

THE PARISH OF BARDSEY WITH EAST KESWICK

# Village News



Aug – Sep 2024

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



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# From the Vicarage



Angela Hannafin

Welcome to the August - September edition of Village News.

This will be my last 'From the Vicarage' piece. As you will probably know by now, I am moving from the parish at the beginning of September, after six years as vicar of the churches of All Hallows and St Mary Magdalene. I'll be taking up a new role in the Diocese of Birmingham, as vicar of Moseley Benefice.

Saying goodbye is never easy, especially to such lovely folk here. When I look back at my time, I feel very honoured to have met so many amazing people. It's been a privilege to accompany people through their weddings and family baptisms, and to worship weekly with those in our community through the seasons of the church. It's one of the distinctions of a priest's life to come alongside people

through times of distress and darkness – this too has been something I will treasure.

As a parish we have grown in confidence and become more outward looking, with our FoodShare now an established part of our ministry. Thank you for your contribution to this valuable project which brings us all together to support those who are struggling in these difficult times. I want to thank all those I have worked with, in the churches, and in the wider local community, who have partnered with us in our mission to remain at the heart of the villages.

My last service will be a celebration on **Sunday 25 August at 10.45am at All Hallows**. After the service there will be a shared lunch. I'd very much like to extend this invitation to attend the service and lunch to anyone in the parish who wants to say goodbye. You will be very welcome. And even if you can't make the service, do come for lunch!

As I leave, I will be praying for you all, that the love of Jesus will continue to be lived out to all in this community.

Every blessing  
Angela

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Please note that as from the beginning of September, the location for dropping off donations for St Aidan's FoodShare at the vicarage will change. Please place them directly into the garage, at the side of the vicarage. The plastic box will no longer be left by the gate.

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# Parish Church Services

DATE	LOCATION	SERVICES
SUN 4 AUG	All Hallows	10.00am Joint Holy Communion
WED 7 AUG	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 11 AUG	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Family Service
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Family Service
SUN 18 AUG	All Hallows	8.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Holy Communion
SUN 25 AUG	All Hallows	10.45am Joint Holy Communion, followed by lunch
SUN 1 SEP	St Mary Magdalene	10.00am Joint Holy Communion
WED 4 SEP	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 8 SEP	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Family Service
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Family Service
SUN 15 SEP	All Hallows	8.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Holy Communion
SUN 22 SEP	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Morning Worship
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Morning Worship
SUN 29 SEP	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Holy Communion
WED 2 OCT	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion

# From the Register

We welcome those who  
have been baptised

**EVA MARY & LYLA ROSE WILDSMITH**

Sunday 9 June, All Hallows

**NICHOLAS HENRY FORRESTER**

Sunday 14 July, All Hallows

We congratulate those who  
have been married

**ZOE MEEK & TOM FORSEY**

Tuesday 28 May, All Hallows

We remember those whose  
funerals have taken place

**BRYAN MCINTOSH**

Friday 24 May, All Hallows

**GORDON AMERY**

Thursday 27 June, All Hallows

**VICTOR CROSS**

Wednesday 3 July, All Hallows



# BARDSEY TENNIS CLUB



## Have you been inspired by Wimbledon this year?

If so, why not bring the family along during the summer holidays and join our friendly club, offering social tennis for all ages and abilities, as well as team matches in the local leagues for the more competitive.

Our courts have recently been re-surfaced and are ready for use at any time. The annual fees are good value, with family membership at £130, £65 for adults and £20 for Juniors.

There are club times specifically for men, women, mixed and juniors as well as free

availability to the courts when not otherwise being used.

Free, new tennis balls are provided for all club sessions, and there is hot water and tea/coffee making facilities in the clubhouse.

Fully qualified coaching is available with weekly junior and adult drop in coaching sessions for all standards. If there is a need, family coaching sessions could also be available during the summer holidays. For further details contact:

**[bardseytenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:bardseytenniscoaching@gmail.com)** or visit our website **[www.bardseytennisclub.co.uk](http://www.bardseytennisclub.co.uk)**

# Wetherby & District Camera Club



## Do you have an interest in photography?

If so why not become a member of W&DCC and develop your picture making skills, with fellow members who share the same interests.

Our season runs from September until April and we meet each Tuesday evening from 7.30 - 9.30pm at St James' Church Rooms in Wetherby.

