

THE PARISH OF BARDSEY WITH EAST KESWICK

Village News



June – July 2026

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



Hello to you all!

My wife, Katriona, and I are looking forward to our move to the parish of Bardsey and East Keswick and joining in village life in both communities. There seem to be plenty of community groups and organisations in which we can get involved. We hope to arrive in mid-June before I begin my work as vicar from 30 June.

I grew up in Northumberland, attending schools in Holywell Village, Rothbury, Hexham and Morpeth. My father was a vicar, serving village, town, and coastal communities.

I studied botany, zoology and geology at the University of Wales, University College Cardiff, before training for ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

I have served in parishes and in chaplaincy in Cumbria, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and most recently in Yorkshire.

Over many years I have taken some time during winter months, out of parish life, to serve for two weeks as a seasonal chaplain for the Intercontinental Church Society (ICS) in Switzerland.

I have an interest in the life and works of mediaeval mystics, Richard Rolle, from Thornton-le-Dale, who died at Hampole, near Doncaster, and Walter Hilton from Thurgarton, Nottinghamshire. They may have lived in the 14th century, but they have great wisdom that relates very much to our world today.

We have three grown up sons and have recently become grandparents, for the first time, to our lovely granddaughter.

For recreation and leisure, I enjoy gardening, reading, and a wide range of music, cinema, walking, and cooking.

With every blessing
Paul Richardson

From the Register

We welcome those
who have been baptised

SOPHIE VICTORIA NAYLOR

Sunday 12 April
St Mary Magdalene

We remember those
departed

JANET WILSON

Wednesday 25 March
All Hallows

LUCY ASTLE

Thursday 9 April
All Hallows

ROSALIND HENDERSON

Friday 17 April
All Hallows

ROBERT BIRKINSHAW

Wednesday 29 April
All Hallows

Parish Church Services

Our new vicar Revd. Paul Richardson will be licensed on 30 June but until then we still rely on visiting priests to lead our services, which means on occasion some services may need to be amended. Please see www.bardseyekparish.com/churchservices for the most up to date information.

DATE	LOCATION	SERVICES
WED 3 JUN	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 7 JUN	St Mary Magdalene	10.30pm Holy Communion
SUN 14 JUN	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Family Service & Baptism
SUN 21 JUN	All Hallows	10.30am Holy Communion
SUN 28 JUN	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am Holy Communion
TUE 30 JUN	All Hallows	7.00pm Institution and Induction of Revd Canon Paul Richardson
WED 1 JUL	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 5 JUL	All Hallows	10.30am Joint Holy Communion
SUN 12 JUL	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am Family/All Age Service
SUN 19 JUL	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Patronal Holy Communion Followed by Lunch.
SUN 26 JUL	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship



Soup Lunch @ Callister Café

Tuesday, 9 June
Tuesday, 14 July

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.

Bardsey Tennis Club



Our beautiful tennis courts are now ready for the summer season. Why not join our friendly club. We offer social tennis for all ages and abilities, as well as team matches for the more competitive. Our annual fees are very reasonable, remaining at £70 for adults, £140 for a family and £20 for juniors for the new 2026-27 season.

Fully qualified coaching is available with weekly junior and adult drop-in sessions, for all standards.

For further details contact:
bardseytennisclub@gmail.com or
visit our website:
www.bardseytennisclub.co.uk

Tennis Open Day - Saturday 27 June, from 12 noon.

This **open day** is for non-members to come and play on our fabulous tennis courts. Members will be there to help. Please come along and join us for a fun day.

Also please save the date for our annual quiz night on **Friday 18 September**.



BTC Membership Website:



Bardsey cum Rigton WI Update

Carol Cocker



Barely a month to the longest day – we seem to be racing through the calendar.

A big “thank you” to everyone who turned out on a grey damp day to support our coffee morning alongside the Bardsey Gardeners’ Plant Sale. We have raised almost £400, which allows a generous donation to be made to St Gemma’s, our nominated charity this year.

The West Yorkshire Federation of WIs Annual Meeting took place on Saturday 25 April at the Queen’s Hotel in Leeds. The outing was beset by disruption of the bus service due to marches in the city centre, but the day was certainly brightened, following the AGM business, by an entertaining and amusing performance from historian, curator and actress, Lesley Smith, of Tetbury Castle.

