

THE PARISH OF BARDSEY WITH EAST KESWICK

Village News



Dec 24 – Jan 25

A round up of church news
and community activities
from the villages of
Bardsey, East Keswick and
the surrounding area.



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Church News



You may have noticed that there is a 'to let' sign outside the vicarage. The Diocese are hoping to let it out during the appointment process for our new vicar, to replace Reverend Angela. Hopefully they will find a tenant, as the building needs to be occupied.

Both churches will continue to be available for all those important life occasions, such as weddings, funerals and baptisms. We have a number of vicars who are available to help us out on these occasions. If you need a visit from a vicar, please get in touch via the office or in an emergency contact the churchwardens.

We continue to have a full complement of services at All Hallows and St Mary Magdalene and details of the upcoming services for Advent and Christmas are listed in this edition.

Going into the New Year, there will be some changes to services as we have less clergy available to come to the Parish and with the cost of heating the churches being high it is necessary to have services in one church rather than two each week.

Best wishes to you all.

The Church Management Team
(Jacquie, Fiona & Catriona)



Callister Hall

Woodacre Lane, Bardsey

Have you been to the Callister Hall recently? We've had a little makeover. Why not come along and have a look. We are on Woodacre Lane in Bardsey, opposite the Village Hall.

The hall has capacity for up to 60 people and is ideal for functions, meetings, groups, and children's parties.

For bookings and hire rates please contact Catriona in the Parish Office on;

01937 574273
bardseyparishchurch@gmail.com



Parish Church Services

DATE	LOCATION	SERVICES
SUN 1 DEC	St Mary Magdalene	10.00am Holy Communion
	All Hallows	2.30pm Christingle Service
WED 4 DEC	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 8 DEC	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Family Service with Baptism
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Family Service with Baptism
SUN 15 DEC	All Hallows	8.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Holy Communion
SUN 22 DEC	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Morning Worship
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Morning Worship
TUE 24 DEC	St Mary Magdalene	3.00pm Crib Service
	All Hallows	4.00pm Crib Service 11.00pm Midnight Mass
WED 25 DEC	All Hallows	10.00am Christmas Day Family Service
SUN 29 DEC	St Mary Magdalene	10.00am Joint Parish Holy Communion
SUN 5 JAN	All Hallows	10.00am Joint Parish Holy Communion
SUN 12 JAN	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Family Service with Baptism
SUN 19 JAN	St Mary Magdalene	10.00am Joint Parish Holy Communion
SUN 26 JAN	EK Methodist Church	10.30am Covenant Service

From the **Register**



We welcome those who
have been baptised

RUPERT GEORGE WAINWRIGHT-BOAK

Sunday 12 October, All Hallows

We remember those whose
funerals have taken place

WILLIAM DALBY

Wednesday 2 October, St Mary Magdalene

PAUL ROSS

Friday 25 October, St Mary Magdalene

Memorial Service

PAULINE ARNOLD

Friday 18 October, All Hallows

Bardsey Gardeners

Hannah Tebbett

Hello from Bardsey Gardeners. We are a group for people in our villages who enjoy gardening and gardens.

I've been down in 'The Glade' behind All Hallows church today, putting some punched aluminium labels on the fruit trees, which are just seeing the anniversary of their being planted.

On Halloween we had a very successful session with local children planting hyacinth bulbs and enjoying some seasonal crafts. Thank you if you came along to join in the fun, we had a lovely afternoon, and are looking forward to seeing our bulbs bloom.

In October we enjoyed the talk given by Caroline Scott, also known as the '**Edible Gardener**'. Caroline talked to us about 'no-dig', forest gardening and perennial fruit and veg. She was a wonderful speaker and her passion was infectious.

We are currently looking for a new secretary to join our committee. Cheri would like to pass on the baton in the next year, so if you have a little time to spare and

would like to join our merry band, please email us. You don't need any qualifications, and you'll receive full support. If you're recently retired or new to the area it's a great way to get to know this lovely place.

Email: bardsey.gardeners@gmail.com

The one gardening job I recommend this month is to plant some spring bulbs, you'll never regret this act when you're enjoying daffodils, tulips, crocuses and irises in the spring time. There are some good deals still available online for bulbs even if you can't get to a garden centre.