You are welcome to join us for three free visits before deciding whether to join the club.



For more details visit;  
**[www.wetherbycameraclub.co.uk](http://www.wetherbycameraclub.co.uk)**

Over 75 years of photography  
from 1948 - 2024.

# Small Pilgrim Places Network

Terry Wheeler

All Hallows and St Mary Magdalene churches are currently two of the five Yorkshire churches who make up the Small Pilgrim Places Network (SPPN), which covers England, Wales and the Isle of Man.

Both our churches have their own unique character and atmosphere communicating the ethos of Small Pilgrim Places:

- Spaces for pondering, breathing, meditating, praying and just 'being'.
- Simple, quiet and unpretentious with the presence of something of the 'eternal now'.

A place where your mind can be idle, and forget its concerns, descend into silence, and worship in secret.

**Thomas Merton**

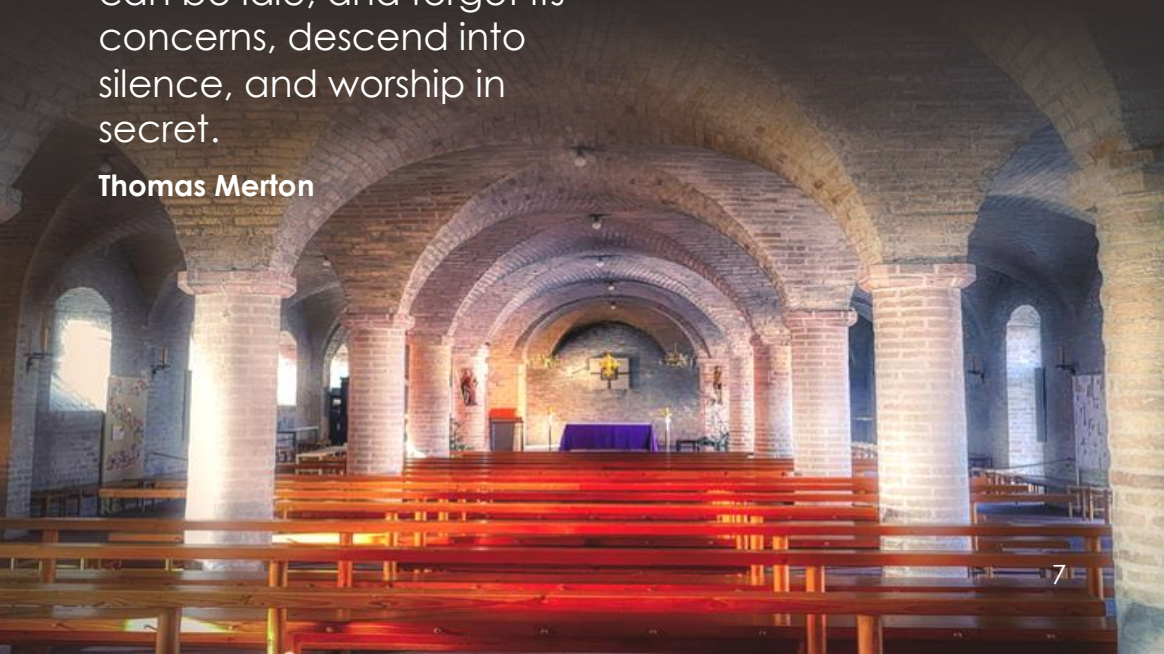
- Welcoming and inclusive to all people of goodwill, regardless of faith, race, gender, sexuality or any other identity.

On a recent visit by a representative from SPPN delight was expressed at so many features of our churches, including the children's craft/play areas, recycling hubs, well stocked libraries, our commitment to diversity and our outside spaces.

We are very fortunate that our churches are open daily to offer pilgrims from near and far the opportunity of peace, joy and prayer in a busy world and it is hoped to build on our past provision of hospitality for them.

More details on SPPN can be found on their website, which can be accessed from the parish church website homepage. You can also pick up a leaflet from All Hallows or St Mary Magdalene churches.

[www.smallpilgrimplaces.org](http://www.smallpilgrimplaces.org)



# Bardsey Stitching Group

We are a very friendly group - of mixed abilities - who enjoy stitching of all types, from embroidery and knitting, to crocheting and patchwork.

We meet in Bardsey Village Hall each Monday afternoon from 1.30pm onwards.

