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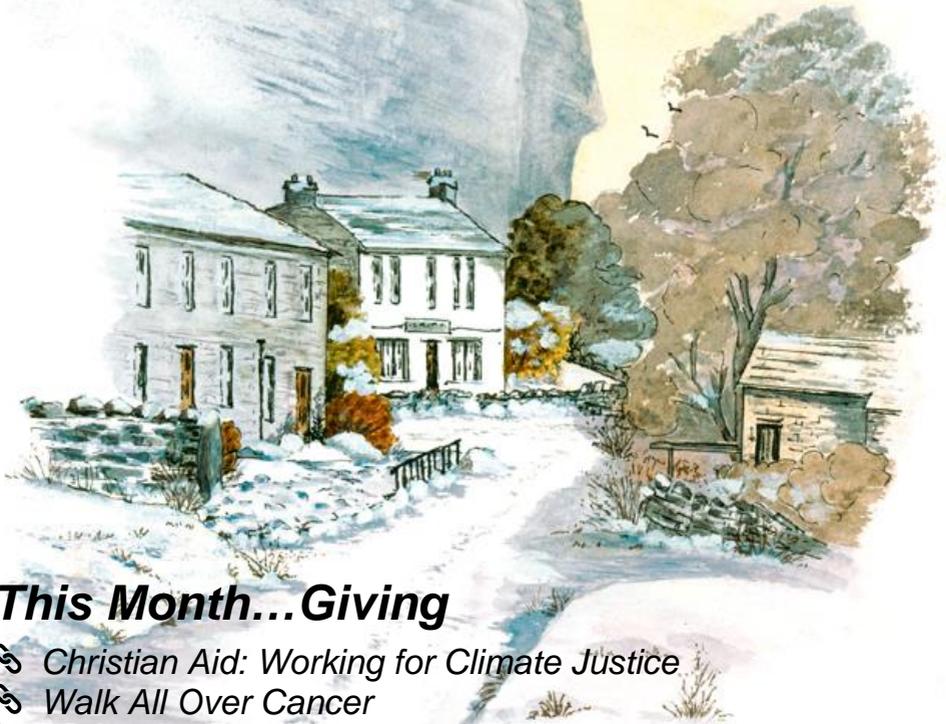
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A Dales Prayer

*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.*

From the Rector...

"Never plant out your Runner Beans until the end of May"

This sound advice from my Grandfather was based on years and years of championship vegetable growing in the vagaries of the Yorkshire climate. He knew not to get carried away; knew that despite the warmth of one day, or even a few strung together, you could not guarantee that the frosts were over until the end of May. I suppose you could summarise his words in the phrase 'Go steady'.

As we all enjoy the new-found freedoms that the relaxation of Covid restrictions has brought, together with the warmer weather, lambs in the fields and the beauty of our gardens beginning to spring into life and colour, it would be really easy to think we are through the pandemic and out the other side. The continued mass vaccination programme gives us further confidence that it's all OK and we're heading for the green fields of release.

I find myself excited and hopeful as we head toward the summer. After all the deprivations I am looking forward to mixing with more folk and for that blessed day when I can sit in a pub and



have a pint. I want to see family that I have not seen for far too long, I want to feel the joy of being able to hold loved ones, and I want to emerge from behind the veil of the face mask.

But I need to go steady, need to remember that there is yet time for a frost, time for another wave of the virus, time for it to go pear-shaped, and for us all to lose our new-found precious freedoms.

If Covid has taught us anything, it has reminded us of what's important in life. The virus brought home with devastating effect the value of each person, of one another, of our families, of our friends, of the blessed physicality of life, the importance of sport and the joy of holding one another close.

The virus also reminded us of how blessed we are to be in Wharfedale, of how much we have, and of how important it is to share this with those who have been stuck in the urban environments that surround us. Our local businesses have been starved of visitors and we all know that without folk visiting the Dale much of the economy would struggle. This is not always easy when our villages face a deluge of folk excited to be let out and allowed to enjoy

the beauty of Yorkshire. This can be made even more difficult when folk visit us who have not been schooled in the Countryside Code and are not used to public spaces without a bin every hundred yards; are not used to being far from toilets and ways of operating that work in urban parks but cut against how to behave in a national park.

I have always been impressed by the pride that the folk of Wharfedale have in our landscape, villages, institutions and ways of living. I have always been impressed by our hospitality and generous spirit.

As we navigate the territory ahead of us, let's 'Go steady'; let's be careful and

measured in how we behave in our new-found freedoms and how we respond to those visiting us. That might not be easy I know, but Jesus had some wisdom on this: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

The righteous then ask, "When did we see you, a stranger, and welcome you?"

