

Link

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine






But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. *2 Peter 3:18*

The Link

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

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A Dales Prayer

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

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

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

Amen

From the Vicar...

My contribution this month comes “from the Vicarage”, but not from me but from Hannah, our summer poet-in-residence. Her poem celebrates the way in which this parish - and indeed the people in it - has a renewing power for so many, both those who visit as well as those who live here.

How to re-charge with renewable energy

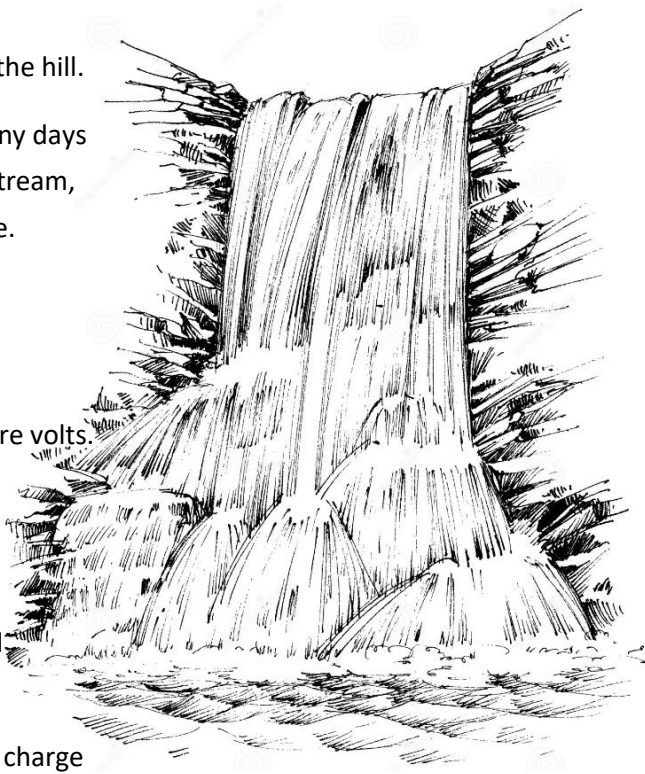
Lean in to the tug-of-war
between core
stability
and gusts
on the crest of the hill.

Trickle-charge feet on rainy days
when every path's a stream,
each waterfall in spate.

Trust that each stride
on wet limestone
slips
the dynamo a few more volts.

Climb from dale-bottom
to summit,
then repeat,
to etch their contour-grid
onto legs.

Watch the insidious river charge
low-lying fields to share its flow.



Tom

Hannah Stone, Kettlewell Vicarage, July 2023

From the Churches & Villages

From the Parish Registers

FUNERALS

8 September – St Mary's, Conistone –
Gillian Clare Dibb.

St Mary's, Kettlewell

October Rotas

Sidespeople

- 1 Dave Nelson
- 8 *No one required*
- 15 Phil Burgin
- 22 Colin Fairweather
- 29 *No one required*

After Service Tea/Coffee

- 1 Sue N/Judy B/Kathryn B
- 8 *No one required*
- 15 Judy Burgin
- 22 Vivienne Fairweather
- 29 *No one required*

Cleaning

Sue Nelson

Flowers

Lizzie Sowden/Sue Nelson

A **United Harvest Festival Service** for St. Mary's Churches, Kettlewell and Conistone will be held at Kettlewell at 11.15 on Sunday 1 October. The church will be decorated on Saturday 30 September from 10am, when your help would be appreciated together with any flowers (especially) and produce you may have available from your garden, plus those bought in shops. Tea/coffee etc will be provided for fortification! Tins and packets will be donated to Skipton Food Bank, fresh produce to the Welcome Place Café, attached to Keighley Shared Church and the offering at the service to the people of Ukraine.

A Date for your Diary – **A Church and Churchyard Work Morning** has been planned for Saturday 11 November from 9.30am until 1pm. Please don't feel you have to be there for the whole 3½ hours. Any time you can give within the time slot will be very much appreciated. It is hoped there might be a good turnout, to supplement the excellent work being done by volunteers in the churchyard looking after specific flower beds, to help tidy up the Churchyard, strim areas in line with the churchyard plan and stow away benches, etc. in preparation for winter. If it's your intention to join 'the team', please bring along equipment and safety gear necessary.