If anyone would like to join us, please come along. We charge around £20 a term which works out at less than £2 a meeting and that includes tea, coffee and biscuits, as well as lots of friendship.

We would love to have you join us.

For more information contact Kath on;  
**01937 574156.**



## Cinema Night Update

Over the last 'season' (October '23 - March '24) we managed five successful cinema night evenings, which raised a total of £800 for Bardsey Village Hall funds.

We hope to start our evenings again on the last Friday in October (25th) and if anyone has any suggestions for films, that are entertaining and would appeal to our audience, please let one of us know. We can then check on their availability. It is usually about six months after the film has been released before we can show it.

Thank you for your support.

**Rosie, Susan, Alex and Martin**





# Parish Giving Scheme

## A better way of giving to our church parish

In order to simplify how financial donations to the parish are made the Church Leadership Team (PCC) have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). PGS is a registered, not for profit, national charity designed to best manage regular gifts for parishes. It provides the simplest and most secure way for everyone to give to our parish and there is no charge to either the donor or the parish for using it. PGS manages all the administration on our behalf, and also claims gift aid where applicable, so it makes a big difference to the amount of work required by the treasurer (me!) and gift aid secretary. The parish then receives all the donations and gift aid straight into the parish bank account on a monthly basis.

Moving forwards I would encourage anyone who would like to make either regular or one-off donations to the parish to do it through PGS.

It's straight forward to do. There are three ways: online, by paper form, or over the phone. Whichever way you use you will need our PGS parish code which is **460646044**

You, as the donor, are completely in control through any of these methods and can change your donation at any time. You can choose the frequency and amount of your gift and opt in to gift aid, if you are eligible. Your donation can also remain anonymous if you prefer.

Whilst it is possible to continue making donations the way they are now, I would

strongly recommend changing to using PGS as it enables the parish to make the most of the benefits of the scheme.

There are leaflets available from me, the Parish Office in the Callister Hall, and in both churches, which give more information, or if you would like to discuss any aspect of this please do not hesitate to contact me by email [bardsey.treasurer23@gmail.com](mailto:bardsey.treasurer23@gmail.com) or phone **01132 893727**

Your giving makes everything we do in the Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick possible. Thank you for your generosity.

**Kathy Jones**  
PCC Treasurer



### ONLINE

Visit [parishgiving.org.uk](http://parishgiving.org.uk) or scan the QR code to set up a regular, or one-off gift.



### PHONE

Call the PGS team on **0333 002 1271** who will help you to set up your gift.



### POST

Fill in a paper gift form, available from the treasurer, church or Parish Office, and post to the PGS team.

# Bardsey-cum-Rigton Parish Council Report

Cllr. Linda Flockton



## Report from the June and July meetings

### Meeting place/Pavilion plus table tennis table

Recent visitors to Bardsey playground will have noticed the newly installed Pavilion. The Pavilion is a result of the village survey in 2022, undertaken by BPC and residents requesting a local meeting place. Thanks to Cllr Osborne who has led this project on behalf BPC and also many thanks to the Emmerdale S106 panel for awarding half of the funding towards this project.

The table tennis table which was formally located on the site is in the process of being moved to a new location next to the adult fitness equipment.

### Biodiversity

Our biodiversity policy has now been agreed and is on the Bardsey village website

We are currently looking at our contract with LCC on grass cutting around the village, to maintain a managed approach, whilst minimising any negative impact on biodiversity.

### Ragwort

Ragwort is a tall erect plant bearing large flat-topped clusters of yellow daisy like flowers from July to October. The seeds from this plant are blown by the wind and it appears that it is spreading along the grass verges, hedgerows and everywhere! Ragwort is covered by the *Weeds Act 1959*

and is harmful and dangerous for horses and cattle. It can be easily pulled or dug out of the ground and it is best if it is not allowed to spread.

### Village pond

Cllr Bosomworth reported that the pond is covered in water lilies at the moment and there are a few moorhens. The outlet is running at present but will probably need clearing in the autumn.

### Flower tubs & village signs

These have been planted up with begonias by Cllr Flockton and Pauline Hills. Thank you to all those who water and look after the tubs throughout the year. Many thanks also to Pam Snowden and Sue Jubb for planting up and looking after the tubs on Tithe Barn Lane and near to the duck pond.