Planting bulbs is, I think, one of the most lovely acts of hope. That this dry onion-like thing that frankly lacks impact, will, once tucked under soil for a few cold months, emerge to bring colour and joy, with so little effort. Everyone should plant spring bulbs, it should be on school curriculums and prescribed by your GP.

Our annual Christmas wreath making event, at Bardsey Village Hall is on **Sunday 8 December at 10am** and there are still places available. £25 for members and £30 for non-members. You can pay on the day but please book via our email address. As always it includes a hot drink and a mince pie!

Best wishes for the festive season.

Hannah





presents

A Curious Nativity



Locally Adapted

Monday 16 December, 7.00pm
East Keswick Village Hall
(Village Voices singing carols from 6.45pm)

Interactive fun, with a group of rapping donkeys, a very friendly camel and carols galore. Audience participation is encouraged!
Mulled wine and minced pies to follow.

*A great family fun event that will get
you into the Spirit of Christmas*

Entry is free but a collection will be taken for:

Homeless Street Angels
(Helping the Homeless in Leeds)

Young Performers in the Limelight



Students from the 'Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts (PQA) Leeds North & Bardsey', have been selected to perform alongside the multi-platinum selling vocal quartet, G4, at Huddersfield Town Hall on **Friday 27 December**. This exciting opportunity is part of the G4, Christmas Tour, which will visit over 20 beautiful cathedrals across the UK, this November and December.

G4, renowned for their success on ITV's The X-Factor will deliver a festive and atmospheric concert, featuring timeless classics such as "O Holy Night," "Silent Night," and "Walking in the Air." PQA Leeds North & Bardsey students will take to the stage, performing two additional festive favourites, "Sleigh Ride" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

PQA offers weekend performing arts classes at Bardsey Primary Academy, providing tuition for young people aged 6-18.

Opportunities like this help them grow in confidence and develop their talents.

Students spend three hours rotating through hour-long sessions, in comedy & drama, musical theatre and film & television. They are split into groups according to their age, and are taught by specialist teachers.

PQA was started by actress Pauline Quirke and her producer husband Steve Sheen in 2007, with an academy in their local town Beaconsfield. This proved to be a very successful venture and led to further openings over the years, now totaling just over 170 Academies nationwide

PQA Leeds North & Bardsey is enrolling now, and is welcoming those aged 6-18 to join and have the chance to be part of the December performance.

For more information about **PQA Leeds North & Bardsey**, to book a free taster session or to enrol visit;

www.pqacademy.com/academies/leeds-bardsey/

"I'm absolutely thrilled that our students have been selected to perform with the incredible G4 this Christmas, alongside their peers from our sister academy PQA Leeds East. It's such an amazing honour, and a testament to the outstanding progress our students have already made, since the academy launched in September. Our students can't wait to take to the stage!"

Laura Nicholson

Principal of PQA Leeds North & Bardsey

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!®

Senior fitness classes are now being offered at Bardsey Sports Club, every Tuesday from 10.00-10.45am

At Move it or Lose it, our unique training programme has been developed in partnership with the Centre of Healthy Ageing Research and combines essential components for health and wellbeing. Flexibility, Aerobics, Balance & Strength (FABS guidelines) for older adults, combined with a few games thrown in for fun!

Our weekly classes also promote friendship within the area, to help combat loneliness in seniors.

Statistics show that;

- 63% of members report making new friendships
- 64% show improved balance & confidence
- 69% have improved mood & emotional wellbeing
- 60% felt generally fitter & stronger
- 38% report a decrease in joint pain

So why not come along and join us.

Contact Suzie on **07786 393375** for more information and to book a place!

Hope to see you there!

Suzie



Bardsey & East Keswick Running Club

**OUR COUCH TO 5K PROGRAMME STARTS
ON 7 JANUARY, 2025.**

This will comprise two sessions per week every Tuesday and Thursday for eight weeks from 6.30pm. Come and shake off the winter blues. To register your interest contact us through our Facebook page or on **07508 601294**

Our normal sessions times are Mondays 6.30pm; Wednesdays 7.30pm; Fridays 9.20am; Sundays 10.00am



**Couch
to
5K**



Soup Lunch @ Callister Café

Tuesday, 10 December, 2024
Tuesday, 14 January, 2025

12.45 - 2.00pm, Callister Hall, Bardsey

Join us for a soup and pudding lunch. Open to anyone who lives locally. No charge, but donations to St Aidan's Foodshare are welcomed.