There are also jobs which need to be done inside church which only get done 'now and then.' A few willing hands would be very appreciated. Biscuits/tea/coffee will be served at an appropriate time – or whenever you feel the need. Here's hoping for your support and a crisp, fine autumn morning. *Thank you in anticipation.*

Another Date for your Diary – **Winter Warmer Event** - Saturday 10 February, 2024. Pie, Peas, Pudding and Quiz in Kettlewell Village Hall from 7.30pm in aid of church funds. Tickets available from January 2024.

St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

October Rotas

Sidesperson

- 8 J Cowpe & S Kilvington
- 15 C Winpenny
- 22 J Yarrow & L Hird

Flowers/cleaning

- 1 S Parsons
- 8 HARVEST - EVERYONE PLEASE
Friday 6th at 10.00am

15 S Kilvington & G Owen
22 POPPIES - EVERYONE PLEASE
Friday 20th at 10.30am
29 L Smith - no flowers

Fundraising/social events

The **August Bank Holiday refreshments and stalls** raised £676.50 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way - providing cakes, helping on the day, clearing up afterwards. Well done everyone for all your hard work and contributions.

The **annual quiz** has now reached the end of this year's run. Please make sure you send your completed entries to Sandie Parsons by the end of September as the draw will be made on Tuesday 10 October. Answers and the name of the lucky winner will appear in November's Link.

"From Kathmandu to Covid" – an evening with Ian and Sally Smith' together with supper will be held at Buckden Village Institute on Friday 20 October at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Ian became editor of the LINK parish magazine in May 2020 and together with his wife, Sally, lived and worked in Nepal for 16 years. They now live in Arncliffe. Their talk about their life and experiences in Nepal and their work with the World Health Organisation during the COVID pandemic will be accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation. The evening includes a supper of Nepalese food of curried meat and vegetables with rice and lentils and tea/coffee. Please feel free to bring your own drinks. Admission is by ticket costing £10 which includes a donation to International Nepal Fellowship providing financial support for health and developmental projects in Nepal. Tickets are available from 1 October from Deirdre (01756 760296) or Alison (07342 655516). We are sure it will be a really enjoyable evening and hope you will be able to support us. Ring early to reserve your

tickets which are limited by the size of the Institute so don't be disappointed.

The Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale presents

From Kathmandu to COVID An Evening with Ian and Sally Smith



An illustrated talk about their work and experiences in Nepal and with the World Health Organisation

Friday October 20th

In Buckden Village Institute at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m.

Price: £10.00 to include a supper of Nepalese food (curried meat and vegetables with rice and lentils) and tea/coffee

Bring your own drinks

Price to include a donation to International Nepal Fellowship providing financial support for health and developmental projects in Nepal

Tickets available from 1st October from Deirdre (01756 760296) or Alison (07342 655516). Pre-book to avoid disappointment

Fundraising by Hubberholme Church

St Mary's, Conistone

October Rotas

Sidespeople

- 1 Harvest Service at Kettlewell
- 8 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster
- 15 Philip Butterfield & Allison Clarke
- 29 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield (United Service)

Flowers and Cleaning

- 1 Abigail Shaw
- 8 Abigail Shaw
- 15 Vicky Fattorini & Julie Tankard
- 22 Vicky Fattorini & Julie Tankard
- 29 Kathryn Butterfield

Open Church w/c

- 2 Allison Clarke
- 9 Jane Pighills & Michelle Parkin-Vaughan
- 16 Lewis Adams
- 23 Philip Butterfield
- 30 Allison Clarke

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

October Rotas

Opening church w/c

- 1 Elspeth Miller
- 8 Sarah Paul
- 15 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 22 Hilary Follows
- 29 Sally Smith
- 5 Nov Elspeth Miller

