

Link

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine



In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. *Philippians 2 5-7*

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...

The Coronation of our new King

Coronation fever is gripping the nation. In the Spar at Threshfield it is already possible to buy your red, white and blue face paint and party hats. Grassington is having a street party in the square where folk simply need to turn up with their own mug for unlimited refreshments.

Multiple celebrations are afoot in our own parish with bells ringing out up and down the Dale wherever possible and with a formal service to celebrate the coronation at St Oswald's Arncliffe at 11am on Sunday 6 May. Street party-wise, the picture looks not that dissimilar to what we did for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations for our late Queen.

Sunday 5 June last year was one of my most memorable, if exhausting, days as a parish priest attending three street parties at Kilnsey, Hawkswick and finally Halton Gill. I was made extremely welcome at each village celebration, and I met more parishioners in a single day than in a month of baptisms, weddings and funerals. In retrospect I wish we had cancelled our evening service that day.

Each local celebration had its own idiosyncrasies. It was impossible to determine which format was more successful ... a hot buffet including home-made lasagne ... a bring your own meat barbecue ... a challenging Royal quiz. In each case there were tables laden with cake. As someone who adores cake, I felt like I was in heaven and am already really looking forward to it.

This edition of our parish magazine celebrates the coronation. Our current monarch first visited this parish in 1998 – we have a wonderful picture of the then Prince of Wales emerging from Hubberholme Church to prove it (see page 13)

May God bless (and save) our new King Charles III, his consort Camilla and the royal family - and indeed this nation at a time of great political and social upheaval.



Tom

From the Churches & Villages

From the Parish Registers

FUNERALS

31 March – St Michael and All Angels,
Hubberholme – Martin Wood

12 April – St Oswald's, Arncliffe – Jean
McKenna (interment of ashes)

St Mary's, Kettlewell

May Rotas

Sidespeople

7 No one required

14 No one required

21 Pauline Thompson

28 June Appleton

After Service Tea/Coffee

21 Di Blakey-Williams

28 Sue Nelson

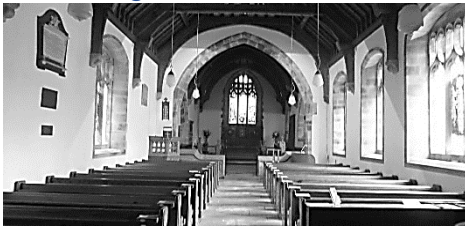
Cleaning

Jenny Inocco

Flowers

Sue Nelson

Re-ordering of Kettlewell Church



We have sadly put plans on hold for a public consultation which had been due to take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30 May at Kettlewell Village Hall. Our hope at that meeting had been to outline our proposals for a modest phased re-ordering of Kettlewell Church. The little re-ordering committee has been active visiting re-ordered churches in the area for good ideas - in particular exploring eco-friendly ways of heating the building more effectively.

We would really value the local community's support in the planning phase and in getting behind the vision. We feel, however, that now is not the right time for a consultation, with other projects across the united parish which need members of the group's energy and attention. Our enthusiasm for the project remains undimmed and we are excited about proceeding with the re-ordering at the right time. Watch this space!

St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

May Rotas

Sidesperson

14 S & D Parsons

21 K&J Robinson, C Winpenny

28 J Cowpe & S Kilvington

Cleaning & Flowers

TBA

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the hall, baked, donated wonderful cakes, gave items for the raffle and gift stall and helped out on at the **Hubberholme Church Easter Saturday Coffee Morning**. Grateful thanks also go to all who came and had cake and coffee and supported our enjoyable and successful gathering to make it such a worthwhile happy occasion. In total we raised £319.38. Without our super community, these events would not be possible. Our **Annual Quiz** this year on *Sweets & Toffees and High Street Shops* is now available for £1 in our churches and at Buckden Village Shop, The George Inn, Hubberholme and The Buck Inn, Buckden. Completed quiz must be returned by 10 October, so you have plenty of time to find all the answers.

St Mary's, Conistone

May Rotas

Sidespeople

14 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster

21 Philip & Kathryn Butterfield

Flowers

Allison Clarke

Open Church w/c

1 Philip B.

8 Lewis A.

15 Allison C.

22 Jane P. & Michelle P.V.

29 Philip B.

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

May Rotas

Open Church w/c

7 Hilary Follows

14 Elspeth Miller

21 Sarah Paul

28 Rebecca Ward-Dooley

4 Jun Hilary Follows

Sidesperson

7 Sarah Paul

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Christian Aid Week 14-20 May

Help Dreams Come True



Jen Bishop, a loving mum in Malawi, dreams of her children being able to have the education they deserve. Her hard-working boys have earned places at top colleges - but Jen cannot afford to send them both. No mum should have the heartbreaking choice of which child to educate, and which one will miss out on their dreams.

Around the world, soaring costs of food and essentials are crushing dreams, keeping people in desperate poverty. In Malawi, food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. The climate crisis means farmers are struggling to survive. Devastated by droughts, floods and storms, harvests fail.