There is no speaker at our meeting on **10 June**. It is primarily a social evening to allow time for members to mix and get to know each other a little more. Following last year’s successful introduction, we are again holding a “Shwap Shop”. This is an optional activity on the night, allowing good quality, but less loved items, to potentially find new owners.

Our Golden Plover Group Garden Party takes place on **Tuesday 7 July** and we are hoping for warm, sunny weather.

Appropriately, in the height of summer, our speaker on **8 July** will be Jack Ogg, Head Gardener at local “York Gate” gardens. Our members should bring “a flower” for the competition. We are hoping for a bright display.

Looking ahead we will be enjoying a summer walk with Golden Plover friends in early August, with lunch at Audley. Bardsey WI will be entertaining friends from Harden WI on **12 August** with a meal and mystery activity.

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. We welcome visitors - why not come and see for yourself at our next meeting?





**BARDSEY
CUM RIGTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

CPR TRAINING FOR THE VILLAGE

If someone collapsed, would you know what to do?

There are two publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the village.

Would you have the confidence to use one?

A recent coroner's case concluded that a young person would have survived if the bystanders had used the defibrillator they had to hand.

Bardsey Parish Council want our village to be as safe as possible and therefore we are running some CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training on **19 June**, which will include the use of the AED. This will start at 7pm in Bardsey Village Hall.

The village AEDs are located outside the Village Hall and Sports Club and so it is especially important that organisations using these facilities have trained members.

There are two further AEDs at Bardsey Primary School, but these are only accessible during school hours.

The training is **FREE** and will be conducted by a professional trainer. Certificates of attendance can be provided if needed for your governing body or organisation registration.

To book a place email Dr John Allingham at:
johnallingham@bardseyparishcouncil.gov.uk



East Keswick Tennis Club



- Get active this summer at your local tennis club
- £80 for full family annual membership
- Juniors £18 for the whole year
- Adult £40 / concession £27.50
- Two high-quality courts with unlimited access and high availability for play at all times
- Senior members play every Tuesday (from 6.30 pm) and Thursday morning
- All ages (15+) and standards welcome

Further details and membership application forms from:
peter.f.lord@btinternet.com

Long Service Award

East Keswick football referee and local builder **John Hyland** was recently awarded a long service award, celebrating over 50 years, by the National Referees' Association.

Starting his refereeing career in February 1969, he has over 55 years of unbroken service and he has refereed over 5000 games, many of which were on local pitches in Bardsey, East Keswick and Collingham.

Referees are the unsung heroes of the local game and we celebrate his achievement. Many congratulations John!



THIS IS OUR WORLD



A CONCERT BY
VILLAGE VOICES

TICKETS £10

INC. LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS



SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

2:30PM

EAST KESWICK METHODIST CHURCH

CASH RAFFLE FOR ATAXIA UK

TICKETS FROM:

MEEKFAMILY@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

OR JIM 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.

7 JUNE

Linda Smith

14 JUNE (10.15)

Café Church with Heather Shipman

21 JUNE

Ken Marshall

28 JUNE

United at Collingham – no service at EK

5 JULY

Holy Communion with Revd Uell Kennedy

12 JULY (10.15)

Café Church led by Revd Ann Fox

19 JULY

United at Boston Spa

26 JULY

David Laycock

East Keswick Methodist Church
Main Street, East Keswick, LS17 9EJ
T: 01937 573434
Free Wi-Fi available

Church Steward: Penny Harrison

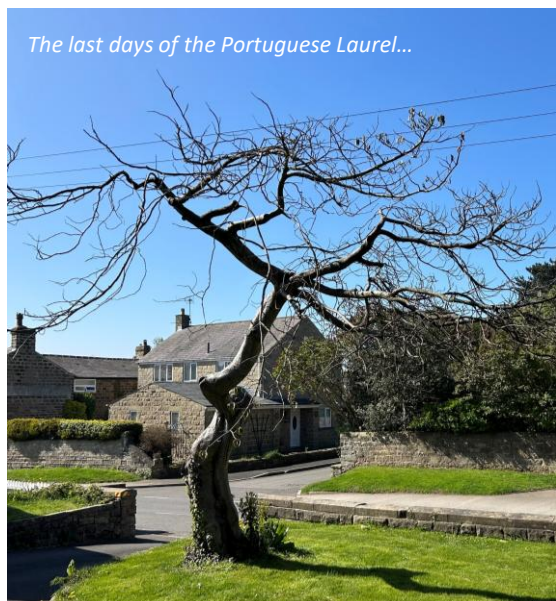
Minister: Revd Ann Fox
T: 01937 582854
E: ann.fox@methodist.org.uk

SOUPER THURSDAY

Please come join us for a bowl of soup and pudding on **25 June**. We are then taking a break in July and August, but look forward to welcoming you again on **24 September**.