Sidesperson

- 1 Hilary Follows
- 8 Elspeth Miller
- 22 Sarah Paul
- 5 Nov Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Coffee

- 1 Sarah Paul
- 8 Elspeth Miller
- 22 Hilary Follows
- 5 Nov Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Cleaning

Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Flowers

Sarah Paul

Buckden Art Group



Members of Buckden Art Group would like to thank all who contributed to the success of their recent exhibition. There was an excellent show of members' work with 180 paintings on view. Visitors commented on the high standard of work displayed. The beautiful floral display was created by Hazel Jeddere-Fisher. Donations made at the exhibition are to be sent to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance charity. New members wishing to join the Art Group are always welcome. Meetings are held on Mondays from September to April. For details, contact Angela Falshaw (760259) or angela.falshaw@gmail.com

Buckden & Langstrothdale

The **library van** will be in Buckden car park from 10.00am until 12 noon on Wednesday 25 October.

Buckden whist will take place on Wednesday 4th and 18th of October in Buckden Village Institute. Doors open at 6.15pm and play starts at 6.45pm. There is an entry charge of £3.50 per evening which includes light refreshments and prizes! You will not hear a pin drop; we pride ourselves on creating a happy, relaxed atmosphere. For more information, contact David Lusted on 01756 760877 or info@dalegarth.co.uk

Buckden Gala sheep show dinner will take place on Friday 24 November. Further details in next month's Link.

Kettlewell with Starbotton

Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival AGM 2023 and requests for funding



After another very successful year, thanks to numerous volunteers, we are happy to be able to donate proceedings to local groups.

Please note that the Scarecrow Festival AGM will take place in Kettlewell village hall on **Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 7:30pm.**

Any requests for financial support for your local group/club need to be submitted in writing by the end of Tuesday 31 October. The request needs to **briefly** outline the local group or club's purpose/title, how much you are asking for,

and how you would intend the money to be used. Please pass requests to any committee member or email to:

info@kettlewellscarescrowfestival.co.uk

Thank you
Scarecrow Committee

Kettlewell Lunch Club



Kettlewell Lunch Club will meet on Thursday 19 October at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the September lunch, please ring Sue Nelson (760887) by 4pm on Sunday 15 October to reserve your place. If she's not at home leave a message. The cost is now £6 for two courses plus coffee, and wine is available by donation. If, for any reason, you need to cancel your meal between Monday 16th and Thursday 19th October or are an absentee on the day, the meal will still need to be paid for as provisions will have already been ordered or purchased. The Lunch Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. If you are able, it is expected that the 'younger' folk attending would be willing to help out occasionally.

Film Night



Please don't forget the October film at the hall on Saturday 7th – 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. Tickets £5, school age £2.50 available from the village shop or on the door. As usual bring your own drinks and nibbles. Ice creams available in the interval.

The film for November is on Saturday 4th at 7.30pm. 'A Man called Otto' starring Tom Hanks. "Devastated and lonely, a widower decides to take a drastic step.

However, his plans are disrupted by a lively family that moves in next door."

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show



Thank you to all who helped in any way to make The Show, held on 10 September in Kettlewell Village Hall, such a huge success. The alcohol section was well patronised this year, but the baking section was well down on entries. If you would like to be involved with The Horticultural Society and Show, please look out in The Link and on village websites for the date of the AGM in February. Thank you again to all entrants and attendees.

Kettlewell & District WI



We are very sorry to report that Mrs Barbara Dyer, a loved and long serving member, has sadly died after an accident at her home in Bingley. Our thoughts are with her husband Peter and all her family. She will be greatly missed.

In September, the meeting in KVH took the form of a delicious lunch catered by Nicky of "&Then" and her attentive staff. This was followed by a hilarious quiz, courtesy of Mrs Linda Thomson. The scores were low but the laughter was great and certainly, we learnt a lot!!! Thank you Linda, that was quite a tonic.

The October meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 10th at 1.30pm in Kettlewell Village Hall. Anyone who would like to join us, please do come along and share a cuppa and a natter and see what the next year's programme has to offer.