Contact the Parish Office for more details on **01937 574273**.

Churches Together Thank you



To all who took part in our Charity Quiz Night on 15 November, we would like to say thank you. We raised an amazing **£1,150** on the night and with subsequent donations we hope to raise nearer to **£1,500**.

This money will be shared between Zarach, a charity providing beds for children, and the Red Cross appeal for Ukraine.

We will be back next year with more challenging but fun quiz questions.

Village Voices



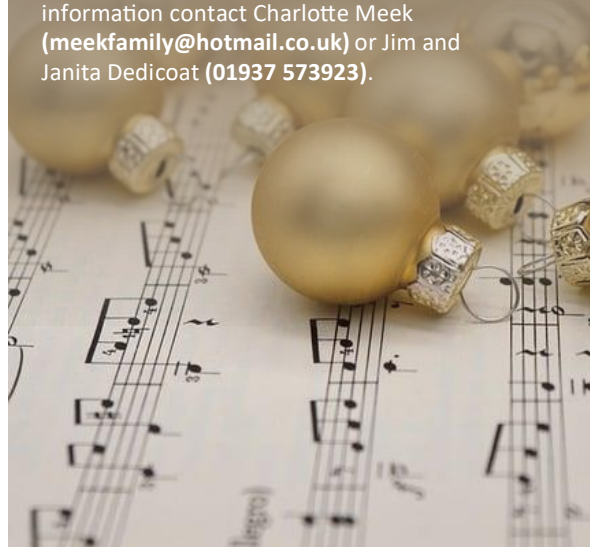
It's been another busy year and we still have our busiest month to come.

We are a local community choir, made up of local residents who just like to sing. We have entertained a diverse range of audiences this year, including two wedding congregations, with our programme of well known singalongs from past decades, traditional folk songs, pop classics and blockbuster musical theatre numbers.

Now December is here what else would we be singing but carols. During the month we will be performing at the Churches Together event in East Keswick Village Hall, Bardsey Sports Club, the East Keswick Christmas light switch on, Audley Village, Wetherby Manor Care Home and outside East Keswick Methodist Church.

Some say our performances "*sound better the further away you sit*", but that's for you to judge! Come, listen and find out for yourselves, or why not come and join us to sing, we are always looking for more members.

We meet on Thursday evenings during term time to rehearse, from 7.30 - 8.30pm, in East Keswick Methodist Church. For further information contact Charlotte Meek (meekefamily@hotmail.co.uk) or Jim and Janita Dediccoat (**01937 573923**).



East Keswick Methodist Church

SERVICES

All services are at 10.30am unless otherwise stated. We welcome all and everyone to our services and to join us for tea or coffee after the service.

1 DECEMBER

Keith Hatrick

8 DECEMBER

Alan Bell, Café Church

15 DECEMBER

Service of Lessons and Carols

22 DECEMBER

Rev Ann Fox, Communion Service

29 DECEMBER (10.15)

United Service, Tadcaster

5 JANUARY

Andrew Marshall

12 JANUARY

Heather Shipman, Café Church

19 JANUARY

Ken Marshall

26 JANUARY

United Covenant Service with All Hallows
and St Mary Magdalene

East Keswick Methodist Church
Main Street, East Keswick, LS17 9EJ
T: 01937 573434

Free Wi-Fi now available

Church Steward: Penny Harrison

SOUPER THURSDAY

We won't be offering a lunch in December but we look forward to welcoming you back for homemade soups and puddings on **30 January**.

OUR GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Our garden is a quiet place,
A place for calm reflection
A peaceful space where you can think
A place where you can remember

The loved ones who have left this space,
The ones who are still dear.
A bench, some ashes or a wreath
They're in a better place, not here.

So come and find the quiet calm
And let your thoughts just wander
And bring those dear ones back to life,
Through memories that meander.



