

# Link



Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine



Kettlewell Scarecrow  
Festival approaches!

Meet the new  
churchwardens:  
Jane Way &  
Rebecca Ward-Dooley

## **'Running the Race'**

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.' Hebrews 12 1

## 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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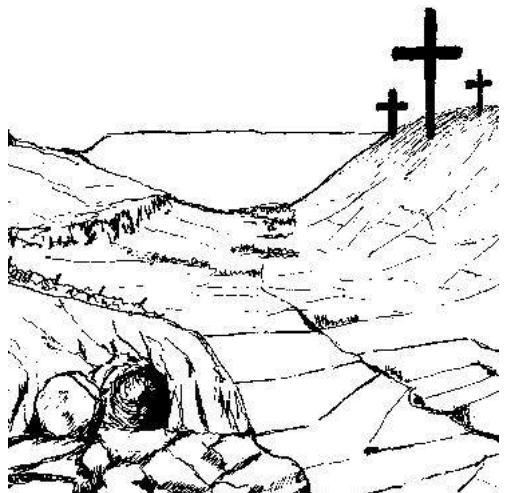
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## A Dales Prayer

*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...

The person who won the men's fell race at Buckden this year came from Glasgow on the train. He got off at Oxenhope station, cycled to Buckden, and ran up Buckden Pike and down again - shaving ten seconds off the record in the process. Then he got on his bike and headed back to Glasgow the way he came. Amazing.



I have been in the parish a year now. This week has brought three new experiences for me. I attended the leavers service at Kettlewell School for the first time. Three young people, Jack, Saffy and James are moving on. We sang the leavers song with the words "go forth in confidence".

It was the first time I have walked the Dales Way going in the direction from Grassington to Kettlewell. There is a moment when you come over the brow of a hill and round a corner at Conistone Pie. The view suddenly opens out to the whole sweep of Littondale and Upper Wharfedale with Middlesmoor pastures sweeping down like a wide green carpet. What lucky person gets to be Vicar here? Someone's got to do it.

And I have been for my first swim in the river Wharfe. It was during the days of the heatwave. I enjoyed it so much I did it again the following day. I was struggling to get my top half under the water, and our son John suggested I use the mantra: "Stop asking what it is to be the good man / and simply be one" (Marcus Aurelius). I had to keep on repeating it, but it worked.

You may be experiencing many new things at the moment. You may be in the prime of adulthood or you may be longer in the tooth like me. You don't need to be an elite record-breaking athlete to achieve something new (unless you really feel called to it) but we do need to go out in confidence, to take the time to wonder at what the experience brings us, and perhaps most important of all, to take that first step. Perhaps these are pointers to running the race that is set before us.

Tom

# From the Churches & Villages

## Parish News

### *ELECTORAL ROLL – request for help*



It would be really helpful if people who are on the Parish Electoral Roll could get in touch with their email and phone contact details. We need to refresh the records every few years and having email addresses and phone numbers for people on the Roll makes this task a lot easier than having to rely solely on names and addresses.

Our Electoral Roll Officer, Christopher Winpenny, is very grateful to those people who have already provided phone and email details, but he says there are still many more who have not yet done so. He emphasises that the information is only for communication within the Parish and would never be given to third parties.

Of course, there is no obligation to do this. Some people on the Roll may not have email addresses, though most will have phone numbers. If you could help us out with at least some of the requested contact details it really would make Christopher's task a lot more straightforward and save the Parish money on postage.

If you can supply this information, we will take this as your consent to hold and use your contact details solely for the purposes stated above. Christopher can be contacted at [christopher@winpennyphoto.co.uk](mailto:christopher@winpennyphoto.co.uk) or by phoning 01756 761950.

### *From the Parish Registers*



### **Baptisms**

June 26 – Arncliffe - Florence Lily Evelyn Pearson.

July 17 – Hubberholme - Ernest John Emmerson Stubbings.