Barbara Lambert

Littondale

Amerdale Hall Events



Defibrillator training & refresher course.

Thursday 12 October, 8.15pm.

An opportunity to learn how to use the defibrillators now in all our villages. A training session with local first responder, Doug McLellan. There is no cost, but please email carrfarm2021@gmail.com to secure a place.

Coffee & Chat with book stall

Saturday 14 October, 10.30am – 12 noon

Call in to the Hall for a cuppa and catch up, plus homemade baking to eat-in or take away.

Traditional Dales Village Dancing

Sunday 22 October, 2pm - 5pm.

Fun for all in Dales traditional village music and dances with live ceilidh band and caller. Everyone & all ages welcome. Music by Buttered Peas Ceilidh band with caller Terry Evans. Licensed bar & afternoon tea. Tickets £10 on the door or £8.50 in advance. Under 18's and refugees free. More details from Richard Hargreaves, email strand@hawkswick.net or phone 01756 770346.

BINGO!

Friday 27 October, 6.30 for 7pm

Fun for all the family. Doors & bar open at 6.30pm. Games start at 7pm. Pay as you play (£1 per round). Great prizes! Bring your own snacks.

The Elysium Theatre Company present

– *Reiver Tales*

Saturday 28 October

Doors & bar open at 7pm. An evening of theatre, steeped in the folklore & history of the lawless Reiver families living on the Anglo-Scottish border. A tale of good versus evil and 3 ordinary people caught up in the Reiver's web and taking a stand against violence, corruption & greed. Tickets £10. To book, please contact; Mark Houston (770419), Ruth Cowan (770293), Sarah Paul (770282), Gill Scott (07920 766272), or email

carrfarm2021@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: Film Night:

'The Rocky Horror Picture Show'

Friday 10 November

Appropriate dress encouraged! Hot supper. More details to follow.

Parish wide & beyond

Supermobile library

The library will be in Buckden and Kettlewell from 10am to 12 noon on the following dates in October and November:

Buckden

Wed 25 October

Wed 22 November

Kettlewell

Wed 11 October

Wed 8 October

Settle Orchestral Society

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

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

Saturday 25 November, 7.30 pm, at Settle Parish Church

We will be playing:

- Brahms Tragic Overture

- Brahms German Requiem, with the Langcliffe Singers & professional soloists

Why not come along to one of them, to enjoy an exhilarating evening, support local musicians and help keep live music alive? Full details of future concerts are on our website at www.settleorchestra.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Friends of the Dales Autumn Events

All events are free – you can find out more about who we are and what we do at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk. It's quick and easy to book for our talks, simply visit: www.eventbrite.com/cc/friends-of-the-dale-autumn-programme-2567229

Digital Talk: In Your Words – Words from the Dales

Wednesday 11 October, 4.30pm



Dr Fiona Douglas, project lead for The Dialect and Heritage Project based at the University of Leeds will bring to life some of the key insights and discoveries uncovered through its recent work with the Yorkshire Dales Countryside Museum and Ryedale Folklife Museum. Fiona will share snippets of rare audio interviews gathered by researchers in the 1950s alongside newer oral histories, to illustrate how and explore whether the Yorkshire language and dialect has changed and developed over the last 75 years.

Digital Talk: Beneath the Cracks – the Hidden World of Limestone Pavements

Wednesday 8 November, 4.30pm

Following on from her feature in the summer 2023 issue of Yorkshire Dales Review, Carly Stevens, Professor of Plant Ecology and Soil Biogeochemistry at the University of Lancaster, will draw on six years of research to illuminate these complex and often biodiverse rich ecosystems which typify much of the Yorkshire Dales. She will also highlight the impact of climate breakdown, farming practice and other threats affecting these precious habitats.

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

Wednesday 6 December, 5.00pm



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

and transforming them into Yorkshire-made hand-knit yarn.

Discover Shakespeare: 'Fourteen Lines'

Discover Shakespeare - the UWALS Shakespeare project launched with the help of the Royal Shakespeare Company earlier this year – has now been awarded a grant by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to enable us to develop its work further.

