

Link

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine

GALATIANS 5:22-23






Love
JOY
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-control

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. *Galatians 5:22-23*

The Link

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

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A Dales Prayer

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

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

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

Amen

From the Vicar...

“And its from the old I travel to the new...”

I've been ordained 25 years this month. I was ordained a deacon at Chichester Cathedral on 3 July 1999 by Eric Kemp, the Bishop of Chichester - one of the last of 'the dinosaurs' - Bishop Eric was 84 at the time, having been consecrated in 1974 before the introduction of a mandatory retirement age.

Looking back, a recurring theme in my Christian journey has been a love of pilgrimage. When I was 18, I retraced St Paul's second and third missionary journeys around Turkey. The following year I cycled around the Holy Land for six weeks 'in the steps of the Master'. I went to Taizé four times in my twenties and have done a section of the Camino to Santiago di Compostela and a 'hikoī' (pilgrimage) of hope in New Zealand.

I have tried to share my love of pilgrimage with others. My family have been with me on pilgrimage to Assisi and on a 'holy island' pilgrimage in a camper van to Whithorn, Iona and Lindisfarne. It was a good opportunity to explain to our sons why they were named John Francis and Mark Aidan - named after two saints who have inspired me.

We now have an opportunity to visit Taizé as a family on the diocesan pilgrimage this summer. I hope that this experience will inspire John and Mark and feed them spiritually, as it did me.

Here is one of my favourite prayers, 'the soul of a pilgrim', by Christine Painter:



Journeying God, pitch your tent with mine
so that I may not be deterred
by hardship, strangeness, doubt.
Show me the movement I must make
toward a wealth not dependent on possessions,
toward a wisdom not based on books,
toward a God not confined to heaven.
Help me to find myself as I walk in others' shoes.

Amen

Tom

From the Churches & Villages



Heartfelt thanks to all who donated for Christian Aid Week in May. The total for our area came to £2,140.78.

From the Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

23 May – St Mary’s Church, Kettlewell – Lara Brooke Hutchison.

9 June – St Mary’s Church, Kettlewell – Blossom Hilda Brewer.

23 June – St Oswald’s Church, Arncliffe – Elizabeth Harriet Pearson.

St Mary’s, Kettlewell

July Rotas

Sidespeople

7 Phil Burgin

14 No one required

21 Clare Blakey-Williams

28 June Appleton

After Service Tea/Coffee

7 Clare Blakey-Williams

14 No one required

21 Di Blakey-Williams

28 Sue Nelson

Cleaning

Ann Lister

Flowers

Sue Nelson

A Working Get-together in the Churchyard at St. Mary’s, Kettlewell will take place on Saturday 27 July from 9.30am to 1pm. It would be good to receive as much help as possible, but please don’t feel you have to stay for the duration. The main job will be to cut and rake the two areas of grass either side of the main thoroughfare, but other routine garden maintenance needs doing too so that all is looking good for The Scarecrow Festival. The mower/trimmer

will be available to make life a little easier, but please bring along any other equipment you feel might be useful – the church does have one other strimmer and some rakes, but others could come in handy. Also, please bring any safety equipment you have. Elevelenses will be provided or as and when you feel the need. Thank you.

Labyrinth of Awakening

The sound of a...blackbird calling from the corner of a field asking you to wake into this life, or inviting you deeper, into the one that waits

David Whyte



MEADOW LABYRINTH KETTLEWELL CHURCHYARD

To walk a labyrinth is to step into an ancient space for the soul. Take a moment to unburden yourself of expectation. Become aware of the present moment, then ...

walking in gently let go of preoccupations - become aware of the sounds calling you to awaken your soul

in the centre seek a deepening stillness

as you return along the same path reflect on what thoughts and feelings are with you as you leave to take your place again in the world around you

St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

July Rotas

Sidesperson

14 S&D Parsons

21 D Halsall & J Mudd

28 H&K Jeddere-Fisher

Flowers/cleaning

7 V Bliss

14 H Jeddere-Fisher

21 H Jeddere-Fisher

28 A&A Falshaw

Fund Raising and Dates for your Diary about future events that we hope you will feel able to support. Our next fund raiser is the 26 August Bank Holiday Monday Refreshments and Stalls from 10am to 4pm at Buckden School Room. It is our intention to have Refreshments, and Tabletops. If you would like to have a pitch for a Tabletop for £10, please contact Josie Tel. 01756 761154 for more details.

