover the nature positive actions the group has taken to create, improve and restore habitats, support clean water and increase biodiversity. These include a review of hedge planting, wildflower and pollinator plantations, pond building, riparian planting, hide building, bog garden creation and Riverfly sampling. Complimentary light lunch included. To book email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Creative Campaigners 2023

Saturday 29 July 10.15-4.30pm

If you are aged 20-30 and care about the



countryside, wildlife and people of the Yorkshire Dales, then why not join the launch of Friends of the Dales Creative Campaigners network at Malham? Run in partnership with Neil Heseltine of Hilltop Farm – a traditional livestock farm embracing biodiversity and sustainability, as featured in Saving our Wild Isles (WWF, RSPB, NT, Silverback Films) - this fully funded day will explore the ways you can create influential environmental messages and promote campaigns in creative ways – eg through writing, photography, graphic design, illustration, video, activism or social media. Free travel from Skipton/travel bursaries available for all attendees plus complimentary lunch. For an informal chat to find out more, email: ann.shadrake@friendsofthedales.org.uk or WhatsApp: 07483 438346

Farm Walk: Cattle, Carbon, Conservation, Climate & Conversation

**Wednesday 23 August 10.30am –
3.30pm**

Former Friends of the Dales trustee, Yorkshire Dales farmer, Anthony Bradley, will lead a four mile guided walk around key parts of his 90 acre farm near Long Preston, to talk about some of the science behind grazing cattle in a traditional, rotational way – a methodology that makes economic sense as well as being carbon neutral. There will also be chance to observe habitat creation and look at soil and its role in the carbon cycle. Due to livestock, no dogs are allowed on this walk. Places limited. To book, email:

victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

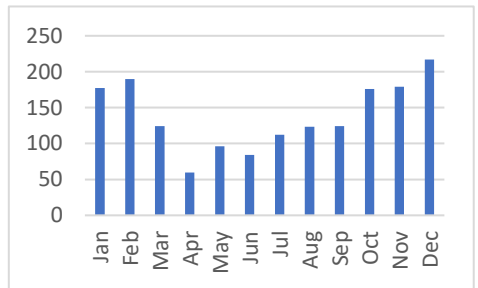
Funk Wire

The Funk Wire will meet on 13 and 27 July at 2pm in Kilnsey with Conistone Hall.

Rainfall for May 2023

Arnccliffe: 26.4 mm/104 ins

This is the lowest rainfall in May for the last 10 years. Rainfall in Arnccliffe is lower in the spring than the rest of the year, as the following graph of average monthly rainfall (in mm) from 2010-2022 shows.



Rainfall in May over the last 10 years

10-year avg: 89.6 mm/3.53 ins

Highest: 203.8 mm/8.02 ins (2021)

Lowest: 26.4 mm/104 ins (2023)



Tom preached the following sermon on Sunday 26 June on 'A New Identity in Baptism'

A fortnight ago Lucy was baptised just outside here in the river Skiffare. It was a private baptism in the afternoon during the really hot weather. Lucy and her husband-to-be Guy have just sent me the photos and what is clear in all of them is that Lucy looks overjoyed and happy to be baptised.

It was one of my most memorable baptisms. I was sorry that you as the regular congregation here weren't there to see it - as baptisms, particularly the baptism of adults, is a great encouragement to us all as a Church. I have been part of six adult baptisms in my 24 years of ministry as a priest and wish there were the opportunities for more, given our tendency to put most of our focus on infant baptism in the Church of England.

Of those six adult baptisms there was one full immersion baptism during my time as Vicar at St Chad's Far Headingley - of Juliet who was getting married to Peter. Juliet, like Lucy, wanted to be baptised before she was married. And Juliet was particularly keen on having a full immersion baptism. So, I borrowed an immersion tank from a local house church and slowly filled it up. It took a while trying

to get it to a comfortable swimming pool temperature, but it was worth it: the congregation at St Chad's also found it profoundly moving occasion, being able to participate in part of someone's faith journey, and to share in Juliet's joy.

The symbolism that you get from a full immersion is incredibly strong which is sadly lost when we simply sprinkle water over someone's head. A full immersion involves this almost literal drowning as someone goes fully under the water.

Our reading from Romans 6 1-11 today uses strongly baptismal language. Paul says, "You must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ." Lucy when she was anointed looked radiant. At each baptism we get a sense of joy filling the face of a person who radiates new life. So too for each of us as baptised believers, it reminds us of our own baptism, whether we remember it or not.

In our reading Paul is astonished that people use their Christian freedom so badly. Romans chapter 6 begins with these strong words, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Absolutely not". Paul is incredulous when he realises that some people have heard his message of God's

free grace as a signal that they can do what they like and get away with it. True, God's forgiveness does not have to be earned, and it never can be. But accepting it means stepping out of one life and into another. It is about a new sense of identity in following the footsteps of Christ.

In the back of Paul's mind in Romans chapter 6 to 8 is the story of the Exodus: God's people have left Egypt by coming through the waters of the Red Sea; they have left the old territory behind, the old territory of sin and death as it were, by being baptised into Christ.

