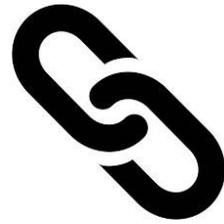


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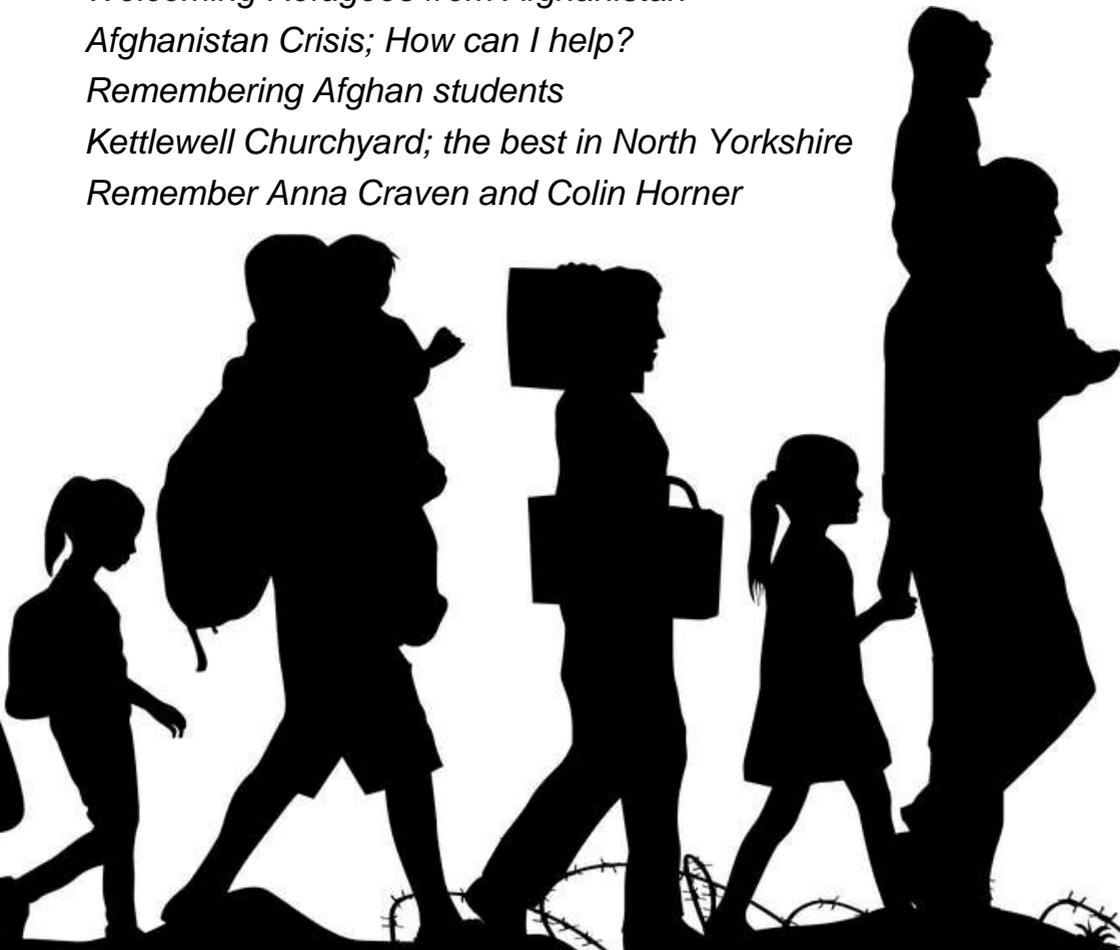
*Welcoming Refugees from Afghanistan*

*Afghanistan Crisis; How can I help?*

*Remembering Afghan students*

*Kettlewell Churchyard; the best in North Yorkshire*

*Remember Anna Craven and Colin Horner*



*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in” Matthew 25: 35*

# 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.*

## The Link

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# From the Vicar...

One of the perks of being involved in the editorial committee of a parish magazine is that you often get a preview. I was struck in this edition by the way in which so many groups which have been dormant since March last year are now springing back to life. UWALS, the WI, lunch club, film shows, to name but a few...all now back in action. And a crowning joy: Kettlewell Churchyard the first, unanimous and outright winner of a competition, the best in the county. There is much to celebrate.

The main theme of this edition of the Link, though, is Afghanistan following news that in the years ahead the UK will provide sanctuary for around 20,000 Afghan refugees. I have now read the articles by Stella Perrott and Anne Vetch and Richard Hargreaves, and went to a virtual presentation Stella gave earlier in the month and was inspired by it. Stella encouraged us when thinking about how we can help to consider supporting those organisations best placed to help.

Moving to the Dales from Leeds my experiences being alongside refugees as a parish priest have been, like Roger, Anne and Stella, very positive ones, through an involvement with two organisations, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (PAFRAS) and a winter shelter

project supported by West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network (WYDAN) offering accommodation to male refused asylum seekers.

I was moved when our Church in Leeds hosted the winter shelter project by how so many folk from the community wished to get involved. In a short space of time over 70 volunteers had signed up for all the different aspects of hosting for a week. Volunteers would frequently be involved in hosting at other churches, synagogues and mosques in Leeds. This was interfaith activism at its best. As hosts those we were caring for were our guests. Friendships developed. Wider attitudes also changed.

Our harvest festival celebrations begin in earnest this week. As we collectively 'come back to life' and rightly celebrate freedoms restored, there is also a collective hope in the wake of a worldwide pandemic - as here - that prioritising and supporting those most disadvantaged in society will be an integral part of the new normal. If when you are reading this, you are thinking "What can I do?" and want to get involved, perhaps one of the ways suggested by Anne in her article would be a great place to start.

