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*Suddenly, there was
with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host,
praising God and saying:
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to all on whom
his favour rests.'*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the
government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince
of Peace.

Isaiah 9 6

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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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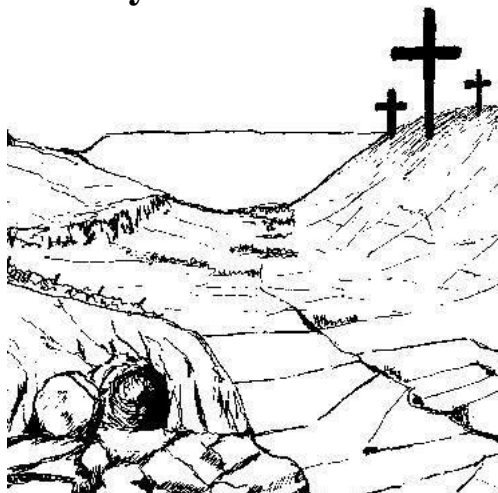
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A Dales Prayer

*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...

I am really looking forward to my first Christmas in the parish and to seeing folk for whom coming along to Christingle and Carol services is an integral part of the year. At the moment we are planning for the street nativity in Kettlewell, a bit of street theatre every bit as intergenerational as the scarecrow festival itself.

Of all the things we can do this year gathering outside seems relatively safe. In recent weeks I have been conscious of concerns about the larger gatherings indoors for the Christmas services. We wanted to provide some reassurance in this edition by giving practical details as to how we can reduce the risk of transmitting Covid for those attending.

Kettlewell villagers are currently reviewing whether to go ahead with the

scarecrow festival next year. I can see that it is a big decision for the village as to whether it goes ahead. As incoming Vicar, I will get behind the decision either way, either for the festival as we know it to come to a natural end or to commit myself to constructing scarecrows in the spring.

The purpose of the consultation that you will read about later in this edition is to encourage folk to pledge a commitment in terms of volunteer hours. A critical factor in the future viability of the festival will be the support of folk beyond the village itself.

Advent is a time of waiting and discernment. As we live with the reality of Covid and do all we can to care for our families, friends, neighbours and wider community may God give us grace to make good decisions.

Tom



From the Churches & Villages

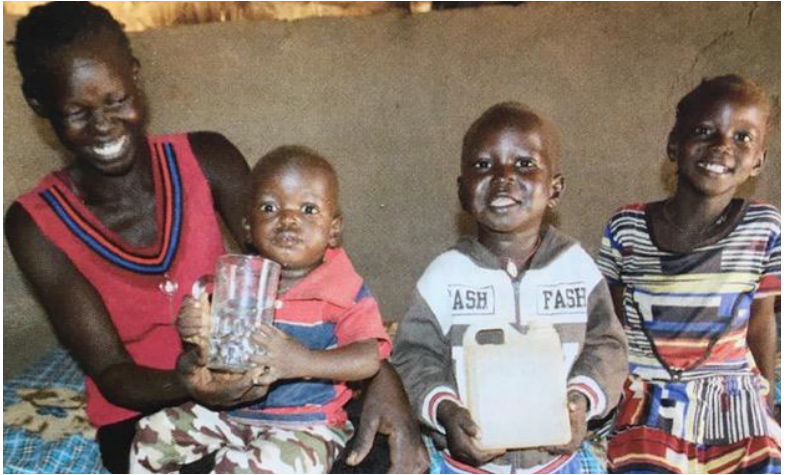
Parish News

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The events of the last few years have been tough. But through it all people like you have continued to think of others. It is this love you share, even for strangers, that keeps hope alive. Through creativity and

determination Christian Aid week this year was celebrated all over the country raising almost £5 million, £3718 of which was given here in Upper Wharfedale, thank you for showing solidarity with our global neighbours facing the climate crisis.

Amongst many other projects, Christian Aid is reaching out to refugees jointly with the World Food Program; campaigning successfully for big companies to pay a minimum of 15% tax on profits in the countries where they operate and stopping the UK government financing the extraction and burning of fossil fuels overseas; helping young people in war torn Syria with the Creating Alternative Futures program; working with local partners in India where the coronavirus situation has been particularly devastating, with the help of extra funds given in the UK through the Thanks for the Vaccine appeal. Access to clean water remains a pipe dream for many. No mum should have to face the impossible choice of dirty water for their children or



none at all. Access to new bore holes means clean water even in times of drought. Your gifts this Christmas could help build more boreholes, provide seeds and farming tools, and give mums the chance to set up small businesses to take care of their families.

