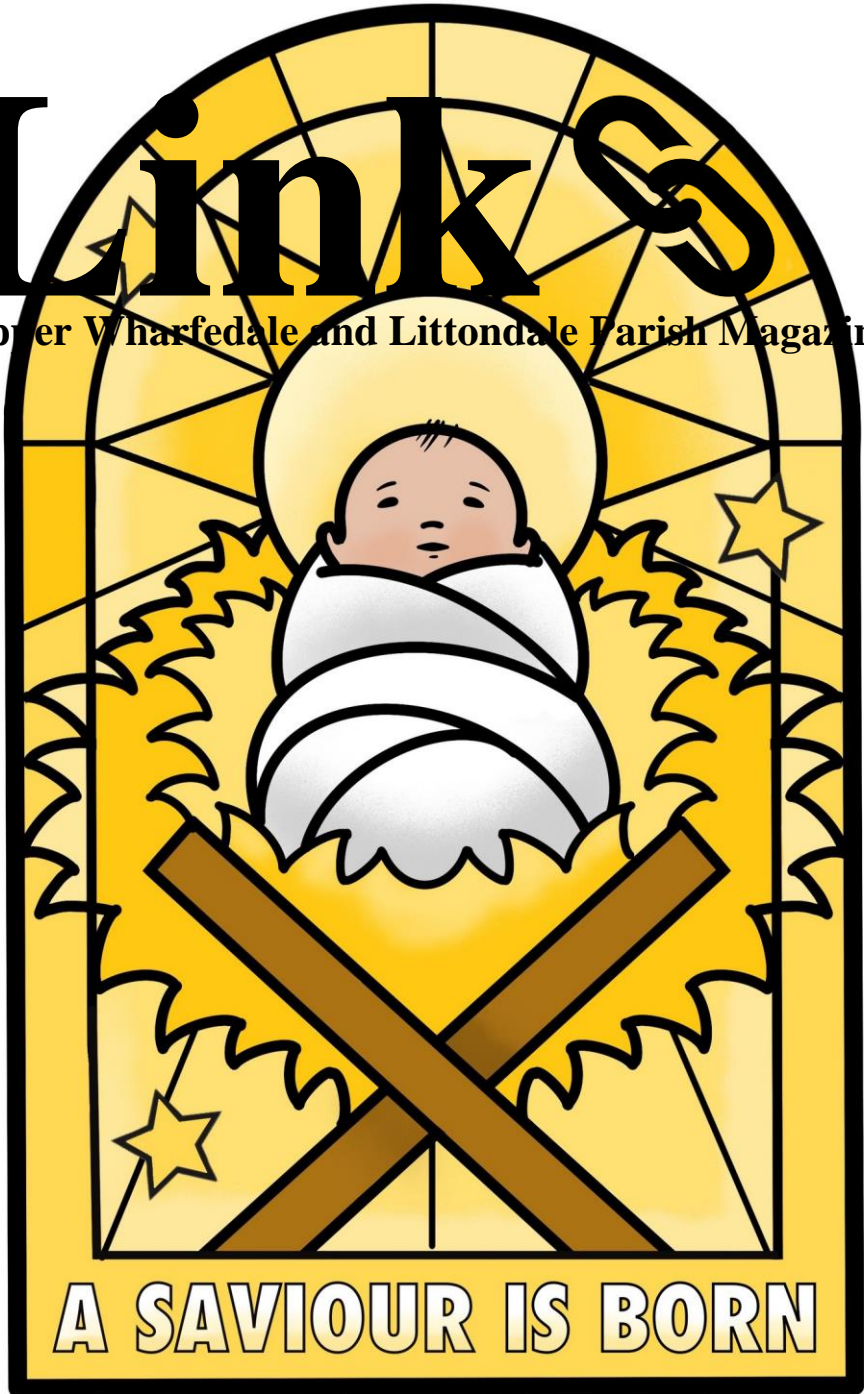


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Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine








And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1 14*

The Link

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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...

Posada Adventure in Advent

I am delighted to say that a recent request for help in knitting some woolly nativity figures has resulted in a stunning Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus complete with donkey who are now ready for doing the rounds of the parish this Advent.



The hope is that the children and young families of this parish might wish to host the figures in their homes in the run up to Christmas. We will send them on their way out into the world on Advent Sunday and then welcome them back into the different Churches of the parish on Christmas Eve.

The posada tradition comes from Latin America. The word posada means “an inn”, or “place of shelter”. The concept is that folk are invited to offer hospitality to the figures as a way of spiritually being open to God present in our midst, the message at the heart of the Christmas story.

Hosting the nativity figures is a tradition that I have tried in former parishes, and also when I was a hospice chaplain, where all of the different departments were happy to be hosts. In one parish the idea really took off and we had three separate nativity figures doing the rounds.