### Parish walks

Cllr Flockton reported that unfortunately, due to heavy rain, it was decided to cancel the walk on Saturday 15 June, but seven ladies enjoyed our second walk on Saturday 29 June. We incorporated Hetchell Woods on the east side of the village as well as the walk all along the western boundary.

There will be no meeting in August and the following meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18 September** at 7.00pm in Bardsey Village Hall Committee Room.

The first ten minutes will be set aside to deal with any issues raised by residents. Our clerk's e-mail address is;  
**clerk@bardseyparishcouncil.gov.uk**

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

# New A58 Pedestrian Crossing



**This is a heartfelt plea to all Bardsey residents to please email our local councillor Matthew Robinson, in support of a new pedestrian crossing to keep our families and community safe when crossing the A58, when walking to school, catching the bus or going for a walk in Hetchell Woods.**

A huge thanks to everyone who attended the Bardsey Parish Council meeting last month in support of this crossing for the A58 at the bottom of Mill Lane. It was well supported, with ten plus village members attending, and it was reassuring to hear that we have full support from the Parish Council, who commented positively about the show of support. They confirmed that they are in regular contact with Leeds City Council (LCC) to press this issue forward.

As things stand, LCC appear to be open to the installation of a crossing but haven't yet committed to what type of crossing they would support, and who will fund it. One council member shared that a pelican crossing could cost as much as £60,000, which could be challenging to secure from LCC, who have a c£300m backlog of potholes needing to be fixed, amongst other funding pressures.

The recommended way forward, as advised by the Parish Council, **is for members of the community to contact our ward councillor, Matthew Robinson, to show how much local support there is for a crossing.** Matthew is in support of a crossing but for him to get a favourable decision from LCC he needs to demonstrate the weight of local public support. The more people we can

show who are in support of this crossing, the more likely it is that he can get funding support from LCC. Matthew's email is [matthew.robinson@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.robinson@leeds.gov.uk).

We are now appealing to the wonderful community of Bardsey to reach out to and show support for a crossing, and explain why we are affected by the lack of one, given the difficulty in crossing that stretch of busy road, with vehicles speeding. Even if a crossing won't directly benefit you as a Bardsey resident please consider sending Matthew an email to show your support as it will make a huge difference to so many members of our younger and older community. From previous experience, Matthew is very responsive and supportive of the local community reaching out to him.

There will also be a petition in the church to sign as an alternative to sending an email in case this is preferable for some residents.

**Emma Foulds**

*By Charlotte aged 5*



*Many thanks to all those who have already shown their support. From the young to elderly, plus our four-legged residents, who walk along this road and cross it regularly, from North Hill in Scarcroft to Congreve Way in Bardsey, and numerous residences in between.*

# Bar Staff Needed

## **BARDSEY SPORTS CLUB**

Some additional support is still required, both on a voluntary basis, at the less frequent events, such as the Bardsey Gala, and in paid roles on a more regularly basis. This includes Saturday afternoons from 3.00 - 8.00pm, during the cricket season. If you are able to help the club in either capacity, then please contact our Steward, Harwood Williams on **07932 567520**.



## Bardsey and East Keswick Arts Festival

**Do you want to see local arts and crafts?**

Bardsey and East Keswick art groups are delighted to come together to put on a joint art show, showcasing a wide range of local work.

There will also be craft stalls and card stands to browse. The show will be in the Bardsey Village Hall and Callister Hall on **19 and 20 October**.

Tea and cake will be available to supplement your artistic tastes.

Put the date in your diary now. More details of this exciting collaboration will follow in next month's edition of this magazine.

# Bardsey cum Rigton WI Update

Carol Cocker



Three of our members, including myself, attended the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) Annual Meeting, on Wednesday 5 June. What an experience! It was held in the Royal Albert Hall and every row was filled with a vibrant mix of women from across the country. We heard inspiring speakers on the difficult topic of abusive marriage and coercive control. We heard exciting plans for the coming year, voted in favour of the resolution that "Dental Health Matters" and of course there was a rousing rendition of Jerusalem.

Back in Bardsey the sun almost came out for the Golden Plover garden party, but at least it didn't rain, and we are a hardy group. Who can resist a chat with friends and home made cakes? Thank you to Pauline Hills for hosting.

Join others in the group for an informal walk in Scarcroft on **Monday 12 August**. Meet at 10.30am at 'The Inn at Scarcroft' or just come at 12-30 for an informal lunch at The Inn.