Churches Together in Upper Wharfedale Christian Aid group will be Carol singing and collecting again at Tescos in Skipton on Thursday 23 December from 2 - 4 pm, subject to Covid restrictions. Do come along and join us or if that is not possible please consider making a donation into the Upper Wharfedale Fellowship of Churches Christian Aid (Sort Code 20-78-42 Account Number 43851834

Jo Clarke



From the Parish Registers

BAPTISM

31 October - St Oswald's, Arncliffe - Nora Jean Bell

Christmas services and COVID-19

Please follow this practical advice for our Christmas services as we continue to live with the reality of COVID-19:

- Ⓢ Please abide by the decision to keep certain rows of pews empty to allow for physical distancing.
- Ⓢ Wearing of face masks is strongly encouraged, both when moving around the building and when singing.
- Ⓢ Arriving: please fill up from the front of the Churches as directed by the sidespeople.
- Ⓢ Leaving: please leave in an unhurried way starting with those nearest the exit, again as directed by the sidespeople.
- Ⓢ Please save socialising and mingling until you are outside.

Thank you for your understanding.

St Mary's Kettlewell



December Rotas

Sidespeople

Dec 5	June Appleton
Dec 12	Suzi Swire
Dec 15	Sue Nelson/Judy Burgin -Nativity
Dec 19	None (Carol Service, Conistone)
Dec 24	Dave Nelson

Coffee/Tea

Dec 5 Shirley Whitham

No one required for following weeks

Cleaning

Sue Nelson

Flowers

None – Advent

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Tuesday 14 November from 10am. Anyone willing to help is very welcome.

Church Towel Amnesty! There appears to be several towels missing from church – probably taken home for laundering. If you find you have one, please leave it in the kitchen area at church. Thank you.

Church Cleaning. There are now several months when the church has no volunteer cleaner: April, August, October and December. If you could offer your help for one of these months (gentlemen, this includes you too), please contact Sue Nelson on 760887. Full training will be given if deemed necessary! There are also vacancies for flower arrangers too.

The Royal British Legion Collection taken at the War Memorial Service in Kettlewell on 14 November totalled £282. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Stall

A Christmas Stall, in aid of Church Funds, will be held in the Lychgate at St. Mary's, Kettlewell (in Church if wet) on Saturday 4 December from 10.30 to 12noon. Jams, chutney, marmalade, mincemeat, mincepies, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, fudge, cards, a hamper raffle and much more...some items ideal for Christmas presents or your own celebrations. Everyone very welcome – if only to take a look.

Claiming Date

Claiming Date in aid of Church funds – Saturday 12 February 2022 at Kettlewell Village Hall, St Valentine’s Dinner & Quiz.

Luncheon Club

The December Christmas Lunch will be held on the 16th 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 12 December 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 Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. The cost is £5 for two courses and coffee, and there is a wine bar – by donation. 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 or 7 and hand sanitising.

Kettlewell Churchyard Award



The Revd Tom Lusty, Revd Di Blakey Williams and Sue & David Nelson represented St Mary’s Church Kettlewell at the recent AGM of CPRE The Countryside Charity, to receive the award for The Best North Yorkshire Churchyard 2021.

After the award giving, one of the trustees remarked on how visiting Kettlewell Churchyard had given her real hope for the

possibilities churchyards offer within local communities. We came away confirmed in our experience that sensitively managed and creatively and imaginatively thought-out churchyards across the country can be places of contemplation, beauty and peace for we humans, and welcoming, safe places for birds and small animals who seek sanctuary, food and habitat within their boundaries.

Di Blakey Williams

St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme Church



December Rotas

Sidespeople

- Dec 5 J Cowpe & C Winpenny
- Dec 12 S/P Ebdon & J Yarrow
- Dec 19 D Halsall & L Hird
- Dec 24 D Halsall & J Mudd (4.00pm)
- Dec 24 H/K Jeddere Fisher (11.30pm)

Flowers

- Advent No flowers
- Dec 30 S Lusted

Cleaning

- Dec 5 C Winpenny
- Dec 12 C Winpenny
- Dec 19 C Winpenny
- Dec 23 Everyone, please, 10.00am

If you are on any of the rota lists and feel unable to help, please change with another sidesperson and ring Deirdre 01756 760296 with the change.

The Fund-Raising Quiz which was running over the summer raised £140 for

church funds, which, considering the circumstances, was very pleasing.