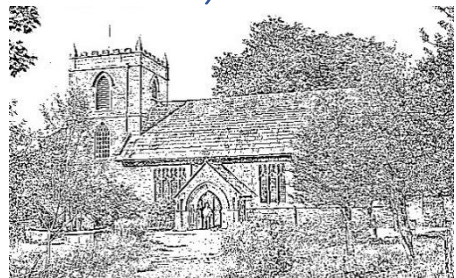
### **Wedding**

July 9 -Conistone - Benjamin Luke Bavington-Allen and Kate Elizabeth Henry

### **Funeral**

14 July – Arncliffe – Pam Forster

### *St Mary's Kettlewell*



### **August Rotas**

#### **Sidespeople**

7 Pauline Thompson

14 No one required

21 Kathryn & Philip Butterfield

28 Dave Nelson

### **After Service Tea/Coffee**

7 Appleton

14 No one required

21 No one available

28 Sue Nelson

### **Flowers**

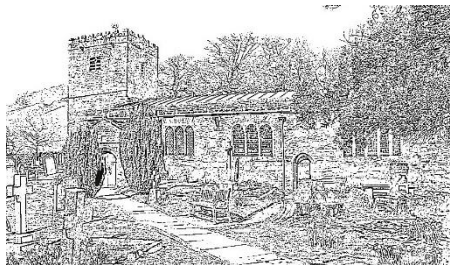
Sue Nelson/Scarecrow Team

### **Cleaning**

Sue Nelson/Jan Walter Scarecrow Week

Scarecrows in St. Mary's, Kettlewell. The church will be 'dressed' for the Scarecrow Festival on Thursday 11 August from 10am. Any help will be gratefully received – if only to keep the supply of tea and coffee flowing (everything provided)! There will be high jobs, heavy jobs, arty jobs, simple jobs, problem solving – you name it and we're sure the perfect job can be found for you! Thank you in anticipation!

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



### *August Rotas*

### **Sidesperson**

14 K&J Robinson & C Winpenny

21 J Yarrow & L Hird

28 J Cowpe & S Kilvington

### **Flowers**

4 R Hall

14 R Hall

21 J Breen

28 J Breen

### **Cleaning**

4 R Hall

14 R Hall

21 D Halsall

28 D Halsall

Dates for your diary about Future Fund Raising by Hubberholme Church that we hope you will feel able to support:

### **Bank Holiday Monday 29 August: Refreshments and Stalls from 10am to 4pm at Buckden School Room.**

It is our intention to have Refreshments, and Stalls of books, small bric- a-brac, plants, and children's craft activities - weather permitting. Items including SMALL bric-a-brac can be brought to the School Room on Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> between 12-3pm. Any donations of cakes, biscuits and scones would be most welcome but please put a label showing the ingredients. Thank you in anticipation of your support. If you can help on the day in any way, please speak with Josie or Deirdre or Sandie

**Friday 18 November: An Evening with Tricia Stewart** (One of the original Calendar Girls). Tricia will begin speaking at 6.30pm in Buckden Village Institute. The talk will be followed by Q&A, book signing and supper. Entry will be by ticket available in October. Further details will be in the next Link magazine.

**Bingo Evening in Autumn:** Watch out for further details.

**Annual Fund Raising Quiz:** is still available to buy for £1 in August and September at The Buck Inn, Buckden, The George Inn, Hubberholme and from Josie Tel. 01756 761154 or Deirdre 01756 760296. Thank you to all who have already bought one.

## *St Mary's Conistone*



### August Rotas

#### **Sides People**

- 7 Allison Clarke and Philip Butterfield
- 14 Hilda Dibb and Jo Foster
- 21 Patrick and Sue Baker

#### **Flowers and Cleaning**

- 7 Helen Carlisle
- 14 Helen Carlisle
- 21 Jane Pighills
- 28 Jane Pighills

The Conistone Coffee Morning at Church House on 25 June raised a total of £403.10 for church funds. Although there did not seem to be as many members of the public in the village on the morning, the total profit was boosted by the excellent takings of £145.30 on the White Elephant/Bric a Brac stall for which a larger than usual number of items had been donated. All unsold items were taken to the SCAD charity shop in Skipton. Many thanks to all those who helped on the day and to all those who kindly contributed items for sale and to those who made cash donations.

## *St Oswald's Arncliffe*



### August Rotas

#### **Opening church; week commencing**

- 7 Eileen Leahy
- 14 Elspeth Miller
- 21 Sarah Paul
- 28 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

#### **Sidespersons**

- 7 Sarah Paul
- 14 Rebecca Ward Dooley
- 21 Free
- 28 Hilary Follows

#### **Coffee**

- 7 Rebecca Ward Dooley
- 14 Hilary Follows
- 21 Free
- 28 Sally Smith

### *News from Yorkshire Camps*

This past month Andy Peace (Director of Yorkshire Camps) and his son Noah had the immense privilege of going to Armenia to help with a camp there. It was great to see Mount Ararat (see picture below).



Yorkshire Camps are closely linked with Armenian Ministries who as well as providing a huge amount of humanitarian aid for the Armenian people, also run holiday camps for children in the summer holidays. The children are from immensely poor backgrounds and are not charged to go on camp. Many are amazed to see a proper toilet for the first time and so the camp accommodation feels like absolute luxury.

The soaring temperatures mean that the small pool is in frequent use!

As we do at Yorkshire Camps, the Armenian Ministry team take time each day to tell the boys and girls about Jesus. They will sing songs about Him and learn verses from the Bible. They get to take home activity books which have been specially translated for them.

