

Special Points of Interest:

- *Nethergill Summer Party 8 July 2017*

UWRSG UPDATE:

The Upper Wharfedale Refugee Support Group (UWRSG) met on 7 March and agreed the following activities over the coming months.

Nethergill will host a fund raising event (see overleaf)

Members will speak with Julian Smith about unaccompanied child refugees (report below).

There will be a welcome day in September with a focus on (Yorkshire) cricket – suitable and welcoming for all ages and any gender (see overleaf).

We will co-ordinate local efforts to knit 60 million 'trebles' (see attached link), a world wide effort to remember the 60 million refugees, provide blankets and break a stitching rec-

Who are we?

The **Upper Wharfedale Refugee Support Group** comprises a network of individuals living in the Upper Wharfedale area who are concerned for refugees and wish to help in some way.

We fundraise, donate clothing and household items, welcome refugees and write to/ lobby elected representatives.

If you have an activity or an event you would like to suggest or would like some help with, or you would like to be included on our mailing list, email us at:

refugees@upperwharfedale.net

If you would like to raise funds or donate, visit the 'Just Giving' Page at: <https://justgiving.com/upper-wharfedale-refugees>.

Unaccompanied child refugees

In some of us from UWRSG went to see the local MP, Julian Smith, to discuss:

- child refugees in camps or on the streets of Europe; and
- young people in the UK denied leave to remain but who cannot be repatriated and who are not allowed to work and have no income.

Both groups are particularly vulnerable so illness/ injury, and sexual and criminal exploitation. We spoke with Julian Smith the day after the General Election was announced and so we will need continue to lobby for more humanitarian approach once the new Government is in place.

Nethergill Summer Party

Saturday 8 July 2017

wild flower meadows — music and dancing — Nethergill supper



Nethergill Farm , Buckden (Nr
Oughtershaw), BD23 5JS

6.30pm hay meadow walk. 7.30pm
supper.

Tickets: £20. Available from Stella
Perrott 01756 761320.

refugees@upperwharfedale.net

All proceeds from the event will be
divided between the International
Committee of the Red Cross (to as-
sist refugees in their country of
origin or the neighbouring country
to which they flee) and

Bradford Immigration Asylum Seekers Support and Advice Network (BIASAN) which supports refugees locally.

Future event: dales cricket

In late summer (most likely the 16 September) we will be hosting another 'welcome day' for refugees in Upper Wharfedale. We will be offering a typical Yorkshire day—**cricket!** There will be something for everyone - local or international, serious cricketers as well as novices and children. We hope to host a group from Blackburn and Darwen and also from BIASAN (Bradford). If you would like to participate or help organise the event please get in touch with us:

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BIASAN

BIASAN supports a number of refugees and asylum seekers in the Bradford and surrounding areas. It provides advice, drop in centres, food, language classes and household goods. We support BIASAN by raising funds and offering 'days out' in the country.

BIASAN has a constant need for household items—cooking and eating utensils, bedding, small items of furniture, rucksacks , English language CDs etc.. etc.. If you can help with any of these items please contact us and we will pass them on.