The project will resume in October with 'Fourteen Lines', another full day's workshop led by Ron Norman. The session takes place in Kettlewell Village Hall on Saturday 14 October from 10.00 am to



Work in progress..... participants enjoy the previous Discover Shakespeare workshop

4.30pm. The cost to participants is £5 (teas/coffees etc included, but lunch not provided). The day will involve a practical exploration of some of Shakespeare's sonnets – hence the title, as there are usually 14 lines in a sonnet - and their relationship with extracts from his dramatic works. Participants will be working towards a presentation for sharing later in the year.

The Discover Shakespeare project is designed to enable people of all ages (16+) and levels of experience to overcome their 'Shakespeare-phobia' through enjoyable vocal and physical activities inspired by Ron's own experiences of working with the RSC. Everyone is welcome, whatever their previous experience of Shakespeare – and even if you've missed the fun and games of the first two sessions, do consider coming along. Interested in finding out more?

Contact Ron on 01756 770350 or email uwalsociety@gmail.com for info or to reserve your place.

Kettlewell School Update

The end of our summer term involved giving out the awards to 5 children. Well done, Olivia, Lottie, Betsy, Ben and Zoe for your continued hard work and kindness. We have returned to school welcoming our new reception children, Elliott, James, Lyla and Phoebe. They are settling in well and everyone is enjoying having them in the class.

Class two are now spending a full afternoon at Upper Wharfedale school using their sport facilities for PE lessons. They have enjoyed use of the swimming pool, large indoor sports hall, courts and field. Class one have excitedly taken their learning outside (despite the weather) and are having forest school lessons in our wood. Class two have also enjoyed a 'meet the author' morning with Thomas Taylor, learning about the mysterious world and eccentric character from the series he has written, "eerie on sea".

We are holding open mornings 9.30-11.30am on Wednesday 18 October at Kettlewell School, and on Monday 16 October at the federation pre-school at Grassington. Also at the other schools in our federation: Grassington school on Monday 16th, Cracoe School on Tuesday 17th, and Burnsall School on Thursday 19th October. Everyone is welcome to come and look around.

Rainfall for August 2023

Arnccliffe: 100.96mm/3.96ins

Beckermonds: 346mm/13.62ins (Jul/Aug)

Rainfall in August over the last 10 years

10-year avg: 122.2mm/4.81 ins

Highest: 179.1mm/7.05ins (2020)

Lowest: 44.6mm/1.76ins (2022)

Remembering Nick Hitchon, 1956-2023

Nick Hitchon moved a long way from his Littondale farming background during his lifetime, but though his ambition as a scientist was to solve the world's energy problems, he realised he was destined to be better known for appearing in an award-winning TV documentary series.

Nick, who has died in the US at the age of 65 following a long illness, was an expert in nuclear fusion whose dream was to provide everyone with relatively cheap and clean power, a dream which sadly remains unfulfilled to this day, for Nick and for many other scientists.

However, he was probably best known as one of the participants in the award-winning 'Up' series. Nick grew up in Hawkswick as part of a farming family. Though he was raised in a remote and rural area, Nick's path was to take him far from the farming life of his forebears.

This was perhaps only dimly apparent when he was a pupil at the one-room Arncliffe CE Primary School and was chosen to take part in a Granada TV World in Action programme called Seven Up! The story is that a TV researcher was despairing of finding a rural child who would talk to the camera for what was meant to be a one-off programme, in which children aged seven from differing backgrounds were asked their views on a range of subjects.

The researcher was told Nick would definitely talk, but he was only six. The researcher said that was near enough, and so it was that Nick appeared on British TV in 1964 to explain that he wanted to learn about the Moon, though he refused to say what he thought about girls. He was also shown supposedly walking to school, though he normally travelled on the school bus, and was famously filmed walking under Kilnsey Crag, which would have



been a pretty lengthy detour for anyone trying to get from Hawkswick to Arncliffe!