I hope all those involved will enjoy giving shelter to the holy family as a spiritual exercise in the run up to Christmas. It was a team effort bringing the idea to life and our grateful thanks to Sandra, Sandie, Josie, Charmaine, Barbara, Maggie, Jayne, Sue, Deirdre and Christine for creating this joyful and precious new resource.

Tom

From the Churches & Villages

From the Parish Registers

FUNERALS

10 November – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – Patricia Alexander.

St Mary's, Kettlewell

December Rotas

Sidespeople

3 No one required
10 No one required
17 Clare Blakey-Williams
24 Dave Nelson
31 Clare Blakey-Williams

After Service Tea/Coffee

3 No one required
10 No one required
17 Sue Nelson, Judy Burgin & Kathryn Butterfield
24 No one required
31 Di Blakey-Williams

Cleaning

Sue Nelson

Flowers

No flowers – Advent

From 9 December Barbara Lambert and Team

Decorating St. Mary's, Kettlewell for Christmas. This will take place on Saturday 9 December from 9.30am. The more the merrier so please consider coming along to help. There will be tea/coffee and mince pies for elevenses, or before if you need them.

Church and Churchyard Work Morning, Saturday 11 November – thank you to those who came to help at this event on what proved to be a perfect Autumnal day. Much had been achieved as tired, yet satisfied bodies headed home for lunch.

Remembrance Sunday. The collection taken at the service held at Kettlewell War

Memorial on 12 November raised £259.25 for The Royal British Legion.

St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

December Rotas

Sidesperson

10 S&D Parsons
17 C Winpenny
24 Crib Service D Halsall & J Mudd
24 Midnight Service H&K Jeddere-Fisher

Flowers/cleaning

3 D Halsall No flowers
10 J Mudd No flowers
17 J Mudd No flowers
22 Everyone please - Friday 22nd 10.30am
31 S Lusted

The annual **Christingle making** will take place in Buckden School Room on Christmas Eve at 10.30am. Previous experience is not necessary - just enthusiasm. For anyone who has not come across the Christingle before this is the ideal opportunity to find out all about this tradition.

STAR IN YOUR LIFE. The tradition of decorating Hubberholme Church Christmas Tree with stars, reflecting someone special to you, continues again this year. If you would like to dedicate a star on our tree to give thanks for that someone or, something special to you, please send your dedication and a donation (cheques made payable to UW&L PCC) to Mrs A Harrison, Ghyll End, Beckermonds, Buckden, Skipton BD23 5JL. For BACS & card payments visit the parish website www.upperwharfedalechurches.org or phone the parish office 01756 380237. You can also leave your dedications and donations with Sue Lusted at 11 Dalegarth, Buckden. Alternatively, pop in to see the

decorated church and tree over Christmas time. If you are unable to visit in person, photographs will be available to view on www.buckden.org and the parish website.

Hubberholme Church Action Group members wish to thank everyone in the community who has supported the local events for church in any way during 2023 and to wish all of you a very happy Christmas and healthy and happy 2024. Without your support the events would not have been successful both socially and financially. THANK YOU!

Christmas is approaching, so to get you into the spirit our final church Social/Fundraising event by Hubberholme Church is our **CHRISTMAS BINGO** to be held in The Buck Inn, Buckden, on Tuesday 5 December at 5.45pm for food at 6pm. The food like last year's will be meat or vegetable hotpot with a crusty roll. A ticket for the food plus the first bingo card is £10 for an adult and £5 for children under 12. To order supper tickets please ring Deirdre (760296) or Josie (761154) before 2 December. If you don't want supper, just turn up on the night and buy your cards to play. Games start at 7pm. Prizes for a correct line and a full house. We hope you will be able to join in this fun evening for all ages.

St Mary's, Conistone

December Rotas

Sidespeople

10 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield
25 Christmas Day. Allison Clarke & Hilda Dibb

Jan 7 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield

Flowers and Cleaning

3 Jo Foster
10 Jo Foster
17 All help for Christmas
24 Kathryn Butterfield
3 Kathryn Butterfield
Jan 7 Kathryn Butterfield

(We have several vacant dates on our Flowers/Cleaning Rota. If you would be willing to help for either one or two weeks in the year, please contact Kathryn Butterfield.)