135TH ANNIVERSARY AND TREE PLANTING

The tree at the front of our church has slowly been dying. We believe it's a Portuguese Laurel which was planted to commemorate the opening of our church on Easter Monday in 1891.



The last days of the Portuguese Laurel...

Joseph Laurence, born in East Keswick in 1819, followed in his father's footsteps as a village school master. However, his calling extended far beyond the classroom, and with great faith and compassion, he founded what became known as the Laurence Academy in East Keswick, training young men for ministry. Some of his students travelled to India, others to Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Newfoundland...

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Many could never have afforded such training, but Joseph Laurence quietly supported them from his own resources believing that no calling should be limited by poverty. On his death in 1816 his former students, serving across the world, wanted his legacy to live on, and so through their love, gratitude and faith, this church was built in his memory.

The Portuguese Laurel was special, but needed replacing and so at our 135th Anniversary on 17 May, we planted an Ichiyo flowering cherry tree, which in time will reach a height of 5-8 metres. We hope this will preserve his memory and allow God's witness and mission in our village to continue.



Revd Steve Jakeman and Revd Ann Fox, together with members of the congregation help to plant the new cherry tree outside East Keswick Methodist Church

BARDSEY PARISH WALKS

These take place once a year in order to explore the boundaries of our Parish and ensure that the footpaths are well used.

The first walk covering the west side of the village will be on **Saturday 4 July**, with the second covering the east side, on **Saturday 11 July**.

Do come along and join us and meet some of your Parish Councillors and make new friends on a pleasant walk, which should take approximately two hours. Boots or strong shoes are recommended and dogs are welcome.

Meet at the bottom of Mill Lane at 2pm for both walks which will be led by Cllr Linda Flockton



1st Bardsey Scout Group

The sections have had a busy few months since our last report; the leaders have had a great time out and about with all sections.

Scouts entered the district Andrew Oliver Incident Hike, held at Bramham Park. The 1st Team, Ethan, James, Nell and Oscar, won the shield by an absolute landslide - a huge 50 points clear of any other team. Well done to the two other teams as well. The weather was quite hard going with cold and rain. Their 'Troop Nights' have been both fun and informative with the science badge experiments showing the difference between warm and cold air particles and an evening of the "History of Scouting", from evolvment. The Scouts were very impressed!

Cubs have been on the Wakefield Scout narrow boat, navigating from Stanley Ferry over to the river, then going south and joining another canal. They slept in bunks, operated locks and experienced living together in a small space.



They also did a litter pick on Sunday morning!

Cub nights have been mostly outdoors, with campfire and games night, backwoods cooking where they made hot cross buns on the campfire in baking tins.

Beavers had lots of fun attending the district Beaver & Squirrel Camp at Bramhope Scout campsite. They slept in tents and enjoyed lots of activities, including archery, crafts, campfire, hike, inflatables and games. Their weekly programme has included a litter pick in Wetherby, pitching tents and practicing first aid by making fake wounds!



There are lots of activities planned for the second half of the term in all sections, so tune in to the next edition of the Village News to hear all about it, or come and join us as part of our teams. Please contact, Mick on mickbee1@hotmail.com, if you think you can contribute in any way.



East Keswick Flower Club

Valerie Readman

It was wonderful to see spring arrive, so lovely to see the daffodils, tulips, bluebells and the fresh green of the trees.

20 club members met on 16 April and took part in the workshop/practical, which was a flower arrangement in a basket. The variety and designs were amazing, some were small, whilst others huge and exuberant, with a wide variety of colours and greenery. The arrangements were informally rated by members themselves, with first prize going to Rachel Broady and second prize to Barbara Local.