We are continuing to collect good quality adult clothes and brand-new children's clothes, which are shipped regularly. Sadly, we cannot take shoes or other accessories. Any walking aids such as



wheelchairs or Zimmer frames are of great help, especially since the war which has left many without limbs. **An enormous thank you** to everyone who responded to our recent request for Tena vouchers to send incontinence pads to Armenia. There is a massive need for this type of product, as well as nappies for older children, due to

trauma they have experienced because of the war. Would you be able to buy a packet of nappies every so often with your shop to donate to Armenia please? **Items can be left at any time on the front porch at Netherside Hall.**

*Hannah Peace*

### LITTONDALE DUCK RACE



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Duck Race. It was another 'quacking' race, a slow one, but perfect paddling (& swimming) weather for the ducks and their handlers! A wonderful £523.60 was raised for the Churches of Upper Wharfedale & Littondale. The first 3 ducks over the finish line were;

- 108. Graham Rishton
- 313. Sally Smith
- 160. The Ward-Dooley Family



### Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation Governor Vacancies

*Would you like to help shape the future of  
our Dales Schools?*

As you all know, Kettlewell School is part of the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation alongside Burnsall, Cracoe and Grassington. We have one full time equivalent Executive Headteacher and one Governing Board. Members of the Board are appointed by a mixture of nomination, election and co-option depending on the post.

At the present time we have two vacancies for co-opted Governors. These vacancies are open to all members of the community.

Being a Governor is interesting, worthwhile and a chance to contribute to the local community by engaging with our schools. Full Induction and training around our core strategic purpose is available, both in – house and from the Local Authority.

We would like to fill the posts with people who have a variety of skills. An education background can be helpful but is not essential. Expertise in Finance, HR, Buildings and site management, Health and Safety, Safeguarding and other aspects of leadership are always extremely valuable. If you think you may be interested and would like to find out more, please contact me -details below - and we can have an informal chat about the role and its commitments.

*Anne Vetch  
Chair of Governors  
Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation  
[cofg@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:cofg@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk)*

### *Buckden and Langstrothdale*

The **Library van** will be in Buckden Car Park between 10.00am and 12 noon on Wednesday 3 August and again on Wednesday 31 August. The weekly **Knit and Natter** gatherings will continue throughout this month.

### *Buckden Art Group – 30th Annual Exhibition*

The group was first formed by a few friends who enjoyed drawing and painting. Meetings were held in Buckden Schoolroom, and the first exhibition was held in Hubberholme Church.

After an enforced break of three years, members are now preparing for their 30<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition which will be held in Buckden Village Institute from Saturday 27 August until Monday 29 August. The exhibition will be open daily from 11.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. Admission is free, with donations to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity. There will be over 150 original paintings on view, together with greetings cards. Disabled access is available.

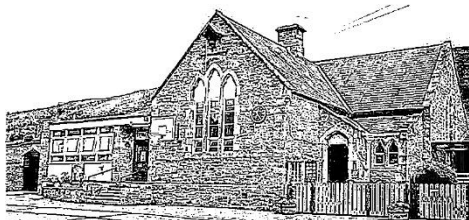
The group meets in the Village Institute on Mondays from September to Easter. Some of our members' work has featured in this magazine. New members are always welcome, and demonstrations are arranged each year to encourage beginners and the more experienced alike. For more details, please contact Angela Falshaw (01756 760259) – [angela.falshaw@gmail.com](mailto:angela.falshaw@gmail.com)

### *Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show –*

**Sunday 4 September, 2022; not long now!**  
Main Registration: Saturday 3 September from 1-4pm in Kettlewell Village Hall. Late

Registration is only for half an hour on Show day – 9-9.30am  
Schedules, listing all you need to know, available at:

- 🔗 Buckden Village Store
- 🔗 The Buck Inn, Buckden
- 🔗 The Fox & Hounds, Starbotten
- 🔗 Kettlewell Village Store
- 🔗 Conistone Church
- 🔗 Kilnsey Trout Farm



### *Friends of Kettlewell School*

On 25 June this year, Friends of Kettlewell (PTA) held the Kettlewell Carnival Day at the Village Hall. We had a selection of games which included a Ducking Stool, Tombola stalls, Football matches, Face painting, bar, BBQ, Disco and a hugely successful auction. We auctioned some brilliant prizes that very kind shops, businesses and locals donated to us. This alone raised over £1,400. In total, we are delighted to say that we raised a grand total of £3,700. This was the first time we have run this event and the first fundraiser we have managed to pull together since Covid so we are amazed and delighted at its success.



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## Buckden Singers

now recruiting

**altos, basses, and tenors**  
**(no audition necessary)**

enjoy our varied repertoire

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make new friendships

Contact Anne Vetch 01756 760882 or any member of the choir for further details

[info@buckdensingers.org](mailto:info@buckdensingers.org)

Rehearsals for the Autumn Season begin on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Buckden Village Institute



Why not come along?



The committee would like to publicly thank everyone involved in the organisation of the event, the running of the bar and BBQ and all the food and drink supplied to us, the disco, the very kind donations for the auction, our wonderful Auctioneer, Dave Charnley and to each and every person who supported us on the day.

*Debbie Hepworth*



## WHERE THE HILLS MEET THE SKY HAG DYKE

*HAG DYKE SCOUT HOSTEL 75th  
ANNIVERSARY*

Hag Dyke Scout Hostel at Kettlewell is celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its opening on Saturday 24 September 2022. The Hostel will be open to all visitors from 11 am to 5 pm. Anyone with an interest in

or previous connection with Hag Dyke will be very welcome.