Open Church w/c

4 Jane Pighills/Michelle Parkin-Vaughan
11 Philip Butterfield
18 Lewis Adams
25 Allison Clarke
Jan 1 Jane Pighills & Michelle Parkin
Vaughan

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

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

December Rotas

Opening church w/c

3 Sally Smith
10 Elspeth Miller
17 Sarah Paul
24 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
31 Hilary Follows
7 Jan Sally Smith

Sidesperson

10 Elspeth Miller
17 Sally Smith (3pm Carol Service)
24 Sarah Paul
25 Rebecca Ward-Dooley (10am Family Service)
7 Jan Hilary Follows

Coffee

10 Elspeth Miller
17 Lynda Barker

24 Sarah Paul
25 Christmas Day Service - Not needed
7 Jan Hilary Follows

Cleaning

Elspeith Miller

Flowers

Hilary Follows



Christmas Giving

Upper Wharfedale Refugee Collection

For many years now, Upper Wharfedale Refugee Support group has organised a collection of toiletries, stationery, and underwear for refugees at Christmas. Over the past few years, we have been joined by the local churches, the schools and Buckden Singers and it has become a major community effort. The collection will go to Bradford where the 'fancy' items will be used as Christmas presents with Upper Wharfedale's good wishes and the rest will be distributed as needed; now, and over the coming weeks. This has been a very difficult few years for asylum seekers and refugees and it now takes years to receive a decision. For those living in 'hotels' while awaiting a decision it is pretty grim. They receive an allowance of £9pw to cover phones, transport, clothing, toiletries and any additional food. The Bradford charities (we link with BIASAN) try to supplement this with donations of cash and items such as toiletries and phone cards. Times are hard for UK families too and there are fewer donations. Our collection enables the meagre allowance to go further, and toiletries smell nice! New underwear is always needed, and the stationery is valued in the English classes.

Labyrinth of Peace

'...seek, above all, a world of peace; a world in which peoples dwell together in mutual respect...'

John F Kennedy



Join our gathering to experience a beautiful indoor labyrinth
(walk the labyrinth path or sit and trace a hand labyrinth)
Come with what is on your heart in a world of unrest & war
Give yourself space to reflect on your feelings & hopes

Monday 4th December

11.00 - 13.00

in Kettlewell Village Hall

A free event hosted by local villagers : hot drinks will be served

Buckden & Langstrothdale

Whist Evening

This month's whist evening will be held on Wednesday 13 December 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. For more information, please contact David Lusted on 760877 or info@dalegarth.co.uk

Buckden Singers Christmas Concert

The Buckden Singers Christmas Concert 2023 will take place in Kettlewell Village Hall on Saturday 16 December at 3.00pm. Admission, including Christmas refreshments, is £8, and tickets are available from Anne Vetch (760882) or tickets@buckden.org

Dales Music and Song

Come to the regular Sunday afternoon monthly pub sessions at the Buck Inn, Buckden, for Dales folk musicians, singers, poets and dialect story tellers – and listeners too! Every 2nd Sunday monthly (12 November, 10 December, 14 January, 11 February, and 10 March) from 1pm to 4pm (to fit Dalesbus service 874). In the back room. Great acoustic, amazing talent. Entry free but buy food or drink to make the landlord happy!

Kettlewell with Starbotton

Kettlewell Lunch Club



Kettlewell Lunch Club will meet on Thursday 14 December for a Traditional Christmas Lunch (**please note one week earlier than usual**)

at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the November lunch, please ring or text (I prefer these modes of communication please) Sue Nelson on 760887 (land line) or 07765506738 (mobile) by 4pm on Sunday 3 December (**also one week earlier than usual**) to reserve your place. If she's not at home when ringing her landline, you can always leave a message. The cost is £10 for Christmas Lunch - two courses plus coffee and a few extras. Wine is available by donation. If, for any reason, you need to cancel your meal between Monday 4th and Thursday 14 December or are an absentee on the day, the meal will still need to be paid for as provisions will have already been ordered or purchased. The Lunch Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. If you are able, it would be helpful if you could assist with clearing.

Pie, Peas, Pudding and Quiz

Winter Warmer Event on Saturday 10 February in Kettlewell Village Hall from 7.30pm in aid of church funds. Tickets available from January 2024.

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society

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

Christmas Pantomime: 'Robin Hood'

We are once again pleased to bring a pantomime to Kettlewell Village Hall as part of the local children's Christmas party. The pantomime is open to all with the party happening afterwards for the children. Tickets, £10 adults, £5 children, local children and Kettlewell school children free, available from Rural Arts, Village shop or on the door. Come and join the festive fun.

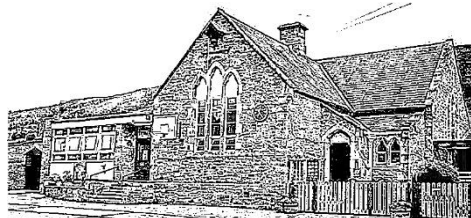


Same Difference Arts in conjunction with Rural Arts presents 'Robin Hood' at 2.00pm on Saturday 23 December at Kettlewell Village Hall. All is not well in Nottingham. The evil Sheriff has been on a spree, plundering the belongings of the good people and leaving them in despair. Even Maid Marian can't see the wood from the trees! This Christmas, join Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men as they embark on a heart-warming quest to restore justice and make things right in Nottingham. With a delightful blend of humour, silly songs, and a tale of camaraderie, this production promises to be the perfect festive treat for the entire family. Supported by Rural Arts, Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival and the Village Hall

Kettlewell Film Night

We are giving the films a miss for December due to it being a busy month for the hall so the next film will be on Saturday 13 January – film yet to be decided. Keep an eye open on social media and the January Link. Due to increased cost for showing the films we have reluctantly decided to put the price up to £6 for adults and £3 for school age children.