After our August Bank Holiday event the next one is on Friday 25 October in Buckden Village Institute. *'Just Coasting'; Our Walk Around the Coast of Britain* - a talk with illustrations by Cliff and Gill Gosden. They will be picking out highlights and lowlights of their walk to provide a flavour of their experiences of walking the whole of the British coastline. Before the talk there will be a Pie and Pea Supper which is included in the price of the ticket. Further details will be made available nearer the time - this is just to whet your appetite about a fantastic trip, and to encourage you to put the date in your diary.

Bingo evening in December at the Buck Inn, Buckden. Look out for further details.

Remember our Annual Fund-Raising Quiz is still available to buy for £1 until September at The Buck Inn, The George Inn, the Church and from Josie Tel. 01756 761154 or Deirdre 01756 760296. Thanks to all who have already bought one.

If you need a book to read, go and have a look in the porch at Buckden School Room where there are some books to choose from, for a donation to church funds. For your interest, by Dec 2023 the Porch Bookcase had raised £411.74 in donations.

St Mary's, Conistone

July Rotas

Sidespeople

- 7 Hilda Dibb and Jo Foster
- 14 Kathryn and Philip Butterfield

- 21 Not required; joint service at Kettlewell
- 28 Not required
- Aug 4 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster

Flowers & Cleaning

- 7 Vicky Fattorini
- 14 Vicky Fattorini
- 21 Vicky Fattorini
- 28 Vicky Fattorini
- Aug 4 Jane Pighills/Helen Carlisle

Open Church w/c

- 1 Lewis Adams
- 8 Allison Clarke
- 15 Jane Pighills/Michelle Parkin Vaughan
- 22 Philip Butterfield
- 29 Lewis Adams
- Aug 5 Allison Clarke

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

July Rotas

Opening church w/c

- 7 Elspeth Miller
- 14 Sarah Paul
- 21 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 28 Hilary Follows
- Aug 4 Ian & Sally Smith

Sidesperson

- 7 Sarah Paul
- 14 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 21 Not required
- 28 Not required
- Aug 4 Hilary Follows

Coffee

- 7 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
- 14 Elspeth Miller
- 21 Not required
- 28 Not required
- Aug 4 Lynda Barker

Cleaning

Mrs S Woodhead & Mrs G Hawkins

Flowers

Mrs S Woodhead



An amazing opportunity has arisen in Buckden Village for someone who enjoys travel, meeting people and has a GSOH. A vacancy is about to occur! After 37 years of being the deliverer of our Parish magazine, The Link, I would be delighted to pass on this prestigious position to another willing volunteer in the next month or so. Please feel free to come forward - no C.V. required - and I shall be pleased to pass on 'The Knowledge'. Many thanks in anticipation of an avalanche of applications!

Ann Peters

Mobile library

The supermobile library will be in Buckden car park on Wednesday 3 and 31 July, and in Kettlewell on Wednesday 17 July from 10.00am until 12 noon.

Buckden Gala in the Rain!

The hardy folk of Upper Wharfedale enjoyed another successful Buckden Gala

despite continuous heavy rain which started as the Gala opened and lasted all afternoon. Considering the continuous rain all afternoon, there was a good crowd at Buckden Gala on 15th June, who enjoyed the traditional mix of stalls, tearoom, hot dogs, beer tent, tombola, raffle, dog show, fun activities, and music from Cadence Folk. The Buckden Pike Fell Race was won by Jack Cummings of Ilkley Harriers in a time of 37:36. Annie Hassell of Wharfedale Harriers won the Ladies Race and came 5th overall with a time of 49:12.

The Buckden Sheep Show was again organised by Janet Mudd and Ellen Hird. Male Champion went to P Bowdin, while Female Champion and Dalesbred Rosette went to S&E Hird, who also took Overall Winner. In the Young Handlers section, Freya took first place in the 0 - 9 class, while Thomas took first place in the 10 - 16s. The organisers expressed their thanks to all the farmers and sponsors who supported this year's show.

Torrential rain did not deter a surprising number of updale children from taking part in the Children's Races which included forwards, backwards, sideways and sack races. Winners were Abby, Otis, Eilien, Tommy, Ross, Freya-Rose, and Nola.

The tearoom had a busy afternoon, the famous Buckden hot dogs went down as well as ever, and the George at Hubberholme provided the very popular beer tent. The afternoon finished with the usual prize draw and the egg-catching competition, followed by a fun new activity - pushing cars out of the mud.