East Keswick Flower Club

Sarah Spencer

The start of autumn was spent in a world of high fashion and perfumes, as Alex Gracey demonstrated to the Flower Club the “Allure of Coco Chanel”. The talk, illustrating periods of Coco’s life, was fascinating. Did you know she trained in millinery before she did anything else? Apparently Chanel No.5 was given that name simply because it was number five in a choice of ten she had to choose from! How many of us have worn this perfume and wondered why it was called this! She was a high flyer in the days when high flyers of international renown were more likely to be men than women, in business!

The flower designs Alex used to illustrate the themes were fresh and colourful and all the members present were well entertained, with some lucky enough to win the arrangements as raffle prizes.

Our workshop event (for 20 members) on 21 November was delivered by Judy Watker, looking at a Christmas table decoration, and by the time you get this the

Christmas demonstration will have also come and gone. This was a sell out ticketed event, as the demonstrator Mark Entwistle was well-known, having been to the club in the past. His “Snow Storm”, will set us all up for the coming festive season. See next Village News for reports on how both these events went.

The New Year will start with the members lunch and AGM in January and on **20 February** Catherine Gledhill will be our national demonstrator, illustrating “Winter Blues”.

As we look forward to 2025 the committee would like to thank all who have supported the club in 2024. We are looking forward to another year of friendship through flowers. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope to see you in 2025.

If you are interested and would like to join us for a demonstration, as a free taster, please contact Janita on **01937 573923** for more details and an invitation. Feel free to bring a friend if you are nervous about coming alone, but we are a friendly bunch who all love flowers.

The meetings start at 1.30pm on the third Thursday of the month in East Keswick Village Hall. All arrangements made by the demonstrators are raffled before refreshments are served at the end.



'Call My Bluff'

Cheese & Wine Tasting

East Keswick Village Hall

Saturday 8 March 2025, 7.00pm

You are invited to take a table at this year's wine tasting event, which follows the format of previous successful nights, where a panel of three tasters describe a wine, or a cheese, one of which will be true and the other two will be false.

Your table will have a full bottle of each wine to taste and make your selection. There will be three white wines and three red wines to taste. In addition, there will be five interesting cheeses to taste.

The winning table, with the most correct answers will receive bottles of champagne as prizes.

Join in the fun and put your palate and taste buds to the test, we will provide light snacks to supplement your tasting experience.

A wide range of other prizes will be available at our raffle table to enhance your evening.

Another fun event, to which you can invite friends to make up a table of eight people. Reserve your place now and join in the best night of the year by contacting David Wort on **01937 573082** or email **davidcwort24@gmail.com**

£200 per table of eight or
£25 per person

(Reserve your table now to be sure of a place)

Payment due by 31 January, 2025

Payment to 'East Keswick Village Hall'
by bank transfer:

Sort code: 40-46-21

Account no: 81035282



EAST KESWICK
VILLAGE HALL



BARDSEY BEER FESTIVAL

VENUE - BARDSEY
SPORTS CLUB

2025

GENERAL PUBLIC DAY
SAT 22ND MARCH 2024, 12PM-10PM
£5 ENTRY ON THE DAY
OR £25 UNLIMITED FESTIVAL BEER
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

CORPORATE
FRIDAY 21ST
MARCH 2025



SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
EVENING BAND
REGGIE & THE SCREAMERS



BARDSEY SPORTS CLUB, KESWICK LN, BARDSEY, LEEDS LS17 9AQ

East Keswick Wildlife Trust

Elaine Wooley

Bardsey Fields Small Mammal Survey

On Saturday 19 October we welcomed back Ann and Robert from the Yorkshire Mammal Group, to survey Bardsey Fields. Over 40 adults and children came to lay the humane traps, ensuring that any mammals caught had plenty of food and a cosy bed for the night. We then returned on Sunday morning and although it was cold and damp, 50 adults and children came to see what had been found.



The traps were emptied, the mammals weighed and recorded and then safely released. The children were so excited to locate the traps they had laid the night before and to see what was inside.

50 traps were laid and we recorded 20 wood mice, 6 bank voles and 1 common shrew. This work will give us a baseline for the species of small mammals living on this reserve.