Kettlewell School News



We would like to start by thanking the Scarecrow festival committee for their donation to school. The money from last year has been used towards a trip for the whole school to Buckden house, a trip and hoodies for our leavers, new resources for class one, a new shed and base and a trip to the pantomime. Thank you for your continued support.

Class 2 have enjoyed a fossil workshop; they got to meet a real-life fossil hunter and crack open a rock from the Jurassic coast to discover clues from the past and found out what fossilised poo looks like.

Class 1 have been mastering sewing! They have all made a fantastic hand puppet, sewing it together themselves. Great work everyone.

School has had a few completions for the children to enter, firstly one to design an anti-bullying poster. Well done to everyone who took part, we had some great, informative posters. Another completion was a photographic one, well done to our school runners-up Isabella, Quinn and Birdy.

Class 1 have been learning about the festival of Diwali and all made their own light holder from clay. They painted them beautiful colours and took them home to show their families.

Children went to the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday to lay a wreath on behalf of school.

Our student council have been busy making plans for school. This has included starting a weekly bun sale to raise money for new outdoor resources. They have enjoyed some delicious treats for the last couple of weeks, thank you to our volunteer bakers. Here they are presenting their plans in assembly.....



Kettlewell & District WI

Members were entertained at the November Christmas Craft meeting by Mrs Linda Thomson and Mrs Jane Welsh who provided everything necessary to make

delightful fir cone and felt Christmas tree ornaments. The results were professional, and the members had a lot of fun and, of course, chat. Mrs Sally Tolson was hostess, and her lemon cake and almond biscuits were absolutely delicious. Thank you so much to all of them. The competition was won by Mrs Linda Thomson.

The members' Christmas Lunch will be held at the Fountaine at Linton on 12 December, and we wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas.

Littondale

Traditional Dales village music and dancing – Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe –

Nearly 60 people came from far and wide



on Sunday 22 October 2023 to make it a happy and vibrant hall that afternoon. The Buttered Peas band played, and the caller Terry Evans took the circles, squares or lines of dancers through the moves of traditional dances from the Dales and elsewhere. Then everyone had a go, people of all ages, some with experience of this

kind of dancing but most with none. The hall seemed to buzz with the energy, noise, smiles and sometimes hilarious laughter of people on the move, mostly under control but sometimes verging on the chaotic. It looked and felt like FUN! It was good to see a good number of children joining in – entry was free for them – and above all it was great to welcome some refugees. The band's flute and guitar were able to play two Ukrainian tunes for a Ukrainian family now living in Skipton, and the Anchor Project in Bradford brought a minibus with 15 people, mostly refugees. Caller Terry quickly adapted her programme so that several small African children could join in. Joyously, they did!

Many thanks to Sarah Paul and the Amerdale Hall team for the excellent tea and cake refreshments and for all their help to Buttered Peas in putting on such a happy afternoon in the hall. 'Buttered Peas', by the way, is named after the well-known Dales dance which was done that afternoon to tunes from Dentdale and Langstrothdale. Come and join them next time – Grassington Town Hall, Saturday evening 2nd March 2024, 7pm – 10pm.

Richard Hargreaves



Memorial Service for Nick Hitchon



A memorial service for the late Professor Nick Hitchon will be held at St Oswald's Church, Arncliffe, at 2pm on Saturday 9 December. Professor Hitchon was an expert in nuclear fusion who grew up in Littondale, attending Arncliffe CE Primary School, Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton, and Merton College, Oxford. He worked for four decades at the University of Wisconsin in the US. He was also well known for appearing in the Up series of award-winning TV documentaries. Nick died in July aged 65 following a long illness.

Amerdale Hall Christmas Events

(All proceeds to Amerdale Hall – CIO No. 1193881).



Coffee & Chat on Saturday 9 December 10.30am– 12.30pm. With seasonal welcome rings and arrangements

by Ruth from Moody Petals (see Littondale village noticeboards for further information or call Ruth on 07973 520897). There will also be an opportunity to buy the locally produced, 'Booby Calendar' in aid of breast cancer charity, The Pink Ribbon Foundation. Coffee (or tea) and homemade baking to eat-in or take away.

Littondale 'Back to the '70's Christmas party on Saturday 9 December, from 7pm. Three-course dinner at 7.30pm followed by 70's disco. Tickets £15.00 - **must be booked by Sunday 3 December.**

Father Christmas and his elves are cleared for take-off and will be visiting Littondale this Christmas Eve. Keep an eye on village notice boards for a full schedule of stops and further information.