Jen and her children are paying the cost

with their lives, dreams, their futures. It's an outrage. But there is hope as we unite this Christian Aid Week.

Jen is doing everything she can to earn money for her children's education. She's growing a miracle crop - pigeon peas. But without help, she is losing profits to unscrupulous middlemen, who steal her ability to provide for her children.



The Palm Sunday procession arriving at Hubberholme Church

Jen says: 'My heart longs to see our children finish school. These dreams are very important to me, because by doing so, I'll be sure that I am creating a good future for the children.'

With your support this Christian Aid Week, Jen, and many mums like her, can take the next step to lift her family out of poverty.

Please give as generously as you are able this Christian Aid week:

- by using this QR code
- in a Gift Envelope in this magazine, which can be handed in at Kettlewell Village Store; Buckden Village Shop; Castle Farm in



Arncliffe; Church House in Halton Gill; Croft House in Litton; Francis Barn in Hawkswick or Fishers Barn in Conistone with Kilnsey.

- direct into the Upper Wharfedale Fellowship of Churches Christian Aid Account sort code 20-78-42 account number 43851834

- the link to the Churches Together in Upper Wharfedale JustGiving page for Christian Aid week 2023 on line at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/joanna-clarke-1680712499802>

Buckden & Langstrothdale

Buckden Gala

Saturday 17 June; 12.30 - 4.30pm

Live music, stalls, dog show, children's races, crafts, grand draw, bouncy castle, coconut shy, beer tent, hot dogs, ice cream and tearoom as well as the famous Buckden Pike Fell Race. As usual we would be very grateful for donations of cakes, tombola and raffle prizes nearer the time. We are also very grateful for the support that everyone gives us to run this event which raises money to support our thriving village hall. Please do come and join us, as a helper or visitor, to make this

another fabulous day! For more info go to www.buckdengala.co.uk or email gala@buckden.org or call 01756 761155

Peter Vetch

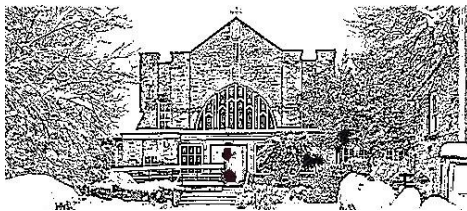
The **Library** van will be in Buckden car park from 10.00am until 12 noon on Wednesday 10 May.

Thank You!

A very big and heart felt 'thank you' to Buckden Knit and Natter Folk and Hubberholme Church Action Group for the lovely birthday parcel of flowers, chocs and gift card - all so very much appreciated and will be greatly enjoyed over the weeks ahead. Also, for the 90th birthday card, beautifully made, therefore a quite unique, special greeting, and again so very much appreciated. Thank you all for your good wishes and generosity.

Avril Harrison

Kettlewell with Starbotton



Kettlewell Village Hall needs your support

Kettlewell is very lucky to have such a fantastic village hall. The hall is available to hire for all members of the public. Please see our Facebook page to contact the hall. The hall is an incredibly versatile space and used by numerous local groups and societies. It hosts celebration lunches for the whole community as well as film nights, coffee mornings and quiz nights. It is also used for wedding receptions and wakes.

However, the income from these events does not cover the costs of running

the hall. We estimate that our running costs in 2023 will be around £25,000. We all know how energy costs have shot up in the last year, but the village hall also needs cleaning, insuring and regular maintenance. And there is always some piece of equipment that needs replacing.

The Village Hall is a charity, but it doesn't have an endowment that generates income; we are completely dependent on our income from users and other fund-raising activities. While we do have some reserves, they would be quickly exhausted if we weren't able to top up our funds....this is where you all come in. How can you help? There are lots of ways:

- 🔗 Supporting the clubs and societies that use the hall
- 🔗 Supporting all our fund-raising events including the Scarecrow Festival, our film and quiz nights and our coffee mornings (and help to clear up at the end)
- 🔗 Book the village hall for your events
- 🔗 Join the Village Hall Committee which runs the hall
- 🔗 Can you spare an hour or so a month to help with maintenance?

Please contact us through our Facebook page, contact Peter Ward on 07506 780128 (or peterward6@hotmail.com) or our booking secretary, Maggie McLellan, at kettlewellhall@gmail.com.

Kettlewell Village Hall Events

Kettlewell Duck Race

The Duck Race is here again. Bank holiday Mon 29 May at 3.00pm. Tickets £1, available from the village shop, village hall committee members, or outside the village hall on the day. Refreshments in the Village Hall. All money raised is for village hall funds.



Duck Race Café

Bank Holiday Monday, 29 May, 1-4pm

Before, during or after the Duck Race, please visit the Village Hall to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea at the Village Hall with soft drinks for the children.

Community Quiz Night

Friday 19 May 2023 – 7.30pm

Come along and join us in Kettlewell Village Hall for our next community quiz night. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and enjoy a fun evening with friends and neighbours. Bring a team (no more than four people) or come along on the night and find teammates when you arrive at the hall. £2 per head to cover costs and there will be a small cash prize for the winning team.