Bardsey Fields Reserve

In July, EKWT met representatives from Yorkshire Water and The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, who will be overseeing the Natural Flood Management project along with EKWT at Bardsey Fields.

Over the winter months, with Yorkshire Water support, we will be breaking out

some surface water drains and installing some leaky barriers in Bardsey Fields. This will make the upper part of the field wetter. Providing a more natural pathway for the water will reduce the flow of water into the beck, improve water quality, and help to alleviate flooding downstream. Alongside this we will be planting hedges and some trees across the slope and putting in three small woody leaky barriers in the Mill Tale.

Together, these actions will help to increase habitat diversity and biodiversity across the field, and the health of the beck below. If you have any concerns, please contact us.

We are hoping that next summer you will be able to access Bardsey Fields and begin to enjoy the reserve. There are still some areas of uneven ground with deep holes and buried wire, these issues will be addressed shortly, but please stay out until the area is made safe.

Volunteers are needed for our conservation work, even if you only have a limited time to spare, your help would be invaluable. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in the work parties on our reserves.

Forthcoming Events in 2025

18 January: Winter Walk & Lunch

A walk to the Scotts Arms, Sicklinghall, via the Walled Garden. Please meet at Crabtree Lane Car Park at 10.30am. Booking is essential.

19 January & 1 March: Family Event

Hedge planting in Bardsey Fields. Meet at Bardsey school car park at 10am. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring a spade. All ages welcome.

1 February: Winter Bird Survey

Meet outside St Mary's church on Moor Lane at 10am. Bring binoculars with you if you have them and a packed lunch.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

East Keswick Local History Group

Peter Harding

Please join us for our upcoming talks in East Keswick Village Hall, followed by refreshments. Free for members, £5 for non-members, or £10 for annual membership.



JOHN HARTLEY (1839-1915)
Thursday 12 December,
8.00pm

A talk by Rod Dimbleby,
Chair of the Yorkshire
Dialect Society.

John Hartley was the most prolific of 19th century Yorkshire dialect writers. His work is a great reflection of what life was like in the 19th century, including stories with humour, poems with pathos and comment on the social scene.



**THE FORGOTTEN CIVIL
WAR**
Thursday 23 January,
8.00pm

This illustrated talk by
Mike Turpin, looks at the
start of the English civil
war.

Most accounts tend to concentrate on the southern counties, between Oxford and London and the decisive battle at Marston Moor, but this talk argues that the war started in Yorkshire, with Charles I coming north to claim his arsenal at Hull. The talk continues to describe the engagements between the Royalists and Parliamentarians in Yorkshire, culminating in the 'Battle of Adwalton' near Bradford.

East Keswick WI Update

Elizabeth Ward

In October Sue Firth spoke about Aloe Vera, which was greatly enjoyed and members purchased many products.

After the AGM in November Pauline Hills continues as President.

We then heard of the work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance which costs £19,000 per day to run. The two helicopters can reach any emergency within approximately 20 minutes, Spurn Point being the exception.

There is a clothing bank at Scarcroft Village Hall, donations of good shoes and clothes are always welcome.

FUTURE EVENTS

10 December
Christmas Party

17 December
Golden Plover Group Carol Service
East Keswick Chapel, 7.00pm.

14 January
"In the attic" by Carol Pask
Competition: An Heirloom

Meetings are held at East Keswick Village Hall at 2.00pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Bardsey-cum-Rigton Parish Council Report

Cllr. Linda Flockton



Bingley Ginnel

We have arranged for overhanging branches, brambles, etc., to be cut back in order to increase the width of the ginnel. Landowners on either side have also been asked to reduce the size of their hedges.

Park Field

Many thanks to Penny Barber, who leads our 'Friends of Park Field' group of volunteers, and has worked diligently throughout the year to clear the more invasive plants, whilst leaving piles of wood, etc., for the wildlife.

Thanks to Mark Hullah of GGS Groundcare for doing a really good job of making the steps safe at either end of the old railway embankment. Also, thanks to our Ward Councillors and LCC for the grant, towards the costs of this work, which was received earlier this year.