Upper Wharfedale & Littondale 2023 Calendar

Calling all local photographers (of all ages.) NO PROFESSIONALS. We are planning to create an Upper Wharfedale & Littondale 2023 Calendar. We will be looking for images that represent our local area, farmers, farm animals, wildlife, buildings, scenery etc throughout the year. The photos will need to be in landscape format, 13 images will be picked, 1 for the cover, 12 for inside. This is open to residents of Upper Wharfedale & Littondale. More details to follow soon regarding where to send your entries and the cut-off date.

A Star in your Life can be a Star on our Tree

Dedicate a star on our splendid tree in Hubberholme Church this Christmas to give thanks for someone or something special to you. May we suggest £2+ per star. Thank you for keeping this special church alive. Cheques (payable to UW&L PCC) can be posted to Mrs. A Harrison, Ghyll End, Beckermonds, Buckden, Skipton, BD23 5JL, or through the parish website (upperwharfedalechurches.org), or by visiting the church. If you are a UK taxpayer, please add your name and postcode to Gift Aid your donation. Photographs of the decorated church and tree will be on www.buckden.org at Christmas time.

Remembrance Poppies

Thank you to everyone who was involved with making and installing and removing the poppies either side of the churchyard path and in church. A fitting remembrance to all who have died.

Christmas Updates

Information about services in the Parish during Christmas week is on the back of the Link. Posters keeping you up to date with services will be up in church, on the Church notice board in Buckden, and on the parish website (upperwharfedalechurches.org)

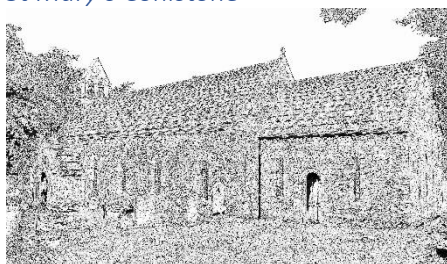
Christmas Eve 4pm: **Crib and Christingle Service.** This is usually a popular service, so please bring a mask to wear to protect each other.

Christmas Eve 11.30pm **Candlelit Midnight Communion**

Wednesday 29 December 7pm: **Candlelit Carol Service.** We do not know how many people will wish to attend so again please bring face masks to protect each other.

We hope that within the month you feel there is something for you to attend and we wish Hubberholme Friends and all our church supporters a Happy Christmas and we will be thinking of you all during this time.

St Mary's Conistone



December Rotas

Sidespeople

- Dec 5 Jo Foster & Hilda Dibb
- Dec 12 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield
- Dec 19 Hilda Dibb & Allison Clarke
- Dec 25 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield

Flowers & Cleaning

- Dec 5 Kathryn Butterfield
- Dec 12 Kathryn Butterfield
- Dec 19 Christmas-All help
- Dec 26 Kathryn Butterfield

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 18 December from 9.30am onwards. Offers of help from anyone in the village will be very much appreciated. Refreshments will be served at 11.00 am and everyone will be welcome. Donations of greenery and seasonally coloured flowers, which can be left at the back of the church on Thursday 17 December in the buckets provided, would also be appreciated.

St Oswald's Arncliffe



December Rotas

Cleaning

Mrs. P. Campbell

Flowers

Mrs. E. Miller.

Christmas Greetings from the Scargill Community



Scargill Movement

As Christmas approaches, we send warm greetings and thanks to our friends and neighbours in the surrounding areas of Upper Wharfedale.

We would normally host a Christmas Party, but this time instead plan for a Summer afternoon tea event, when we can enjoy the house and grounds together and meet over tea

and cake. We will publicise the date for our Summer afternoon party nearer the time.

May you and your families know God's peace and joy this Christmas season.

The Scargill Community

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

Tel: 01756 636161

Welcome to Jenny Inocco!

A warm welcome to Jenny Inocco, our new Advertising Manager for the Link. You can contact Jenny at jeninocco@gmail.com or 07552 034264 if you have any enquiries about advertising in the 'yellow pages' of the Link each month.

And many thanks to Nicky White, who has carried out this role for many years. We are very grateful to you both!

**Upper Wharfedale
Federation of schools
churches, and the UW
Refugee Support Group**

Upper Wharfedale Refugee Christmas collection

We are collecting:

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



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

Please ensure all items are NEW and unopened.

Collections open from: Monday 22 November – Friday 16 December (schools) and to 19 December (churches and UWRSG).

Please take collections to Stella@stellaperrott.com Buckden Barn , Buckden (email first and leave in back porch)

Celtic Christmas Strings

UWALS presents Maire Ni Chathasaigh and Chris Newman with a Festive Feast of Harp and Guitar on Friday 3 December at 7.30pm in Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall.