Buckden Institute Committee would like to thank all those from Buckden parish and beyond who worked so hard to make the afternoon a success, as well as those who braved the elements to make it all worthwhile. Next year's Buckden Gala will be held as usual on the 3rd Saturday in June - 21 June 2025 - a must for the diary!

Kettlewell with Starbottan

Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival



Scarecrows are coming to a corner near you! Thank you to all those who have donated clothing and props, etc. This is very much appreciated. We still require more clothing, especially bright clothes and black shoes or boots. Please drop any donations off at the shop or pass to any committee member. Thanks.

If you need a scarecrow base for your own scarecrow, please contact Lucy Huck (lucyhubberholme@gmail.com) who will provide you with one - there will be a small charge for this to cover costs.

There will be a **workshop in Kettlewell Village Hall** on Sunday 7 July from 2pm - 4pm. This is a chance to get props and clothing for your own scarecrow as well as the chance to help make our current scarecrows more appealing/modern. There will be a second workshop in the Village Hall on Sunday 4 August 11am- 2pm

If you have made bunting already, thank you. If you haven't (or want to make more!!) there will be a **Bunting Making Workshop** 10am - 4pm on Saturday 20 July in Kettlewell Village Hall. Feel free to pop in for half an hour or longer throughout the day. Help cut, pin or sew - all ages and abilities welcome. Please bring your sewing machine and any sewing items you think might be useful. Light refreshments and cake provided. Also, any donations of fabric (especially bright colours), bias binding, thread or bunting would be gratefully received. If you could help put the bunting up around the village the week before the festival or if you have any questions, please contact Catharine 07713152506 Catharineandmark@outlook.com or Caroline via the shop.

On Monday 5 August we set up the village hall. This is a huge operation to bring all the equipment up from under the floor, set up tables and chairs, set up and clean the counter, set up gazebos (this last task takes about 6 strong people). If you can help anytime at all between 10am and 4pm, please contact Peter Ward (07506780128) or just turn up on the Monday. Every minute is valuable help, please consider coming for as long or as short as you can manage.

On Friday 9 August we will be setting up the props and scarecrows around the village starting at around 5pm. This is a very time-consuming task and the more people to help the better. Again, if you can help at all, please contact Lucy Huck (lucyhubberholme@gmail.com)

In our special anniversary year, we will have two new awards, named in honour of women who have made a massive contribution to the Scarecrow Festival over the years. One is for the best 'scattering' of scarecrows (a group display or tableau); this will be known as the **Verina Bishop Trophy**. The other is a 'People's Choice' Award, voted for by our visitors, which will

be named the **Jennifer Cuthbert Award**. The latter award will be given out at the end of the festival. Make sure your scarecrow is prepared and ready by the time our judge, Mr Tom Carlisle (@dalesfarmer), comes round on Saturday 10 August from 9:30am.

Rotas are being finalised but there are many volunteers still required. Many hands do indeed make lighter work!

- 🔗 Make a scarecrow.
- 🔗 Serve in the Village Hall (Cathy 761953 or email kettlewellscarecrow@gmail.com or Peter (07506780128)
- 🔗 Sell our merchandise on the stall (Nicky 07854443464)
- 🔗 Help with car parking (Peter 761953 or peterchiverton@live.co.uk)

Kettlewell Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall will be holding its annual general meeting on Monday 9 September 2024 at 7pm in the Hall. All are welcome to attend. This year has seen several exciting developments and there are a few more in the pipeline. If you would like to know more or wish to join the committee, contact Peter Ward on peterward6@hotmail.com or 07506 780128.

*Peter Ward
Chair - Kettlewell Village Hall*

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

Sunday 8 September

Main Registration: Saturday 7 September, 1 to 4pm in Kettlewell Village Hall. Late Registration for half an hour only on Show Day – 9-9.30am.

Schedules, listing all you need to know, are available at:

- 🔗 Buckden Village Store
- 🔗 The Buck Inn, Buckden
- 🔗 The Fox & Hounds, Starbotton
- 🔗 Kettlewell Village Store
- 🔗 Kettlewell Village Hall

- 🔗 And then... Deli, Kettlewell
- 🔗 Conistone Church
- 🔗 Kilnsey Trout Farm
- 🔗 Scargill

Kettlewell and District Women's Institute Needs You!