X98 & X99 (Leeds • Collingham • Wetherby • Deighton Bar) Operated by Transdev (The Harrogate Bus Company). Customer Service Tel. No. **01422 553576**

On weekdays and Saturdays the 22.59 bus journey from Deighton Bar, reaching Wetherby Bus Station just before 23.10, will be extended to East Keswick and Bank Top, Bardsey, returning to Wetherby via the A58

through Collingham. This new journey from Wetherby Bus Station at 23.10 is being funded on a trial basis. The more we use our buses the more likely we are to obtain more late night buses and a better service.

Street Parking

There have been several complaints about cars parked on the streets, particularly on narrow roads (e.g., Margaret Avenue, Mill Lane and the Congreves). Please have consideration for your neighbours and park all cars belonging to you on your own drive if at all possible.

Flower Tubs and Village Signs

The flower tubs and village signs have been planted up with winter flowering pansies by Cllr Flockton, Pauline Hills and Andrew Turnbull. Thank you to Pauline, Andrew and everyone who waters and looks after the tubs throughout the year. Also many thanks to Pam Snowden and Sue Jubb for planting up and looking after the tubs on Tithe Barn Lane and near to the Duck Pond.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and peaceful New Year.

The next two meetings will be held on **Wednesday 18 December 2024** and **Wednesday 15 January 2025** at 7.00 pm in Bardsey Village Hall Committee Room. The first ten minutes will be set aside to deal with any issues raised by residents.

Full minutes and other information is published each month on our village website www.bardseyvillage.org.uk



Musical Theatre Classes

Welcome to our vibrant world of performing arts!

Starting from **9 January, 2025**, 'Musical Theatre Life' will be offering classes, every Thursday afternoon from 3.45 - 4.45, in Bardsey Village Hall.

Our classes are led by experienced professionals, catering for all levels from beginners to seasoned performers. Initially we are running the classes for those in Years 3-6 but we are very happy to open up classes for younger children.

For more information contact Rebecca or visit our website;

07814 451017
rebecca@musicaltheatre.life.co.uk
www.musicaltheatre.life.co.uk

You can also find footage of our classes and shows on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

Unleash your child's potential, build confidence, and join our thriving community. Let them dive into the magic of musical theatre and allow their talent to shine on stage.

Rebecca Skolnick



A huge thank you

To everyone who donated jigsaws, baked cakes, volunteered or came to support the **Jigsaw Bonanza** in October.

We raised a fantastic **£1,900** for Candlelighters!

Corinne and Sarah



St Aidan's Foodbank

Our thanks to everyone who continues to contribute to the St Aidan's church foodbank. Your donations are very much appreciated.

As supplies have slowed down it has been decided not to open on the last Saturday of each month, so that stocks can be built up again.

Please keep up your good work, most urgent needs at this time are t-bags, tuna, tins of tomatoes, baby products and toiletries (especially for men and teenagers). As Christmas approaches it continues to be hard on everyone but every little helps.

Many thanks,

Carol Bone



Eco Chat: Biodiversity Loss

The impact of climate change is becoming ever more evident, as seen in recent extreme weather events, but it is also helping to fuel another crisis, which is much less visible - biodiversity loss.

Biodiversity describes the variety of all living things and their interactions. It covers all the different species of plants, animals, fungi, algae, and even microorganisms, like bacteria, that share a certain home region. Biodiversity is a key indicator of the health of an ecosystem, and in many parts of the world they are under threat. Europe and Central Asia have seen declines in biodiversity of 24% in the last 50 years, but in Latin America and the Caribbean it is nearer to 94%, primarily as a result of rain forest clearance. Africa is not far behind losing 65%. In total a global decline of 73%.

Climate change, combined with pollution, accounts for some 14% of biodiversity loss, the other main drivers being, changes in land use to produce more food, and overexploitation of natural resources to provide things like medicines and timber, as well as food. Invasive alien (non-domestic) species also account for 11%.

As with climate change biodiversity loss is being caused by human activity and the solution is therefore in our hands.

Why does it matter?

Biodiversity underpins the health of the planet and has a direct impact on all our lives. The greatest direct threat is perhaps to food production because of the loss of pollinators, an increase in pests and disease and a breakdown in the ecosystems that provide water and affect soil formation. It can also indirectly impact health, by affecting livelihoods and income, which can lead to migration and political conflict. Biodiversity loss can also limit the discovery of potential treatments for diseases and health problems.