There's something magical about harps, and particularly at Christmas, though Maire and Chris's alchemy on harp and guitar creates a very special magic at all times as we discovered when they entertained us back in 2019.

Internationally renowned, Chris and Maire's recordings express both the depth of their commitment to tradition and an eternally playful, curious and adventurous spirit.

This Christmas show will feature a breath-taking blend of traditional Irish music, swing jazz and bluegrass plus festive

favourites given a fresh voice with arrangements that are intricate, inventive, moving and beautiful, and performed in their characteristically heart-warming style – a spellbinding treat for mid-winter.

Tickets are £13/£15 UWALS members/non-members, which includes mulled wine and a mince pie. Email uwalsociety@gmail.com or telephone 01756 770051/770350 to reserve a ticket.





Buckden and Langstrothdale

The Library Van will be in Buckden Car Park from 10.00-12.00 am, Wednesday, 22 December.

There is a Charity Book Sale in the porch at Buckden School Room which is open every day. Please come and help yourself to a book and leave a donation for Hubberholme Church.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning and Cake Stall in the School Room in October. We raised an amazing £650.39 for Yorkshire Cancer Research.

Christingle making. We will be making the Christingles in the School Room at 10.00am on Christmas Eve, ready for the Crib Service in church at 4.00pm. Willing volunteers needed - no previous experience necessary.

Kettlewell Christmas Windows

We would like to brighten up the village as part of the communities Christmas celebrations and would love your help to produce Christmas windows.

Kettlewell would become a village advent calendar with windows illuminated with Christmas images. We envisage using transparent or semi-transparent material to create window pictures, lit from behind with a table lamp or desk lamp. The choices of images or scenes can be as simple or complicated as you choose, a snowman, baubles, crackers, nativity scenes, Christmas puddings, angels, robins, holly etc.

If you are happy to be involved, please contact Lizzie Sowden at 760845 or pennycroft@btinternet.com or Maggie McClellan at 761703 or maggimcl@doug9013.plus.com

Upper Wharfedale Concert Club

Maestro - pick up that baton, the Upper Wharfedale Concert Club is coming in your direction! As many of you know the Club enables residents of Wharfedale to see and hear some of the best symphony concerts, plays and musicals being put on in Bradford, Leeds, Harrogate, and surrounding areas.

We are resuming on the afternoon of 8 January with a post-Christmas relaxing visit to the beautifully refurbished St Georges Hall in Bradford - renowned as one of the best concert halls in the UK - to listen to a Viennese concert by the Halle Orchestra. Our next outing, in early March, is to the remarkable and extremely popular Bingley Little Theatre to see the Oscar Wilde play, 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. On 18 March we return to St Georges Hall to hear the Tchaikovsky Orchestra Moscow, which, in addition to works by the composer, will treat us to 'Pictures at an Exhibition' by Mussorgsky. In April theatre lovers will enjoy the bittersweet comedy 'The Time of My Life' by Alan Ayckbourne at the Ilkley Playhouse.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you. Existing members will know the coach pick up points in Hebden, Grassington, Threshfield and Cracoe so don't forget the rule 'Leave the car, forget the train, let a luxury coach take the strain'.

Information about joining the Club, receiving notifications and booking is on the website: www.uwcc.uk



Kettlewell Primary School

The lovely photo above was taken of the children prior to the laying of the wreath on the Kettlewell War Memorial, a lovely tradition ensuring we don't forget those who sacrificed their lives for us.

As well as Remembrance Day, the children celebrated Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks (to show that we're all different) and enjoyed Children in Need by wearing spotty clothes. Key Stage 2 children threw themselves into two action-packed Science Days, completing experiments and seeing how things work! And an award-winning Shakespeare group, Finding the Will visited the federation and pupils were able to take part in lots of activities to understand the Bard and his plays better.

Kettlewell School's lovely dinners have been rewarded with a Gold Healthy School Award! It must be those fantastic meatballs and free fruit at morning break that does it! And to accompany healthy food, children have been told to bring their wellies and coats to school whatever the weather. As often as possible, the children and teachers do outdoor learning, taking full advantage of the forest school cabin and school woodland.

Look out for Kettlewell children on 4 and 11 December as they sing in Grassington as

part of the Christmas festivities! And oh, so many festivities there will be, including nativity, pantomime, party, Xmas dinner and more besides.