Christmas Pantomime: ROBIN HOOD on Saturday 30 December at 1pm. A modern take on a favourite classic, adding a sprinkle of panto magic and turning it into an inclusive festive treat for all the family. Tickets: Adults £10. Children £1. (Babes in arms, free).

To book the Party or the Pantomime (or both), please contact Mark Houston (770419), Ruth Cowan (770293), Sarah Paul (770282) or Gill Scott (07920 766272). Or email carrfarm2021@gmail.com

Future dates for your new diary:

- § Saturday 13 January – Coffee & Chat
- § Friday 19 January - The BIG Littondale Quiz
- § Saturday 3 February – Littondale's Got Talent

Littondale Christmas Card Delivery Service

Anyone wishing to send Christmas cards to Littondale Residents is invited to use our Christmas card delivery service. Please bring your cards with a suggested donation of 10p per card, to Carr Farm,



Arncliffe, **by Thursday 14 December**. Cards must be clearly labelled with the recipients FULL NAME & ADDRESS (House name and village). All proceeds to the Churches of Upper Wharfedale & Littondale. THANK YOU for your support.

Parish wide & beyond

Supermobile Libraray

The Supermobile Library will visit Buckden and Kettlewell from 10-12 am on the following Wednesdays in December and January.

Kettlewell: 6 December and 3 January

Buckden: 20 December and 17 January

Settle Orchestral Society

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

- 📅 Saturday 16 March at 3.30 pm, Christ Church, Skipton
- 📅 Saturday 23 March at 3.30 pm, Settle Parish Church

NB Both concerts will be in the afternoon rather than the evening this term!

We will be playing:

Weber Der Freischütz Overture

Grieg Peer Gynt Suite No. 1

Elgar Cello Concerto, soloist Bob Buller

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 go to www.settleorchestra.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Rainfall for October 2023

Arncliffe: 223.4mm/8.8ins

Beckermonds: 113.5mm/4.45ins (Sep/Oct)

October rainfall over last 10 years

10-year avg: 180.4mm/7.10ins

Highest: 239.1mm/9.41ins (2017)

Lowest: 93.4mm/3.68ins (2018)

UW Refugee Support Group
Upper Wharfedale Schools
Federation
Upper Wharfedale Churches &
Buckden Singers

Are all collecting:

- Toiletries – soap, shampoo, shower gel
- Shaving kits – razors and foam
- Sanitary products – towels and tampons
- Underwear (S & M – men; M & L women).
- Language class kits – pens, paper, folders

Upper Wharfedale Refugee Christmas collection



**AVAILABLE FROM ALL GOOD SUPERMARKETS - add them to
your weekly shop!**

Please ensure all items are NEW and unopened.

Collections open from: Monday 27 November – Sunday 10 December.

Please leave donations in the back of your local church, school or contact Stella Perrott stella@stellaperrott.com



With our thanks to the children of Class 1 of Kettlewell School, for their wonderful Christmas drawings!



'ALL OUR CHILDREN'36 years later

"In the early hours of 19 May 1987, Jenny Turner was born in Airedale General Hospital, near Keighley, only 7 minutes after her mother, Fiona, had walked into the labour room." (Yorkshire Post, 9 April 1990).

It's over 33 years since the first episode of *'All Our Children'* was broadcast on BBC1 on Easter Day 1990, telling the story of six children born the same day across five continents, representing the 350,000 born that day around the world. Jenny was one of those babies, and they and their families were regularly filmed in their homes over the next two years. Fiona and Jenny recall their memories of life in Arncliffe at that time, and the impact of the filming on their lives.

What was the purpose of the documentary series *'All our Children'* and how did you get involved?

Fiona: The purpose of the programme was to compare childhood in different countries and see what similarities all children experience. We were the British family, other families were in Africa, South America, Hungary, China and India. The producer, David Brown, wanted a northern, rural family with at least two older children. He contacted hospitals to find out which babies would be born in May, then interviewed several families. I think he chose us because Jonty was a farm man so lots of filming opportunity. Also, he knew Littondale and liked the idea of filming there.

What are your memories of it over 30 years later - does anything stand out?

Fiona: Because they filmed monthly for the first year then every two months for the next two years, we got to know the crew well so could be natural with them, and I am still in touch with David Brown. At first it was strange, we felt very much on our best behaviour, but soon relaxed into it. Occasionally filming could be obtrusive, they filmed the children waking up, so we had to put them to sleep in one room and the crew came at 5.00am. Normally it just became another day. We were given all the rushes to view and did have some say on what was used, but I don't remember

rejecting anything. I have some lovely videos of my children playing in circumstances that a parent wouldn't normally film, professional home video. Some filming was done at Arncliffe school and other children from the dale were involved. It's a lovely record of times gone by. Occasionally we watch some of it with



Fiona with Jenny (nearly three) and Josh (14 months) in Arncliffe (photo Yorkshire Post)

the grandchildren, nice for them to see their parents as children.

