

THE PARISH OF BARDSEY WITH EAST KESWICK

Village News



FEB – MAR '24

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

A fresh new snowdrop greeted me. Amongst the leaves beneath the tree. That delicate and tiny flower Braved frost and raid and snowy shower, to tell us spring is nigh...





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From the Vicarage



Angela Hannafin

Welcome to our early spring edition of the Village News.

As I write this, I've noticed little white heads popping up in the vicarage garden. The joy of seeing a snowdrop in the midst of the grey of winter is such an encouragement. It lifts the spirits and reminds us that Spring will soon be with us.

In these difficult days, we need encouragements all around us. An unexpectedly blue sky, a smile from someone, even a conversation connecting us to a neighbour or friend can become focal points of joy for us.

A friend of mine keeps a 'Journal of Blessings', which is an interesting idea. You might do something similar, such as the 365 Days of Gratitude project which asks us to note 'blessings' or good things at the end of

each day. These and other ideas help us develop our positivity and our resilience to get through tough times.

I'd like to think that our churches are also places of encouragement for all who come. Whether you come regularly or sporadically, you'll be given a warm welcome by the communities we represent. That extends to children too, who we value so much in our services. Just a reminder that both buildings are open every day for you, as well.

The apostle Paul encouraged the church in Greece to, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". This is good advice for us all – thankfulness, gratitude and prayer can become a steer for encouragement, if we adopt them. Even in the worst of times when we can't see those Spring flowers yet, there is opportunity to still find positivity.

Every blessing

Angela

...My garden soon will bloom again
In summer sunshine, gentle rain
With pansies, roses, hollyhocks
But none can bring such joy to me
as that tiny snowdrop 'neath the
tree.

Nessie Gell

Parish Church Services

Our temporary service schedule continues until Easter Sunday (31 March), when services will return to their normal times at St Mary Magdalene and All Hallows.

DATE	LOCATION	SERVICES
SUN 4 FEB	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am Holy Communion
WED 7 FEB	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 11 FEB	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service
WED 14 FEB	All Hallows	7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service
SUN 18 FEB	St Mary Magdalene	8.00am Morning Worship 10.30am Holy Communion
SUN 25 FEB	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship
SUN 3 MAR	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am Holy Communion
WED 6 MAR	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 10 MAR	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service
SUN 17 MAR	St Mary Magdalene	08.00am Morning Worship 10.30am Holy Communion
SUN 24 MAR	All Hallows	10.30am Palm Sunday Holy Communion
MON 25 MAR	St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm Holy Week Reflection
TUE 26 MAR	St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm Holy Week Reflection
WED 27 MAR	All Hallows	7.00pm Holy Week Reflection
THU 28 MAR	All Hallows	7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service
FRI 29 MAR	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Good Friday Reflection
	All Hallows	2.00pm Good Friday Reflection
SUN 31 MAR	Castle Hill	6.00am Easter Sunrise Service
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Easter Holy Communion
	All Hallows	10.45am Easter Holy Communion

From the Register

We welcome those who have been baptised

HENRY MCGEECHAN BEECH

Sunday 10 December, All Hallows

We remember those whose funerals have taken place

BERNIE CLAYTON

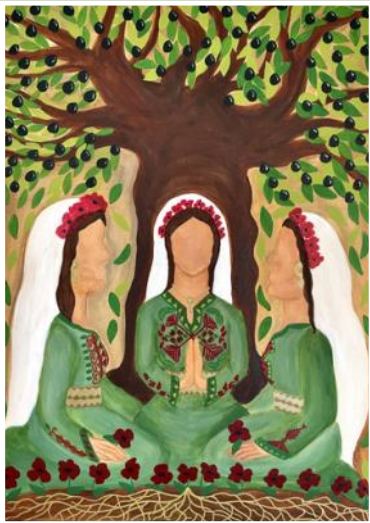
Thursday 7 December, All Hallows

GEORGE 'MICHAEL' HORSFIELD

Monday 15 January, Stonefall

PETER BALL

Friday 19 January, All Hallows



World Day of Prayer



Friday 1 March, All Hallows Church, 2.00pm

Everyone is welcome to join this service, which is held worldwide. This year it has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Refreshments will be served afterwards and a collection invited in support of the World Day of Prayer organisation.