Please note: the Village Hall team will be taking a break from organising pop-up cafes and quiz nights over the summer, but we will be back in action in September.

Cleaner Needed

Kettlewell Village Hall is looking for a cleaner. 1-2 hours a week. Duties include hoovering, moping, cleaning. Please contact kettlewellhall@gmail.com for further details.

Kettlewell Luncheon Club

Kettlewell Luncheon Club will take place on Thursday 18 May at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the April gathering, please ring Sue Nelson (760887) by 4pm on Sunday 14 May 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 plus coffee/tea.
Wine/fruit juice is available by donation.

Scarecrow Festival 12 - 20 August



This year the trail theme is **'100 years of the BBC and classic children's TV'** and our judge will be from TV land; Tom Ingall from BBC Look North. We are grateful for his time and expertise.

We would appreciate it if you could avoid doing the following scarecrows (as they are on the trail sheets):

Dr Who, Vicar of Dibley, Royle Family, Happy Valley, Strictly Come Dancing, Morecambe and Wise, Call the Midwife, Planet Earth, Last of the Summer Wine, Open All Hours.

We can suggest any of the following (but you can, of course, do any scarecrow of your choosing):

Absolutely Fabulous, Antiques Roadshow, Blackadder, Car Share, Casualty/Holby City, Changing, Rooms, Children in Need, Dad's Army, Dinnerladies, Eastenders, Have I got News for You, Homes under the

Hammer, Line of Duty, Look North, Luther, Mastermind, Miranda, Mrs Browns Boys, Only Fools and Horses, Poldark, Sherlock Holmes, Some Mothers do 'Ave 'Em, The Good Life, The Great British Bake Off, The Office, The Young Ones, Top of the Pops

The young persons' trail Scarecrows will be published at a later date.

REMINDER: There will be a workshop in Kettlewell Village Hall on Sunday 25 June from 11am to 3pm and another on Sunday 6 August, also in the village hall.

Only about 3 months to go so please volunteer to help:

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

Thank you

The Scarecrow Committee

Littondale

Litton Parish meeting

Litton Parish meeting will be held on
Tues 16 May at 7.30pm in the Queens Arms.

Andrea Lund

Amerdale Hall Update

The renovations are proceeding well, and the work is on course to be finished by the end of May. The re-roofing has been completed and the new toilets (including, for the first time, an accessible WC) will be installed very soon. It is very good to see such a positive outcome following years of fundraising by the people of Littondale.

Cricket & Rounders in Littondale



It's a new season for the Littondale and Arncliffe Cricket Clubs and the Littondale Rounders Team.

Cricket has for a long time made up a big part of the Littondale community calendar, with the valley supporting two teams. These consist of a team, known as Littondale CC that plays in the Dales league competition, a T20 weeknight league between teams from around Wharfedale known, and a team that plays friendly T20 cricket, known as Arncliffe Cricket.

Both teams play from the Arncliffe Cricket pitch, one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in England with views of Amerdale House, the steep valleys sides and woodlands that fringe Arncliffe.

With both teams looking to have a successful season, following improved fortunes last year, we are hoping to see more people coming down to watch what can be very entertaining cricket, and sometimes even more entertaining slapstick comedy. As a general rule, Littondale CC play on Monday nights, and Arncliffe Cricket play on Wednesday nights. Both usually start games between 6.30pm and 7pm. After matches both teams retire to the Falcon Inn for refreshments.

We would welcome any spectators, and if anyone would like to be involved then please contact Jack Hirst at jackhirst38@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you.

Jack Hirst
Littondale Cricket Club Captain

Littondale CC (Dales League) Fixtures

Tues 9 May	Linton vs Littondale
Mon 15 May	Littondale vs Cracoe
Mon 22 May	Burnsall vs Littondale
Mon 5 Jun	Kettlewell vs Littondale
Mon 12 Jun	Current free week
Mon 19 Jun	Grassington vs Littondale
Mon 26 Jun	Littondale vs Linton
Mon 3 Jul	Cracoe vs Littondale
Mon 10 Jul	Littondale vs Burnsall
Mon 17 Jul	Threshfield vs Littondale
Mon 24 Jul	Littondale vs Kettlewell
Mon 31 Jul	Current free week
Mon 7 Aug	Littondale vs Threshfield
TBC	Littondale vs Grassington

Arncliffe Cricket (Friendly) Fixtures

Wed 17 May	Arncliffe vs Draughton
Wed 24 May	Burnsall vs Arncliffe
Wed 31 May	Arncliffe vs Appletreewick
Wed 7 Jun	Skipton CCM vs Arncliffe
Wed 14 Jun	Arncliffe vs Ermysteds School
TBC	Malham vs Arncliffe
Wed 28.6.23	Hebden vs Arncliffe
Wed 5 Jul	Draughton vs Arncliffe
Wed 12 Jul	Arncliffe vs Burnsall
Wed 19 Jul	Arncliffe vs Cracoe
Wed 2 Aug	Arncliffe vs Hebden