How did it change your lives - if at all?

Fiona: I don't think it changed our lives at all, it wasn't that sort of reality programme. I think the older children quite liked being filmed, the younger ones didn't really notice too much. Jonty or I were told what they wanted to film, but most of the time the children just played or did an activity with a camera crew hovering in the background. Some things were orchestrated but the aim was to observe normal play and family life.

What did Jenny and her brothers and sisters think of it at the time - and now?

Fiona: The children have fond memories and now find it amusing watching themselves. We watched the finished series together as a family, so it was interesting to see how different cultures view childhood and family life and sad too that many children were not as fortunate as ours, but there are so many similarities in the way that all children play wherever in the world they are.

Jenny: I don't have any memory of the film crews been part of our lives for those first 3 years, as I was too young. However, I do love watching the footage and how the film crews and producers managed to catch some incredible moments of our lives. I'm very grateful to have it all on film.

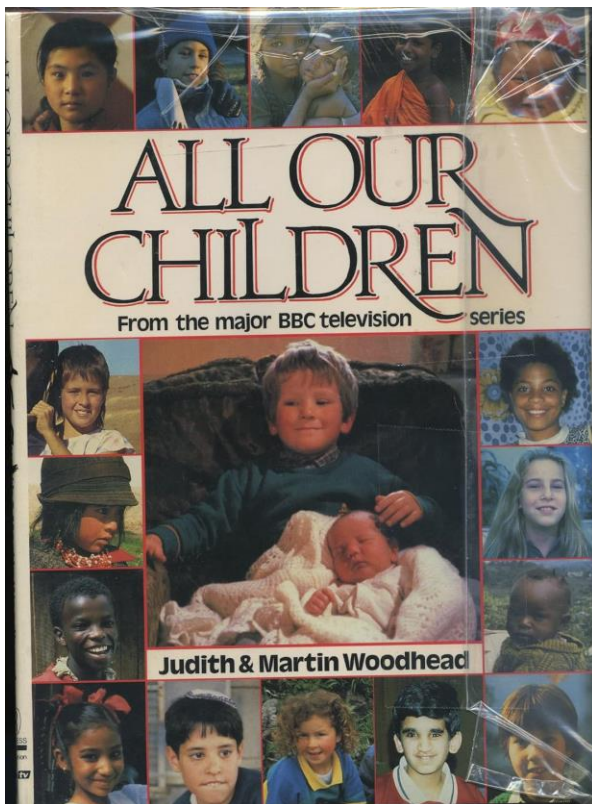
Our childhood was full of fun and sibling squabbles, its humbling to see how we looked out for each other, and our friendship with other families.

We were so privileged to live and grow up in such a beautiful place in the dales with access to the best nature brings, playing in the rivers, climbing trees, making dens and been in the outdoors.

Now a mother of 5 myself I love nothing more than returning to the Dale to see my children enjoy it too.

I have also shown my children the filming of us, and the 'All Our Children' book, and they find it very amusing seeing their Grandparents, the house, clothes and watching their Uncles and Auntie playing, fighting and making friends.

Looking through the book, you realise how different the childhood years are for families in different countries and how their routine differs from our own. We were so lucky to have what we had.



Trinity complete with new chaplain at Scargill

On Monday 13 November Revd Annie Naish was licensed by the Area Bishop of Ripon, Bishop Anna Eltringham, as a Chaplain at Scargill. Annie shares in ministry with the co-leaders of the community, Phil and Di Stone and a team of two other Chaplains, Revd Mike Leigh (who come to Scargill with his family as the country emerged from lockdown) and Revd Phil Goodacre (who joined more recently in May 2022), thus making a trinity.

Annie's licensing took place at the height of Storm Debbie. Every few moments the chapel at Scargill would start creaking loudly in the wind. Community leader Phil pointed out that it was a very good thing that the chapel was creaking: it was designed to move and bend with the wind. When you shut your eyes it was easy to imagine that you were in a wooden boat at sea with the creaking from the strong gusts of wind and the spray of water hitting the windows.

This sea-going atmosphere provided continuity for Annie who was coming to Scargill after recent ministry working with the medical mission agency Mercy Ships. In her sermon Bishop Anna also transported us to the sea by immersing us in the bible reading Annie had chosen, the resurrection

story at the end of John's Gospel where Jesus prepares a barbecue for the disciples on the beach beside the Sea of Galilee.

Bishop Anna compared this heightened reality experience to the last day of a summer holiday. She invited us to imagine being with family and friends 'huddled together' around an open fire at the seaside and watching the sun set. We were invited to recall the memorable smells and tastes associated with such an experience: the warmth of the fire, the crisp fresh sea air and the delicious taste of freshly cooked chargrilled fish, a unifying experience of shared discipleship.