“I Beg You...Bear With One Another in Love”

Ephesians 4:1-2

The Way of the Cross

Terry Wheeler

Jesus stumbles under the weight of the cross on the Via Dolorosa way to Calvary. Simon of Cyrene, a convenient passer-by, is compelled to take over the burden. This is not something he expected, coming in from the countryside.

Probably he would have preferred not to be involved at all for it is hard for any of us to carry another's cross. Far easier to be silent, keep our distance and just be a passer-by. Simon really had no choice, but we do. Let us think whose burden we can help to lighten.

Crowds follow Jesus on the way to Calvary. Some women weep in their pity for his suffering. Yet even in this darkest hour, Jesus shows his selfless compassion, turning to them with words

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28).

His words echo down the centuries to us today, crying out for compassion as women and children across the world continue to be marginalised.

Jesus invites us to respond, but his words are also a warning for the future. He is imploring us to turn from wrongdoing and follow him.

Nearing the place of crucifixion, a woman slips forward and taking off her outer veil, wipes away the sweat and blood from Jesus' face. When the veil is returned it bears an imprint of his face.

Today, Christ's face is in those who are homeless and helpless, starving and suffering. Veronica is a legendary figure, but her simple gesture urges us to do whatever small act we can for those in need. In doing so, we are brought closer to having the imprint of Jesus in our hearts.

Did Mary and the other Marys present feel at the moment of his cruel death that the flame of faith was being extinguished forever? Then the dawn broke on the third day and nothing would ever be the same again. For them and for us, the cross and the resurrection are the centre of Christian life.

Whenever we feel our faith is being put to the test, let us remember the women at the foot of the cross, the joy of Easter Sunday and the self-sharing, unconditional love of Jesus for us all.



Bardsey & East Keswick Running Club

2023 was a truly eventful year for the club. The world was back to normality. The London Marathon was back in April (greeted by torrential rain) and the inaugural Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon set off on a sunny Sunday in May, both of which had representation from the Club.

Triathlons were completed, 24hr races run and '5k parkruns' became a staple diet, but in all this running the club members were also determined to raise money for good causes and charities close to their hearts.

We believe running is great for mental wellbeing, so what better way to support this philosophy than raising £934 for **Mind**.

£1,098 was raised for **Martin House**, a local charity, which has helped some members of Bardsey Sports Club through tough times, to support the good work they do.

£274 went to **MacMillan Cancer Support**.

Embrace, a charity supporting the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit in Leeds received £990.

Miscarriage, stillbirth and premature birth effect too many lives and too many of our friends and families £1,060 was raised for **Tommy's** to fund vital research to stop this happening.

The **Yorkshire Brain Appeal** were thankful for the £3,620 raised to fund research into brain disease, with particular focus on epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, dementia and Alzheimer's.

One club member had the indignity of walking around as a 1970s 'throw back' while raising £860 for **November**.

All in all we raised £8,836 for good causes.

Why not join us, improve your fitness, running, your mind and the world we live in.

MEETING AT BARDSEY SPORTS CLUB

Monday: 6.30pm

Wednesday: 7.30pm
(Winter meet is at The
Star in EK)

Friday: 9:20am

Sunday: 10:00am



**BARDSEY & EAST KESWICK
RUNNING CLUB**
YOUR PACE OR MINE

Waxwing

Winter

Jonathan Marshall

One of the most beautiful birds to be seen in the UK is the waxwing. It has a magnificent crest, a black eyeliner and bright flashes of yellow. They get their name from the bright red tips to some of their wing feathers, which look like drops of sealing wax.

They are winter visitors, travelling here from Scandinavia when the food supply there runs low. Some winters there are only small numbers but in other years they arrive in their thousands - an event known as an irruption, and this year we have an irruption! In some places in Scotland there have been over 500 and recently there were over 200 near the canal in Skipton.