Littondale Rounders Team

Thu 4 May	Practice: Flatts House, Litton
Thu 11 May	Kettlewell (H)
Thu 18 May	Skipton Springboks (A)
Thu 25 May	Hartlington (H)
Thu 1 Jun	Threshfield (A)
Thu 8 Jun	Grassington (H)
Thu 15 Jun	Appletreewick (A)
Thu 22 Jun	Hellifield (H)
Thu 29 Jun	Skipton Sloggers (A)
Thu 6 Jul	Skipton Springboks (H)
Thu 13 Jul	Hartlington (A)
Thu 20 Jul	Threshfield (H)
Thu 27 Jul	Grassington (A)
Thu 3 Aug	Appletreewick (H)
Thu 10 Aug	Helifield (A)
Thu 17 Aug	On hold for delayed games
Thu 24 Aug	Kettlewell (A)
Fri 1 Sep	Skipton Sloggers, Flatts House + BBQ
Sun 10 Sep	Tournament, Skipton

Kettlewell School News

In the week before we broke up, we celebrated Easter in our favourite way at Kettlewell by having a hardboiled egg rolling competition. Everyone spent time decorating their eggs then took turns to try and roll them into a bin in the school yard. There was lots of cheering and excitement with Summer taking place of overall winner. Thank you to Friends of Kettlewell School for providing these yummy treats.

The children then went to the field to hunt for several chocolate eggs each which had been hidden all around. They found them in the grass, trees, fence and benches.

Class One joined our federation schools to take part in a Superhero Day. They all spent time at Cracoe Village Hall, making pizza, working out how to save humpy dumpy (testing with real eggs!) and rescuing the evil egg who was attempting to escape. Everyone had a fabulous day dressed up as a superhero, practicing their best moves

Each term an award is handed out to a child from each class who has been trying hard or achieved something they thought they couldn't and stood out to the teachers.



The winners this term are Amelia and Jack, well done on your fantastic achievement.

The children in Year 6 have also been having swimming lessons, and Olivia Huck is clearly enjoying them; *"We spent the term practicing what to do if we ever fell into open water. We wore thin trousers and a long sleep top over our costumes as Adele said we would never fall in a lake in our pjs! We practiced falling in and moving to safety, this was so if it ever happened in real life we wouldn't panic as much and would know what to do. It was really hard work but good fun as well."*

The Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation have organised a Family Fun Music Festival. This will be held at Grassington Town Hall on Sunday 2 July from 2-5pm, with performances from live band 'Finishers' and the federation 'Big singing Choir'. There will be a food stand, full stocked bar, face paints, glitter, crafts and games, tombola, raffles and much, much more! Tickets are priced at £4 per adult and £2 per child and can be purchased by emailing admin@kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk

Charlotte Facer

Kettlewell & District WI

At the March meeting on Tuesday 14th, we welcomed Mr Paul Rayner, from Threshfield, who gave a very fascinating talk and demonstration in the art of Pyrography, a craft which is gaining popularity, and which is a burning process on wood and paper to create very detailed pictures and designs. He also brought lots of impressive examples of his work for us to see. Members were invited to "have a go", with his temperature controlled hot pen, and many of them did so with great enthusiasm. Thank you very much Paul, we loved it!

The speaker at the April meeting was Emeritus Professor Charlotte Roberts, a very proud "Yorkshire Lass" who started her career in nursing following in the footsteps of her grandmother and

mother. She spoke, using lots of interesting items and humour, to track her career from going on to Leicester University and a degree in Archaeology to then moving to bioarchaeology, which is the study of ancient human bones. Her career took her to many countries, including Nepal and India, where she visited hospitals to learn about leprosy, (which can be carried by red squirrels!) her particular interest. The WI motto is “Inspiring Women” and Charlotte is one very Inspiring Yorkshire Woman.

The March monthly competition was won by Linda Thomson, the April Competition by Barbara Lambert and at each meeting there was a raffle.

The May meeting on Tuesday 9th is an afternoon cruise from Skipton in a canal boat, including Afternoon Tea, and there are still a few places left. If anyone would like to come along you would be most welcome and, transport to and from Skipton can be provided if necessary.

Barbara Lambert

Yorkshire Camps Summer Season

A poster for Yorkshire Camps Summer Camps. The background is red with a white cloud-like shape in the center containing text. At the top is the Yorkshire Camps logo with the tagline 'Sharing Jesus Christ with young people'. Below the logo is the text 'SUMMER CAMPS'. Underneath, there are four sections of text listing school years and dates: 'SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 6 14TH - 16TH JULY 20TH - 23RD AUGUST', 'SCHOOL YEARS 7 - 10 31ST JULY - 4TH AUGUST', 'SCHOOL YEARS 5 - 8 7TH - 10TH AUGUST', and 'SCHOOL YEARS 9 - 13 15TH - 16TH AUGUST'. At the bottom of the white shape is a black button with the text 'BOOK NOW!' in white.