The day's main focus will be a special service of commemoration plus memories and future thoughts at 3pm at our Chapel, the highest in England. We will also have a Souvenir booklet, displays of historic pictures & zine displays. A special badge is being designed for the Anniversary and will be on sale on the day.

Wardens will be on hand to show visitors around and to explain the facilities to previous and new visitors. Tea, Coffee & Cakes will be supplied but please bring your own packed lunch etc. Donations are encouraged for Hag Dyke's Future Work.

There will be transport available promptly at 11am & 2pm from the Field opposite the Garage as you enter Kettlewell. Booking will be required but all that can be encouraged to walk up. Clear instructions, maps of routes plus signage and Explorers/young Leaders will be on hand to guide you. If you require assistance to find Hag Dyke please ask. Use of your own suitable 4 x 4 vehicles up to the site is possible but we please let us know an approximate time and type of vehicle.

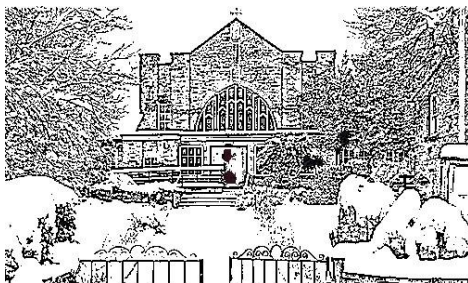
There will be the option for Wardens, Past wardens, Working party, Leaders & Reunion Group **ONLY** to stay over but there obviously are limited spaces so do make your interest known asap please.

A new young trainee Wardens scheme will also be explained briefly which is especially aimed at 18- to 30-year-olds. Therefore, Explorers and Young Leaders are specially encouraged to attend.

We are appealing for a few memories of your most enjoyable, first Experiences of Hag Dyke and any future versions you have. These will be displayed plus there will be the opportunity to read some of these out at the Service. We suggest twenty to fifty words. We would also like pictures of your

visits to Hag Dyke to produce a rolling picture show on the day.

RSVP to [enquiries@hagdyke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hagdyke.org.uk) and please visit our website for information: <https://www.hagdyke.org.uk>



### ***Kettlewell Village Hall AGM***

The Village Hall will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 13 September at 7pm in the Village Hall. We are looking for more committee members so if you feel like you could offer some support to help run the village hall, please do let us know. We have a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month most months. Usually only an for an hour!! If you could give a couple of hours a month to help we would love to have you on board. As the saying goes many hands make light work.

We really need as many to attend the AGM as possible so that we can ensure that the Village Hall continues to be available to use by all our community groups and anyone else who might just use it for a party or celebration of some kind. Our facilities are really pretty great so do please get in touch. You can email: [emmashepherd2804@outlook.com](mailto:emmashepherd2804@outlook.com)

If you attend a group at the hall please do come along, we are always eager to hear news of what is good and bad about the hall and what might need improvement.

*Emma Shepherd*

### *Kettlewell Village Hall Film Nights*

Film nights will start again in September, the first date being Saturday 10 September. The films we hope to show this season will include "The Duke" "Downton Abbey a New Era " and "The Railway Children Return" Other films yet to be decided. Look out for posters and notification on various Facebook pages.

### *KETTLEWELL & DISTRICT WI*

The July meeting was an outing to The Grange, Open Garden, at Carleton, near Skipton. Along with the members there were some visitors too, which is always lovely. The Garden is beautifully maintained and very extensive with a wide range of planting, so if anyone gets a chance to see it please take the opportunity. You will not be disappointed. Some of the plants were available to purchase too.

August is Holiday Month but the September meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Kettlewell Village Hall will be a very special occasion, arranged by Friends From Kettlewell & District Wi and all funds will go to Cancer Research. There will be a Flower Arranging Demonstration by MICHAEL MONTECILLO, a NADFAS qualified National Demonstrator. Please put this into your diary as it will a Spectacular affair and definitely not to be missed. A cream tea will be included in the very modest entry price of £8. Everyone will be very welcome and, for more information or to let The Friends know if you are coming, please contact Jane Welsh, ([janeawelsh@googlemail.com](mailto:janeawelsh@googlemail.com))

### *HALTON GILL READING ROOM*

Coffee and biscuits, every Thursday, from 10.30 to 12noon. Everyone welcome, ALL proceeds to Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

## **A UWALS Writing Workshop with Ian Clayton - Author and Broadcaster**

*no experience needed just an opportunity to be grabbed!*



Ian aims for participants to produce new writing on the day. He will facilitate this by a series of writing exercises that are designed as food for thought. The day will be informative, entertaining and good fun. Ian welcomes fiction and non-fiction responses - as he will explore on the day, he does not differentiate. It will also be a chance to pick Ian's brains about the writing process.

Ian Clayton was born in Featherstone, Yorkshire and is an English writer and broadcaster. In a freelance career spanning 20 years he has edited and authored more than fifty books and broadcast on TV and radio. Some years ago now, Ian entertained us speaking about his life and we were requested to invite him back to share his writing expertise.