Tom



# From the Churches & Villages

## Parish News

### *Churchyard declared 'best in county'*

The churchyard at St Mary's, Kettlewell, has been declared the unanimous winner for the whole of North Yorkshire in a competition run by a countryside charity. (see article on page 16 for more details). Judges praised the peaceful and tranquil atmosphere of the churchyard and the 'immersive' quality of the journey through it. The Bishop of Ripon, the Right Rev Helen-Ann Hartley, carried out a blessing in the churchyard during a visit to Kettlewell last September. She said: "Huge congratulations to St Mary's Kettlewell for this award, and my congratulations also to all those who were shortlisted (including a number from the Ripon Episcopal Area). As the winning citation describes, a visit to Kettlewell Churchyard is a truly immersive experience. It was a joy to bless the labyrinth and wooden inspiration boards during my visit in September 2020. From those wooden boards, a quote from Mother Julian stands out; 'You will not be overcome...all shall be well.' In the continued challenges of our current age, I am thankful for a reminder of this wisdom, etched in wood and lived out in the rich habitat that the churchyard is enabling to come to life and flourish. Well done to everyone who has worked so hard to make this valued and now award-winning project to happen!"

Our Vicar, the Rev Tom Lusty, said: "This morning when I took our dog Betty for our regular walk through the churchyard we saw at very close range a

regular visitor, a baby tawny owl, perched on the bench outside Church. I was able to wonder afresh at the spectacular diversity of wildlife this churchyard offers. As incoming Vicar, I am proud to share in this celebration of what has been achieved by a hard-working team of volunteers, particularly during a national pandemic. I look forward to assisting with implementing the changes needed to be true to the parish's vision for the churchyard in the future."

### *From the Parish Registers*

#### FUNERAL

22 September – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – Phillis Rockliff

#### INTERMENT OF ASHES

14 August - St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme - John Hayward Davies and Marjorie Davies

18 September – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – Norma Robinson

### *Harvest Services*

A host of Harvest Services will be held across the Parish during October. The celebrations started early at Hubberholme, where parishioners were due to combine Harvest with the Patronal Service at St Michael and All Angels Church on Sunday, September 26.

The Harvest Service at St Oswald's, Arncliffe, is to take place at 9.30am on Sunday 3 October. The Church will be decorated from 10am on Saturday 2 October, when everyone is welcome to help. Any gifts of canned and packet

goods which are brought to the service will be taken to Skipton Food Bank. It is hoped that a Harvest Service will also be held at Halton Gill, possibly during the afternoon on Sunday 10 October.

Parishioners will combine for a joint Harvest Festival Celebration for our two St Mary's Churches, at Conistone and Kettlewell. This will be held on Sunday 17 October at 11.15am, at Kettlewell. The collection at this service will be donated to Christian Aid. St Mary's, Kettlewell, will be decorated for the occasion on Saturday 16 October, from 10am - 12 noon, when gifts of produce and your company would be greatly appreciated. Tins, packets and dry produce will be donated to Skipton Food Bank and all fresh produce to Welcome Place Café, Keighley, which help to provide meals, at a reasonable cost or none, for those struggling to make ends meet.

### *Generosity Week 2021*

The beginning of our first Harvest festival in the parish coincides with the start of Generosity week, a CofE initiative to encourage people to be generous, and in one very specific way: by supporting the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). You can find out more by visiting the website ([parishgiving.org.uk](http://parishgiving.org.uk)). In both my previous parishes we were involved in the pilot scheme for parish giving, and since the PGS was formally launched in the Diocese three years ago, it is quickly gaining momentum nationwide as a very practical way to give in the CofE. 34 people in this parish are currently signed up for the scheme. All that we give by this means is automatically gift aided and it is a secure and tried and tested way of giving. All money given this way goes direct into our parish account, and it takes the burden of administration off our

parish treasurers. Perhaps this Harvest season have a think about it and consider giving in this way: to be generous and to give at a level that feels right to you. Feel free to contact me or Nick our parish treasurer ([nick.davies14@icloud.com](mailto:nick.davies14@icloud.com)) for more information.

*Tom*

### *Link Advertising Co-ordinator wanted*

The adverts pages are an essential part of the Link and raise much needed funds to cover our printing costs and to fundraise for the parish. The parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale is now urgently needing someone to co-ordinate these pages and to invoice all those who advertise their businesses here. It is a great way of both being the public face of the parish and encouraging local Dales businesses. It would suit someone with a particular aptitude for administration and a background in book-keeping. Full training provided - also an honorarium [of 10% of income generated] is available. Please contact me or the Churchwardens Jackie and Andrew for more information.

*Tom*

### *St Mary's Kettlewell*



### *Internment of Betty Potter's ashes*

The Internment of Betty Potter's ashes will take place at Kettlewell Church on 16 October 2001 at 3pm. There will be a service to celebrate her life with tea and cakes following the Internment. We are

hoping to make a recording of the service as streaming service is not available at the church. Please contact Ann Ralph if you would like to attend or to have access to the recording on 07713852639 or 01253700116

### October Rotas

#### Sidespeople

- 3 Dave Nelson
- 10 Suzi Swire
- 17 (Harvest) Phil Burgin
- 24 Dave Nelson
- 31 No one required

#### Coffee/Tea

- 3 Sue Nelson
- 10 No one required
- 17 (Harvest) Judy Burgin
- 24 Liz Ward
- 31 No one required

#### Cleaning

Pam Lambert

#### Flowers

Sue Nelson

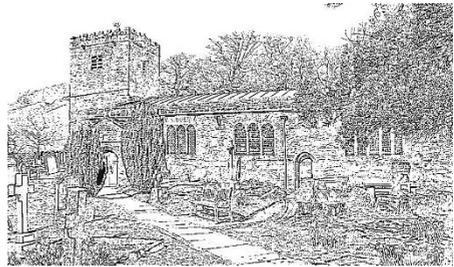
The church will now be opened daily from 9am until 6pm (dusk during winter months)

### Church & Churchyard Work Morning

Saturday 23 October from 9.30 am to 12 noon. It is hoped there will be a good turnout, to supplement the excellent work being done by the volunteers looking after specific flower beds, to help tidy up the Churchyard and stow away benches, etc. in preparation for winter. A special note must be made here to all churchyard volunteers who helped Kettlewell to take 'The Best Churchyard in North Yorkshire' award recently. Well done! If it's your intention to join 'the team' on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, please bring along equipment and safety gear you feel you may need. There are also jobs which need to be done within

the church – some sitting jobs, 'mucky' jobs, high and low jobs – you name it and we're sure a job can be found to suit just you. 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.