The first waxwings of the winter are often seen in October, usually in the north of the UK and along the east coast. They are partial to the colourful red and orange berries of ornamental trees, which can often be found in city centres, supermarket car parks and out-of-town shopping areas.

Not your typical birdwatching destinations!

I recently saw them at the Lidl supermarket car park in Thirsk and there was a flock of 20 in Crossgates (where these pictures were taken) on New Year's Day. There have also been sightings in Wetherby and I saw a flock, which is known as a 'museum', in a previous winter, on a Rowan tree near the entrance to Bardsey cricket field.

www.jmarshallwildlife.com



Rowan berries are a favourite of theirs, so check any of your trees to see if they've attracted one of these beautiful birds and don't forget to look up when doing the weekly shop!



Bardsey Art Club



Bardsey Art Club is currently looking for new members, to join our weekly meetings, held at Bardsey Village Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon. We are a friendly, welcoming group who enjoy a chat and a chance to meet others with similar interests in art, on a regular basis. Don't be afraid if you are a beginner, we are all happy to help, encourage and advise whatever your abilities and whatever your choice of medium.

We also have occasional demonstrations and workshops from professional artists in a variety of media. Recent demos have been in watercolour, acrylic and even iPad painting. Something for everyone. One of our recent demonstrators was Steven Coates from

Sheffield, author of *'The Watercolour Enigma'*, who gave us a fascinating glimpse into the science of watercolour, as well as a wonderful, atmospheric demo of St Michael's Mount.

If you would like to dip your toe in the water and try us out please come along to one of our meetings. Our fees vary and for this term are £35.

If you would like more information please get in touch with Barbara Head; (babshead25@gmail.com, 07721 391344) or Rachel McNaughton; (rachelm@artbyrachel.co.uk, 07989 313329)

We look forward to welcoming you!

Village Voices

Singing is not only good for the soul but also for physical and mental wellbeing. So, what better way to keep fit in 2024 than through song and music.

Village Voices is a community choir made up of local residents who just like to sing. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7.30-8.30pm, to rehearse, in East Keswick Methodist Church. We perform at various events throughout the year and our repertoire (always changing) ranges from well-known singalongs from past decades, through traditional folk songs, to pop classics and blockbuster musical theatre numbers of the modern era.

After a busy few weeks over the Christmas period our voices are now rested and we are preparing for our next 'performance'! We have no direct link to a faith group, although a number of us do also sing in the local church choir. Anyone with an interest in just singing for fun is welcome to join us.

For further information contact Charlotte Meek (meekfamily@hotmail.co.uk) or Jim and Janita Dediccoat (01937 573923).



Bardsey-cum-Rigton Parish Council Report



Cllr. Linda Flockton

Highways Update

A58 - Proposed Traffic Island: We have contacted LCC and are awaiting a reply on when this proposed traffic island, on the A58 near to Mill Lane, might be implemented.

A58: BPC have noted several unstable trees in the areas from Cornmill Ginnel to beyond Church Lane and towards Hetchell View. This has been reported to LCC.

A58 - Bank Top: 'Wetherby' road sign, lying by the side of the path, at the top of Keswick Lane was reported and has now been reinstated.

A58 – Grange Close: A demolished street sign has still not been reinstated and has again been reported to LCC.

Woodacre Lane: We have reported blocked drains to LCC Gullies and have been informed that arrangements are in place for them to be cleared.

Red Telephone Box Library on Church Lane

This is owned by the Parish Council with the library and books managed by the WI. It was agreed that the telephone box needs refurbishing and repainting and quotations will be sought.

Hedgehog Highway Project

We have been approached about hedgehog conservation and are considering purchasing a box of 'hedgehog highway surrounds' and making them available to residents. A hedgehog highway is a 5 inch gap in a fence and is essential in the battle to prevent their extinction. Hedgehog shaped fence surrounds raise awareness to the plight of hedgehogs and are made from recycled plastic. For more information, please see; www.hedgehogsrus.co.uk/hedgehog-highway-project

Future Meetings

The next two meetings will be held on Wednesday 21 February and Wednesday 20 March, 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



Bardsey cum Rigton WI Update



Carol Cocker

We had a super pre-Christmas celebration with a festive meal at Sandmoor Golf Club and have now held our first meeting of the new year.