It was meant to be a one-off programme, but the TV cameras returned seven years later, when Nick was actually 13. By now he was at Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton. Here his love of science began to flourish, though he was also a keen sportsman, captaining the rugby first XV and playing for a Yorkshire Schools team. From there he went to Merton College, Oxford, to study physics, gaining his DPhil (the equivalent of a PhD) at the age of 23.

The filming of 21 Up found Nick, now actually aged 19, busy with post-graduate studies at Oxford. This instalment of what was now the Up series was timed to coincide with the 21st anniversary of Granada TV, a sign that it was regarded as a prestigious programme. At one point it was also treated as though it was a sociological study, with teachers using it as an educational resource. Now it is perhaps more seen as a precursor of reality television, examining the changing lives of real people at seven-yearly intervals.

Nick was about to make a major change in his life, as he moved to the University of Wisconsin in the US in the early 1980s to continue his work in nuclear fusion. He remained at the university's Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering for four decades. Nick became a full professor in 1994 and was department chair from

1999 to 2002. He was the author of more than 100 articles and three books in his specialist field. He suffered a professional blow when he was forced to accept that his research was not progressing as he had hoped, but he dealt with that by focusing more on his teaching role.

Nick participated in all the films in the 'Up' documentary series. Originally intended to show how Britain's class structure was reflected in the lives of seven-year-old children in the 1960s, it evolved as the programme makers started going back to see the participants every seven years, though Nick was always at least a year younger than the programme title suggested. Though some of the filming happened in the US, more often the production team brought him back to the UK to be shown in locations with personal significance for him. This included the Dales, which gave him an opportunity to see

his late parents, Guy and Iona Hitchon, and younger brothers Andrew and Chris, and occasionally to carry out farm-related tasks, something he had not been asked to do for many years.

Nick was diagnosed with cancer several years ago but was determined to live as full a life as possible, and only retired from the university in the spring of 2022. He leaves his widow, Cryss, and son Adam.

Andrew Hitchon



Poetry Corner – 'Hidden Name' by Angela M Blakey

There is a single note
As yet unheard on earth
So true and pure
That the heart is stilled
And all known sound makes gentle
harmonies.

There is a colour
Not yet seen on earth
So richly glowing
It ignites the spirit
Like sunsets fire the earth.

There is a shape
So fluid
That all movement flows around
In exploration.

There is a taste
As yet untasted
That hits the senses

With rich satisfaction.

There is a touch
That strokes and holds
As only spirit can be held,
And we will yield.

And through the enriching joys
A perfume so enchanting
That the soul will swell with love.

We will be cleansed and strings untied
Blocks and closures cleared
And we will be open.

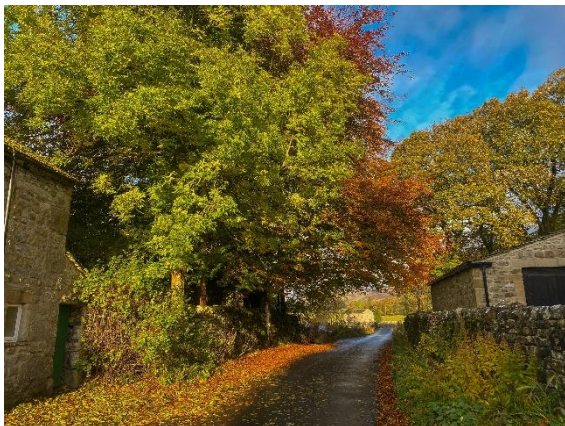
Then a voice as yet unheard
Will call us by our Hidden Name
And we will resonate.
And surely no one,
No one
Will resist.

Country Diary - October

September's humid and hazy heatwave has drifted into distant memory now, and as I write, autumn's arrival feels more like an ambush than a gentle seasonal transition. Rain falls in slanted sheets across the window and there is a great roar amongst the trees.

The hope is that the storm soon passes, the temperatures drop, and we can welcome in October with a slew of those perfect crisp days where the sunlight falls on burnished leaves providing us with the dales' best show of the year. The perfect autumn allows us enough time to feast our eyes on the colours of fire and gold before winter clears the landscape, and as Shakespeare described it, the trees become 'bare ruined choirs'.