And Christ replies, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Lots of love

/David x

Rev David Macha, St Michaels Linton



Primroses by Alison Falshaw, Buckden Art Group

From the Churches & Villages

Parish News

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale held its third Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) last month, the second time the meeting has been held using Zoom.

There was a good on-screen ‘turnout’ and the evening’s proceedings started with the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, at which Jackie Yarrow and Andrew Hitchon were re-elected as Church Wardens for the coming year.

In the APCM itself those taking part considered various reports relating to the events in the Parish during 2020.

These included the Annual Report and Accounts, which consisted of a general overview of events during the year – one in which parishioners started the search for a new Vicar and sought to cope with the impact of coronavirus – and the Parish’s accounts and financial statements for the past 12 months. The latter had been agreed at a PCC meeting in March.

Fabric Reports for all our four Churches were also available on request. Jackie Yarrow, who was in the chair for the meeting, thanked

Treasurer Nick Davies for all his work on the accounts and Keith Jeddere-Fisher, Phil Burgin and Philip Butterfield for drawing up the Fabric Report.

In elections to PCC offices Jane Way, Sarah Paul and Caroline Johnston were re-elected as Deanery Synod Representatives

All present elected members of the PCC were elected to serve further terms, with the exception of Allison Clarke, who had stood down.

Allison explained that she had always intended to share PCC duties with other members of her Church community and had completed the time she planned to serve. Josephine Foster, one of the parishioners Allison had planned to share duties with, was elected as a new member of the PCC.



'Stile above Kettlewell' by Peter Ward, Buckden Art Group

Gill Jowett, who was a member of the PCC in her capacity as a Lay Reader, also resigned because she is now living outside the Parish. Jackie thanked both Allison and Gill for their service on the PCC.

Safeguarding Officer Kathryn Butterfield, who had prepared a Safeguarding Report for 2020, updated the meeting on the latest developments in this vital area.

The Rev Di Blakey-Williams told Kathryn: "What you are doing is amazing, and it's taking it from ticking boxes to making it a part of the DNA of who we are as a community."

Those taking part agreed to ask Graham Walter to remain as the Independent Examiner, who checks the accounts.

Jackie thanked Christopher Winpenny, Electoral Roll Officer, Di Blakey-Williams and Elspeth Miller for drawing up the new Electoral Roll, which she said now had a total of 112 names on it.

As the meeting drew to a close Keith Jeddere-Fisher expressed thanks to the Parish's Vacancy Team for dealing with a wide range of issues on behalf of the PCC over the past year.

In her closing remarks Jackie praised all those who had done so much to contribute to the life of the Parish in the past year, saying: "It really is a testament to the strength of the community."

The Church Wardens are very grateful to Peter Vetch for kindly agreeing to host the Zoom meeting.

It's not too late...

In last month's edition, we asked for donations towards the production cost of The Link. This is just a reminder that it's not too late to make a contribution. It's

still possible to donate online via our website home page or you can place cash or a cheque inside the envelope and leave at one of the drop off points. All donations are gratefully received!

Join the Link planning team

Would you like to get involved with the production of our popular Parish magazine? A small group meets by Zoom each month to help plan the format of the Link for the coming month. If you are interested in becoming involved (or you know someone else who would be!), please email Ian Smith at smithiwho@gmail.com

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| The deadline for news and articles for the June LINK is 22 May |
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News from St Mary's, Kettlewell



Many thanks to those who gave of their time to help spring clean the Church, after a long Covid sleep, in preparation for re-opening on Easter Sunday. A goodly socially distanced 'crowd' assembled with assorted materials and abundant elbow grease and by the end of a couple of hours the building held a good smell of polish and freshness. Not forgetting 'the tea lady' - thank you one and all for your expertise.

Thank you too, to those who helped in any way to make the Easter Stall such a

resounding success; those who knitted toys, baked, crafted, sold or bought produce. The result was an amazing £903 for church funds. 1st prize in the raffle went to Jim & Julie McGrath and 2nd to Pauline Thompson.

Thank you too to those who helped to craft flowers arrangements to adorn the church on Easter morning. Your arrangements echoed the new life of Easter and of the risen Christ. Thank you.

North Yorkshire's Best Churchyard Competition 2021

The Yorkshire Dales National Park have encouraged the Churchyard Project Group of St Mary, Kettlewell, to enter a churchyard competition run by the 'Campaign to Protect Rural England'. We will be submitting our documentation by the end of May. The competition judges will visit the churchyard sometime in June, July or August.