The Kettlewell and District Women's Institute is a small, friendly group of women from Upper Wharfedale and Littondale who meet at 1.30pm till 3.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month for talks, visits and craft afternoons. We will be celebrating our 85th anniversary in 2025 and would love to expand our membership so that we can reach our 90th! We are part of the glue of the village and raise money for local and national charities, run coffee mornings and individually, our members do lots for the local community. And being part of the bigger regional and national WIs means that we get access to events and workshops and campaigns beyond Upper Wharfedale. The WI's current national campaign concerns the dire state of NHS dentistry which is something I am sure we all have strong views about.

So if you are new to the area, looking to learn new skills or to share your skills and experience with others or just looking to have a natter with some friendly women over a cup of tea once a month, the WI is for you. Come along as a visitor to any of our meetings. We would also love to get your input on what activities would be of interest to you as we plan our 2025 programme.

This month, we heard from Sue Nelson about her life, her faith and the work of Scargill House. We all learned a lot and had a lovely afternoon hearing Sue's very personal story. For our next meeting, we will be visiting RHS Harlow Carr on 2 July (earlier than normal in the month to avoid clashing with the Great Yorkshire Show) and then we will be taking a pause until 10 September when we will be learning all

about (and tasting) chocolate. We will put a reminder in the Link nearer the time.

Blister packs - many of you will know that we have been doing some collective recycling (batteries, printer cartridges etc). We have also been collecting and recycling blister packs. However, it is not possible to do this in large quantities. Therefore, we won't be collecting blister packs going forward – but we encourage you to take your personal packs into Superdrug stores if you are heading to Harrogate or Keithley. We understand that Boots will be rolling out a similar service in the next 12 months so that might make the process more convenient for everyone.

If you would like to learn more about the WI or are interested in joining us for the garden visit, please contact Jane Welsh on 07718 218630.

Kettlewell Lunch Club is taking a summer break until Thursday 12 September. Please note this is one week earlier than usual.

Kettlewell Primary School



Kettlewell school's infant classroom was transformed over the holidays with brand new resources and furniture. The children have been enjoying exploring everything and the teacher said it had created a calmer atmosphere. A huge thank you the friends who funded this and staff who gave up so much time to set it up.

We took part in an open studio which was set up outside Grassington town hall where local artists displayed their work. The children all drew a picture which was displayed alongside others.

The children enjoyed learning about road safety with Robbie from the emergency service. Thank you to the North Yorkshire road safety team for delivering this important lesson.

We were lucky with the weather on school photos day and managed to take some outside. Everyone looked very smart. Class 2 have been busy using a pattern to cut out felt for their Stone Age tunics. We cant wait to see their appliqué designs!

Class one had a fabulous trip to Lytham St Annes as part of their seaside topic. They visited the RNLI and spent time on the beach. They even found some sunshine!

Sports Day 2024 was a hot one! The children and families were amazing; from welly wanging to the water challenge, the children had a fabulous afternoon. The scores were incredibly close but Ruby reigned victorious this year. Well done everyone!

We made the most of the sunshine and the children also enjoyed a delicious Teddy Bears Picnic lunch, prepared by our culinary genius - Lucy Huck! The had an exciting time eating on picnic blankets on the field with their teddies in every colour and ranging from tiny too big.

Do you remember the interview with Isabella, Betsy, Alfie and Connie in the March Link? They told us about their project to regenerate the pond and garden area. Here's an update from the head teacher, Claire Greenwood:

“During the spring term, we worked with Warwick the gardener who designed and regenerated our pond area. We have a herb garden, a potting shed, our own water butts, fruit trees, pond, bird nest (birds already nested) a bug hotel and raised vegetable

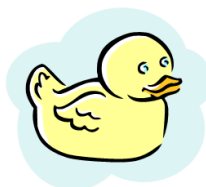
beds. We are looking for volunteer gardeners to work with our school too.”



Littondale

LITTONDALE DUCK RACE

SATURDAY 20th JULY



**TICKETS AND TEAS IN
ARNCLIFFE CHURCHYARD,
FROM 2pm**

‘Quack off’ 3pm from Church bridge

For tickets in advance, call Sarah (770282) or

email; carrfarm2021@gmail.com

**All proceeds to the Churches of Upper
Wharfedale & Littondale.**

*Coffee, Cake & Littondale Community
Archive*

Saturday 13 July, 10.30 am – 12 noon.