### *St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme Church*



### Harvest Service

On 26 September we held a combined Harvest and Patronal Service in church. This year we were unable to hold our usual Harvest Supper and Auction in aid of St George's Crypt for the Homeless in Leeds. Instead it was decided to send all non-perishable items to the Food Bank in Skipton and after the service parishioners were able to take any perishable items for a donation and this money was sent to St George's Crypt. Thank you to all who gave Harvest items and who donated money for St George's Crypt. We hope next year to be able to hold our Harvest Auction.

### October rotas

#### Sidespersons

- 3 (6.30pm) Hazel & Keith Jeddere-Fisher
- 10 (11.15am) Deirdre Halsall & Janet Mudd & Amy
- 17 (9.30am) Deirdre Halsall & Liz Hird

24 (9.30am) Sandra Kilvington & Jackie Yarrow

**Flowers**

3 H Jeddere-Fisher

10 J Cowpe

17 J Cowpe

24 S Kilvington

31 S Kilvington

**Cleaning**

3 K Jeddere-Fisher

10 J Cowpe

17 J Cowpe

24 G Owen

Oct 31 G Owen

A reminder that our Remembrance Day Service will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 7 November.

[Advance Notice: Craft Workshop](#)

A craft workshop with Christmas in mind led by Sarah Perry (ex of Buckden) who will teach us the art of making Christmas goods (with items to take home). This will take place on Tuesday 14 November at 10.30am in Buckden Village Institute. £10 per person including light refreshments but please note places are limited. This is a fund-raising event for the Parish by Hubberholme Church. Ring Josie Cowpe 01756 761154 to book.

[Autumn clean-up at Hubberholme churchyard](#)

We are planning two mornings to do some work to tidy up the churchyards. The main job is the annual cutting of the rough grass areas to the side and back of the church, but we will also get a few other things tidied up. This will be on Wednesday 6 October and Saturday

9 October from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. For more information and/or to say that you are coming please contact Keith 01756 760351.

[St Mary's Conistone](#)



[October rotas](#)

**Sidespersons**

3 Hilda Dibb, Allison Clarke

10 Jo Foster, Hilda Dibb

17 Kathryn & Philip Butterfield

24 Jo Foster, Allison Clarke

**Flowers & Cleaning**

3 Jo Foster

10 Jo Foster

17 Kathryn Butterfield

24 Abigail Shaw

31 Abigail Shaw

[St Oswald's Arncliffe](#)



[October rotas](#)

**Cleaning:** Mr & Mrs A Nettleton

**Flowers:** Mrs S Paul

### *History Wardrobe and Cream Tea!*

UWALS presents 'AGATHA CHRISTIE & ART DECO'. Seductive, sensational and chic, this stunning fashion presentation celebrates the life and times of the Queen of Crime with the added twist of a mystery to solve.

Characters from Christie's era are brought to life through dramatic readings and dazzling Deco fashions from the 20s & 30s - dainty day dresses, beaded 'flapper' frocks and sweeping evening gowns.

Discover just why Mrs Christie's life was as interesting as any novel, from her work in the world of archaeology to the drama of her eleven-day disappearance

Lucy Adlington's History wardrobe has earned countless plaudits over the years as evidenced by the enthusiasm UWALS's booking of them elicited. Join us for an entertaining afternoon and cream tea, visiting a time before COVID!

Thursday 4th  
November 2021  
Kettlewell Village Hall 2pm. Tickets  
£12/£15 UWALS members/non-  
members, includes cream tea. Please  
email [uwalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:uwalsociety@gmail.com) or  
telephone 01756 770051/770350 to  
reserve your ticket



### *Walter Morrison Centenary Events*

**'From Traveller's Tales to Triangulation: The Early Exploration of**

the Holy Land by the Palestine Exploration Fund'. 8 October, 19:30pm at Giggleswick School Memorial Library. **'Why Argentina?':** the Morrison family's investments in Argentina and the development of the Central Argentine Railway'. 22 October, 19:30pm at Giggleswick School Memorial Library. **'The Making of Walter Morrison: Family, Wealth, Education, Travel, Radicalism and Public Service'**. 19 November, 19:30pm at Giggleswick School Memorial Library. **'The Influence of John Ruskin on the Morrison Funded 1880 Restoration of St Michael's Church'**. 3 December, 19:30pm at Giggleswick School Chapel. **'Rinse and Repeat:** Christian Evolution and Kingsley's 'The Water Babies' Online lecture on 5 November.



Tickets can be booked online at: <https://the-folly.arttickets.org.uk/> or in person at The Museum Of North Craven Life front desk in The Folly at Settle. In-person tickets are £7 and online are £5.

### *Manorlands Hospice*

Wharfedale support group for Manorlands hospice are pleased to announce that their garden party raised an amazing £7,500. With many thanks to everyone who baked cakes, gave prizes and gave their support. Thank you

*June Robinson*

### *Grassington Singers are back!*

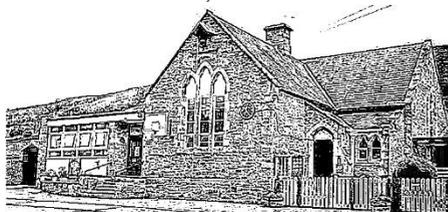
Are you fed up with staying at home? Are you ready to come out again? Do you feel like a good sing?

Grassington Singers are putting on a Singalong on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 in the Town Hall. We shall be performing numbers by the Beatles, Neil Diamond, Verdi, Ivor Novello, and excerpts from My Fair Lady. And we shall be encouraging our audience to join in as much as possible!

Tickets for this are only £5 in recognition of the long months we have not been able to sing together.

Do come and join us. We're sure you'll enjoy yourselves.

### *Kettlewell Primary School*



Oh, to be aged 4-10 again...! Term started at Kettlewell Primary School with Fun! Fun! Fun! Formal lessons were side-lined and instead, to celebrate the warm weather and the new intake, games, outdoor play and ice creams were order of the day. A lovely transition from summer holidays to autumn term!

And then back to work! Guitar lessons organised through North Yorkshire county council have re-started, trips for Class 2 to Grassington to learn with a larger cohort of children have recommenced, and Maths, English, Cookery and French have all rolled into action. Oh-la-la!