With climate change a recurrent theme, a small group made a visit to the "Cross Green" recycling centre on 26 June to learn how the council deals with our waste and we would recommend a future trip for those who missed it.

On **14 August** we are continuing a long standing custom of a joint meeting with Harden WI, when we will renew friendships and enjoy a convivial meal with entertainment from the local "Village Voices".

We are hoping for warmer weather when we make a visit to nearby York Gate Garden on **20 September**. It will include afternoon tea (a bit of a theme for the WI!).

Note your diary for **Wednesday 23 October** for the next Golden Plover meet in Bardsey Village Hall. The popular Lucy Adlington reminds us that "Monday is Washday", a look back at how we used to carry out those household chores. Tickets will be available soon and all are welcome.

We meet in Bardsey Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Our next open monthly meeting will be on 11 September, when Linda Hume's topic is "the Human Bead" We always make time for refreshments and an informal chat – an ideal way to meet friends if you are new to the village. Visitors are always warmly welcomed.

Let me close by reminding everyone of our current motto at Bardsey. It's not exclusive to our members;

**Be the reason someone  
smiles today**



# Bardsey Scouts



## We need your help

With the help of Covid grants and numerous fundraising activities over the years, we finally raised enough funds (£55K) to replace the roof, making the building watertight and damp free, for the first time in a long time. This is an amazing achievement and one that started over 10 years ago.

During this time, we were also on the hunt for a kitchen, to finish the job off properly, inside as well as out. After knocking on a few doors and applying for numerous retail community schemes we were gifted a brand new kitchen by **Wickes**, which comes with everything, including the kitchen sink!

**This is where we need your help. We need volunteers to help in getting it fitted over the summer months when the hut is not in use. That means in August!**

As well as fitting the kitchen we will need help clearing out existing cupboards, dismantling the old kitchen, and disposing of it (a few trips to the tip).

Any time you can give, whether an afternoon, an evening or a full weekend, would be welcomed. We are just looking to get as many people onboard as possible to help with this community project, and if we can get a **joiner or a kitchen fitter** to join our team we would be delighted.

If you would like to help or know a person who can, please text or email your interest to our co-ordinator, Claire Gray-Nicholson on **07702 832959** or [claire@fusionpaper.com](mailto:claire@fusionpaper.com)

Scouting is a movement built on the generosity of people volunteering, I hope the Bardsey and East Keswick communities can continue in the same vein, so we can have a completed kitchen by the start of the new term in September, which will benefit our children's scouting experience.



# 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.

### 4 AUGUST

Rev Ken Marshall

### 11 AUGUST, 10.15

United Service with Andrew Marshall (café style)

### 18 AUGUST

Dr Alan Bell

### 25 AUGUST

Rev Ann Fox, Communion

### 1 SEPTEMBER

TBC

### 8 SEPTEMBER

TBC

### 15 SEPTEMBER

TBC

### 22 SEPTEMBER

TBC

### 29 SEPTEMBER

TBC

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 will still be offering homemade soup and puddings during the summer. Do come join us at noon on **Thursday 29 August** and **26 September**.

## NOAH'S ADVENTURE



Thanks to all those of you who joined us on Saturday 22 June. The sun shone, and we had a great time playing games and doing crafts relating to Noah. A big thanks also go to Pat and her helpers for bringing Garry and Eeyore.



A collection was taken for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and refreshments.

## GARDEN

Our garden now is flourishing,  
A picture to behold!  
Come and sit a while and watch  
As the blackbirds seem so bold.

It is a place of nourishment  
If you're feeling down.  
Rest your weary mind and bones.  
Smile now, forget that frown.

# Eco Chat: Carbon Offsetting

If we are to successfully address climate change we must at least maintain the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere at their present level and if possible reduce it to that of the 1970s. That means removing more carbon from the atmosphere than we add to it through emissions!

Reducing carbon emissions can be tough for individuals but even more so for businesses. So when an idea like carbon offsetting comes along it sounds too good to be true - and often it is!

Carbon offsetting refers to ways of 'compensating' for those emissions we can't eliminate ourselves, by investing in actions or projects that either help others to reduce their emissions, or that remove carbon directly from the atmosphere themselves. The idea being that you 'cancel out' the emissions you produce, leaving the amount of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) - the main greenhouse gas - unchanged in the atmosphere.