In recent years he has been visiting scholar in creative writing at Changchun University in China. He believes that good stories start anywhere and at any time and that the best stories have a strong sense of place, that they live and breathe in the community, just like their tellers and writers. Ian's writing workshops thrive on turning the spoken word into a piece of written work. The workshop welcomes experienced writers and new writers alike.

**Wednesday 17th August 10am to 4pm at Threshfield Institute. Tickets £20 UWALS members and £25 non-members including lunch and all refreshments. Email [uwalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:uwalsociety@gmail.com) or phone 01756 770051/770350**

### *HALTON GILL SPORTS GALA*

Sunday 28 August 2022, from 1pm  
Traditional Family Fun for free!

### *AMERDALE HALL EVENTS*

**Littondale Fete 2022 – Saturday  
13 August, starting at 1pm.**

If you can help in any way please get in touch or come to the next planning meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, in the Queens at Litton.

**Amerdale Hall - Save the dates (Future Events to put on your calendar now)**

Sat 17 Sep: Coffee & Chat.

Fri 30 Sep: BIG QUIZ & Supper.

Sat 15 Oct: Live band - The SCENE.

Sun 30 Oct: 'Bat, Crackle & Pop' - Children's Halloween Fun.

## WENDY ELIZABETH NIGHTINGALE

*Peter and all Wendy's family cannot thank her friends, in our village and afar, enough for the fantastic support we have received during her long illness and after her departure.*

*The number of cards and messages we received has been incredible and truly uplifting helping us to continue and support Wendy's belief that we should celebrate a wonderful life.*

*Wendy loved Kettlewell and always saw the bright side of things and was ever cheerful throughout her long illness aided by her unswerving faith*

*Peter Nightingale*

## FUNK WIRE

The FUNK WIRE is on its usual summer break, but we return on 22 September at 2pm in Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall. We meet every two weeks, and everyone is welcome. No experience necessary - we sing just for fun and "like no one is listening". New members always welcome so come along and join the fun!

## Rainfall for June 2022

**Arncliffe:** 57.5 mm/2.26 ins  
**Litton:** 72.19 mm/2.84 ins



# LITTONDALE FETE 2022

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, from 1pm.

1pm. 4mile Road Race	Tea & Cakes
1pm. Skipton Brass Band	White Elephant & Book Stall
1.10pm. Children's Fancy Dress (theme, 'What I want to be when I grow up')	Tombola
From 2pm. Fell Races	Hot Dogs
2.30pm. Dog Show	Local Produce
3pm. Children's Races	Bouncy Castle
4.30pm. Strongman/Strongwoman	Silent Auction

### Could you help? - we need volunteers to:

- Donate good quality (clean!) Silent Auction, White Elephant (Bric-a-Brac), Books & Tombola prizes.
- Bake cake or savoury snacks.
- Assist on the day, with the Car Park, serving teas or manning a stall.
- Help set up on Friday evening/Saturday morning.
- Help clear up on Saturday evening.

For more information, please contact Mark Houston (770419), Ruth Cowan (770293) or Sarah Paul (770282). Or email: [carrfarm2021@gmail.com](mailto:carrfarm2021@gmail.com).

All proceeds to [Amerdale Hall](#) (CIO 1193881)



## Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival... a few weeks to go!



**I**t's just a few weeks to go until the Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival returns! And because one of our fantastic themes is **Children's Favourite Books** (focusing on one particular well-known author!), expect the streets of Kettlewell to be filled with animals! There'll be pigs and rabbits, cows and whales, ladybirds and monkeys, and a creature that has eyes that are orange, a tongue that is black and purple prickles all over his back! Can you guess what it is?!

**Our Scarecrow Workshop takes place on Sunday 7 August, from 12-4pm at Kettlewell Village Hall** - there'll be (vaguely) expert tuition and lots of free accessories and props to take away. So if you're feeling inspired, or maybe a bit stuck, come along and we'll help you turn your amazing idea into a reality!

On Monday 8 August, we'll start setting up: putting up bunting, signs, banners, tables, gazebos and car parking mats. **If you have any time to spare, please consider joining us for a few hours.** And we still have shifts needing to be filled at the actual Scarecrow Festival itself, so if you fancy standing in a field waving your arms at motorists or sitting on a stand selling trail sheets to small children, please do volunteer. Just a few hours makes a huge

difference. Our local churches (from Arncliffe to Hubberholme), local school and local groups (cricket to table tennis) all financially benefit from the festival, so after two long years, it would be good to give them all some generous donations.

**And do remember: YOUR scarecrow does matter!** Our visitors are enchanted by the ingenuity and the sheer number of scarecrows we manage to make. So your contribution really does matter - they all add up to fill the village and charm our visitors. So please make one if you can!

To volunteer, please drop us a line: [info@kettlewellscarecrowfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@kettlewellscarecrowfestival.co.uk) We'd be delighted if you could join us!

Thank you!