YORKSHIRE CAMPS
Sharing Jesus Christ with young people

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SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 6
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SCHOOL YEARS 7 - 10
31ST JULY - 4TH AUGUST

SCHOOL YEARS 5 - 8
7TH - 10TH AUGUST

SCHOOL YEARS 9 - 13
15TH - 16TH AUGUST

BOOK NOW!

Our summer season begins after Easter. There is a shift from Church groups to more Schools coming on their residential. This year we have five schools joining us including Threshfield Primary School, a

school from Leeds, two from Bradford and one from Germany. We are also looking forward to welcoming the Year 6 pupils from the local area for the day.

The warmer weather means we drink less hot chocolate, and the water slide can come out, which is always a highlight. Renovations have begun on the Coach House, and we look forward to the new craft room and traverse wall being ready hopefully in time for the summer camps.

We celebrated ten years of Yorkshire Camps: Charity Status was granted in February 2013 followed by our first camp in April 2013. We are so thankful to all the people who have helped us along the way. There have been countless volunteers who have given up time to assist us, many have sacrificially given money and a small ‘army’ of people who have prayed. We are grateful to every single person. But mainly, we thank God who has ‘done more than we asked or imagined’. To Him we give all the glory and praise. There is still some availability on our summer camps but please book soon to avoid disappointment. Bookings are through our website: yorkshirecamps.org.uk

Discover Shakespeare 2: Sonnets, Soliloquys and Soundbites

Saturday 13 May at Kettlewell Village Hall, 10am – 4.30pm, Tickets £5

Everyone is very welcome at the next *Rediscover Shakespeare* session, whether or not you were there for the first RSC workshop in March. This time the session will be led by Ron Norman, himself an experienced student and director of Shakespeare with some RSC training under his belt. The session will involve some gentle explorations of vocal technique applied to Shakespeare’s language, before getting stuck into some of his sonnets, a couple of soliloquies and an intriguing look at the language of political propaganda, linked to the production of

Julius Caesar (which visits Bradford Alhambra in May).

So, if you fancy joining the fun, please contact Ron at uwalsociety@gmail.com or call him on 01756 770350. Places are limited!

Buckden Singers



Buckden Singers present their summer concert – ‘Searching for Peace and Justice and finding Love’ on Sunday 4 June at 4.00pm in Kettlewell Village Hall. Tickets at £6 include light refreshments and are available from: tickets@buckden.org or 01756 760882.

Funk Wire

There is only one choir session in May (due to holidays), on Thursday 11 May at 2pm in Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall.

Settle Orchestra Summer Concerts

Don’t forget the Settle Orchestra Summer Concerts on Saturday 17 June at Settle Parish Church, and Saturday 24 June at Christ Church, Skipton.



Friends of the Dales Events; May 2023

Monitor Your Local Peatland?

Over the last year, Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales have collaborated with Yorkshire Peat Partnership to recruit and train Eyes on the Bog volunteers to

monitor peatland condition across various sites in the Dales. Eight small monitor teams are now in place, and so the charities are inviting those interested in volunteering for the scheme to come along to their next joint training event taking place Saturday 13 May, 10am – 3pm near Ribbleshead Viaduct.



Healthy peatlands are vital to biodiversity, water purity and crucial for preventing the thousands of years of carbon stored in the form of peat being released into the atmosphere. Eyes on the Bog is a IUCN programme which offers a scientifically robust, repeatable, low tech way for individuals and small groups from villages or parishes to review the condition of their own local peatlands two or three times per year.

Following the training event, if people want to commit to becoming a volunteer monitor, they will be given easy to use kit enabling them to assess vegetation quality and measure the depth and fluctuations in the water table and also variations in peat quality and depth. Their findings are then fed directly into the Peat Data Hub hosted by the University of Leeds and are an important resource for assessing the effectiveness of restoration and how peatlands are changing through time.

To find out more or book a place email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk or visit: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk

Walk: Exploring Frostrow Fell

Timed to coincide with bus and train services to Sedbergh, Trustee Ian McPherson will lead a delightful high level, five-mile, moderate walk around Frostrow Fell on Thursday 25 May 11.30am-4.30pm.

With stunning views of the Howgills and Lake District, the walk also offers the opportunity to see several breeds of moorland birds including curlew, stonechat and wheatear. Well behaved dogs on a lead are welcome.

To find out more or book a place email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedailes.org.uk or visit: www.friendsofthedailes.org.uk

Weather for March 2023

Rainfall in March

Arncliffe:	194.9 mm/7.67 ins
10 yr avge:	159.1 mm/7.67 ins
Highest:	296.2 mm/11.66 ins (2019)
Lowest:	50.55 mm/1.99 ins (2022)

Temperatures in March

Average:	5.3°C
Highest:	14.1°C
Lowest:	-8.7°C

Windspeed in March

Average:	4.5 km/h
Highest:	41.4 km/h



Yellow Poppies in Chinese Pot, by Val Emerson, Buckden Art Group



Coronation Events in Upper Wharfedale & Liddendale

Here are some of the events taking places in our churches and villages over the Coronation weekend (6-8 May)

Churches

Do come and join us for the **Parish Celebration** of the King's Coronation, which will be held on Sunday 7 May at 11.00 am at St Oswald's Arncliffe.