The meeting on 21 May was a demonstration by Vanessa Wellock entitled 'La Vivienne', which was very entertaining.

The meeting on **18 June** is a demonstration by Jo Purdy, entitled 'Mama Mia'. Very topical at the moment as it is speculated that there will be a third instalment of the film of this name this year. Maybe Jo will include this in her demonstration?

On **25 June** we have our trip to Raby Castle. There are some places still available on the coach and it is open to non-members; anyone interested should contact Barbara Local on **01937 572390**. The cost is £40. Lunch is not included but there is a very nice café, where lunch can be bought.

The July meeting is a demonstration by Kay Ford entitled 'All About the Bs'. Not sure, but I am hoping she will be talking about the wide variety of flowers that attract bees and using some in her demonstration. There again it may be something to do with the letter 'B', so, we will have to wait and see!

All our demonstrators talk about various experiences and trips, etc., whilst they are doing the arrangements, which makes for a very interesting and entertaining afternoon.

Tickets will soon be on sale for our afternoon tea and demonstration by Andrew Grisewood, on **20 August** and tickets are limited, so book yours early. Guests are welcome. Tickets are £20 and can be obtained from Val Readman **01937 835633** or at the meetings. Andrew's flower arrangements are always spectacular as is his rhetoric. Something to look forward to!!



New Citizens Advice Hubs

Citizens Advice is strengthening its local presence in Tadcaster and Wetherby by partnering with the Wetherby and District Foodbank's Community Café and Advice Hubs, delivering free, confidential, face-to-face guidance in accessible, community-based settings. These hubs provide free, confidential face-to-face support directly to the community.

Accessible services like these are vital in providing local support that may not have always been readily available. By offering early advice in familiar, welcoming settings, they can support people to resolve issues sooner and improve their overall wellbeing.

Through this initiative, residents can access practical advice on issues such as benefits, budgeting, debt, housing, and managing ongoing cost-of-living pressures, all within welcoming and familiar environments. By embedding advice services within existing community spaces, the partnership aims to support people earlier, helping them address challenges before they reach crisis point.

Community Cafés already provide a valuable space for people to connect, access light refreshments, and seek informal support. The introduction of Citizens Advice builds on this foundation, ensuring individuals and families can access trusted, professional guidance at an early stage, across a wide range of issues, helping them to make informed decisions and improve their financial resilience.

By combining community connection with early access to expert advice, the cafés in Tadcaster and Wetherby are helping to create a stronger local support network; one that focuses on prevention, resilience,

and empowering people to navigate challenges before they become overwhelming.

Wetherby and District Foodbank was founded in 2014 as a means of helping people who were in temporary crisis, by providing an emergency box of food to last for around three days. Over the years it became increasingly apparent that this approach provided only temporary relief, a sticking plaster for far deeper and more complex problems, such as out-of-control debt, low wages, redundancy, and delays in accessing benefits. The idea for the Community Cafés was initiated by the Foodbank to go a little deeper into the many reasons why someone might be experiencing financial instability. If people can be helped to stabilise their financial situation before they need emergency food, then they might never need to use a foodbank at all. The Community Cafés already provided a valuable space for people to connect, access light refreshments, and seek informal support. The introduction of Citizens Advice builds on this foundation, ensuring individuals and families can access trusted, professional guidance at an early stage across a wide range of issues, helping them to make informed decisions and improve their financial resilience.

In Tadcaster, sessions take place every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12 noon at The Barn (term time) and the Methodist Church (NY school holidays). In Wetherby, the Community Café & Advice Hub runs every Friday from 10.00am to 12 noon at St James' Church Room, Church Street.



Bardsey Gardeners

Hannah Tebbett

The predominant colour in the villages is now most definitely green! There is cow parsley in bloom, hawthorn blossom and elderflower in the hedgerows. Plus, I think temperatures are finally set to increase. This means that those of us who grow tender plants like dahlias, cosmos and sunflowers can finally think about planting them outdoors.

Seedlings raised indoors are starting to outgrow their pots and are desperate to spread their roots a little. My own allotment will shortly be filled with lots of vegetable plants grown from seed, including some purchased at our plant sale in May. It was a great morning, and the rain thankfully didn't put people off from donating, and buying lots of lovely green things for the garden. We donated unsold stock to 'Incredible Edible', a community growing group, in Shadwell, and to the sensory garden at Bardsey Primary Academy.