If you're considering sending your little one to Kettlewell School, please don't hesitate to contact us for a chat or visit at admin@kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk or 01756 760280. Primary school applications close on 15

January. We have an active Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfKettlewellSchool> so do follow us for all our updates and photos.

Finally, our Forest School is running regular sessions for pre-school children, with the next sessions on 7 and 14 December. Contact school or check out the Facebook page for more details.



Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival 2022

At the recent Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival AGM held on Tuesday 16 November, a new committee was formed, and a consensus reached. The committee will send out a questionnaire in January to the wider parish around Kettlewell.

The festival benefits people from as far afield as Halton Gill, Outershaw and Cray (children from these hamlets attend Kettlewell School), as well as Conistone and Kilnsey (the church at Conistone coming under Upper Wharfedale Churches). In the

last 5 years that the festival ran, its revenue was £234K, and the meeting acknowledged that the loss of such revenue would be felt by many.

The questionnaire will ask residents not only if they are in favour of the festival going ahead in 2022 but also to indicate clearly how much time they would pledge to enable it to happen. This is a key factor in the event's viability: the support of volunteers. It is estimated that about 1,500 volunteer hours are needed, mostly at festival time, but some throughout the year to prepare and organise.

If the festival is given the go-ahead for 2022, the committee plan to review the constitution, to make vital amendments to bring it up-to-date and to allow for more flexibility in paying existing beneficiaries and other local groups.

Please look out for the questionnaire. The deadline for responses is Friday 21 January 2022. The collated information will then be publicised and will help to decide whether to run another Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kettlewell Village Hall needs you!!

We have just had to get rid of the bench in the Village Hall grounds as it had finally succumbed to the weather and broken. Has anyone got a bench they would like to donate to put in its place? Alternatively, would anyone like to sponsor a new bench? You know what they say, if you don't ask you don't get! Pick up can be arranged from your door.

Also, we are looking for feedback from the local community to see what you want from your local village hall. The Hall is



OUTDOOR STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Wild Explorers is working with the Upper Wharfedale Federation to deliver a series of outdoor stay and play sessions.

An opportunity for you and your little ones to enjoy the great outdoors and choose from planned crafts/activities or simply enjoy some free play, den building and exploring nature together.



Age: Birth - 5 years

£5 per family
Campfire snack included

10am - 11:30am



Kettlewell School	Burnsall School
9th November	16th November
23rd November	30th November
7th December	14th December



Visit www.wildexplorers.org.uk to book.



booked for various functions and meetings over the month of November, from children's parties to Film nights and lots in between. The committee is keen to hear from the local community as what else we might offer that may be of interest to you. The Hall is available to hire throughout the year and is licensed. Any feedback on what you would like to see happening at the Village Hall would be greatly appreciated. We want to ensure that the Hall is used by our local and wider community and can remain a vital and useful hub for the area. If anyone has any comments or questions about what the hall has to offer or what you think might be a good use of the hall, please do get in touch.

Please do send your feedback or offers of a bench or sponsorship to emmashepherd2804@outlook.com

(secretary of the Village Hall Committee) or please send a message via our website www.kettlewellvillagehall.co.uk/contact or speak to any member of the committee who will be happy to pass on your comments. We really want to make sure that the Hall is working for all the community.

Kettlewell Film Shows

The next film show at the village hall is on Saturday 4 December. It is "Limbo". Asylum seekers meet Scottish islanders - a comic drama. Details in last month's Link. The film for January is "The Good Liar" on 15 January starring Helen Mirren and Ian McLellan. Further details in the January Link. As usual all films £5. Under 19 £2.50. Tickets from the village shop or on the door. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Pocket Panto is back!

The Pocket Panto is back, with a different company - Talegate Theatre - and it will be a one-and-a-half-hour performance. There are 4 performers and a technician. After the panto the children's Christmas party will take place. Tickets from the village shop or on the door.

**Talegate Theatre presents
'Jack and the Beanstalk'**

1.00pm Wednesday 22 December

Kettlewell Village Hall

Adults £10 Children £5

Local children and local schoolchildren free
(cost paid for by the village hall)

Come and join the festive fun.

Air Ambulance Coffee Morning

Babs will be organising another Air Ambulance Coffee Morning in the Blue Bell on Wednesday 1 December at

10.30am. There will be Coffee and Tea and Homemade cakes at £5.00, and a Raffle, and it is wonderful to report that the November Coffee morning made a very substantial £353.00. Thank you to all who supported the event, especially Mick and his staff, and we look forward to seeing you there next time.



Kettlewell and District WI

The November Meeting was the first, since the beginning of the Pandemic, to be able, and delighted, to invite non-members and have a Speaker at last.