Ring for the King!



We will be ringing the bells in each of our churches on Saturday 6 May before the coronation service starts in Westminster Abbey. If you would like to join us in Arncliffe (no experience necessary!), please do come to the church at 10.30 and help us ring the bells. We will also be ringing the bells in Arncliffe before the parish celebration on 7 May.

Village Parties

Arncliffe village coronation party will be held on Saturday 6 May at 4pm on the green outside of the Falcon. It will be a Jacob's Join so please bring a plate (or plates) of something sweet or savoury. We will set up chairs, tables, gazebos etc at 10am on the day - if you can spare a bit of time to help, we would be very grateful. Clear up of the same will be at a similar time the following morning, again help would be appreciated. Hopefully the weather will be kind (and we should be too early for midges!) and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Michelle Miller

Buckden is holding a street party from 12.30pm on Sunday 7 May for residents and holiday makers staying in the village.

The party will be held in the lane behind the village hall and in a marquee and gazebos in the garden of Fairlawn. The event will be a Jacobs Join, so bring along a contribution to eat and drink. It would be helpful to have a rough idea of numbers, to enable us to set out an appropriate number of tables and chairs, so please email me on streetparty@buckden.org to let me know if you will be coming (or message me on 07799 480245). I will coordinate the food contributions nearer the time, to ensure we have sufficient sweet and savoury, once I know who will be attending. Hope to see you there.

Debbie Roe

Kettlewell is having a lunch in the Village Hall on Sunday 7 May 2023 at 1.00 pm, for residents of Kettlewell and Starbotton. The lunch is free, with tea, coffee and juice for children - all other drinks are BYO. Places are limited; please apply to fant@btinternet.com or telephone 760200. Please give your name, address and the number of tickets required, including the number of children.

Claire, Judels and Mel

Other Events

ARNCLIFFE CROSS COUNTRY GOLF DAY

Bank Holiday Monday 8 May

18 holes. Riverside bar & BBQ. £50 for a team of 4. £100 sponsor a hole. Prize-giving at the Falcon Inn at 8pm (for the longest drive, nearest pin, fancy dress, lowest round, and worst golfer!). Ring, text or WhatsApp Richard Paul: 07788 142837. Proceeds to Parkinson's UK & Amerdale Hall.



Prince Charles in Hubberholme, 1998

Prince Charles has made several visits to our parish, including a memorable visit to Kettlewell in February 2004, when he visited Kettlewell and spent some time at Cam Garth, an affordable housing development for five families, before enjoying afternoon tea with the Kettlewell & District Women's Institute. You can read more about that visit in the Craven Herald at <https://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/23356644.now-king-charles-visited---got-udder-cream/?ref=ebln>. But this was not the only occasion he visited Upper Wharfedale, as he also made several private visits to the area; here's the story behind one such visit.

Former Bradford mill owners, Graham and David Watson, were passionate about preserving the landscape of Northern England particularly the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales and both were members of their National Park Authorities.

Upon David's death, Graham presented all of the 5,200 acres of Yorkshire Dales landscape (the Wharfedale Estate) which they had collected, to the National Trust so that they would be safe in perpetuity. Graham continued to visit this area on his motorbike until he was a great age, stopping off regularly for some light refreshment at West Winds tearooms in Buckden.

This was the background to the private visit arranged by the National Trust made by Prince Charles in 1998, to the church at Hubberholme which is situated in this land.

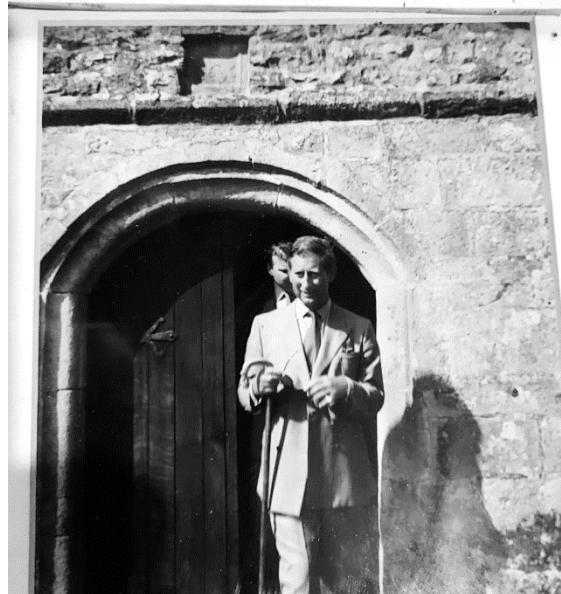
The late John Davies, and Avril Harrison, who were Churchwardens at the time, together with bell ringers (sadly names unknown), were the only people present. Avril remembers him arriving by car which brought him across the bridge as the bells were ringing. It being a private visit, no public or press were present, and Prince Charles spent some time pottering about on his own in the Church.