We will continue to work hard to ensure our churchyard continues to strike a balance between being an area of peace and contemplation for people who come into it and a place that allows flora and fauna to flourish. The children of the parish villages have already made bird nesting boxes and a hedgehog house to encourage and sustain wildlife in the churchyard. There are plans afoot to make an insect hotel to provide increased habitat for pollinators. The children of Kettlewell Primary School have enjoyed two bird watching sessions during our Bird Watch Week in March.

If you have an interest in helping maintain the flora of the churchyard in a way that encourages pollinators and protects and feeds wildlife then please email diwilliams.labyrinth@gmail.com

who will pass on your interest to the relevant person.

News from St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme



Hello to all Friends and Supporters of St Michael & All Angels Church. We hope that you are all staying well and receiving your Covid 19 vaccines.

Thank you to all who donated towards the Easter Lilies in Church and The Link magazine. For those who were able to enter the digital Best Cake Decorated competition we thank you. It will be good when our social fund raising can take place face to face.

Our church is now open for those of you who feel comfortable attending Services held twice a month at 11.15am until we can fully reopen. Private Prayer will be available the other Sundays between 10-2pm and Wednesdays 2-4pm. Whenever you go in church you will need to continue to enter your names and contact details in the book at the back of church in case of the need for tracking and tracing, wear your mask, sanitize your hands and keep social distancing. We don't want another lockdown

Thank you to those volunteers who attended the first Churchyard clear up of the season. Both the School Room and the Churchyard have benefitted from the attention. For those people who felt they

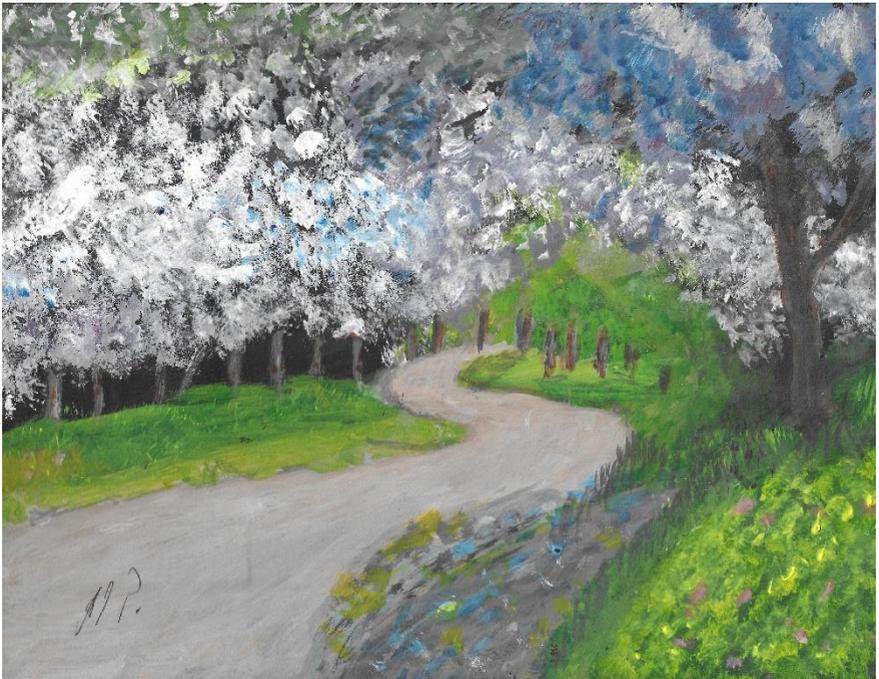
had missed out on the opportunity, there will be another gathering later in the year. Please let Keith Jeddere-Fisher know that you are interested.

According to our May sidesperson rota, Stuart & Penny Ebdon are on duty on 9th May; Deirdre Halsall & Liz Hird on 16th May and Hazel & Keith Jeddere-Fisher on 30th May. Readers at these services will read using their own Bibles.

News from St Oswald's, Arncliffe



Although we do not anticipate rotas commencing until July, we are in need of help with sidespersons, not an onerous job, and with flowers and cleaning at St. Oswald's Church. If anyone would like further details, please contact Hilary Follows on 01756 770246 or hilaryfollows@btinternet.com



'Spring Blossom' by Alan Parker, Buckden Art Group

Littondale Community Website



Hello everyone and we hope that you are all well. This is just a friendly reminder re: the Littondale community website group www.golittondale.co.uk to remind all businesses in Littondale who haven't already added their ad to the site to please send us your details and we can get you up and running. This site was created to help local businesses recover from the covid-19 pandemic and is open to all businesses working within the Littondale community. Likewise, if there are any events being organised in Littondale in 2021 please get in touch if you would like to advertise your event on the events page of the site, all advertising is currently free

If you would like to contribute towards our operating costs, please contact us and we can forward you the bank details.