This term Class 2 children are learning about Shakespeare, Italy, architecture and the big questions about God. Class 1 are learning about traditional tales, building model villages, local geography, maps, clay modelling and gymnastics! And with COVID hopefully a little more under control compared with last year, school is planning for Harvest Festival, Christmas Carols and Nativity.

KETTLEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**open day!**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12th 2021

admin@kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk / 01756 760280

Kettlewell Primary School is having an Open Day on Tuesday 12 October for prospective parents. Call or email for more details: [admin@kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk) or 01756 760280 and see for yourself what a vibrant little school we have in our community.

### *Kettlewell & District WI*

Members met in Kettlewell Village Hall, on Wednesday 15th September, for a picnic lunch AGM. Given chance they could possibly put the world to rights!!! Sheila Foster and Jennifer Cuthbert retired after several years of loyal service, as President and Secretary and were thanked by incoming President, Maureen Heseltine.

Jane Welch is the new Secretary and to everyone's delight and relief, Elspeth

Miller will continue in her position as Hon Treasurer. The committee will continue as previously plus two new, very warmly welcomed members, Secretary Jane and Linda Thomson.

The next members' meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 October at 2pm in Kettlewell Village Hall when we shall be discussing how best to go forward. There will be refreshments and some light entertainment, and it will be lovely to get back together again.

Anyone who would like to join us at any of our meetings, please, just come along, we would love to see you.

### *Threshfield and Linton WI*

Threshfield and Linton WI have had a busy summer holding our meetings outside. We started off on a beautiful summers evening in July by having a Wine and Nibbles evening at the home of Sheila Carr, moving into the Barn when the evening cooled down. The ladies enjoyed meeting again in person after a long break.



Our August meeting was a visit to the gardens of the Yorkshire Dales Flower Company at Bradley, where we enjoyed looking around Susan's garden and enjoying a cup of tea in her beautiful garden where she grows flowers for

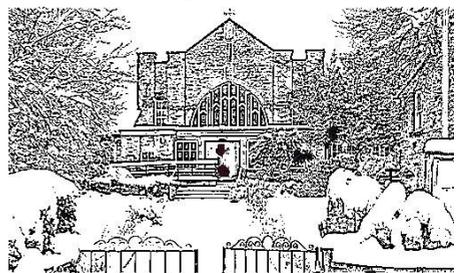
weddings etc. We had an additional afternoon meeting where we made paper sunflowers to help decorate Grassington Town Hall for the upcoming Grassington Players producing of the Calendar Girls Musical.

The September meeting was a trip to Hart Farm at Hawkswick. Hart Farm is a not-for-profit organisation. It was set up in 2011 to help children cope with difficult situations such as illness, disabilities and bereavement. Here, children can stroke, hold, groom, feed and even walk the animals.

Our October meeting will be held at Linton Village Hall on Wednesday, 13 October at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Neil Hanson author of *The Inn at the Top*, with tales of his time as landlord of the Tan Hill Inn - the highest pub in Britain.

New members/visitors are always welcome; for more information ring Secretary, Sheila Carr 01756 752435 or 07879 845771

### *Kettlewell Village Hall*



### *Play Table Tennis*

Play Table Tennis sessions have begun again in Kettlewell Village Hall each Wednesday in term time. Junior TT Club (£1) 4-5pm Secondary age children (£1) and adults (£2) 5-7pm.

School age children will be registered in at 4pm and registered out of the session

at 5pm. Please can they be brought to the session and picked up by someone responsible for them. That would be most appreciated.

The session for adults starts at 5.15pm. We hope it will offer a bit of gentle exercise for the body, a proven way to keep the brain cells active for the mind, and good company and fun for the soul! All welcome! For more information contact Di or Clare on 761864.



### Bowling

Indoor bowling will recommence at the village hall on Wednesday 5 October. 2pm-4pm. We will be pleased to see new people come along and have a go. £2 per session including tea and biscuits. Any questions please contact David Whitham 01756 761099.

### Films Shows

The October film at the Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> is "Official Secrets" See the poster at the shop or village notice boards for details. The November film is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>. It is likely to be "Eye in the Sky" starring Helen Mirren and Alan Rickman. *Colonel Katherine Powell (Dame Helen Mirren) is a U.K.-based military officer in command of a top-secret drone operation to capture terrorists in Kenya. Through remote surveillance and on-the-ground intel, Powell discovers the targets are*

*planning a suicide bombing and the mission escalates from "capture" to "kill". But as American pilot Lieutenant Steve Watts (Aaron Paul) is about to engage, a nine-year old girl enters the kill zone triggering an international dispute, reaching the highest levels of U.S. and British government, over the moral, political, and personal implications of modern warfare.*

All films are 7.30pm. Adults £5 Under 19 £2.50. Tickets from the village shop.

## GRASSINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE

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

Tel. 01756 752313

Out of hours: Tel. 111

## Upper Wharfedale Venturer

72B community-operated local bus between Buckden, Grassington & Hebden, Monday to Saturday. Connects with Keighley Bus Company service to Skipton. Sunday and Bank Holiday service provided by Dalesbus.

[www.upperwharfedale.com](http://www.upperwharfedale.com)

Tel: 01756 636161

### Kettlewell Luncheon Club

The October Lunch will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 12.30 for 12.45. If you didn't put your name forward at the last Luncheon

Club please ring Sue Nelson (760887) by 4pm on Sunday 17 October to reserve your place. If she's not at home leave a message. The Luncheon Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish of Kettlewell with Starbotton. The cost is £5 for two courses and coffee, and there is a wine bar. The wearing of face coverings, when not seated at a table, will continue until everyone feels 'safe' without them, as will socially distanced tables of 6 and hand sanitising.

### *Buckden and Langstrothdale*

#### *Mobile Library*

The Library van will be in Buckden Car Park between 10.00am and 12noon on Wednesday, 27 October.

#### *Buckden Whist*

Buckden Whist continues this month in Buckden Institute on Wednesday, 13th and Wednesday, 27th October. Doors open at 6.30pm and play starts at 7.00pm; there is an entry charge of £3.50 which includes supper. The evening is light-hearted, with the emphasis on good company. Newcomers will be made very welcome by all our regulars. If you would like more information, please ring David on 760877.