He returned and asked questions about the church and was very happy to sign the service book which is now in the county archive at Northallerton. John Davies asked him if a photograph would be in

order and took the one at the church door which is shown here. Subsequently, he sent the photograph to Prince Charles and received an acknowledgement.

Avril remembers it clearly as being an intimate and relaxed occasion; maybe it's time he was invited back to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this area following all the events of the 25 years since?

On the occasion of the visit of
His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales
to St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme
- 15 May 1998



Remembering Sheila Foster 1939-2023

This remembrance of Sheila Foster, of Arncliffe Cote, is taken from the eulogy given by Sir Andrew Smith at her funeral, which was held at St Stephen's Skipton.

Sheila was born in May 1939, at a time when war was becoming ever more inevitable. Sheila's mother, Violet, was of the Hennessy family, the distillers. Her father, Captain Charles Elphinstone Fordyce, was the Agent for Skipton Castle for the third Lord Hothfield, and Sheila Fordyce was proud to be the last person born in the Castle.

Sheila came from a Roman Catholic family and went first to the Convent in Skipton and then to a Catholic boarding school. After school, she went to London for the season, and around 1957 was presented by her mother at Court to the young Queen Elizabeth. She joined the civil service, and at the age of 21 married her first husband, Jeremy. They lived a fashionable life in the West End, with a house in Harley St, and were part of what now might be called the Westminster bubble. More importantly, this was when she was blessed with her two sons, Robert and James.

After her first marriage ended, Sheila returned to the Dales and settled with the boys in the Manor House, Kettlewell in 1972. Some leave London for peace and a quiet time, but not Sheila. There was work to be done, the Women's Institute, the Shows and Galas, and local politics. One event transformed her life: in 1974, she went to the Buckden Gala, and so did Michael Foster. Michael and his great friend Leon Rymer spotted Sheila and decided that there was something worth investigating! In 1976, Michael Foster, farmer of Littondale, married Sheila in St Mary's, Kettlewell.



Michael was devoted to Sheila, and to her dying day, Sheila was devoted to Michael. She moved into Michael's farmhouse at Arncliffe Cote. Together, they redesigned it, and it was Sheila's home until the end. From there, Michael and Sheila Foster became the centre of so much in Dales life. In 2004, Michael died in a dreadful, freak accident. Sheila was a strong and brave woman, but it must have taken all her strength and courage to hold herself together, as she did. At the time, she paid tribute to Michael, describing him as being of a "vanishing breed of true Dalesmen" who "would support all of the community in as many ways as he could". The same was true of Sheila, and it remained true of her to the end.

Sheila was flattered and delighted to be asked to be President of the Upper Wharfedale show at Kilnsey for two years in succession. It was a game of two halves: in 2010 there was a glorious sunny day and records were broken; in 2011, the heavens opened in a Pennine special downpour, but under Sheila and Chairman Robert Lambert, a formidable team, the organisers had laid gravel paths and the show went on. It did not rain on Sheila's parade: what mattered to her wasn't the weather, but the rosette won by her Blue Face Leicesters.

Sheila was already a WI member when she moved back to Yorkshire, and immediately took on the presidency of the Kettlewell branch, running the WI tent at the Kilnsey Show for many years, and notching up over 60 years as a member, and committee member, of the Institute.

She served as Chairman of the Upper Wharfedale branch of the Skipton and Ripon Conservative Association and was a life-long member of the Conservative party, which is perhaps not surprising for the granddaughter of a former MP, born in the last Royalist stronghold in the Civil War. But she had no time for slaves to party thinking: she had a mind of her own in political matters, and wanted politicians who spoke their minds.

Sheila had become a Justice of the Peace soon after marrying Michael and served on the Skipton and latterly the Harrogate bench for more than 30 years. She was held in great respect in the legal world: she managed the Court with dignity and efficiently, and with real concern for those who appeared before her, in any capacity: as victim or witness or defendant. Her skill, humanity and decency showed themselves especially in the Young Offenders Court, where judges face some of the most difficult and anxious decisions of all. She was not a soft touch, but she was determined to understand those up before the bench. She knew that if she could somehow set a youngster back on the right path, that was the greatest achievement, not only for the offender but for the community as well. Believe me, her work there was invaluable.

Her heart was always in Littondale, and especially in Arncliffe. She was a dynamic Chairman of Arncliffe Parish Meeting. History does not relate for how long she served, at least 30 years: the books go back to 1989, and record her in office by then: she resigned only in 2019.

Those were Sheila's public services, but she also did much privately. As a sincere and devout Catholic, she worked as a volunteer for the Society of Vincent de Paul, visiting the sick and elderly; she spent hours collecting for the Royal Lifeboat Institution; on many a Christmas day, she was in Leeds, giving the homeless a Christmas lunch.