Our monthly coffee morning and chance for a catch up with friends & neighbours in Amerdale Hall. Coffee, tea and homemade

baking. Payment by donation. Joining us for the morning will be John Cuthbert from the Dales Community Archive who is here to help create a Littondale Community Archive. As we discovered at the recent ‘Littondale Life’ exhibition, there is a treasure trove of interesting historical information within the Dale that needs to be preserved for posterity. John has offered to help with scanning and cataloguing such documents and other memorabilia. John has also offered to take materials away or can arrange to visit you in your own home to do the scanning if this is more convenient.

Littondale Fete

Saturday 10 August

This year’s Fete will be held on Arncliffe Village Green, starting at 1pm with the 4-mile road race and music from Skipton Brass Band. There will also be BOFRA fell races throughout the afternoon, as well as children’s races, the dog show and various stalls and refreshments in the Village Hall.

There will again be a Littondale produce stall and we would be grateful for your donations of homemade preserves, fresh garden produce, garden plants, eggs, handicrafts, in fact anything produced in Littondale! We would also welcome donations for the Tombola and Silent Auction. Silent Auction items could be in the form a voucher for an experience, a promise to do something (bake a cake every month for a year!) or a physical item like a piece of artwork or furniture, (please ensure such items are in clean useable condition).

Further details will be in the August Link, but if you can help in any way with this year’s Fete, particularly with volunteering on the Car Park or with serving Tea & Cake, please get in touch at carrfarm2021@gmail.com or please come along to the next planning meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 2 July in the Queens at Litton. Everyone very welcome!

Parish wide & beyond

Funk Wire

Thursday 11 July at 2pm in the Grassington Devonshire Institute.

Thursday 18 July– end of term Summer Singalong 2pm. Full day for some (full fatters!) in the Grassington Devonshire Institute.

UWALS Writers' Workshop

Monday 8 July from 1.30pm-4pm in the Threshfield Institute. Everyone welcome, contact uwalsociety@gmail.com

Please note that the **UWALS Tapestry Weaving Workshop** on 10 July will be held in Threshfield Institute, not Conistone Hall as previously announced.



Friends of the Dales Summer Programme

Access the Dales by foot or Terrain Hopper! Wed 31 July, 11:00 – 3:00pm



Friends of the Dales is hosting its first all-terrain wheelchair guided walk on 31 July in collaboration with the charity, Access the Dales and walking company Where2Walk. Early bookers can also secure the use of an all-terrain Tramper or Terrain Hopper wheelchair for this event. For details and booking links for all these free events visit: <https://friendsofthedales.org.uk/events>

Event: Friends 4 Friends

Thursday 1 August, 5:30 – 8:30pm

A social event for non-members! (Members are welcome too but they must bring a 'non-member' friend along with them). As we look to the future it is vital we recruit more members and so what better way to do this than encourage interested supporters and like-minded friends to join us for a sociable evening in Gargrave of welcome refreshments and snacks, fun quiz and a leisurely three-mile circular walk. NB. no obligation for non-members to join – this is just a chance to get to know more about us. Why not sign up from Friends of the Dales free e news on its homepage to receive news and events information direct to your inbox!

Rainfall for May 2024

Arncliffe: 126.2 mm/4.97 ins

May rainfall 2000-2023

Highest: 203.8 mm/8.02 ins (2021)

Lowest: 16.0 mm/0.63 ins (2008)

Average: 93.7 mm/3.69 ins



Buckden Singers

present

"Strawberries and Song"

Les Misérables

Out
of
Africa

*Conductors'
Choice*

Sunday 21st July 2024 at 3.00pm

Kettlewell Village Hall

Tickets which include a strawberry tea - £8
from tickets@buckden.org or 01756 760882



‘Your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams’

Joel 2:28

Kettlewell School has been around a long time with generations of the same families educated there. It has always prided itself on its family feel. However, as education changed, reformed, and adapted over the years, the traditional way of working was no longer possible. Budgets based on fluctuating pupil numbers and delivery of the National Curriculum became hard to manage; the school was barely sustainable and North Yorkshire Council decided to consult on closure. Campaigning managed a temporary reprieve with the caveat ‘If you want to keep your school it’s down to you’.

It became clear when I started my term that the school was neither financially nor educationally sustainable. Other schools in the Dale were in similar positions, struggling to balance books, provide the required specialisms, all in a context of OFSTED Inspections.

Working closely with North Yorkshire, we realised it was a question of radical innovation. The Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation was born comprising Burnsall, Cracoe, Grassington and Kettlewell under the Headship of Julie Morton Lee in 2017.