Many companies are now using carbon offsetting in order to claim that they are 'carbon neutral', often without significantly (if at all), reducing their carbon emissions. This is known as 'greenwashing' and many

companies are guilty of it, particularly airlines and oil companies.

Greenwashing is the practice of making brands appear more sustainable than they really are, through false claims and deceptive marketing.

Common types of carbon offsetting schemes include reforestation (tree planting), peatland restoration, renewable energy development and investment in physical carbon capture technologies.

The real problem is that there is no way of knowing how much carbon can be offset by a particular scheme or whether they are even practical in the first place.

Take tree planting for example. One tree can absorb between 10-40kg of CO<sub>2</sub> each year, depending on the species and growing conditions, but it can take up to 20 years for tree saplings to reach maturity and become viable for carbon offsetting. But let's assume for this example that we can plant fast growing trees which immediately absorb on average 25kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. To offset just one tonne of carbon emissions per adult in the UK - which is only around 10% of an average carbon footprint - we would need to plant **1.6 billion trees each and every year!** That would mean covering the whole of the UK in trees within four years.

Offsetting is not bad, tree planting in particular, it's just not an alternative to reducing or eliminating carbon emissions. It needs to be a part of the solution, not the complete answer.

*"In most cases, carbon offsetting doesn't work"*

*theecoexperts.com*



# East Keswick Local History Group

## Guided Village Walks

Due to exceptional demand for our guided village walk on 11 June we are now offering two additional walks as part of the National Heritage Open Days scheme.

**Friday 6 September, 10am - 12noon**  
**Sunday 8 September, 2.00 - 4.00pm**

Members of the Local History Group will help you explore the village, which was recorded in the Domesday survey, and its growth as a rural, farming and artisan community. Learn how over half the village became part of the Harewood Estate until the 1950s and how the village prospered, as commuters were attracted by the healthy environment and improved transport links. Despite significant house building from the 1970s a large part of the village is subject to conservation status so that the heart of the

village retains many older buildings, which illustrate its history. We will also share stories about some of the notable residents.

For more information about the walks visit [www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/east-keswick-village-walk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/east-keswick-village-walk)

Numbers are limited so please e-mail [ekhistory@gmail.com](mailto:ekhistory@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

For more details of other Heritage Open Day events in the area visit; [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

## AGM and Illustrated Talk

The first of our autumn events is our AGM quickly followed by an illustrated talk by Lesley Newnham, entitled 'Boston Spa From Hamlet to Georgian Spa', on **Thursday 26 September at 8.00pm** in EK Village Hall. This takes a look at the development of Boston Spa, from a cluster of cottages to thriving spa, over a relatively short time, using the blue plaques in the village as a discovery trail. Free for members and £5 for non-members or £10 for annual membership.



# Bardsey Gardeners

Hannah Tebbett

Hello from the Bardsey Gardeners. We've been busy meeting up in some of our members' gardens for our popular summer garden socials. We've got a couple of dates left still this year, so if you'd like to come along please do drop us a line at [bardsey.gardeners@gmail.com](mailto:bardsey.gardeners@gmail.com)

We've also been on two trips – firstly to see the newly minted National Collection of delphiniums with Colin Parton in Knottingley and more recently we had a tour and tea at Scampston Gardens. Both terrific visits and well attended. The delphiniums came with a very informative talk and were quite breathtaking in colour and stature – we'll definitely try and go again next year if you'd like to see this private collection.

We'll be running a free half-term event for children on **31 October** – keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details. If you can think of an activity that is both Halloween and gardening themed drop me a line!

In my own garden I am now edging into harvest mode although the year has been a strange one for growing. Pumpkins and courgettes are non-existent but we are self sufficient in cucumbers and quite surprisingly peaches! I have sweet peas at last and the first few dahlias are coming out.

The committee met a couple of weeks ago to put the finishing touches to plans for the Annual Show – which is on **Saturday 7 September** this year. You can pick up a show schedule around the village (butchers, churches, pubs) or find it online with the entry form at [biy.ly/3XVP2PP](http://biy.ly/3XVP2PP)

Please do consider entering a class! We don't have a show without you. There really is something for everyone – flowers, fruit and veg, drawing, handicraft, photography, cookery and children's classes. There is prize money and there are silver cups to won!