#### *Cancer Research Fund Raiser*

On Sunday, 17th October we are holding a Coffee Morning and Cake Stall at

Buckden School Room in order to raise funds for Cancer Research. The event will run from 10.00am until 4.00pm (or until all the cakes are gone!) and any baking donations will be gratefully received. Please drop them off for Janet Mudd at the Buck Inn (761933) or with Deirdre Halsall (760296). Thank you in anticipation for your support.

### *Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe*

#### *Bingo Night*

Friday 22nd October. Bar & doors open at 6.30pm, 'eyes down' at 7pm. Fun for all the family. Free entry (pay to play). Great prizes. Please bring your own snacks.

### *Littondale Christmas Craft Market*

Saturday 27th November. 10am – 3pm. It's nearly that time of year again! We are hoping that this event can take place this year (to be confirmed in the November Link). If you would be interested in selling your crafts and produce at our traditional table top Christmas market, please get in touch with Sarah at [carrfarm2021@gmail.com](mailto:carrfarm2021@gmail.com) or 01756 770282. Tables cost £10 each. Donations for the tombola gratefully received.

### *Rainfall for August 2021*

<b>Arncliffe:</b>	69.5 mm/2.74 ins
<b>Litton:</b>	94.5 mm/ 3.72 ins
<b>Beckermonds:</b>	79.5 mm/3.13 ins

## 🔗 Welcoming Refugees from Afghanistan

**M**any people are concerned about the plight of people in Afghanistan and those who have managed to flee, and have asked, “How can we help?”.

To raise awareness and to try and provide some context to the current refugee crisis, I recently gave a presentation for the Craven area. There were several key messages:

- 🔗 Not all those in danger can flee their countries – 85% of displaced people stay within their country’s borders or in a refugee camp in an adjacent country; we need to think globally.
- 🔗 The poorest countries in the world accommodate the most refugees (so too do the poorest areas in the UK).
- 🔗 The UK is not generous in accepting refugees. Only 6% of refugees who get to Europe wish to come to the UK, usually because they have family or community support here, or speak the language.
- 🔗 It’s best to help through organisations that have been working with refugees for several years – they provide ethnic, religious and culturally appropriate services.
- 🔗 There is a role for individuals as volunteers with organisations

supporting refugees, raising funds for refugees and raising awareness and campaigning.

- 🔗 Organisations that people already support; food banks, homeless charities, religious aid organisations and schools, are already doing a great deal to support refugees. Continuing to support them is key to supporting refugees.

The Upper Wharfedale Refugee Support Group is a network of people supporting refugees - providing household goods, toiletries, food and furniture, teaching English, campaigning and providing information, offering welcome days for refugees, and raising money and supporting BIASAN, a Bradford based organisation that has worked with refugees for over 20 years. If you would like to join the mailing list or want to discuss what you can do please email UWRSG [refugees@upperwharfedale.net](mailto:refugees@upperwharfedale.net) If you would like to undertake a fundraising event, people in the network will help. If you wish to organise a presentation in your locality, I would be pleased to help.

*Stella Perrott*

### Which countries take in most refugees?

- As of mid-2020, the top 5 host countries of refugees were:



**388,000** The UK ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in **Europe** in absolute numbers of refugees, 14<sup>th</sup> in terms of percentage per head of population.

## 🔗 Afghanistan Crisis – How can I help?

**Y**ou will all, I'm sure, have been disturbed by pictures of men, women and children fleeing the Taliban in Afghanistan and the news of increasing violence across the region. It has brought very much back into the forefront of our minds the refugee crisis worldwide. Millions of people have lost homes, livelihoods, family and friends and have no means of support.

As a community which already supports the work of refugee support groups locally, we want to extend our help and have two new 'drives' to provide much needed aid to these people.

Our Federation of schools, our churches, our villages are all coming together to work towards this.

First, we are organising a collection of used winter clothing: coats, jumpers, boots, shoes etc. These items can be dropped off at any of the local churches on the weekend of 16/17 October and at any of our Federation schools\* week beginning 18 October. This will enable us to organise transport and distribution over half – term. We would ask that items are limited to warm and/ or waterproof items which are pre – sorted and labelled. We

are also asking for new 'snuggpacks' of scarves, gloves, hats and underwear. Again, if these could be labelled with details of contents, size etc it would be helpful.

Second, we are putting together Christmas shoeboxes of two types: one containing toys for children of various ages, and one containing toiletries. Again, please label to help us direct them most appropriately. These too can be dropped off at any of our schools\*, the week beginning 13 December or in our Churches the weekend of 11 December.

We are delighted that so many of our schools, churches and local people are coming together to support this initiative: let's share what we have with those who have nothing.

*Anne Vetch  
Chair of Governors*

*Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation*  
\*Burnsall Primary School, Cracoe and Rylstone Primary School, Grassington Primary School, Kettlewell Primary School

**16.6 million refugees (out of 26.4 million worldwide) come from just 5 countries:**



Syrian Arab Republic  
**6.7 million**  
(Displaced: **13.4 million**)



Venezuela  
**4.0 million**



Afghanistan  
**2.6 million**



South Sudan  
**2.2 million**



Myanmar  
**1.1 million**

## Remembering Afghan Students

When I heard that the October “Link” was to have a focus on Afghanistan, memories flooded back of Afghan asylum seekers/refugees I had met for English lessons in Bradford since 2000. I have met many unforgettable people there from 30 or more countries over the years, but it is some who had made the almost impossible journey from Afghanistan I remember most deeply.

Nabi and Sayed were brothers, aged about 30 and 18. Nabi was a highly qualified water engineer with expertise in dams and irrigation but his marriage to a fellow student from university was for love, not arranged between families in the traditional way. On his baby son’s first birthday his wife and son were shot and killed in front of him. He and his brother fled to England, but he was deported back to Afghanistan. When he landed at Kabul, he immediately fled to a



refugee camp in Peshawar, Pakistan. He’s unheard of since. Sayed slipped away from Bradford to live “under the radar” in Manchester. My guess is that he too was picked up and deported. We had them to stay for a night in Hawskwick in 2004. On a walk past Dowkabottom Cave they joked that if the Home Office refused them asylum they could live there. I look for them whenever I walk or run past the cave!