We were fortunate to have a presentation by Dr Roger Martlew, who gave a fascinating talk on the "Changing Face of the Yorkshire Dales", highlighting the impact of long-term climate change on both the physical characteristics of the area and the flora, fauna and the people who have lived here. The area has evidence of settlements from over 4,000 years ago. Dr Martlew also highlighted the changing architecture of the area, which emphasised that the current stone cottage style of housing is from the late 17th century and that, before that, buildings would have been rough stone with thatch or low stone walls with wooden crooks, wattle and daub and thatch.

A number of questions were asked about the impact of man on the climate change we are experiencing now, on the frequency of ice ages, on minor fluctuations in climate and on Dr Martlew's current work. We learned a lot and many thanks were extended to Dr Martlew for his excellent presentation.

Tea and cake were served, and a raffle was held for The Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Mrs Sheila Foster, retiring President and celebrating being a WI member for sixty-one years, was presented with a bouquet of flowers by President Mrs Maureen Heseltine.

The next meeting will be members' afternoon tea at Grassington House on 9 December to celebrate their Eightieth Anniversary, Kettlewell WI being formed in 1940 to support the War Effort.

A Very Happy Christmas to everyone and we look forward to an exciting and interesting programme for 2022, hopefully finally leaving COVID-19 behind.

Threshfield and Linton WI

The speaker at our November meeting was Jo Moseley who describes herself as “a joy encourager, beach cleaner and midlife adventurer”. She gave us a very interesting talk about how she paddle-boarded coast to coast to raise money for 2MinuteBeachClean and The Wave Project and also, she has rowed (on a rowing machine) a million metres marathon for Macmillan Cancer Support and climbed Everest in a Month in her backyard for the Skipton Foodbank.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas meal at The Gamekeepers Inn, Long Ashes. Our programme for 2022 includes a talk on Pilates, a Murder Mystery evening, Swishing and a talk by Jo Prowse entitled “An Adventure to Everest – Trekking in the Himalayas”.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Sheila Carr, Secretary for more information – 01756 752435/07879 845771

Littondale Christmas Card Delivery Service

Anyone wishing to send Christmas cards to Littondale residents is invited to use our Christmas card delivery service. Please bring

your cards together with a suggested donation of 10p per card to Carr Farm, Arncliffe by Tuesday 14 December. Cards must be clearly labelled with the recipient's full name and address (house name & village). All proceeds to the Churches of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale. Thank you for your support.

Father Christmas' Post Box; 1-13 December

You are invited to send your wish list & letter to Father Christmas via the magic post box in the Litton Telephone kiosk. This service is guaranteed first class delivery to the North Pole and available from December 1-13. Please put your name and address on your letters.

Littondale Christmas Eve

Father Christmas has confirmed that he is fully cleared for take-off and will be visiting Littondale on Christmas Eve. Keep an eye on village notice boards for a full schedule of stops and further information.

Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe

It was wonderful to welcome so many people back to the Hall with a very successful Bingo night last month. We are now looking ahead to Christmas and the New Year so please put the following dates in your diaries.

Family Christmas film, party games and tea. Tuesday 28 December, 2pm. Join us in your party outfits to watch ‘*Arthur Christmas*’ (rated ‘U’), a delightful, animated family comedy, followed by an afternoon of party games and festive treats. Tickets £5 adult/children free IF BOOKED IN ADVANCE. Tickets on the door; £5 adult/children £3. To book please contact your local rep; Gill Scott (07920 766272), Sarah Paul (770282), Ruth Cowan (770293), Mark Houston (770419) or email

carrfarm2021@gmail.com All proceeds to Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe, Skipton. BD23 5QD. Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1193881.

Coffee & Chat. Saturday 22 January, 10am to 12 noon. Have you already broken your New Year resolutions? Was Santa good to you? Come to Amerdale Hall and chat over a coffee and slice of cake. All welcome.

Grassington Singers' Christmas Concert
This year's Grassington Singers' Christmas Concert will be on Saturday 18 December at

3.00pm in the Town Hall. There will be a good mixture of well-known carols and popular songs along with some new pieces and lots of opportunities to join in the singing. Traditional Christmas refreshments at the interval. Tickets are available from the Grassington Hub, price £10.

Rainfall for October 2021

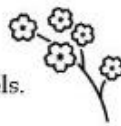
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Litton: 241.1 mm/9.49 ins



Yockenthwaite by Josie Cowpe, Buckden Art Group



Littondale Linens



Providing High quality bedding, linens and towels.