As well as being driven by climate change biodiversity loss is also fuelling it, by reducing the ability of forests and oceans to absorb carbon dioxide. The natural world is a huge carbon sink and the more we destroy it the more carbon is released.

All is not lost

Action is now being taken in many parts of the world to prevent further loss and repair the damage done. From large-scale, global initiatives to preserve ancient woodlands, to local rewilding and species reintroduction programmes. The work that is being done locally in Bardsey Fields and the Climate Change Garden are great examples of local community action, and on a slightly larger scale Castle Howard's 30-year plan to turn 440 acres of difficult-to-farm land, into a haven for nature, shows what can be done when the will is there.

www.castlehoward.co.uk/the-estate/bog-hall-habitat-bank





Vision of CLIMATE CHANGE GARDEN

East Keswick Climate Change Garden

A phenomenal amount of ground works have already been completed, in readiness to bring alive the Climate Change Garden vision.

140 metres of drainage has been installed, diverting 265,367 litres of surface water from the village hall's roof and hard surfaces into a newly created wildlife pond. This natural flood management approach will hold back the flow of rain run-off, helping to prevent flooding downstream.

A whopping 2.3 million British native wildflower/hay seeds, of 50 selected mixed varieties, have been sown to create a natural oasis for pollinators, and give a

burst of colour in the wildflower meadow. The wildflower meadow will be enclosed with hedges, consisting of trees and shrubs including field maple, hazel, hawthorn and spindle, providing a home for even more wildlife and improving biodiversity.

Community Tree Planting Party

Special thanks to East Keswick Wildlife Trust and Leeds Arium Nursery team who will be supporting us with planting orchard and cherry blossom trees, plus 452 precious species-rich hedgerow saplings. All trees and hedge plants have been generously funded by Leeds City Council, the Woodland Trust and the Tree Council.

To find out more about the Climate Change Garden or to become a volunteer you can register by email or scan the QR code below.

climatechangegarden@eastkeswickvillagehall.org



EAST KESWICK
VILLAGE HALL

Bardsey cum Rigton WI Update

Carol Cocker



November

After a busy year, we held our AGM on 13 November. Gill Swaby-Ward will continue as President, and we welcomed two new committee members. We reviewed the past year and were given a tantalising glimpse of the varied programme to come in 2025.

Brenda Sanderson gave a comprehensive background history to the Golden Plover Group, which comprises six local WI groups. It has been in existence for 95 years, and group events are arranged each quarter. Brenda is now stepping down as convenor and has handed the baton on to Hazel Smith.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Party at Sandmoor Golf Club.

Our first meeting in the New Year is on **8 January** when Stephanie Maynard will highlight the work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Their distinctive helicopters can be seen in the skies over Bardsey as they carry out their vital emergency service. This will also be a time to consider New Year Resolutions, particularly those to be adopted by the national WI movement in the coming year.

On **12 February**, Stephen Bennett's talk will be "RecycleMeUp". A timely presentation as we start to think about spring cleaning and decluttering. In March we will be learning the benefits of exercise!

We are a force for good in the community and have an exciting programme ahead. We meet in Bardsey Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. We always make time for refreshments and an informal chat. Visitors are always warmly welcomed

If you are not already a member, why not come and see for yourself at our meeting in January.

Carol Cocker





HAREWOOD POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER MEETING

Thursday 5 December 2024
18:30 - 20:00pm

Venue: East Keswick Village Hall, School Lane, LS17 9DA.

Officers and a local ward councillor look forward to meeting and speaking with residents about local priorities, issues and concerns.



Brownies News



The Brownies have been up to all sorts, as ever! In the last few months we've been learning some German, engineering lifts out of shoeboxes and taking part in our own Olympics. We've also done some great sessions with East Keswick Church, East Keswick Wildlife Trust, Bardsey Bowling Club and Bardsey Tennis Club, and we did yoga with Pratihba.

It's great to link with other groups in our community. The girls are also excited to see how the Climate Change garden evolves at the village hall and hope to get involved in the planting activities this winter.