Shahab was 15 when I met him with a Vietnamese boy whom I knew, another unaccompanied minor, outside the Media Museum in Bradford on my

way to see the highly acclaimed docudrama film “In This World” by Michael Winterbottom; the story of two Afghan boys making the journey overland from a refugee camp in Pakistan to safety in the UK. Shahab soon began an excited running commentary on the story because he had done the same journey on his own a year before. “They had it



Photos by Farahnaz Karimi

easy,” he said. “They did it in a few weeks. It took me 10 months.” Over the next few weeks, I visited Shahab in his foster home in Bradford. With broken English and dramatic gestures he told the story of his journey through Iran, Turkey, Bulgaria, “Yugoslavia”, Slovakia, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, France (Paris and the Calais “Jungle”) before the harrowing finale; above the axle under a lorry, across the channel to Dover and a hair-raising night journey in February until the lorry stopped at 6am in Coventry. I don’t know what became of Shahab; at 16 he’d have left care. I did hear that he’d been arrested in Glasgow for being on a bus with no ticket, but nothing more. You can read the very similar true story of a 14-year-old Afghan boy’s journey in *The Lightless Sky* by Gulwali Passarlay.

Farahnaz Karimi arrived at BIASAN with her 8yr old son Ali in 2008 after a similar year long journey to Shahab’s. She had worked for the European Press Photo Agency as a photographer, taking photos of military parades but also her views of life around her in Herat. Threatened by the Taliban for her work with Europeans, she fled with Ali, leaving three older children behind. She showed me 300 of her photos on the internet; scenes which at that time could only have been taken by

a woman - I felt they deserved to be seen in public. In November 2009, 50 of her photos went on exhibition in Bradford Cathedral as *Everyday Life in a War Zone* and then in other places in Bradford, Leeds and as far south as Bath. The Cathedral suggested an Afghan Cultural

Evening to launch the exhibition. Afghan friends said that means food (Kabuli pilau), poetry, music and dance. 250 people came to the Cathedral that evening to eat Afghan food cooked at BIASAN, listen to poetry in the Dari and Pashto languages, hear Afghan music and witness a hugely symbolic and spine-tingling moment when the musicians began to

play the tune of the Atan. A group of a dozen or more young Afghan men emerged from the audience and began to dance their national dance, the Atan, in the aisle of Bradford Cathedral. Sadly, Farahnaz and Ali neither saw her photos on exhibition nor took part in the Afghan evening. A month before it they were taken into detention by immigration police, and despite our pleas to the Home Office were deported to Hungary, where the older children and parents were allowed to join them. Given Hungary’s current attitude to asylum seekers and refugees this was a welcome surprise.

*Richard Hargreaves*



*Photos by Tony O'Connell*



## Kettlewell Churchyard; the best in North Yorkshire!

**S**t Mary's Churchyard in Kettlewell has recently been awarded 'Best Churchyard in North Yorkshire 2021' by CPRE, The Countryside Charity.



This award is a great honour and recognises the creative planning of the PCC's Churchyard Project Group, the significant contribution of a small team of local volunteers who look after the flower beds and help cut the grass in the wilder conservation areas, and the creation of new habitat for wildlife by local children.

This ancient churchyard, originally carved out of the pastures and meadowland surrounding it, has always been a quiet place of beauty where loved ones can be respectfully laid to rest in the midst of creation, whilst the living can find solace and a breathing space within its walls. Over these last three years the project's vision has been to put in place imaginative resources, such as the labyrinth, for those who visit the churchyard, alongside developing it as a peaceful oasis where wildflowers, grasses, trees, insects, birds and wild animals can really thrive.

At certain times of the year when the conservation areas of long grass appear

unkempt and out of control we remind ourselves how important it is to wait until the wildflowers and grasses have dropped their seed before the areas are cut so that we protect the biodiversity of the plant life. Likewise, we maintain an undisturbed margin of at least one metre along all boundary walls to provide a wildlife 'corridor' of safe passage within the churchyard.

It is this effort to maintain the delicate balance between the churchyard as a unique and tranquil sanctuary for people as well as a safe haven for wildlife that caught the eye of one of the trustees of the The Countryside Charity. She put into words what we have been working so hard



to create when she wrote:

"What really stood out for me...is how reverence and compassion for the natural world is woven into every aspect of the churchyard: the considered planting of the borders with bee and butterfly friendly plants, the quotes carved into wooden plaques, the way long grass, mature trees and wildlife-rich habitats were interspersed throughout the churchyard...the amount and variety of wildlife we saw was fantastic. The sense of peace and opportunities for

contemplation were outstanding. The church and community should be commended on creating an exceptional space where people and wildlife are so nurtured and welcomed.”

On hearing about the award, a Kettlewell resident recently emailed with these words:

“A huge ‘thank you’ to everyone involved in making the churchyard such a special place. We often visit for



contemplation, walking the labyrinth, exercise and bird spotting. The award is well deserved!”

The Church Project Group want to add our own gratitude to those in the church and community who give of their time and energy to tend the churchyard throughout the year. Thanks to those who cut and trim the grass, the farmer who cuts and bales the wildflower meadow, the folk who tend the graves of loved ones, those who have planted beds with flowers that attract

bees, butterflies and other pollinators and the children who have made insect homes, bird nesting boxes and a hedgehog house.

So, thank you. It has been a real community effort and we are rightly pleased and proud that our flourishing churchyard is deemed worthy of this award.



I close with an invitation. Through the illness or ageing of otherwise committed people we are aware of our need for new volunteers to join us in this work. If you would like to be part of a small ‘Green Team’ to help occasionally with the ongoing care of the churchyard we would welcome you with open (if sometimes socially distanced) arms. You could leave your details with the parish administrator at: [upperwharfedale@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:upperwharfedale@leeds.anglican.org)

*Di Blakey Williams*  
*Convenor of the Churchyard Project Group*



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## Remember...Anna Craven, 7 Apr 1941-14 Jun 2021

Anna was born in Leicester and at the age of 7, moved with her parents to her grandparents' home in Bradford. The family later bought Rose Cottage in Kettlewell, so Anna spent many holidays there. She went to school at Bedales, and then on to Cambridge.