*Monkey head created for Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival to form part of Monkey Puzzle scarecrow*

## Meet the new churchwardens

*Jane Way from Buckden and Rebecca Ward-Dooley from Arncliffe have recently been elected as new churchwardens for the Parish and have kindly agreed to share a little bit about themselves and their work as churchwardens. They will be serving alongside Andrew Hitchon, who was re-elected in this role.*

### Jane Way

**F**rom the earliest age I always wanted to be a nurse although we had no others in our family. There followed a varied career in the NHS and apart from clinical work in nursing and midwifery I also did a spell in nurse education and got involved in planning and building new hospitals and health centres while working in multidisciplinary project planning teams for the Trent Regional Health Authority.

Bernard and I met and married in Suffolk where I was born and brought up and we relocated 13 times while he was training in surgery. This directed many of my own changes of direction career-wise. We settled in Barnsley where he was appointed general surgeon/urologist and spent 30 happy years there putting down deep roots! Sadly, we have not had children.

Being a people person, I got involved in a fair amount of voluntary work during this time including a Homestart Scheme and a range of village activities. I was also appointed a magistrate on the Barnsley bench as well as an independent monitor in a large women's prison.

NHS work became part time as elderly members of the family needed care and I also became churchwarden at the grade one listed mediaeval church in our very small parish. I soon found myself involved in the full range of wider church activities in the Deanery and the Diocese.

When we retired there is a sense in which we ran away from all our commitments when the opportunity to move to the dales arose without us ever

really making the decision to do so. Everything seemed to drop into place, and we moved to Buckden early in 2006. We feel guided, loved, and provided for here in our forever home. We enjoy music, gardening, birds, and our dog!

I am surprised to find myself once again a churchwarden. But having been asked by our vicar Tom to consider it I could not think of any acceptable reason to refuse!

It is very interesting to compare the position twenty odd years ago in a small parish in the Diocese of Wakefield with that in a large parish with 4 churches in the Diocese of Ripon. The changes in the role are considerable although the basic requirement to collaborate with the vicar in representing the community so that the church can serve the needs of everyone in



the parish whether or not they attend church remains the same.

While previously I felt responsible for nearly everything and had not a lot of help now it is truly wonderful to find the three of us working as a team across the parish while holding in focus the needs of our own church. Andrew, who is the Parish Administrator as well as a fellow churchwarden, is the lynchpin which holds us all together and we are blessed in being part of an active and responsive PCC lead by Tom.

It seems to me that one of the main challenges just now is to help people to appreciate the advantages for us all of the many changes that have had to take place since our churches united and became one parish. Good progress has been made with this but there is more to do and I am convinced that the future of God's church here in Upper Wharfedale is bright!

### Rebecca Ward-Dooley

I work full time for the charity Dementia UK designing and developing specialist dementia nursing services for GPs, hospitals, care homes and hospices across the North of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Since the pandemic I have done all this from the comfort of my home office. I also have two teenagers and a motley menagerie of animals. Also, one husband!

We moved to Littondale 7 years ago. Having moved around quite a lot both as a child and adult, I was part of a range of different church communities from Methodist to evangelical but was originally baptised into the Church of England and found it enriching being part of a small community with the church at its centre when we moved here. One of the highlights of recent years was when the children were

baptised in the River Skiffare at our Dawn Service on Easter Sunday. A very special memory.

I have been on the PCC for several years and also a side person. Tom asked me to consider the church warden role after Jackie Yarrow stepped down. He felt that it would be a real asset for Littondale/St Oswald's to have their own church warden to represent the community and so once I was assured I could balance it with my other commitments, I was happy to give it a go.

It's a little difficult to sum up the role as it's so variable and changeable day to day. We represent the church community, look after the buildings, and support the vicar in leadership and decision making in all matters relating to the life of the church. The main challenge is to ensure we prioritise the issues and topics that are at the heart of the church, and represent everyone's voice, while taking care of the little day to day things also. Andrew, Jane and I aim to work as a strong team and a cohesive force that brings all the churches together.



I have enjoyed watching two quite different styles of parenting and rearing in the last few weeks, and August will see the respective sets of offspring fledged and flown.



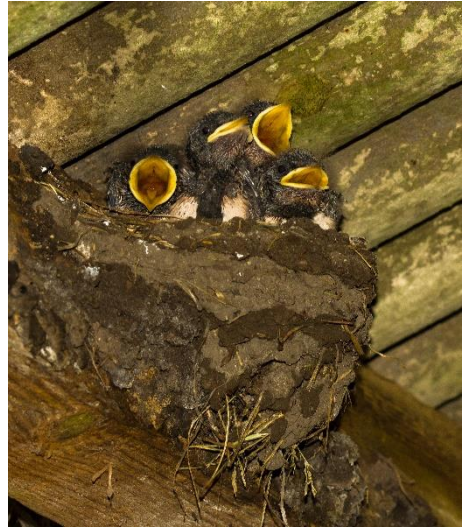
Towards the end of June, I was highly confused to keep finding bats in the house, sadly some deceased, and some flying round my head in the early evening. Whilst I enjoy watching bats feeding in the garden and over the fields at dusk, I had rarely come across them in the house and knew there must be a reason for it. A few days later the situation came to a head when I was cooking and grabbed my oven gloves to take a dish out of the Aga and a baby bat that had been clinging on to them plopped unceremoniously onto the worktop.