If you have a business in Littondale and would like to attend our next AGM being held on Wed 2nd June at 7pm then do let us know (we need an idea of numbers to ensure we do not breach any COVID regulations at the time) - we are hoping this may be held in the beer garden of the Queens Arms, weather permitting but in the event of rain we may need to resort to 'Plan B' - a zoom meeting so

keep in touch if you are interested in attending and we can send you details nearer the time to confirm location.

Contact details are: Jane Sheard (01756 770235) or Ruth Cowan (770293.)

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you. "

Litton Parish AGM

Litton Parish AGM will be held on Tuesday 11th May, starting at 7.30pm, at The Queens Arms, Litton. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Andrea Lund, Parish Chair, Litton

GRASSINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE

Surgery hours:
8:00 am to 6:00 pm weekdays

Tel. 01756 752313
Out of Hours: Tel. 111

Upper Wharfedale Venturer

Community bus service between Buckden and Grassington, Monday to Saturday. Timed to connect with Pride of The Dales services to Skipton and Ilkley. Sunday and Bank Holiday services through Dalesbus.

www.upperwharfedale.com

Traveline, Tel. 0871 200 22 33

Supermobile Library: Buckden

The next visit will be on Wednesday 17th March from 10.00-12.00. (This date may be subject to change at short notice in response to changing Covid guidance). people will be allowed on to browse with a one on/one off system (one is defined as a person, family, or household bubble).

During lockdown we are offering a select and collect service. To pre-order a selection of books call 01609 533878 or email supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk. Alternatively, a selection can be made for you from the vehicle on the day of visit.

If you wish to request a specific title, please browse our online catalogue at <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/northyorkshire> and place a reservation using your borrower number and your PIN, selecting 'Supermobile' as your pick-up location. There may be a small charge for this service. Free downloads of eBooks and audiobooks are available from our website at:

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If you are not a member of our libraries, you can join at the Supermobile Library. It is FREE! For enquiries please call 01609 533878 or email:

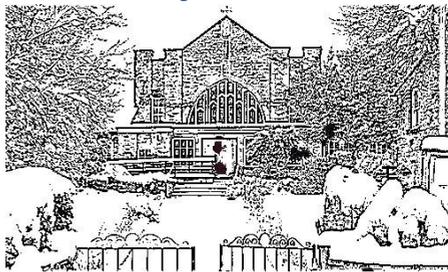
supermobile@northyorks.gov.uk or

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

It is with a heavy heart that the decision has been made to cancel the above Show, due to take place on Sunday, 12th September in Kettlewell Village Hall, for yet another year. It is at this time of year that much of the planning for the Show happens, however, the Committee feel there is so much uncertainty as to how the 'road map' out of coronavirus restrictions will pan out, that it has decided to make this decision before the more serious planning gets underway.

If you have been busy taking photographs for the photographic section of the Show during the beautiful Spring weather, please keep those photographs safe as The Committee will probably decide on the same themes for next year's Show - 'Spring', 'Bridges' and the usual 'any subject'.

Kettlewell Village Hall



I am happy to say that the latest Government guidance will allow us to show films again in the hall after 17th May if all goes to plan. We hope to show "*The Runaways*" on Friday 21st May. We can only seat 15 in the hall socially distanced, so if it is oversubscribed we will have a second showing on Saturday 22nd May.

Tickets must be pre booked and are available from Zarina's café at zarinabelk@gmail.com or ring 01756 761188. Payment by contactless or exact cash in an envelope: £5 adults and £2.50 under 19. If you require an ice cream during the interval, please add £2.

Details of how we have made the hall safe for you will be given to you with the tickets. Sweets will not be available, but these can be obtained from the village shop. Look forward to seeing you.

David Nelson

Rainfall for March 2021

Arncliffe: 174.0 mm/6.85 ins

Litton: 177.28 mm/6.98 ins

GIVING...Christian Aid: Working for Climate Justice



Christian Aid has been working for 75 years campaigning and fundraising and standing together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours. irrespective of race, culture or religion.

The organisation began in the aftermath of WW2 with British and Irish church leaders working to reunite European refugees with their families. Since then Christian Aid has become a significant global charity seeking to change the world through campaigns to end apartheid, working for Trade Justice, and now working for Climate Justice.

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2021 - working for Climate Justice

The focus of this year's Christian Aid Week is Climate Justice for people living in poverty on the front line of climate chaos, losing food, water, homes and family. Every day they have to walk further, dig deeper, build stronger to survive the climate changes they did not create. Now, in this time of global pandemic, Christian Aid is needed more than ever to continue putting into practice its aim of turning hope into action for those who have the least.