East Keswick Brownies has a long history and is now perhaps the only group for school-age children that meets in East Keswick! We really need your help to keep running. We have a committed team of four who are keen to keep things going and yet we need someone else to step in and lead alongside us. Changed work commitments mean that the current leaders cannot always be there. Another leader to share the meetings with would be ideal. We currently meet on Wednesday evenings. Could you help out some weeks? If so please get in touch at brownies-bek@outlook.com

Thanks
Emma

Cinema Night

Our next screening will be **'Wicked Little Letters'**, on **31 January**.

Olivia Coleman stars in this mystery-comedy, based in a small English seaside town, brought into uproar by a series of anonymous poison pen letters.



Contact Rosie for further details on **01937 572652**. Doors open from 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Community Advice

Able Community Care, a home care provider in Norfolk, have kindly shared some questions and answers posed by their clients, carers and members of the public, which you might find helpful.

Q. I have heard on the media that many older people are entitled to, but are not claiming, Pension Credit. How do I find out about it?

A. The simplest way is to Google 'Pension Credit – How to Claim', which will give you all the information around eligibility and claiming. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the Pension Credit claim line on **0800 991234** and they can fill in the application for you over the phone (lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm).

Q. A friend has mentioned that I may be able to claim a 'Carers Allowance' as I look after my elderly mum who has health problems. Where can I find out details and how much is the weekly benefit?

A. The simplest way is to visit the **Gov.UK** website and search for 'Carer's Allowance'. All eligibility details and how claim, plus

further information, can be found there. You could receive £81.90 a week if you care for at least 35 hours a week and your mum is in receipt of certain benefits.

Q. I think I could benefit from a wheelchair. Can I get one on the NHS? Do I have to pay for maintenance and if it needs repairing? How long does it take to get one and how do I find out if I am eligible?

A. Wheelchairs from the NHS are free and maintained and repaired by the NHS at no charge. They do however, remain the property of the NHS, so cannot be handed on. Eligibility is based on things like permanent disability, medical condition, prolonged mobility problems, etc. A wheelchair should be required for regular use (at least three days per week). The user must be functionally unable to walk and need to use a wheelchair for independent mobility. The first step to see if you can get a prescription for a wheelchair is to visit your GP and explain your needs. The waiting time can vary from a few weeks to three or four months.

Q. What is the fine for misusing a Blue Badge?

A. It is a criminal offence to misuse the badge, and doing so can lead to a £1,000 fine or more. Councils take court actions each year for misuse of the badge.



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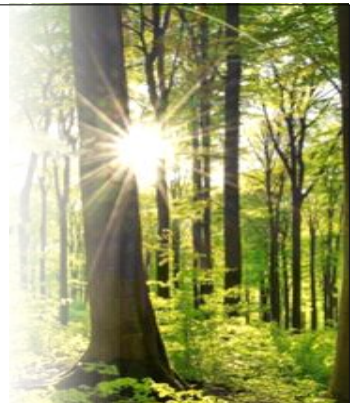
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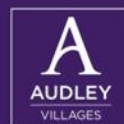
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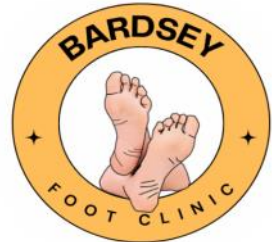
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8	Bardsey Gardeners Wreath Making, 10am	14	Callister Café, 12.45pm
10	Callister Café, 12.45	14	EK WI, 2pm
10	EK WI Christmas Party, 2pm	15	Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm
10	EK Parish Council, 7.30pm	16	EK Flower Club AGM, 1.30pm
11	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm	18	EKWT Winter Walk & Lunch, 10.30am
12	EK History Group Talk, 8pm	19	EKWT Family Event, 10am
16	Churches Together A Curious Nativity, 7pm	21	EK Parish Council, 7.30pm
17	Golden Plover Carol Service, 7pm	23	EK History Group Talk, 8pm
18	Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm	29	Parish Quiz, 8pm
18	Parish Quiz, 8pm	30	EKMC Souper Thursday, 12 noon
19	EK Flower Club, 1.30pm	31	Cinema Night, 7pm

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