Whilst I was on my way back from the out of hours vets' practice where I had taken the pup, my husband called to say that two more babies had emerged from between a slim gap in the tiles above the Aga. It was at this point that I realised we were hosting a maternity roost!

When the weather gets warmer, usually in early summer, pregnant female bats gather together in warm, safe places to

have their babies and these temporary colonies are called maternity roosts. A bat's pregnancy lasts between six and nine weeks and they usually give birth to a single baby (called a pup) each year. The mother bats will stay with them during the day, and at night leave to forage, before returning to feed them. As young pups start to get mobile, like inquisitive toddlers, they will sometimes wander off when nobody is looking – and had obviously found my kitchen an interesting place to explore.

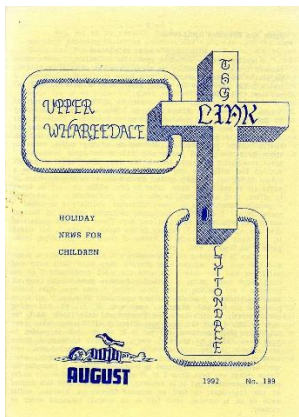
Careful to pop the babies back into the gap they had emerged from and temporarily sealing off their exit into the kitchen, we managed to ensure their safety and hopefully the success of the roost.



Meanwhile, outside, in the old privy in the garden, the chubby swallow nestlings have fledged. It was a joy to watch them being reared and start to test out their wings. I look forward to seeing them back next year.

*Rebecca Ward-Dooley*

# Links to the Past; August 1992, 2002/1902 and 2012



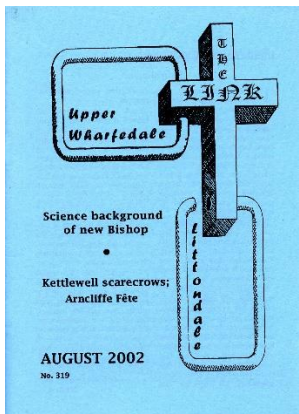
The **August 1992 Link** asked:

'Have you ever done the following things in church?

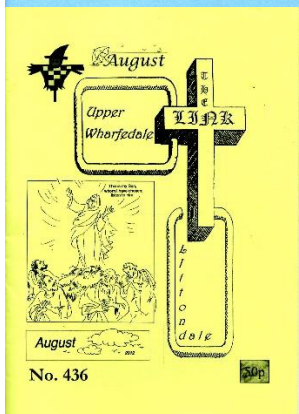
- (a) Eaten sausages
- (b) Woken up lying in a sleeping bag
- (c) Set off on a strange Trek
- (d) Woken up again
- (e) Got into the beat of a bohrun
- (f) Found yourself with lots of kids your own age
- (g) Discovered the radical truth about God
- (h) Struggled with a cocktail parasol.

Confused? You won't be if you come on **THE CAMP.**'

**THE CAMP** for 11–14-year-olds was organized by the Upper Wharfedale Fellowship of Churches at the Congregational Church in Grassington and cost £10. Children brought their own things; teddy bears were optional!!



The **2002 Link** included a piece from the August 1902 magazine about the Yorkshire Dales Railway. 'I rejoice with you all that now at last our much talked of and long striven for railway is an accomplished fact, and that the line has been opened. After all the failures of the many schemes that have been started during the past 50 years and more it is gratifying to think that we have been able to carry this one of ours through to a successful issue. It would appear that ours is the 10<sup>th</sup> scheme that has been attempted. Surely this is an excellent commentary on the old proverb, 'If at first you don't succeed,' &c. Anyway, here it is now, and it is a standing witness to the pluck and perseverance of the men of Craven.' (Sadly, it didn't last, closing to passenger traffic in 1930).



Remember the London Olympics? The **2012 Link** reported on Kettlewell School's own Olympics day with the cluster of primary schools. 'The pupils carried their own homemade torch around the villages of Starbotton, Buckden and Kettlewell and the photographs taken of each child running were displayed on a large presentation board on the day of the Olympics. The pupils have also painted their own t-shirts with the flag of the country they will be representing, these looked incredibly professional, and every child competed to score points for their country. Events included running, athletics and swimming and the day was enjoyed by all. It was a fantastic leader to the real Olympics and all the staff deserve a special mention for the extra hard work and time they put in to make this event enjoyable and a success.'