Our Gospel reading (Matthew 10.24-39) has the same challenge from Jesus to his followers - to be able to live out of this new identity. He doesn't say it will be easy. But they will know God's protection, and that they are "of more value than many sparrows".

Think of the political situation and recent developments in Russia. When people are led badly, they aren't free to make the good choices, it is a "shackled freedom" to only be able to choose war, to only be able to choose manipulation. We here in this country have our political freedoms and we are freely able to choose the good and to make wise choices informed by our faith.

I'm not really in this business as a priest to promote the cause of Churchianity. But I



rather hope that you might each know and be increasingly aware of "the joy of Christ within you, the hope of glory", and to be able to act on that basis.

We are each free agents in God's grace. So this week let's use that precious freedom we have in Christ to make good decisions reflecting Christ's love for us who has freed us from the old order of sin and death to live life in all its fullness.

Let us be alive to Christ in the way we live conscious of what our baptism means for us as we live for today, free to take up responsibility. Because real freedom isn't so much about 'independence' - it is about being willingly co-dependent: dependent upon God and dependent on one another in a life of loving service.

Remembering Ann Rushby 1931 - 2023

Ernest and Ann Turner ran the Falcon Inn in the 1960's and 70's until his untimely death in 1980. Ann later remarried and moved to Bentham, where she passed away aged 92. Her sons, Ian and Jonty, shared memories of their mum at her funeral at Arncliffe church.

As you run into the Falcon to slake your thirst after the service, and the first one's on Mum, look up at the bedroom window above the door. This bedroom is called number three and it was there where Mum, Ann Ellen Miller, was born on 16th February

1931. Her parents & our grandparents were Thomas (Tom) & Dorothy (Dolly) Miller.

Mum stayed at the Falcon for a few years and then moved to Hawkswick. She remembered having to walk to Arncliffe school in the rain and the in the dark when

she was particularly scared of walking past Hawkswick wood.

Mum & Dad met in Long Preston, and Jonty & I arrived a few years later. In 1961 we moved to Arncliffe where they ran the Falcon. Mum had no previous experience of cooking for many people, but she soon got the hang of it and became a very good cook.

She found a huge steel tray in the cellar and one of her party pieces was to use it as a sledge down the Falcon stairs. I think there are a few people in church today who have done that too! One summer Dad grew a moustache which Mum hated and so she cut some of her hair off and stuck it to her top lip. People would ask for sandwiches through the kitchen door and Mum would take their orders wearing the moustache. Some people didn't bat an eyelid whilst others burst out laughing. Dad's moustache didn't last much longer!

At the Falcon she also became a very keen and successful gardener and over the years she transformed the garden into quite a show. In future years she did the same to other gardens where she moved to, such as the Old Vicarage in Arncliffe, another at Laurieston in Scotland, and finally at her bungalow in Bentham.

It was at the Falcon that she was nicknamed Annski by one of the regular visitors. When her first grandchild arrived, this was changed to Granski and she was known by that name by all her grandchildren. As Jonty and I grew taller we nicknamed her 'Small' because she was, and one of our favourite tricks was to hold her round the waist, lift her up and turn her upside down. I don't think it was her favourite though!



While we stayed at the Falcon, I had bought my first car, a Morris 1100! One New Year's Eve, very late, Mum thought it would be a great idea to go up the Pen Y Ghent road to see the new moon and return to Litton by a rough track, totally unsuitable for my car! Of course, we got stuck on a big rock, couldn't move the car and had to walk all the way home at 3am! The following day we had to go round to Malcolm and ask if we could borrow the tractor to drag the car home. Mum said she was sorry, but she did have a good laugh about it!

Ian has captured Mum very well there! The photograph on the service sheet of Mum and Geoff Lund really says it all for me. I was fortunate to visit her in Lancaster hospital, not long ago. We talked about Arncliffe and childhood memories, and I said something that made her laugh. I was rebuked with the words, "Give up yer daft sod!", but her smile was just the same at 92 as it is on the tricycle, that to me, was her, her sense of fun, her love of life, even when times were not easy. I'd like you all to remember the fun and laughter she brought into all of our lives.



Ann and Geoff Lund in front of the Falcon

Rivers, Ducks & Cormorants

The waters of the Wharfe and Skirfare are teeming with ducks at the moment – mostly young families of mallard that follow their mothers up and down the shallow stretches of river, but also occasional broods of Goosander, and there have even been a pair of Mandarin ducks in residence around Arncliffe recently.

The population of ducks on our rivers will soon massively surge and just as rapidly decline, as it does every year. For it is Duck Season! But no ducks lose their lives for this is Duck Racing, not hunting! In July, Arncliffe Duck Race will be held on Saturday 15 July, with Buckden Duck Race taking place the following weekend on 23 July. Hundreds of yellow plastic bathtub ducks will be tipped into the river, to be chased downstream by large numbers of excited children (and adults). Depending on the weather, the chase may be at snail's pace, as last year, when the dawdling and becalmed ducks needed quite a bit of help to reach the finishing line!