Class 29 is our new group class where you can enter a selection of things from your garden. Join together with a society, club or group of friends to show us some of the lovely things from your garden. The theme of the show this year is 'Whatever the Weather' but we'll be hoping for another sunny day, as we had in 2023.

See you there.







Bardsey Gardeners

# 77th Annual Show

Bardsey Village Hall  
and Callister Hall  
Woodacre Lane,  
Bardsey, LS17 9DG

**Saturday 7th  
September 2024  
1.30-4.00pm**

TEAS AVAILABLE IN THE  
CALLISTER HALL

Admission charges:  
Adult Members £1  
Non-members £2  
CHILDREN FREE

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY

e-book:

[bardsey.gardeners@gmail.com](mailto:bardsey.gardeners@gmail.com)

# East Keswick WI Update

Elizabeth Ward

At our June meeting we welcomed Margaret Greenwood who spoke of her many visits to the Hebridean island of Muck. With just three quarters of a mile of road - only residents have cars. There's a school with five pupils, approximately 32 residents and no shops. All groceries, etc., arrive by ferry from the Co-op in Mallaig.

Also in June, the Golden Plover Group Garden Party was held at the home of Pauline Hills on a rare fine day when we were able to sit outside and enjoy the refreshments.

On a very wet day in July we visited the 'The Arium', LCC garden centre, for tea and chatter.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### 13 August

Tea in the garden of our President.

### 10 September

'The Mobile Police Museum' with David Hardcastle

Competition: A good detective story

Meetings are held at East Keswick Village Hall at 2pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

*BOOKS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME FOR THE  
VILLAGE PHONE BOX LIBRARY*

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

# East Keswick Flower Club

Sarah Spencer

The June meeting was spent going, “Back to Basics”, where I demonstrated a few ideas for members and guests to improve their flower arranging skills. I sat amongst the audience, trying to get a feel of sitting round a table chatting to friends! I think one or two people had a fit when I started the first arrangement and then kept changing it. I hope a few of the changes showed how to play around and experiment, to see what works and what could make it look better! As my timing wasn't quite right I had to end with a hand tied bouquet, but had fun beforehand. I even got a couple of the guests to make wire leaves for one of the designs.

Another arrangement was a challenge as I asked one of the committee members to bring a container and the only thing I knew about it was its predominant colour, which was a sandy shade. So, I got some green and white flowers for it and adapted the size to complement the container. The colours and flowers turned out to be her favourites so she went home very happy with the finished design. I do hope that everyone went home with something from the afternoon, and may be tempted to use an idea or to just play, but judging by some feedback I don't think I did too bad a job!

The July event was much more polished as Liz Bishop took as her title “Take it as it comes”, and having been down the flower market to choose her flowers, she adapted her designs as to what was available, producing some lovely fresh arrangements.

Her chat about travelling solo on planes kept us laughing and we all enjoyed the refreshments afterwards. Liz, we would welcome a return visit so please don't fully retire from demonstrating!

The next events are the ‘Afternoon Tea’ when ticket holders will be entertained to “Silk and Flowers” by Lucy Adlington, of the History Wardrobe, before afternoon tea is served. This will be on **15 August at 1.30pm**. We do ask that friends travel together so as to lessen the pressure on car parking in the residential area.

The meeting on **19 September** will be a practical afternoon for members to buy up to £10 worth of flowers from a supermarket and bring them to arrange – don't forget your containers, foliage and scissors ladies!

If you are interested and would like to join us for a free event as a taster, please contact Janita on **01937 573923** for more details and an invitation. Meetings start at 1.30pm on the third Thursday of the month in East Keswick Village Hall.

## SILK AND FLOWERS

**Thursday 15 August**

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# East Keswick Wildlife Trust

## SWIFTS: GUARDIANS OF OUR SUMMER SKIES

Every year, the arrival of swifts heralds the beginning of summer in East Keswick. These remarkable birds have been a familiar sight in our village for generations, darting and swooping through the skies with their distinctive crescent-shaped wings and high-pitched calls. However, over the past few decades, there has been a noticeable decline in their numbers, prompting a concerted effort to ensure their survival.

Historically, swifts have been a cherished part of East Keswick's natural heritage. Residents recall a time when the skies were filled with these agile fliers, nesting in the eaves of old buildings and bringing life to the summer months.