There was concern from some who saw this as the death knell of the village school. It was a tough time and a massively steep learning curve involving some very difficult staffing decisions. However, the tide turned. People, particularly parents, began to see that whilst retaining the family feel of a village school, we could begin to provide some specialist teaching where it was required. It was a slow process and leadership was subsequently taken up by Ella Besharati and Chris Boxall who became our Heads in 2019 when they were

tasked not just with developing the Federation curriculum and reducing costs, but to do all of this within the context of the Pandemic.

Our vision statement ‘Be the light’ says it all really. We have two inspirational Heads in Claire Greenwood and Chris Parkhouse. The Curriculum extends way beyond the National Curriculum. The staff, each of whom leads a subject, work as a Team across the Federation. We have wraparound care and a thriving pre-school facility at Grassington which serves the Federation. We have Federation special needs and pastoral leads. Our budgets are healthier than they have been for many years. We have new libraries at Grassington, Kettlewell and Burnsall and refurbishment at Cracoe. Our Key Stage two children meet weekly for specialist teaching. The younger ones take advantage of Kettlewell’s outdoor area for a weekly Forest School experience. The positive ethos of the schools is tangible, and the behaviour of our children exemplary. Our Governors are strong and conscientious. Our Friends and PTA groups are active and hugely supportive. The schools are all rated ‘Good’ by OFSTED; everyone – teachers and children - “wants to come to school.”

It is wonderful and deeply emotional for me to see a vision come to fruition...but it has been down to so many people... A massive thank you to everyone who has enabled my dream to become a reality. I shall be sorry to leave and will miss it all dreadfully ...but it is time for it to become someone else’s dream.

Anne Vetch Chair of Governors Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation

Joys of Living: Dales Traditional Music

In the 'Joy of Living', by renowned folk singer/musician Ewan McColl, an ageing climber recalls favourite crags and mountains from the past:

*"The snow and the wind and the rain of
hills and mountains,
Days in the sun and the tempered wind and
the air like wine,
And you drink and you drink till you're
drunk on the joy of living."*

For me too, the joys of good days on crags and hills over the years have been intense, but high on a list of other joys comes music-making. I have the privilege of playing in our Buttered Peas Ceilidh Band. When a ceilidh is going full swing in a full hall with young and old responding eagerly to the caller's instructions in their lines, squares, pairs or circles, and experienced dancers flow through the moves while others struggle hilariously, the atmosphere can be exhilarating and truly joyful. Above all we are helping people have fun!

There has been increased interest in Dales traditional music following the publication in 2020 of a book by historian and melodeon player Bob Ellis of Hawes, *'There Was None of This Lazy Dancing – Folk Tunes and Dances from the Yorkshire Dales'*. It's led to bands putting on their own Dales Music & Dance events, monthly pub sessions on Sunday afternoons in Buckden and the formation of a collective of musicians, singers and poets. Colossal, comprehensive and fascinating, the book is a social and musical history of popular entertainment in the Yorkshire Dales from

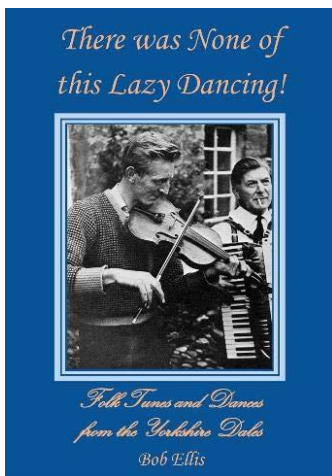
the 18th century to the 1970s. It covers the nature of the often rumbustious and all night dances or 'stirs' as they were called, the lives of the musicians who played for them, detailed notes on how to dance them as described at the time, and how the tunes were collected or later recorded and published by folklorist collectors. The dances in barns, village halls or back rooms of pubs wouldn't start till the men were

'fresh' after the pubs closed. The musicians were farming folk who happened to have music within the them. Few could read music; they learned by ear from other musicians and often created their own tunes. Music in the Beresford family of Langstrothdale Wharfedale was handed down over five generations. Harry Cockerill (1914-1944), who worked at High Greenfield, would go to play for dances with his accordion strapped to his

motorbike or wedged between him and his wife. His lively dances are still remembered in Grassington today. Of those who could read music some, like William Calvert (1780-1847), born in the Street Head Inn in Bishopdale, compiled notebooks of their tunes. Over 200 tunes are printed in the book with their origin and links to other printed versions of each tune. An absolute treasure trove for folk dance musicians and callers, it's a fitting memorial to the author Bob Ellis who sadly died in January this year.