After graduation, with an MA in Social Anthropology, she went to work in Ghana, returning there in 2007. Africa got under her skin, and she retained a love of the continent and a commitment to its people her entire life. From Ghana she went to work in Zambia and Uganda before, in 1968, taking up her post as curator in the Jos and Kaduna Museums in Nigeria.

She stayed there until 1973 when she travelled to the Solomon Islands to curate the National Museum. It was there that she married Joses Tuhanuku and gave birth to Jemma and Daniel who spent their early years in the Solomons until the family returned to the UK to live in Kettlewell.

In Kettlewell she continued with her academic work. One of her major accomplishments in her later years was to ensure that her notes were written up and published, and that her collections were properly housed in, amongst other places, the British Museum.

As part of maintaining her links with Northern Nigeria, Anna helped set up a Trust which supported Nigerian doctors currently working in the UK to return to Nigeria once a year to carry out surgery and to help train local doctors. At her funeral, tribute was paid to her long service as a Patron of the Trust and her excellent fund-raising abilities.



Anna continued with her intrepid journeys throughout her life, South America, Australia, Mongolia, Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria and latterly of course to visit Jemma and her family, and wherever she went she made friends and kept them. There was nowhere in the world that Anna did not know someone, and it was one of the great joys of her life not only to keep in contact but to share those contacts with all her other friends. These personal contacts included David Attenborough and Paul Theroux! She regularly brought people together with her wonderful Bring and Share parties in Kettlewell.

Anna was very committed to the natural world. She was passionate about the destruction of rain forests and climate change. She supported many international charities, and was very active in the Green Party, twice standing as a local candidate in the Dales.

She was for many years an active member of the Grassington and District Peace Group. She championed a big

campaign on the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific in the 1980s and protested against Menwith Hill and the low flying aircraft in the Dales.

In recent years, Anna had coped bravely with her ill health but had remained independent and her final illness was mercifully short. She was buried at Tarn Moor Memorial Woodland after a lovely service attended

by close family and friends remembering her amazing life.

Many of us will miss her warmth and energy.

*Thanks to Tina Tierney in Grassington who wrote this notice for the Grassington and District Peace Group, based on a moving tribute to Anna at her funeral by Deborah Taylor.*

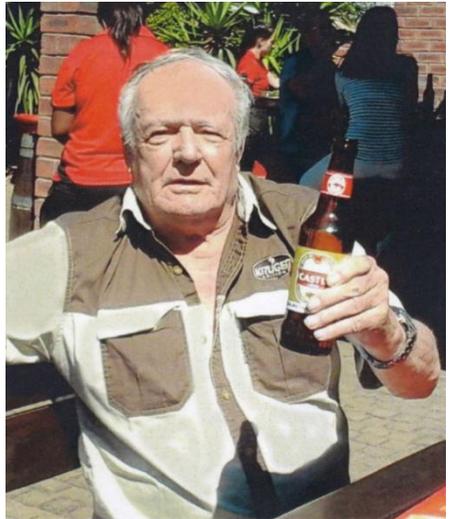
## Remember...Colin Horner, 9 Apr 1940-19 Jul 2021

**Y**ou can shed a tear that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived.

And we all know that my Dad lived, from his hard-working days and nights at Stelco Steel, to his Budweisers at the pub, and his adventures in the Wilds of South Africa.

*'You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that he's left.'* His loving wife, two caring children, four beautiful grandchildren, one precious great grandson who will always cherish long memories along with all his other dear family and friends alike.

*'Your heart can feel empty because you can't see him, or it can be full of the love you shared. You can remember him only that he is gone, or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.'* And that is exactly what we will do with the countless stories of him we will forever share. Like, did you know he couldn't swim a stroke, but still would take us to the beach as kids. What about his amazing taste for foods, such a connoisseur, he hated pasta, couldn't get enough of cheese and jam sandwiches, loved pickled herring and cheesecakes.



It's never the right time to say goodbye, my Dad was meant to be here forever and in my heart he will be. I already miss you so much Dad, I'll always remember your special smile, warm embrace, caring heart and even harsh cuss words that always got me through. You were always there even when far away, this will always remain true. Always and forever until we meet again,

*Your loving daughter,  
Jennifer Jo*

## A Country Diary: October

October is the month to embrace dark evenings as the light begins to fade fast. September's golden glow, hazy mornings and dramatic sunsets are replaced by the year quickening to its slumber. There are still plenty of things to listen out for and see in the world of wildlife, however, especially after dusk.

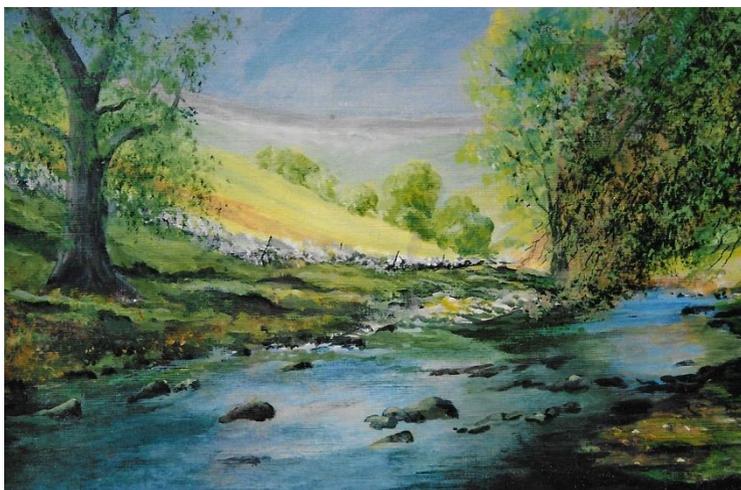
This is the time of year that the encroaching dark often has the shrill and persistent soundtrack of the call of the tawny owl. Juvenile birds that fledged successfully in spring are on the search for territories to stake their claim to, and they declare this intention loudly with hoots and screeches. The best time to hear this, or witness them perching in branches or gliding past, is on a dry night, preferably with the aid of a bright moon. Their calls rising high above the velvety darkness are an undoubted autumn highlight.