Churches Together in Upper Wharfedale, an ecumenical collective of different Christian denominations, has campaigned locally on behalf of Christian Aid for over 30 years and in that time has raised approaching £175,000. Christian Aid thanks you for your support over the years and hopes



you will choose to celebrate with them this Christian Aid week 10 - 16 May 2021.

House-to-house collections are unlikely to be possible again this year, so a Just-giving page is available for donations. This proved very successful last year. You can donate by visiting www.upperwharfedalechurches.org and clicking on the Christian Aid Just Giving link.

You can also give by way of a transfer into our bank account:

Upper Wharfedale Fellowship of Churches Christian Aid account

Sort code: 20-78-42

Account number: 43851834

Or cheques can be sent to Joanna Clarke (Christian Aid Group Treasurer), Birchwood, Wharfeside Avenue, Threshfield BD23 5BS.



'Arncliffe' by Maureen Parker, Buckden Art Group



Where are we walking?" and "what's for Tea?"

These are the two questions which we asked each day in March. When my son Chris told me in February he had signed up for "walk all over cancer" I was very proud of him. Then he said "do you want to join me?" well we have both put a bit of weight on during lockdown and 10,000 steps didn't seem a lot. We are both used to walking at least that each day in our café and restaurant, so I said yes. Then I thought, well if I am going to do it I might as well try and get some sponsors.

So off we went. Each day we would plan where we were going, 10,000 steps is about 5 miles. Obviously living around here there are no shortage of places to walk. You may be surprised to hear that although I have lived here since I was 8 years old, I haven't done a lot of them as I have always worked.

Day 1 wasn't very exciting; we were going up the fell but the mist had better ideas and so we had to do loops of the village. Day 2 we dragged David along and even picked up my mum's dog Digby from Grassington. We did a loop of Grassington down to The Falls and so it went on, every day for 31 days. We



Walk All
Over Cancer



walked around Buckden, Kettlewell, Grassington, Hebden, Threshfield, Linton and Bolton Abbey. We didn't make it easy for ourselves as we did a lot of uphill walks. We didn't have many nice days we had a lot of wind hail and rain I was very tired and my ankles ached like mad every night. I soon changed my mind about 10,000 steps. Having to do it every day whatever the weather or how you are feeling is very testing.

By helping Chris along his journey, he helped me along mine. Then there were our sponsors, by donating money to such a good cause, they helped me to keep going. I know I definitely would have quit if they hadn't donated. Then there was Digby, by taking him for very long walks everyday he lost 2lbs, so we helped him get fitter and I think he really enjoyed himself. The walks helped me see and enjoy walks that I had never done, even some I didn't even know exist. We had fantastic views; we saw lots of lambs and oyster catchers. We had lots of flyovers, about 1pm every day we had planes or

helicopters. I don't usually type much on Facebook, but I thought I should keep my sponsors updated, they seem to donate more the more we suffered! I really enjoyed posting all the pictures and putting little comments on them. Lots of my friends followed us each day and whether they were locked down here or abroad, our pictures brought them a lot of joy to their lives. They reminded them why they visit The Yorkshire Dales and how much they are missing being here, or just being out in general. I am pleased to say that our last walk was a lovely warm sunny day. We walked around Grimwith reservoir. So we finished on a high.

It's been lovely spending so much time with my son. We are both in catering and so don't get to spend much time with each other. Too busy helping others.

So, thank you to Chris, because he decided to walk all over cancer, he has brought so much more to so many people's lives. My ankles are still suffering, and I am not sure I will take it up full time but thank you for taking me on your journey. I walked 410,532 steps (approx. 185 miles) in March and we have raised a total of £755 so far.

I took 615 photos, so to choose only two was very difficult!

Zarina Belk



GIVING.....Walking Around the World

Since March 2020 I have been out walking every day. On my walks I met Pat Maud from Threshfield. She told me that for her 65th birthday she had challenged herself to walk the equivalent distance of Land's End to John O' Groats, setting off on January 1st 2020 on a daily walk around Threshfield and Grassington. People would ask her why she was walking so often, so far, and was she being sponsored. Because of their interest she decided to try and raise some money for charity and, having reached John O' Groats, she turned around and walked all the way back again. Her walk was completed on December 16th, a total distance of 1740 miles! She had raised £3201, most of it being donated to Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice at Oxenhope.

A chance comment from someone who had referred to Pat as 'the crazy woman who is walking around the world' inspired her next challenge. This time she would, in fact, walk 'around the world' but there would need to be 25 people to each walk approximately 1000 miles. I was recruited! Pat used social media to find more walkers and finished up with a team of 55 local people, all keen to be involved. The chosen charity is the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Each person taking part has paid an initial £10 fee and there has been a generous anonymous donation making it possible to have a fundraising target of £10,000.