Bardsey Gardeners will be kicking off our summer of socials at the end of May, when we visit the garden of a member to explore their garden and enjoy some drinks and chat. If you'd like to come along then drop us a line at bardsey.gardeners@gmail.com – we always love to see new faces.

Don't forget that we're running a trip on Monday **13 July** to RHS Bridgewater in Salford. The ticket price of £25 includes travel and a tour of the walled garden – which should be really special. I am particularly looking forward to seeing how the paradise garden has evolved. Booking is via our email address above and please don't delay as we only have a handful of spaces left.

Coming up in September we have the Annual Show, which this year takes place on **Saturday 5 September**. It will be the usual riot of garden colour and lots of your clever crafts, cookery and art. There are children's classes too - which personally gives me things to fill the days during those long summer holidays, that doesn't include a screen! We are a relaxed show where we encourage participation above all, so please look out for show schedules when they start appearing around the village in the next month for all the details of how to take part.

For a monthly roundup of our events and more gardening content please subscribe to my free monthly newsletter (email me to add your details). In the meantime, I hope you are starting to get out and enjoy your gardens. Now is the time of year to be picking a sprig of fresh mint and perhaps adding it to a pot of tea or dare I say it... a gin and tonic. Nothing tastes as good as home grown!

East Keswick History Group

Peter Harding



This photograph was taken in 1926 on the front steps of the Old Star, and hangs in the back room there. We have recently found out who three of the people are.

The landlord, Sim Copley, is on the back left, his daughter Vera, front left and a boy named Stan Blakey, front right. We don't know the names of the other three gentleman but, looking at their headwear, they could have been members of the 'Peaky Blinders'. Do you know who any of them are?

Our research into Sim, Vera and Stan has given us an insight into their lives and what became of them. We will publish details on our website, www.eastkeswickhistory.com, our Facebook page and the Parish Council Facebook page.

As that photograph is 100 years old, we thought it was timely to reproduce a 2026 version as below.



This features the current hosts, David and Sally, together with a couple of locals, Jaydon Wignall and Francis Harris, and one of our members, Margaret Moseley.

These pictures seem lifetimes apart but there is a link. The Copleys were replaced as licensees by the Seniors in 1944 and in the late 1970s Rose Senior was the landlady serving a young David Chapman his first pints!

East Keswick WI Update

Elizabeth Ward



The April speaker was unable to come so Gail from Wetherby Food Bank stepped into the breach. She told us about the Community Cafe and advice hub held at St. James' Church Room every Friday from 10am until 12 noon. Help from Citizens Advice and local councillors is available Food parcels can also be collected from Barleyfields Road on Tuesdays and Fridays.

More than 100 people attended the Golden Plover Group Fashion Show at East Keswick Village Hall. A most enjoyable evening.

In May, Claire Rhodes described her journey through her textile degree course at Bradford, beginning with crochet and ending with the most beautiful cushions, in fabrics she had designed, printed and embellished with various forms of applique.

FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday 9 June: "Wool Tweed Spinning" by Anita Metcalfe.

Competition : A tweed item.

Tuesday 14 July: Outing to the "Milk Churn" at Scarcroft.

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

GEDFEST

AT THE BINGLEY ARMS

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

2PM TIL LATE

LIVE MUSIC

GIN & FIZZ BAR

BOUNCY CASTLE

STREET FOOD

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Bardsey-cum-Rigton Parish Council Report

Cllr. Linda Flockton

Greenspace

The Parish Council successfully secured external funding of £14,333.66 through the Greenspace Fund from Leeds City Council, to support improvements across the parish. This funding has been allocated towards:-

- Playground repairs and improvements
- Pond maintenance
- Refurbishment of the pathway from Congreve Cottage to Callister Hall
- Installation of benches including at the bus stop near Mill Lane
- Cleaning the playground and adult fitness equipment
- Non-slip surface on the path running through Park Field
- Cleaning the benches at All Hallows Church
- Footpath maintenance
- General maintenance throughout the village

A proportion of this funding remains unspent and has been placed in earmarked reserves to enable project completion in 2026–2027.