Having a triune team of Chaplains is demonstrative of a real investment in people as part of the resurrected Scargill community and the wonderful pastoral care that the community is able to offer those who visit. The words of the licensing service for Annie powerfully made the point that this pastoral leadership is a way of sharing in Jesus's own ministry. We remember Annie and Mike and Phil, along with Di and Phil, in our prayers as a parish. *In photo: Bishop Anna Eltringham, Revd Phil Stone, Revd Annie Naish, Revd Phil Goodacre, Revd Mike Leigh, with Scargill Trustee, Revd Canon Felicity Lawson.*



Julia Norman Queen 1939-2023

Residents of Kettlewell, friends and family will mourn the passing of Julia Queen, nee Davis.

Julia was born in Edgware, Middlesex on 14th April 1939, she attended schools in North London and later, Cripplegate Secretarial College in the City.

In 1958 she took a job as a secretary at the London School of Economics and then joined solicitors Matthew & Matthew in Lincoln's Inn

Fields. Seeking a more challenging occupation she went to Paris and took a job as an au pair to the wealthy Barthelemy family and enrolled at the Sorbonne

University. Julia returned in 1961 to join BEA as a Flight Clerk and progressed to a stewardess with

BOAC, flying routes to the Far East and Africa, sometimes on the infamous Comet aeroplanes.

Her first marriage produced daughter Lisa and son Lance and she returned to a desk job with Air Canada, managing perfectly well without computers! In 1976 she joined the family electrical retailer H. Norman Davis in Mill Hill one of the first companies in the country to sell or hire TV sets.

In 1987 she married Yorkshireman Geoffrey Queen, a senior Civil Engineer with British Rail and, on his retirement, moved to Kettlewell, in Wharfedale, originally on a two-year trial! Despite the new surroundings, she entered fully into village life pursuing her passion for

gardening with plots at both Church and Village Hall, secretary to the Horticultural Society, teaching assistant at Kettlewell School and a very active member of the early Scarecrow Festival serving as treasurer, merchandise procurer, stall worker and Trail Sheet artist. Never wanting to be centre stage, she was a competent and creative stage manager for many village shows.



Julia had an interest in art throughout her life having attended numerous art classes and she was an active member of Buckden Art Group, exhibiting many of her own water colours and possessing a talent she never really accepted herself.

Surprisingly, for a Londoner, she soon developed an interest in Rugby League!

In 2020 she was diagnosed with Myeloma and, though controlled with chemotherapy, she later developed a colon cancer requiring major surgery and, recently, an incurable lung cancer finally ended her life after a three-year battle, bravely borne.

A private family cremation took place in November and a Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the New Year.

Her determination, cheerful smile and lovely character will be missed by her family, friends and Kettlewell residents.

Geoff and family wish to sincerely thank the many helpers and all who have expressed their condolences.

Country Diary - December

The nights are drawing in fast, with a gathering gloom spreading across the landscape just after 2pm. Brief, fleeting light appears on the fells as the sun sets providing a magical golden glow that disappears as quickly as it arrives.

My poultry are hopping up the stone steps to their roosting position inside the hen loft by 3pm, and by 4pm, as I look out my office window, I am greeted with impenetrable darkness. The days frustrate, as it feels like all outdoor activities have to be squeezed into the rapidly diminishing daylight hours and, as always, there is the strong pull to a fireside spot as energy and



motivation seem to desert us.

The good news is that the winter solstice; the shortest day, is rapidly approaching, happening a few days before Christmas, on Friday 23rd. After this point, the days incrementally start to get longer as we commence the slow movement back towards the light.

The word 'solstice' hails from the Latin 'solstitium' meaning 'sun stands still'. At the winter solstice, the sun reaches its most southerly point against the background stars. There are many fascinating countryside folklore and tales from around the world that focus on the winter solstice, one of the most entertaining and fanciful



comes from Greece and its resident 'Kallikantzaroi'. These impish little creatures are mischievous goblins, elves or gnomes that come up to the surface of the Earth during the twelve days of Christmas, from the end of December, when the sun will not move again, until Epiphany on the sixth of January. In this period, they cause no end of mischief entering houses any way they can, through windows, down chimneys, keyholes and in cracks around doors. Once inside they cause mayhem and havoc before on the twelve-day returning to their homes underground. If you notice any mince pies going missing, or your Christmas tree is looking a bit lop sided, you know who to blame.

Wishing everyone a sparkly and peaceful Christmas free from mischief!