October is also a great time to observe bats building up their fat reserves in preparation for hibernation.

They can often be seen feeding on the last of the midges and other flying insects just after sunset. Different species fly at different heights and in different ways. The most common British bat, the Pipistrelle, has an erratic and swooping flight, zooming at a speed of seven metres per second. I always think that their aerobatics appear like nocturnal swallows flying low and fast over open fields. Evening forays at this time of year will also see them seeking suitable hibernation roosts where they will return to for the long winter sleep.

October's full moon, known as the 'Hunter's Moon' will rise around 4pm on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This moon's name comes from its appearance heralding the ideal time of year for hunting game to replenish stores ahead of the brutal and barren winter months. It's worth making a note to get out for some nocturnal wildlife spotting at this time and enjoy the lengthening nights.

*Rebecca Ward-Dooley*



*Langstrothdale by Angela Falshaw, Buckden Art Group*

# Crossword

## Across

1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)

3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)

9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)

10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)

11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)

12 Listen (anag.) (6)

14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)

17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)

19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)

22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)

23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)

24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)

25 Note (anag.) (4)

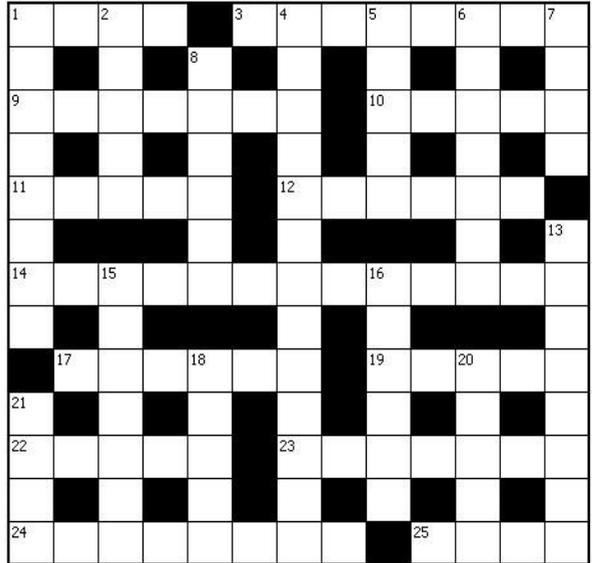
## Down

1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)

2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)

4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)

5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)



6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)

7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)

8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)

13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)

15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)

16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)

18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)

20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)

21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

*Solution on next page!*

# Community Events

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

## THIS MONTH

Sat 2 Oct	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show: 'Official Secrets'
Wed 6 Oct	Hubberholme churchyard clean up (also on Sat 9 Oct)
Sun 10 Oct	Grassington Singers Singalong, Grassington Town Hall
Tue 12 Oct	Kettlewell Primary School Open Day
Tue 12 Oct	Kettlewell & District WI, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 13 Oct	Threshfield & Linton WI, Linton Village Hall
Wed 13 Oct	Buckden Whist, Buckden Institute
Sun 17 Oct	Cancer Research Fundraiser, Buckden School Room
Thu 21 Oct	Kettlewell Luncheon Club
Sat 23 Oct	Kettlewell Churchyard work morning
Wed 27 Oct	Mobile Library, Kettlewell and Buckden
Wed 27 Oct	Buckden Whist, Buckden Institute

## FUTURE EVENTS

Thu 4 Nov	UWALS History Wardrobe - Agatha Christie, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 6 Nov	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show - "Eye in the Sky" (TBC)
Thu 11 Nov	UWALS AGM with speaker, David Joy
Fri 19 Nov	UWALS Calligraphy workshop
Tue 14 Nov	Christmas Craft Workshop, Buckden Village Institute
Fri 3 Dec	UWALS Christmas Concert, Maire Ni Cathasaigh & Chris Newman
Sat 4 Dec	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show (film TBC)
Fri 10 Dec	UWALS Christmas Singalong Evening
Sat 15 Jan	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show (film TBC)

## REGULAR EVENTS

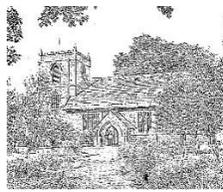
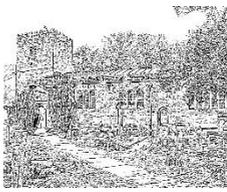
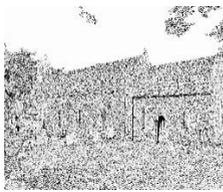
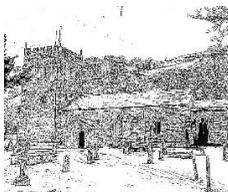
What	When	Where
Play Table Tennis	Wed 4-5 pm and 5-7pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Indoor Bowling	Wed 2-4 pm	Kettlewell Village Hall

### Answers to Crossword

**ACROSS:** 1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

**DOWN:** 1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

# Church Services



## 3 October

Arncliffe	09.30
Conistone	11.15
Hubberholme	18.30
Kettlewell	09.30

Harvest Service  
Holy Communion  
Evensong  
Service of the Word

## 10 October

Arncliffe	09.30
Conistone	09.30
Hubberholme	11.15
Kettlewell	18.30

Service of the Word  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Iona Communion liturgy

## 17 October

Arncliffe	18.30
Hubberholme	09.30
Kettlewell and Conistone	11.15

Evening Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Joint Harvest Service

## 24 October

Arncliffe	11.15
Conistone	18.30
Hubberholme	09.30
Kettlewell	09.30

Holy Communion  
Evensong  
Service of the Word  
Holy Communion

## 31 October

Arncliffe	11.00
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United Parish Service with baptism

Wearing of face masks is not obligatory. We encourage people to wear them when moving around Church but, if they wish, remove them when settled in their pew. Physical distancing is no longer required inside Church, but we ask that people utilise all the available space in Church.

We encourage people to wear face masks if they wish to sing, but this is not obligatory. We ask people to sign in at the back of our Churches or to use the NHS app, but this is not obligatory. Our Churches are now open on most days for longer hours during the daytime.