Supplying the public and hospitality industry.

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I often wonder if one of the reasons why we suffer from melancholy, or seasonal affective disorder (SAD), in the short winter days, is not just down to lack of light, but also lack of birdsong. We wake in spring and early summer to a dawn chorus of multiple and varied song that lifts the spirits at the beginning of the day. As the year presses on, and birds have paired up, had their broods and juveniles fledged, this glorious riot of birdsong gradually lessens until in December we are left, along with the cackle of corvids, just a few lone renditions.

One of these is of course the Christmas feathered icon that is the robin. Often on mornings of anemic skies and brutal cold, if you lift your eyes to find the source of the singular uplifting peal of song, it will be the red breasted robin that you will see perched high in the branches of a tree. Though there are practical reasons for them singing in winter – they begin to seek mates as early in December with a view to pairing up – it can feel like they are singing just for us, to lift our sinking spirits amidst winter's pall, and add a note of hope to everything that is associated with the dying of the year.

Some folklore suggests that a visit from a robin is a sign that a lost relative or loved one is near, and there are also suggestions that the

robin is a symbol for good luck or new beginnings. In contrast to this, an ancient superstition widely detailed in articles and literature on the robin's symbolism, tell of the legend that on Good Friday, a robin attempted to withdraw a thorn from Christ's Crown of Thorns, but in being unable to do so, failed to save his life, and so was strongly associated with death through the records of history.

St Mungo, founder and patron saint of Glasgow, was said to have brought a robin back to life as one of the four miracles that saw him venerated and so many images see him illustrated with a robin perched on his finger.



Whatever piece of folklore or superstition we chose to believe about these territorial and vocal little birds, there is no doubt that they are a very welcome addition to the winter landscape for our eyes and ears, and encourage us through the quiet, cold winter months and into the promise of spring.

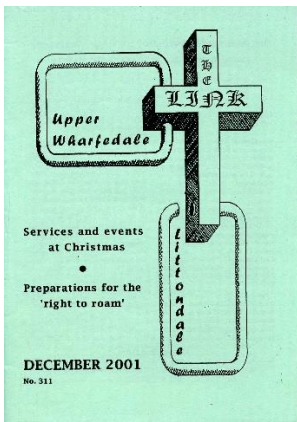
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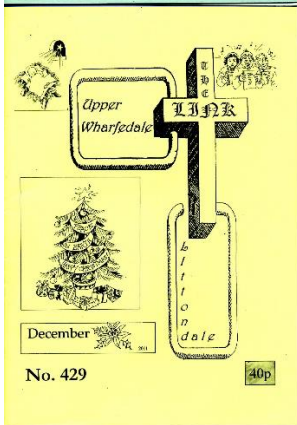
Links to the Past; 10, 20, 40 years ago



In December 1981, Maurice Slaughter had three messages for Christmas; “We believe there is more good in the world than evil, and that, in the end, the goodness of God always triumphs in the affairs of men, in our local community, and in our families and our own hearts...we want above all else to live in harmony with one another, whether it be internationally, in our own Dale and in the circle of our friends. Jesus Christ came to reconcile man with God and man with man. The true spirit of Christmas is the spirit of goodwill between us all...In saying Happy Christmas we want the very best for each other, our families and ourselves. God’s best is THE best and sometimes what we imagine is our best is not always so”



In addition to the services and events at Christmas the front cover of the Link of December 2001 highlighted a seminar organised by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority on how ‘the Right to Roam’ would work in the Dales. A draft would be ready by September 2002 to be followed by period of consultation. Appeals from landowners and tenants would be heard before the Act came into force locally in 2005. The report highlighted the long list of restrictions for users of access land; no vehicles or camping, dogs to be on a short lead etc, and anyone breaking these restrictions would face a penalty of losing their right of access for 72 hours!



The Scargill Community announced ‘with huge excitement’ that a great Scargill tradition would be resurrected with the annual Christmas party. Having closed in 2008, a new Scargill Movement was registered as a charity in 2009 and reopened later that year. December 2011 provided an opportunity to continue the Scargill tradition of Christmas parties, to which everyone in the Dale was invited, to celebrate ‘the birth of a new understanding between heaven and earth’. Festivities would begin with children’s activities at 5 pm, followed by a sumptuous buffet at 6pm and ‘light entertainment’ at 7.15 with Adrian and Bridget Plass. The evening would conclude with mulled wine at 8pm.