Rebecca Ward-Dooley



Community Directory

Upper Wharfedale & Littondale Directory of Local Organizations

Clubs and Associations

Clubs and Associations	Contact Person	Telephone/Email
Buckden Art Group	Angela <u>Falshaw</u>	01756 760259/angela.falshaw@gmail.com
Buckden Singers	Anne Vetch	01756 760882/anne@vetch.co.uk
Friends of the Dales	Victoria Benn	victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk
Funk Wire	Ron Norman	uwalsociety@gmail.com
Grassington & District Peace Group	Richard Hargreaves	01756 770346/strand@hawkswick.net
Kettlewell & District WI	Jane Welsh	07718 218630/ janeawelsh@googlemail.com
Kettlewell Chess Club	Melanie Thornton	melaniethornton@live.com
Kettlewell Cricket Club	Sally Horner	01756 760834/sallyandcolin@yahoo.com
Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society	Sue Nelson	01756 760887/sueambercottage@aol.com
Kettlewell Lunch Club	Sue Nelson	01756 760887/sueambercottage@aol.com
Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival		kettlewellscarecrow@gmail.com
Kettlewell Table Tennis Club	Di/Clare Blakey-Williams	01756 761864/canddaway@gmail.com
Kettlewell Toddler Group	Charlotte Facer	charlie_facer@hotmail.com
Littondale Cricket Club	Jack Hirst	jackhirst38@gmail.com
Settle Orchestra	Jill Gates	jillgates100@gmail.com
UW Arts and Literature Society	Geraldine Norman	uwalsociety@gmail.com
UW Field Society		https://uwfs.org.uk/
UW Refugee Support Group	Stella Perrott	stella@stellaperrott.com
UW Runners		upperwharfedalerunners@gmail.com

Village Halls

Amerdale Hall	Sarah Paul	01756 770282/carrfarm2021@gmail.com
Buckden Village Institute	Peter Vetch	01756 761155/hall@buckden.org
Conistone/Kilnsey Village Hall		villagehall@kilnseyandconistone.co.uk
Kettlewell Village Hall	Maggie McLellan	kettlewellhall@gmail.com

Parish Councils/Meetings

Arncliffe	Michael McKenzie	michael@bluescarfarm.co.uk
Buckden	Nicola Mansfield-Smith	buckdenclerk@gmail.com
Conistone with Kilnsey	Liz Hall	Kilnseyvillagehall@gmail.com
Halton Gill	Amelia <u>Wilman</u>	earl.amelia@googlemail.com
Hawkswick	A Nettleton	anettleton7@gmail.com
Kettlewell with Starbotton	Laura Jowett	kettlewellstarbottonclerk@gmail.com
Litton Parish Meeting	Andrea Lund	andrea.lund@btinternet.com

Local Services/Organizations

Grassington Medical Centre	01756 752313
Grassington Dental Care	01756 753782
Grassington Pharmacy (Boots)	01756 752338
Kettlewell Primary School	01756 760280/kettlewelladmin@uwfpf.n-yorks.sch.uk
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

Mon 4 Dec	Labyrinth of Peace, Kettlewell Village Hall
Tue 6 Dec	Bingo in the Buck
Sat 9 Dec	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 9 Dec	Littondale 'Back to the 70s' Christmas Party, Amerdale Hall
Thu 14 Dec	Kettlewell Lunch Club Christmas Dinner, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 16 Dec	Buckden Singers Christmas Concert, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 16 Dec	Grassington Singers Christmas Concert, Grassington Town Hall
Sat 23 Dec	Christmas Pantomime – Robin Hood, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sun 24 Dec	Father Christmas visiting Littondale
Sat 30 Dec	Christmas Pantomime – Robin Hood, Amerdale Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Sat 13 Jan	Coffee and Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 13 Jan	Film Night, Kettlewell Village Hall
Fri 19 Jan	The BIG Littondale Quiz, Amerdale Hall
Sat 3 Feb	Littondale's Got Talent, Amerdale Hall
Sat 10 Feb	Pie, Peas, Pudding and Quiz, Kettlewell Village Hall
Mon 26 Feb	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society AGM

REGULAR EVENTS

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



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

ADVENT SUNDAY 3 December

11.15	Hubberholme	Parish Advent Communion Service and Launch of 'Posada Adventure'
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Wednesday 6 December

18.00	Kettlewell	Healing Service
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Sunday 10 December

09.30	Arncliffe	Morning Prayer
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion
14.30	Halton Gill	Carol Service (in Reading Room)
16.30	Conistone	Holy Communion

Sunday 17 December

09.30	Hubberholme	Holy Communion
15.00	Arncliffe	Carol Service
18.30	Kettlewell	Joint Carol Service with Conistone

CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday 24 December

09.30	Arncliffe	Christmas Eve Communion
16.00	Hubberholme	Crib and Christingle Service
21.00	Kettlewell	Midnight in Bethlehem
23.30	Hubberholme	Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY Monday 25 December

09.30	Conistone	Christmas Day Communion
10.00	Arncliffe	Christmas Day Family Service

Thursday 28 December

19.00	Hubberholme	Carols by Candlelight
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Sunday 31 December

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