Swifts are migratory birds, spending their winters in Africa and returning to the same nesting sites in Europe each summer. This incredible journey covers thousands of miles, showcasing their resilience and navigational prowess. Unfortunately, swift populations have declined significantly in recent years and they were added to the red list in the 2021 UK Conservation Status Report. Key reasons for this decline include the loss of traditional nesting sites due to modern building practices, a reduction in insect populations (their primary food source), and climate change affecting their migratory patterns.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Install nest boxes:** Swifts prefer to nest in

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**Protect existing nests:** If you have swifts nesting in your building, avoid any renovation work during the breeding season (May to August). It is illegal to disturb or destroy swift nests under UK law, with potential penalties for violations.

**Create insect friendly gardens:** Planting native flowers and avoiding pesticides can help boost insect populations, providing a food source for swifts.

**Support local conservation efforts:** Joining or donating to organisations like EKWT can help fund essential conservation work. The Trust relies on volunteers and donations to manage their reserves and run community events.

The RSPB is taking action to help swifts and has information about how to help on their website [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

Engaging in conservation efforts fosters a sense of community and stewardship for our natural environment. It's a joy to see the skies fill with swifts, knowing you've played a part in their survival.

By preserving our swifts, we enrich our community and maintain the delicate balance of our local ecosystem. Let's work together to ensure that East Keswick remains a haven for these incredible birds.

**Claire Shaw**



For information about East Keswick Wildlife Trust and how you can join or volunteer please go to [www.ekwt.org.uk](http://www.ekwt.org.uk) or call 01937 574140.



# Friends of Bardsey with Collingham **Mothers' Union**

As you probably know our branch of the Mothers' Union (MU) disbanded earlier this year but we are holding a get together on **Thursday 8 August, at 2pm** in the Callister Hall.

All are very welcome to join us. MU members, past speakers and anyone who would like a pleasant afternoon with a bite to eat, to escape the sun or the rain.

Hope to see you there.

**Brenda Sanderson**



## Lazy Hazy **Days of Summer**

We may not be able to guarantee glorious sunshine or soaring temperatures but no matter what the weather has in store this summer we hope you make the most of it.

Whether dodging showers, breaking out the BBQ, beavering away in the garden or running a local event, we would like to wish all those who contribute to this magazine a very happy and relaxing summer.

And of course, as we say farewell to vicar Angela, we would like to wish her well for the future, and say thank you for all she has done for our villages. We will miss her words, her ministry and her style.

**The Editorial Team**



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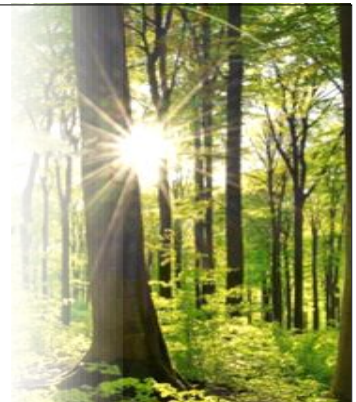
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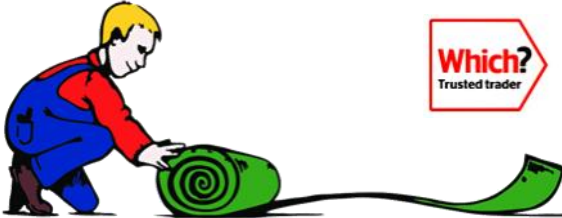
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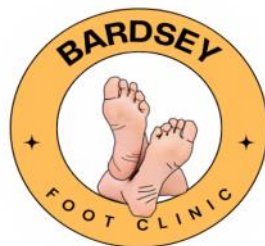
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12	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI Walk, 10.30am	7	Bardsey Gardeners Annual Show, 1.30pm
13	EK WI, 2pm	8	EKHG Guided Village Walk, 2.00pm
14	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm	10	Callister Café, 12.45pm
15	EK Flower Club 'Silk and Flowers', 1.30pm	10	EK WI, 2pm
19	EKMC Souper Thursday, 12 noon	11	Parish Quiz, 8pm
		11	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm
		17	East Keswick Parish Council, 7.30pm
		19	EK Flower Club, 1.30pm
		18	Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm
		20	Bardsey-cum-Rigton Garden Visit
		26	EKMC Souper Thursday, 12 noon
		26	EKHG AGM and Illustrated Talk, 8pm

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