The walk set off on January 1st. There are walkers of all ages and degrees of fitness, lone walkers, dog walkers, people walking with a partner, a friend or with family. There are fair weather walkers and all-weather walkers, road walkers and cross-country walkers, daily walkers and weekly walkers. There are some participants who prefer to cycle or

even swim! The one thing we all have in common is that we are covering the miles to raise enough money to make a difference by improving the care of people with motor neurone disease and contributing to research projects aiming to find a cure for this debilitating and ultimately fatal disease.



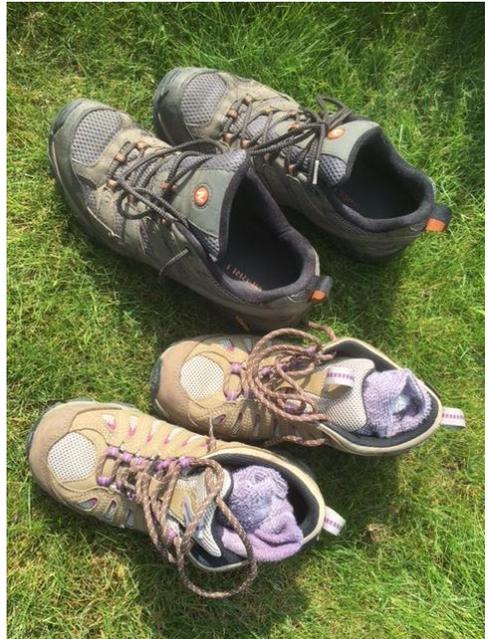
As there are now so many participants the target distance of 'around the world' will be achieved sooner than anticipated. Phil and I are both taking part, I am walking, and Phil is combining walking with cycling. We had each expected to be covering 1000 miles so will continue, after the team aim of 'around the world' has been reached, until we have completed our 1000 miles.

Since being given a Fitbit for my birthday at the beginning of 2020 I have walked an average of 5 miles every day. Over the next few months it may become more difficult to find the time for daily walks but I am hoping that we will each have achieved our 1000 miles by the autumn.

If there is anyone reading this who would like to make a donation, or is interested in sponsorship, I can be contacted by 'phone on 01756 751844 or email on judyburgin2@outlook.com.

There is also a JustGiving internet site for direct donations: Pat Maud/Auntie Pat's 'Around the World and a Little Bit More' Team Challenge/Fundraising for Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Judy Burgin





Get One, Give One; COVID-19 vaccines

The screenshot shows the VaccinAid.org website. At the top left is the logo 'VACCINAID.ORG'. At the top right are links for 'About', 'Fundraising', and 'Vaccine Centres'. A pink banner at the top center says 'Over £888,222 raised so far*'. Below this is a blue section with the UNICEF and Crowdfunder logos, and the text 'GIVE THE WORLD A SHOT' in large white letters. To the right of the text is a paragraph: 'The pandemic hit us hard. But we've come back punching. And with vaccines rolling out, we're beginning to win the fight against COVID-19. But we can't stop there. Now the rest of the world needs our help. And fast. Play your part and help UNICEF deliver 2 billion vaccines around the world by the end of this year. Because we'll only ever be safe, if we're all safe.' Below the text is a donation form with a dropdown menu set to '£ 20' and a 'Donate Now' button. Below the form is a red heart icon and the text 'We'll double your donation!'. At the bottom, there are four circular buttons for donation amounts: £10 (blue), £20 (green), £50 (pink), and £100 (purple). Below these buttons is the text 'Or select your quick donation amount, and we'll double it!'.

Here in the UK, we are privileged to have a wonderful National Health Service that provides us with health care. We have been able to get vaccines against Covid-19 at a speed and coverage rate that is one of the best in the world.

Many of us are incredibly grateful for this privilege and recognize that this is not the case for many people in other countries. We want to do something, and are asking 'Is there a way we can give back and express our thanks?' People also recognize that whilst we are grateful, none of us are safe until we are all safe. The risk to all of us is that as new variants emerge, they may undermine the effectiveness of the vaccines. As one person, what can I do to make a difference, and does it matter?

Yes, it does matter, and yes, you can make a difference! The new Anglican Health and Community Network (AHCN) was launched on April 7th – World Health Day. The AHCN has issued a global call by faith leaders for equity in access to Covid-19 vaccines,

along with Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and Archbishop Thabo Makgoba of South Africa. They call on all leaders to reject vaccine nationalism and embrace a commitment to global vaccine equity.