# Crossword

## Across

8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)

9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)

10 Single (1Corinthians 7:27) (9)

11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)

13 Treachery (2Kings 11:14) (7)

16 Of India (anag.) (2,3,2)

19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the —' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)

22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)

24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)

25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

## Down

1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)

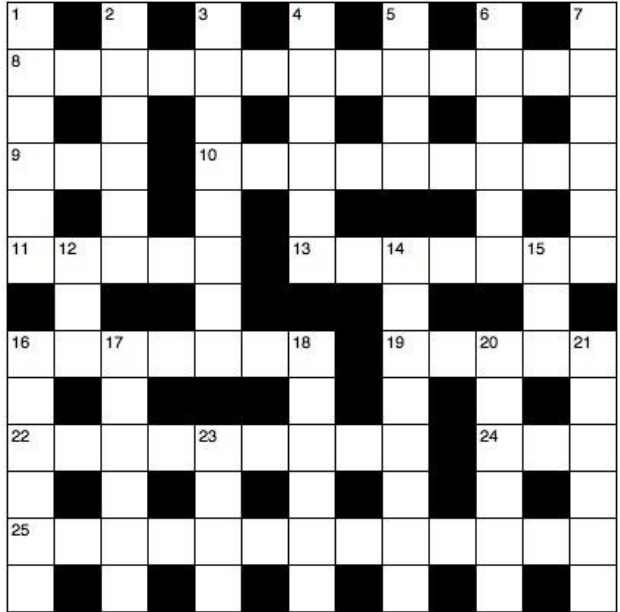
2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)

3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings 12:11) (8)

4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)

5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)

6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)



7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)

12 Run (anag.) (3)

14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)

15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we— our lips' (Psalm 12:4) (3)

16 Earnings (1Corinthians 16:2) (6)

17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that—you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)

18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1) (6)

20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state (Daniel 11:4) (6)

21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)

23 This month (abbrev.) (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 3 Aug	Mobile library van, Buckden
Sun 7 Aug	Scarecrow Workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 13 Aug	Littondale Fete
13-21 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Wed 17 Aug	UWALS Writing Workshop with Ian Clayton, Threshfield Institute
27-29 Aug	Buckden Art Group 30 <sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Buckden Village Institute
Sun 28 Aug	Halton Gill Sports Gala
Mon 29 Aug	Fund raising stalls for Hubberholme church, Buckden School Room
Tue 30 Aug	Kilnsey Show & Sports
Wed 31 Aug	Mobile library van, Buckden

## FUTURE EVENTS

Sun 4 Sep	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show
Sat 10 Sep	Film Night; Kettlewell Village Hall
Tue 13 Sep	Kettlewell Village Hall AGM
Tue 13 Sep	Flower arranging demonstration, 2pm Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 17 Sep	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Thu 22 Sep	Funk Wire recommendations, Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall
Sat 24 Sep	Hag Dyke Scout Hostel 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Fri 30 Sep	BIG QUIZ and Supper, Amerdale Hall
Sat 15 Oct	Live Band – The SCENE, Amerdale Hall
Sun 30 Oct	Bat, Crackle & Pop’, Children’s Halloween Fun, Amerdale Hall
Fri 18 Nov	Evening with Tricia Stewart, Buckden Village Institute

## REGULAR EVENTS

What	When	Where
Play Table Tennis	Wed 3.20-4, 4-5 and 5-7pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Funk Wire	Thu -fortnightly 2 pm	Conistone/Kilnsey Hall
Coffee & Biscuits	Thu - weekly 10.30-12 noon	Halton Gill Reading Room

### Answers to Crossword

**ACROSS:** 8, Prince of Peace. 9, INF. 10, Unmarried. 11, Gulag. 13, Treason. 16, In aid of. 19, Arena. 22, Calvinist. 24, Pad. 25, Moses and Aaron.

**DOWN:** 1, Spring. 2, Sinful. 3, Scourged. 4, Commit. 5, Spur. 6, Matins. 7, Feed on. 12, Urn. 14, Erastian, 15, Own. 16, Income. 17, At last. 18, Friend. 20, Empire. 21, Adding. 23, Inst.



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](http://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org)

<b>7 August</b>		
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Arncliffe	09.30	Morning Prayer
Kettlewell	11.15	Methodist Service
Conistone	18.30	Evening Prayer

<b>14 August</b>		
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Arncliffe	09.30	Morning Prayer
Hubberholme	11.15	BCP Holy Communion
Conistone	18.30	Holy Communion

<b>21 August</b>		
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Hubberholme	09.30	BCP Holy Communion
Kettlewell	11.15	Baptism Service
Conistone	18.30	Evening Prayer

<b>28 August</b>		
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Arncliffe	09.30	Holy Communion
Kettlewell	11.15	Morning Prayer
Hubberholme	18.30	BCP Holy Communion

<p>Holy Mass is celebrated on Sundays at 9.00 am at St. Margaret Clitherow's R.C. Church, Threshfield</p>
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### *COVID guidance*

We continue having masks and hand sanitiser available in our Churches and to keep certain pews empty to allow for physical distancing. The wearing of masks while moving around our Churches, and while taking part in congregational singing, is a matter for the discretion of individuals attending our Churches. We would ask that everyone respects the views of those who wish to continue taking precautions.

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