It was family life that mattered to Sheila. Trips to her brother, John, and Anne-Marie in the South of France were treats to which she always looked forward eagerly. Rob and Beth gave her two granddaughters, Kate and Alice. Never boastful, Sheila couldn't hide her pride in them or the pleasure that they gave her. And she was delighted when James found happiness with Mikee, and especially when, despite James' illness, they decided to celebrate their life together with marriage in 2021. At that time, there were covid restrictions, but the wedding was marked with a very special party at Arncliffe Cote the following summer, on 23 July. It was a bitter-sweet occasion. James was gravely, terminally ill: indeed, he sadly died the next day. But the family made it a wonderful, happy occasion. Everyone there will remember Sheila's speech. She knew that she was losing her younger son, but she spoke with kindness, dignity and even humour. It showed her at her best.

Sheila's courage continued strong to death, and so did her Christian faith. She was grateful to those who supported her at last painful part of her life. She went for rest periods to the Gills Top Home in Grassington, and was very thankful for her times there. The care and kindness and friendship of Liz Bond helped her enormously near the end. Elspeth Miller was a close and dear friend to Sheila for years. She proved what a true friend is in the last months: she was there to the end. Rob would not wish me to mention him at all; he is a stoical Dalesman through and through. Few know what it is like to watch first your brother and then your mother taken by cancer in short succession. Rob was there for them both, and many, more than he would realise, know that and respect and admire that.

So, Sheila, we have lost you, our dear friend. We shall miss you and we mourn you, but we are proud to have known you. Now, may you rest in peace with Michael in your beloved Arncliffe.

Those interested in country folklore will have noticed the inclusion of the ancient symbol of the Green Man on the beautifully illustrated invitation to King Charles III and Queen Camilla's coronation.

The Green Man is placed at the bottom of the illustration with intricate flowers and insects weaved around the border. It features daffodils, thistles and the Tudor rose of the House of York and Lancaster, representing the British Isles, along with roadside country blooms such as forget-me-nots and cowslips.

The symbol of the Green Man has a fascinating and rich history, dating as far back as the 2nd Century and is seen as a symbol of rebirth and renewal, at the same time as being a bridge between paganism and Christianity.



Whilst the Green Man is viewed as a pagan spirit of nature, it also has strong Christian connotations. This is based around the imagery of seeds being planted beneath the tongue of Adam in the garden



of Eden following his fall. The seeds then sprout and grow to provide a second chance for humankind.

A visible example of a Green Man in North Yorkshire is the one at Fountains Abbey, near Ripon. The bust was fitted to cover up a crack in one of the arched windows; the statue depicting a man with vines growing out of his mouth and over his head.

Undoubtedly the King has chosen this symbol to combine a moment of transition and rebirth of the monarchy, along with a reflection of his well-documented love of flora and fauna, and the importance of its preservation. It also sits well in the month of May, having close associations with the English folklore custom 'Jack in the Green', a procession to celebrate May Day.

May, with all its abundant newly unfurled foliage and frothy blooms, is a perfect backdrop for the coronation of a nature loving King.

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

6/7/8 May	Coronation Events
Tue 9 May	Kettlewell & District WI Canal Trip
Wed 10 May	Supermobile Library, Buckden
Thu 11 May	Funk Wire, Conistone & Kilnsey Village Hall
Sat 13 May	UWALS 'Discover Shakespeare' workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 13 May	Friends of the Dales 'Eyes on the Bog' training, Ribbleshead
Tue 16 May	Litton Parish meeting, Falcon Inn
Thu 18 May	Kettlewell Luncheon Club, Kettlewell Village Hall
Fri 19 May	Community Quiz Night, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 24 May	Supermobile Library, Kettlewell
Thu 5 May	Friends of the Dales Walk; Exploring Frostrow Fell
Mon 29 May	Kettlewell Duck Race

FUTURE EVENTS

Sun 4 Jun	Buckden Singers ' <i>Searching for Peace & Justice</i> ', Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 7 Jun	Supermobile Library, Buckden
Sat 17 Jun	Buckden Gala
Sat 17 Jun	Settle Orchestra Summer Concert, Settle Parish Church
Wed 21 Jun	Supermobile Library, Kettlewell
Sat 24 Jun	Settle Orchestra Summer Concert, Christ Church, Skipton
Sun 25 Jun	Kettlewell Scarecrow Workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 1 Jul	Buckden Open Gardens
Sun 2 Jul	Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation 'Family Fun Music Festival'
Sun 6 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Workshop, Kettlewell Village Hall
12-20 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival

REGULAR EVENTS

What	When	Where
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
Whist Evenings	Alternate Wed, 7pm	Buckden Village Institute
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

Wednesday 3 May

18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
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Sunday 7 May: Coronation Weekend

11.00	Arncliffe	Parish Celebration of the King's Coronation
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Sunday 14 May

09.30	Arncliffe	Morning Prayer
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion (BCP)
18.30	Conistone	Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 17 May

18.00	Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6
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Sunday 21 May

09.30	Hubberholme	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15	Kettlewell	Holy Communion
18.30	Conistone	Evening Prayer

Sunday 28 May: Pentecost

09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Morning Prayer
18.30	Hubberholme	Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 4 June: Trinity Sunday

09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Kettlewell	Iona Communion
18.30	Conistone	Holy Communion (BCP)

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