In March this year leaders from the Anglican Communion and the AHCN worked with other religious leaders, the NHS and UNICEF to establish 'VaccinAid - Give the world a Shot' (<https://www.vaccinaid.org/>). The idea is that people in the global North who have received a free vaccine can make a donation to the COVAX facility (<https://www.who.int/initiatives/accelerator/covax>), and the donation will go towards supporting the purchase and delivery of Covid-19 vaccines in other countries.

What difference does my £3, £10 or £100 donation make? The difference is that health workers in India, Ghana and many other countries can receive a Covid-19 vaccine just as you can. Yes, what you give does make a difference!

Sally Smith



ABOUT... 'Run the Dales' Photographic Exhibition



A celebration of fell running, one of oldest sports of the Yorkshire Dales at The Folly, Settle, from May 18 to June 25 and then at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes until September.

Opening at the Grade I listed The Folly Museum, the 'Run the Dales' photographic exhibition is a breathtaking insight into the traditional and accessible sport of fell running. Through the award winning and charismatic

imagery of Stephen Garnett, this exhibition brings to life the sport and its backdrop of the Yorkshire Dales like never before. 'Run the Dales' also incorporates a retrospective of fell running artefacts and memorabilia donated by several legendary runners and curated by Peak Performance author, Victoria Benn. Please visit www.thefolly.org.uk and www.runthedales.org.uk



Update from the Scarecrow Committee



We would like to thank everyone who has recently participated in the consultation about this year's Festival. For the size of the parish, we received a very respectable 72 responses. Now the results are in, we wanted to share both those and a little background to the survey.

When we started discussing this year's Festival in committee earlier this year, we were cautiously optimistic. We knew there was a vaccine rollout happening and that those at greatest risk in the parish would have been offered both doses well before we reached our usual August launch. On paper at least, the situation was promising. But things are rarely as simple in real life, and the pandemic is the very essence of an evolving situation.

The committee had already been told the opinions of a number of people about whether we should hold the Festival this year: the one thing they all had in common was how passionately they felt about whether we should or should not do so. We thought about what form things might take if we allowed ourselves to think more creatively and hold a different kind of event that kept

numbers down and encouraged people to avoid congregating en masse at the village hall.

We considered many options, but the one thing we could be certain of at the end of that process was that the right course of action was to leave the decision to the people most affected by it: the people who support it and volunteer from all over Upper Wharfedale and, most importantly, people who live within the parish more generally and in Kettlewell in particular.

We designed a survey with a few simple questions. The first was a failsafe so that in case of a tiebreak on the question of holding the Festival in some form, we could weight the responses of Kettlewell residents more highly, since they are most impacted. The second was whether to hold the festival in its traditional form, the third whether people might accept it in an altered, safer form, and beyond that the questions were an appeal to the community at large to share their ideas with us. We're a small committee, and we're not above saying we don't have all the answers. If there are people out there who have good ideas and talents to share, we are very much

open to listening to them and welcoming their involvement.

To respond to some of the themes that came up, the Festival was started by the Friends of Kettlewell School: even in those days funding from government wasn't sufficient and the situation has not improved. Yes, the causes of the parish have to some extent come to rely on the funds raised every year by the Festival, but it's not easy to see where an alternative source of money can be found. Local fundraising alone cannot replace the tens of thousands of pounds that come from the Scarecrow Festival, as most people acknowledge.

Likewise, the 'younger generation' some respondents would like to see 'do their bit' is too small to run the Festival in its traditional form. Even a simple calculation based on the 2011 census data – the 2021 data is not yet available – shows that even were everyone aged 18-60 to volunteer, we would not have enough people to cover car parking, catering, and all the other things that are currently involved.

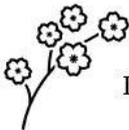
Where does that leave us? For this year, the vote was for us to hold neither the traditional festival nor an altered version, despite a significant minority being in favour of doing so. For next year, it was encouraging to see so many people respond to the skills and talents question: if you left your email address or indeed emailed to say you were willing to help, we will be in touch soon.