The next Dales Music and Dance evening with Buttered Peas is on Saturday 12 October in Grassington Town Hall. Come and join in!

Richard Hargreaves



Country Diary - July

It is a morning in July, hot and clear.
Out in the field, a bird repeats its quaternary call,
Four notes insisting, *I'm here, I'm here.*
The field is unmowed, summer's wreckage everywhere.
Even this early, all is expectancy.

'Letter in July', Elizabeth Spires

The month of July sits on its own, the halfway point of the year; spring's rebirth behind us and the year now settled into its rhythm. High hopes and expectancy are pinned on luxuriously long warm days, especially after the stormy chaos of preceding months with many agricultural tasks delayed until summer showed its true face. It seems, at last, as I write this piece, that she is here. The temperature falls soft and warm on the skin, and we are magnetically drawn outside to feel nourished by the sun's glow, wishing earnestly to leave behind the artificial glow from laptops and phones.

This month, nature's soundtrack alters. Quieted are the birds as they sing less often, the need to attract mates now gone as fledglings become independent and fly the nest. If conditions are right, some birds have second and third broods, with blackbirds and robins often producing young until



August. The best way to support your garden birds during the warmer weeks is with shallow bowls of fresh water, especially in dry spells and droughts - this can be a life saver.

Replacing the orchestra of birdsong is the drone of bees, and the click and whirr of grasshoppers. Swifts continue to make their presence felt, surely summer's most joyous sight and sound, as they scream, and soar overheard.

The long light nights provide fantastic wildlife watching opportunities with bats enlivening the night skies as they dine on the many midges and moths available. On the ground young hedgehogs start to establish their routine. Leaving good quality cat or dog food out, and again a shallow bowl of water, invariably brings spiky visitors to our gardens and helps young hogs gain enough weight to successfully hibernate later on in the year. It's a rewarding feeling to give a small helping hand to our native, and often endangered, wildlife as we enjoy observing their industrious summer activity.

Rebecca Ward-Dooley



Community Events

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

THIS MONTH

Wed 3 Jul	Mobile Library, Buckden
Sun 7 Jul	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival Workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
Mon 8 Jul	UWALS Writers Workshop, Threshfield Institute
Wed 10 Jul	Tapestry Weaving with Anna Weatherall, Threshfield Institute
Thu 11 Jul	Funk Wire, Grassington Devonshire Institute
Sat 13 Jul	Coffee, Cake & Littondale Community Archive, Amerdale Hall
Wed 17 Jul	Mobile Library, Kettlewell
Thu 18 Jul	Funk Wire Summer Singalong, Grassington Devonshire Institute
Sat 20 July	Bunting Making Workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 20 Jul	Littondale Duck Race
Sun 21 Jul	' <i>Strawberries and Song</i> ' with Buckden Singers, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 31 Jul	Mobile Library, Buckden
Wed 31 Jul	Access the Dales All-terrain wheelchair guided walk

FUTURE EVENTS

Thurs 1 Aug	'Friends4Friends' Gargrave
Sat 10 Aug	Littondale Fete, Arncliffe
Aug 10-18	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival 30 th Anniversary
Aug 24-26	Buckden Art Group Exhibition, Buckden Village Institute
25 Aug	Buckden Duck Race
26 Aug	Bank Holiday refreshments and stalls, Buckden School Room
Sun 8 Sep	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Show
Mon 9 Sep	Kettlewell Village Hall AGM
Fri 20 Sep	BIG Quiz, Amerdale Hall
Fri 25 Oct	' <i>Just Coasting...</i> ' talk by Cliff & Gill Gosden, Buckden Village Institute
Fri 25 Oct	Family Bingo, Amerdale Hall
Sat 7 Dec	Littondale Christmas Party, Amerdale Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

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



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

Sunday 7 July

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

Tuesday 9 July

18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6 Healing
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Sunday 14 July

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

Sunday 21 July

09.30	Hubberholme	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Joint service of Holy Communion with Conistone

Sunday 28 July

11.15	Kettlewell	Parish Service of Morning Prayer
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Sunday 4 August

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

Please note that there be no Sanctuary@6 service at Kettlewell on 23 July.

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