Annual Report

The Parish Council will shortly be publishing its Annual Report, which will include information about the activities and work carried out over the past year. For further updates please keep an eye on the website and Facebook page.

Blacksmith's Field - Footpath 12

This footpath runs through Blacksmith's field from East Keswick towards Keswick Lane

and is regularly used especially by Parents and Children going to Bardsey Primary School. The footpath, which had become badly eroded, has now been repaired by the Public Rights of Way team with improvements also made to the exit. However, concerns regarding dog fouling along this route continue to be monitored.

Biodiversity

We now have a Biodiversity Committee led by Cllr John Allingham, and with Cllrs Jackson and Flockton, which is looking into what can be done to conserve and enhance biodiversity throughout the Village. The Committee have met with Penny Barber who leads the 'Friends of Park Field' Group and it has been decided to form a working party which meets at least once a month in order to remove invasive plants and introduce flowers and plants which are butterfly and bee friendly. Also, cut back overhanging branches and create dead hedges and wood piles to encourage more insects and wild life.

Overhanging Trees and Hedges

We have had many complaints about hedges and trees overhanging and reducing the width of paths and pavements. If your hedge is overhanging the pavement and making it dangerous for people having to walk on the road in order get through with prams, pushchairs or wheelchairs we would request that you could please cut your hedge back.

Our next two meetings will be held on **Wednesday 17 June** and **Wednesday 15 July** at 7.00pm in Bardsey Village Hall Committee Room. The first fifteen minutes will be set aside to deal with any issues raised by residents. Our Clerk's email address is:

clerk@bardseyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Full minutes and other information is published each month on our website **www.bardseyparishcouncil.gov.uk**



Music Director: Charlie Murray
Registered Charity 510264

Rossini

M Petite Messe Solennelle

Saturday 20 June
2026, 7.30pm

St James's Church,
Wetherby LS22 6LP

Wetherby Choral Society
Charlie Murray - conductor
Rose Johnson - soprano
Hannah Morley - alto
Tom Smith - tenor
Andrew Randall - bass
William Campbell - piano
Valerie Barr - accordion



Tickets: £20 (under-18s FREE) | Book online: wetherbychoral.org.uk

- Nicolla Florist, 1 Bank Street, Wetherby (01937 585233) - CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY; NO CARDS
- Tel: 07443 466254 / tickets@wetherbychoral.org.uk
- Any Society member • At the door on the day - cards accepted

East Keswick Wildlife Trust

Elaine Woolley

How we make charcoal

As we approach summer and hopefully warmer days and barbecues, you may want to learn more about how we produce the charcoal that is for sale in the butchers in East Keswick.

Charcoal making is an ancient process with roots reaching back to the Bronze Age. It provided the heat to smelt metals like iron and copper. Originally the charcoal was made by piling up wood and covering it with turf, but nowadays it is produced in metal kilns.

The Wildlife Trust has two kilns in Ox Close Wood. They were bought so that the Trust could make good use of the wood that is felled, as part of the conservation management of the woods. Also to reduce the import of charcoal from unsustainable sources and to raise funds from its sale to help finance further management on our reserves.

Charcoal making involves burning wood whilst controlling the amount of oxygen present. Very little oxygen is allowed in and the slow burn results in charcoal that burns at very high temperatures and produces very little smoke.

The burns take place around four times a year. The kilns are filled by our volunteers and then usually lit early in the morning the following day. After the kilns have been lit and the lid settles onto the kiln, it is sealed and the chimneys are inserted to control the amount of oxygen. The burn takes around 12 hours and needs supervision throughout that time to manage it. The following week when the charcoal is well cooled, the kilns are emptied and the charcoal is transferred into bags and taken to the butchers for sale.

All this is done by our band of volunteers so please support us by buying your charcoal from Setchfield Butchers.

Bagging the charcoal (right)

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Emptying kilns (bottom left)

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Lit kiln (bottom right)



New Life in Bardsey Fields Nature Reserve

We are delighted to report having seen a Roe Deer with newborn fawn in the fen area of Bardsey Fields. This shows the importance of this area remaining undisturbed for wildlife to flourish.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 6 June

Wetherby Methodist Church Eco Fair. Please come along and support our stand 10am – 2pm.

21 June and 12 July

Sunday work parties, 10.30am – 12.30pm. More information about where to meet will be available on Facebook nearer the time.