For the rest of the year, the main river sport is fishing, usually with rod and line. Perhaps the most unusual fishing expedition on the Skirfare and Wharfe took place 175 years ago, when Captain Francis Salvin visited the area at the invitation of several fishing clubs, including Kilnsey. Captain Salvin was a keen falconer and had also come for young Peregrine falcons, which



'Fishing by Proxy' by the artist James Clark Hook

nested on Arnberg Scar in those days. But it was his other hunting skill that caused much entertainment, for he fished with cormorants! His visit to Arncliffe may have been arranged by the vicar of Arncliffe, William Boyd, who also originated from the north-east of England and had invited Captain Salvin's relative, Anthony Salvin, the architect, to design the restoration of Arncliffe church in 1841. Boyd relates his memories of this remarkable visit in his book, 'Littondale Past and Present'.

"Some years ago, Mr Salvin, the well-known falconer, came here to procure a brood of this once famous falcon; and it was the same visit in which he so amused the dalesmen by catching an abundance of trout with his cleverly trained cormorants."

Captain Salvin provides a few more details in his book 'Falconry'.

"At the Kilnsey club, which I visited in the summer of 1848, I had two days fishing. On the best day I 'threw off' in the Arncliffe brook and fished it and the River Wharfe to the first falls. As I was anxious to know what amount of fish could be taken where they were plentiful, I fished for seven hours before the birds were completely done, when the results were 45 fine trout weighing 20 pounds."

Can't imagine he would be allowed to do so nowadays!

As I'm writing this, the long June heatwave has broken and soft summer rain is falling outside. You can almost see the grass greening and growing; flower buds that have been tightly closed are unfurling and opening their petals to the welcome downpour and swallows dip and dive over the fields filling their beaks with the abundant midges that respond to the warm, moist conditions. A stormy, hot and showery July beckons.

In recent days, I have had a close encounter with a moth, a wren, and a (different) wren eating a (different) moth! There is a lot to be said about the meditative act of noticing everyday beauty and activity in nature, and there is an abundance of treats to notice in the summer months.



One day last week I was joined in the bathroom while cleaning my teeth, by a Small Elephant Hawkmoth. In no way elephantine, and not particularly hawk-like; the battenburg-coloured creature, *Deilephila porcellus*, is a nocturnal moth feeding on tubular flowers such as honeysuckle. The caterpillars particularly like to munch on Rosebay Willowherb, Purple Loosestrife and Ladies Bedstraw. Though fairly common, they're a real showstopper of a moth, all blushing pinks

and deep gold, and I was delighted to see one close up.

My first wren encounter was the result of an unfortunate cat raid on a nest. I found the tiny fledgling sitting minding its own business in my hallway. Thankfully it was uninjured, and I was able to return it to its mother. Though not the smallest of UK birds (this honour goes to the Goldcrest), wrens are tiny, very shouty birds with a distinct upright tail. The fledgling was so small, when clasped in my hands, it made me look like a giant. *Fi Fi Fo Fum!*



A few days later I was out feeding the poultry and I saw a wren dancing from foot to foot on the wall trying to catch a moth that wasn't much smaller in size. After a few moments of delicate feathery jousting, the wren captured its quarry and flew off, I imagine, to feed a growing family. A fleeting private moment I was privileged to see.

Take time to pause in your day to just notice, and I'm sure you will be richly rewarded.

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 1 Jul	Buckden Open Gardens
Sat 1 Jul	<i>'Make Space for Nature'</i> , Friends of the Dales
Sat 1 Jul	Making Space for Nature, Addingham
Sun 2 Jul	Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation 'Family Fun Music Festival'
Sat 8 Jul	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 8 Jul	<i>'Chordiality'</i> , Bradford Cathedral
Thu 13 Jul	Funk Wire, Kilnsey with Conistone Hall
Sat 15 Jul	Working get-together, St Mary's Kettlewell churchyard
Sat 15 Jul	Littondale Duck Race
Sun 23 Jul	Buckden Duck Race
Thu 27 Jul	Funk Wire, Kilnsey with Conistone Hall
Sat 29 Jul	<i>'Creative Campaigners'</i> , Friends of the Dales

FUTURE EVENTS

Sun 6 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
12-20 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Sat 12 Aug	Littondale Fete
Wed 23 Aug	<i>Farm Walk</i> , Friends of the Dales, Long Preston
Mon 28 Aug	Bank Holiday Refreshments & Stalls, Buckden
Fri 8 Sep	Big Quiz, Amerdale Hall
Sat 9 Sep	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 14 Oct	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Fri 27 Oct	Bingo, Amerdale Hall
Fri 10 Nov	Rocky Horror Show (film and fancy-dress night), Amerdale Hall
Sat 11 Nov	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 9 Dec	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale hall
Sat 9 Dec	Littondale Christmas Party

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
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

Sunday 2 July

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

Wednesday 5 July

18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
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Sunday 9 July

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

Sunday 16 July

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

Wednesday 19 July

18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
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Sunday 23 July

09.30	Arncliffe	Morning Prayer
11.15	Kettlewell	Morning Prayer
18.30	Hubberholme	Evening Prayer

Sunday 30 July

11.15	Arncliffe	United Parish Communion
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Wednesday 2 August

18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
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Sunday 6 August

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

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