As I mentioned in September's County Diary, the Rowan berries provided us with a particularly good, and somewhat early display before August was out. The advent



of early berries, along with a particularly vibrant visual display with the autumn leaf colours suggests a harsh, cold winter ahead. Whilst this is most probably an Old Wives' Tale, there is something comforting about taking cues and knowledge from the landscape. Where we now have the ability to forecast the weather in forensic detail; in times gone by, these signs would have been important information for how to prepare for, and navigate, the winter ahead.

Weather combinations create the backdrop for how vibrant and colourful the season is - the actual scientific reason for the autumn leaf colour change is a combination of day length, and night temperature. It is said that the recipe for the most spectacularly colourful display is an Indian summer in September, along with cold nights, that then shorten the leaf drop process.

October is a month where wildlife prepares to turn inward and commence hibernation, and we are not dissimilar, as we use the month to slow down, prepare to rest and wait patiently for the Earth's great renewal.

Rebecca Ward-Dooley



Community Directory

Upper Wharfedale & Littondale Directory of Local Organizations

Clubs and Associations

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Scargill House	01756 760500
UW Bus	01756 636161/info@upperwharfedale.org
UW Fell Rescue Association	secretary@uwfra.org.uk
Yorkshire Camps	01756 753227/info@yorkshirecamps.org.uk

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

Community Events

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

THIS MONTH

Sun 1 Oct	Buckden Village Quiz, Buckden Village Institute
Wed 4 Oct	'The Man Who Beat the Odds', Chris Solomons, Halton Gill Reading Room
Sat 7 Oct	Buckden Institute Coffee Morning in aid of Libya and Morocco
Sat 7 Oct	Film Night; <i>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i> , Kettlewell Village Hall
Tue 10 Oct	Kettlewell & District WI AGM, Kettlewell Village Hall
Thu 12 Oct	Defibrillator training and refresher course, Amerdale Hall
Sat 14 Oct	UWALS Discover Shakespeare Workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 14 Oct	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 14 Oct	James Bond night, Buckden Village Institute
Thu 19 Oct	Kettlewell Lunch Club, Kettlewell Village Hall
Fri 20 Oct	Nepalese supper and talk, Ian & Sally Smith, Buckden Village Institute
Sun 22 Oct	Traditional Dales Village Dancing, Amerdale Hall
Thu 26 Oct	'A Dales Farming Family', David Joy, Conistone & Kilnsey Village Hall
Fri 27 Oct	Bingo, Amerdale Hall
Sat 28 Oct	<i>Reiver Tales</i> , Elysium Theatre Company, Amerdale Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Sat 4 Nov	Film Night: <i>'A Man Called Otto'</i> , Kettlewell Village Hall
Fri 10 Nov	Rocky Horror Show (film and fancy-dress night), Amerdale Hall
Sat 11 Nov	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 18 Nov	Settle Orchestra Concert, Skipton
Wed 22 Nov	UWALS AGM and talk, Victoria Benn
Wed 22 Nov	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Fri 24 Nov	Buckden gala sheep show dinner
Sat 25 Nov	Settle Orchestra Concert, Settle
Tue 5 Dec	Bingo in the Buck
Sat 9 Dec	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 9 Dec	Littondale Christmas Party
Sat 10 Feb	Pie, Peas, Pudding and Quiz, Kettlewell Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

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



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

Sunday 1 October		
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09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Joint Harvest Festival with Conistone

Wednesday 4 October		
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18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
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Sunday 8 October		
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09.30	Arncliffe	Harvest Festival
11.15	Hubberholme	Harvest Festival
18.30	Conistone	Holy Communion

Sunday 15 October		
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09.30	Hubberholme	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Holy Communion
18.30	Conistone	Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18 October		
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18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
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Sunday 22 October		
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09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Morning Prayer
18.30	Hubberholme	Evening Prayer

Sunday 29 October		
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11.15	Conistone	Parish Communion
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Sunday 5 November		
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09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Iona Communion
16.30	Conistone	Holy Communion

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