As a committee, we are open to reviewing the format of the Festival to make it something that is more manageable and places less strain on the village and the volunteers, while still respecting our constitution. If you were one of those who told us we needed to change something, and want to join us in making some perhaps much-needed changes happen, we'd love to hear from you at:

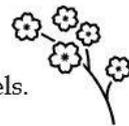
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Thanks again from all of us for taking part,

Kettlewell Scarecrow Committee



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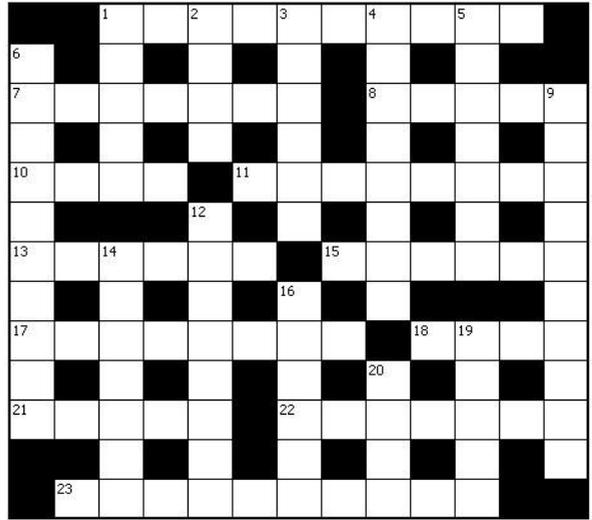
Crossword

Across

- 1 Sense of right and wrong
(1 *Corinthians* 8:7) (10)
- 7 Coming (*John* 11:17) (7)
- 8 'All I have is —, and all
you have is mine' (*John*
17:10) (5)
- 10 Smarten (*Acts* 9:34) (4)
- 11 Hold back (*Job* 9:13) (8)
- 13 Member of the Society of
Friends (6)
- 15 At ague (anag.) (6)
- 17 Citizen of the Greek
capital (8)
- 18 So be it (*Galatians* 6:18) (4)
- 21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist
who wrote *Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S.
— (5)
- 22 Empowers (*Philippians* 3:21) (7)
- 23 Imposing (*1 Samuel* 9:2) (10)

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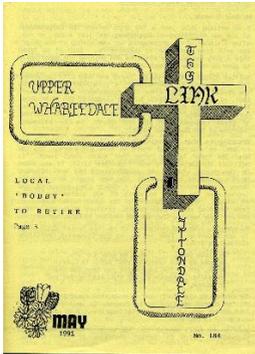
- 1 Healed (*Luke* 7:21) (5)
- 2 Central space in a church (4)
- 3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and
General Secretary of the Evangelical
Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)
- 4 Moses killed one when he saw him
beating a Hebrew labourer (*Exodus* 2:12)
(8)



- 5 Bravery (*Acts* 4:13) (7)
- 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing
hymns in a Philippian jail (*Acts* 16:26)
(10)
- 9 Transgression (*Psalms* 36:1) (10)
- 12 Irish province in which Dublin is
situated (8)
- 14 Same hit (anag.) (7)
- 16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over
the —' (*Genesis* 1:2) (6)
- 19 Author of the immortal stories of
Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)
- 20 Cab (4)

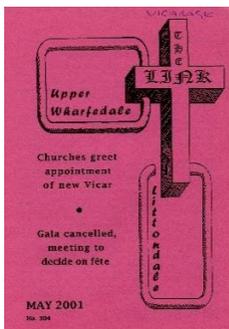
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Remembering...*the Link in the past*



May 1991: Local "Bobby" to Retire....

'On May 5, PC Pat Poole, the local policemen based in Kettlewell for the last 14 years, is retiring from the Police, having completed 26 years in service....When asked once how he would define the role of a village policemen, he replied, "It is not so much a case of enforcing the law as trying to maintain the peace."'

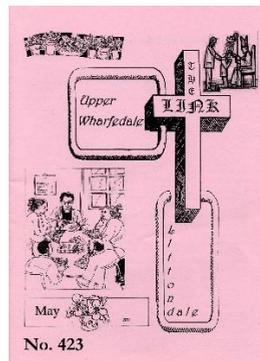


May 2001: Churches greet appointment of new Vicar

'The churchwardens of our combined parishes were happy to announce last week the appointment of a new vicar, the

Reverend Michael Heslop. Mr Heslop succeeds the Revd Tony Knapp. His institution is provisionally arranged for Saturday, 15th September.'

The Link also reported on the consequences of foot-and-mouth disease, which had led to the cancellation of Buckden Gala, and uncertainty about the Kilnsey show and Littondale Fete.



May 2011: Christian Aid Week

The Revd Peter Yorkstone writes; "Now here's a thought: times are hard, we need to economize, so how can we cut down on bills? How about seeing if you can live on £1 a day? This month there is Christian Aid Week, and they have a campaign 'Change Your Perspective, Change the World'. Around 1.4 billion people around the world live below the extreme poverty line – struggling to survive on just \$1.5 a day, ie approx. £1. The Christian Aid challenge is to live off just £1 a day for food for five days."

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**Keep us, good Lord,
Under the shadow of your mercy
In this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
And lift up all who are brought low;
That we may rejoice in your comfort,
Knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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