Crossword

Across

1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)

7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during

a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14-15) (7)

8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th

and early 16th centuries (5)

10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)

11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)

13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)

15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith _____ (6)

17 Stormy (8)

18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread,

was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)

21 Arson (anag.) (5)

22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)

23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

1 '_____ and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)

2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as _____ as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)

3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign

woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)

4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19-20) (8)

5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)

6 'Offer your bodies as living _____, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)

9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)

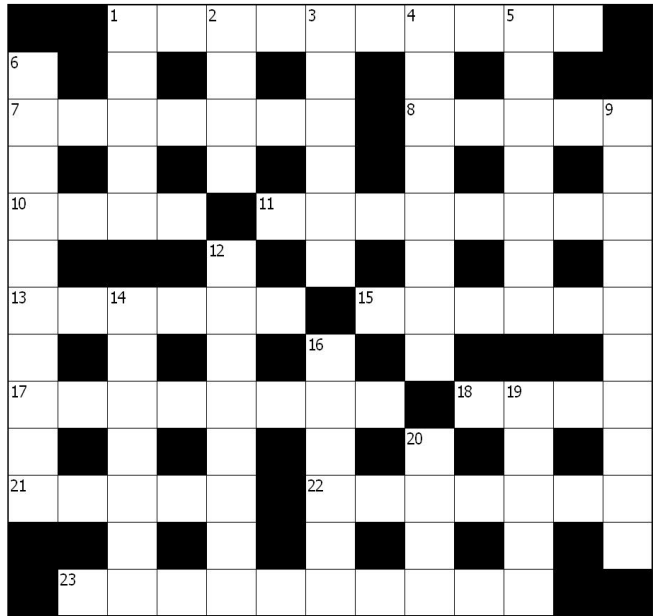
12 One who accepts government by God (8)

14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)

16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)

19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)

20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will _____ his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)



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

Wed 1 Dec	Air Ambulance Coffee Morning, Blue Bell
Thu 2 Dec	UWALS Christmas Wreath workshop, Conistone with Kilnsey Hall
Fri 3 Dec	UWALS Christmas Concert, Maire Ni Cathasaigh & Chris Newman
Sat 4 Dec	Kettlewell Church Christmas Stall
Sat 4 Dec	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show - 'Limbo'
Thu 9 Dec	Funk Wire, Amerdale Hall
Fri 10 Dec	UWALS Christmas Singalong Evening
Thu 16 Dec	Kettlewell Luncheon Club
Sat 18 Dec	Grassington Singers' Christmas Concert
Wed 22 Dec	Kettlewell Christmas Pantomime; 'Jack & the Beanstalk'
Thu 23 Dec	Churches Together Carl Singing, Tesco, Skipton
Tue 28 Dec	Family Christmas film, party and games, Amerdale Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Sat 15 Jan	Kettlewell Village Hall Film Show ('The Good Liar')
Sat 22 Jan	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

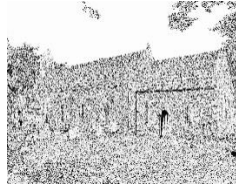
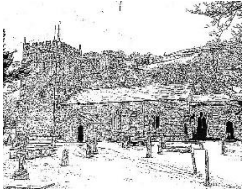
What	When	Where
Play Table Tennis	Wed 4-5 pm and 5-7pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Indoor Bowling	Wed 2-4 pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Funk Wire	Thur -fortnightly 2 pm	Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.

DOWN: 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist. 20, Save.

Church Services



5 December

Arncliffe	09.30
Conistone	11.15
Hubberholme	16.00
Kettlewell	09.30

Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Evensong
 Service of the Word

12 December

Arncliffe	09.30
Conistone	09.30
Halton Gill	15.00
Hubberholme	11.15
Kettlewell	18.30

Service of the Word
 Holy Communion
 Carol Service (in Reading Room)
 Holy Communion
 Service of the Word

15 December

Kettlewell	16.00
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Village Nativity

19 December

Arncliffe	15.00
Conistone	18.30

Carol Service
 Carol Service (with Kettlewell)

24 December, Christmas Eve

Arncliffe	16.00
Arncliffe	11.30
Hubberholme	16.00
Hubberholme	11.30
Kettlewell	11.30

Crib Service
 Midnight Communion
 Crib & Christingle Service
 Midnight Communion
 Midnight Communion

25 December, Christmas Day

Arncliffe	11.00
Conistone	09.30

Christmas Day Family Service
 Christmas Day Communion

26 December

Arncliffe	11.00
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United Parish Communion

29 December

Hubberholme	19.00
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Carol Service