Saturday 27 June

Summer Bird Survey. Meet outside St Mary's Church on Moor Lane at 10am. Bring binoculars with you if you have them and a snack.

For more information about East Keswick Wildlife Trust or if you would like to become a member, please visit our website ekwt.org.uk or email info@ekwt.org.uk

East Keswick Art Group



POP UP ART SHOW

At East Keswick Methodist Church

**Saturday 13th June
10am – 4pm**

**Free entry, please come in and browse.
Refreshments available.**

East Keswick Parish Council Report

Ollie Cruse

Junior Cricket at the Sports Field

Leeds Super Kings CC are providing All-Stars and Dynamos training programmes, open to all local children this summer. There are even some funded places available for girls in the Dynamos programme. If you are interested, please visit; ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/LeedsSuperKingsCricketClub2 to book.

New Equipment at the Playground

We are delighted to report that the new Spinner Bucket has been installed in the playground, replacing the Overhead Rotator, for all those kids that like to spend their playtime turning at speed. We hope everyone enjoys it and we'd like to thank the Lady Hastings Trust for part-funding the purchase.

Keswick Marsh Bridge

We have also replaced the bridge on the path through Keswick Marsh, that had started to deteriorate in condition. We hope

you enjoy a surer footing on your stroll through our shared nature reserve, at the bottom of the village.

Village Road Repair Register

We have reported a number of potholes, surfacing issues and damaged drain cover surrounds to Leeds City Council (LCC) but we need your help to speed up remedial action. The more people that report the problems the quicker the issue is attended to. If you make a report to this address; services.leeds.gov.uk/RoadSurfaceDamage and then email the reference number to the Parish Clerk, we can keep a log of issues and follow up with LCC.

If you would like to raise any matters with the Parish Council, please contact our Clerk on clerk@eastkeswickparishcouncil.gov.uk

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday **16 June** at 7.30pm and Tuesday **21 July** at 7.30pm in the Verity Room at East Keswick Village Hall. The first fifteen minutes are set aside for questions or comments from residents.

Full minutes and local news are published on our village website; www.eastkeswickparishcouncil.gov.uk and further updates can be found on the village Facebook page 'East Keswick Village Group by its Parish Council'.



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If you are unsure whether your former employer or the industry you worked in has a benevolent fund, you can find out by contacting Turn2us. Turn2us is a UK-based national charity that helps people experiencing financial hardship access welfare benefits, charitable grants, and support services. Their helpline number is **0808 802 2000** and their website is **www.turn2us.org.uk**

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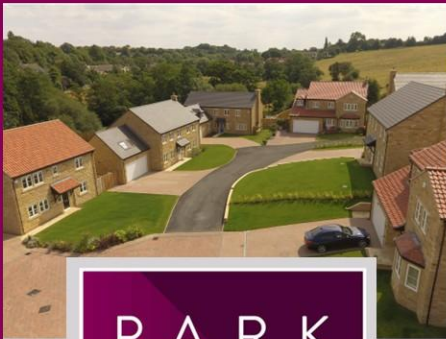
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6-7	AAW Open Studios, 10am – 5pm	27	Bardsey Tennis Club Open Day, 12 noon
7	Village Voices Concert, 2.30pm	27	Gedfest - Bingley Arms, 2pm Onwards
9	Callister Café, 12.45pm	JULY	
9	EK WI, 2pm	4	Bardsey Parish Walk West, 2pm
10	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm	8	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm
13	Pop Up Art Show, 10am – 4pm	11	Bardsey Parish Walk East, 2pm
13-14	AAW Open Studios, 10am – 5pm	12	EKWT Working Party, 10.30am
18	EK Flower Club, 1.30pm	13	Bardsey Gardeners RHS Trip
18	Bible Study Group, 2.30pm	14	Callister Café, 12.45pm
16	EK Parish Council, 7.30pm	14	EK WI, 2pm
17	Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm	15	EK Flower Club, 1.30pm
19	EK CPR Training, 7pm	15	Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm
20	Wetherby Choral Society Concert, 7.30pm	16	Bible Study Group, 2.30pm
21	EKWT Working Party, 10.30am	21	EK Parish Council, 7.30pm
25	EK Flower Club Trip to Raby Castle		

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