On 10 January, we welcomed Gill Swaby-Ward as our new Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI President and wished her well for her term of office. Alan Pugh led us via slides and anecdotes on an extremely interesting history of Leeds. He took the Parish Church as his start point and highlighted our abundant historical buildings and the role of the river and the canal. His talk was punctuated by “stops” at a number of well known hostelries, that have also played their role in the city development.

Each year at this time we cast our vote for one of a small number of ‘resolutions’, proposed by the National Women’s Institute. The one ultimately gaining most support across the country will become the subject of a spirited national campaign. Our overwhelming choice was ‘Dental Health Matters’, which reflects a wish for the government to redress the chronic shortage of NHS dentists and the consequent deepening related health issues.

Looking forward, we will be meeting on **14 February**, when our speaker will be local resident Carol-Ann Park, who made an interesting find in her loft. This month’s competition is for one of our own ‘finds’ from the loft. On **13 March**, author and writer Olivia Rytwinski will regale us with stories of her writings and books.

We meet in the village hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm and visitors are always warmly welcome.

Leeds - Liverpool canal



Bardsey Gardeners

Hannah Tebbett



Happy New Year from Bardsey Gardeners

We'll be giving a run down of 2023 and filling you in on our plans for the year ahead at the upcoming AGM on **Thursday 15 February** at 7pm in the Callister Hall. It sounds a bit dry but it's actually a very nice evening with free wine and cheese so why not come along? We'll have a panel of members ready and willing to answer your gardening queries - any question is a good question, especially if it inspires a bit of debate, like last year! You can send them to us in advance at **bardsey.gardeners@gmail.com**

We've got plans this year for a trip to Scampston Hall to commemorate 20 years of its walled garden. We're also looking to invite a speaker to talk about the National Garden Scheme. Of course, our perennially popular 'Plant Sale' will return, this time at 10am on **Saturday 11 May**, plus teas in the Callister Hall by the culinary talents of the WI. Come along and grab a plant for a song, and if you can, please also consider donating some seedlings or plants otherwise we'll have nothing to sell!

The annual show this year will be held on **Saturday 7 September** and will have the theme of 'Whatever the Weather'.

Photography classes will be:

- British Weather
- Street Life
- Village Dogs
- Weather Vane or Sundial
- A Black and White Photograph

Also, our 'Picture of any medium' will be themed 'Whatever the Weather'.

The recipe for the baking competition will be the BBC's Dark and Stormy Cake (search online). There is also a new class at the show this year:

'A display of garden produce created by a group of three or more people, e.g. family, friends or societies. Display not to exceed 100cm by 100cm by 100cm. Can contain flowers, herbs, fruit and veg.'

This would be a great way to do something a bit different with your local stitching group, your extended family or people on your street. It's a brilliant way to publicise your group to the hundreds of people we get through the door at the show. Bonus points for involving the 'Whatever the Weather' theme.



One of the very best things to do on a bright day this time of year is attend a snowdrop day. You will find terrific snowdrops on show at York Gate garden in Adel, Goldsborough Hall near Harrogate, Beningbrough Hall near York and at Fountains Abbey near Ripon. Check online for details.

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 February

Donald Milne

11 February - 10.00am

United service at Wetherby

18 February

Communion with Rev Steve Jakeman

25 February

Eileen Clarkson

3 March

10 March

17 March

24 March

31 March

SOUPER THURSDAY

Please join us for homemade soups and puddings on **Thursday 29 February** and **Thursday 28 March**, at noon in EKMC hall.

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East Keswick WI Update



Elizabeth Ward

In December we enjoyed our Christmas Party with lots of food, mulled wine and games. We joined Bardsey WI for their Christmas celebrations at Sandmoor Golf Club and attended the WI Carol Service at Bardsey Church.

We "travelled" to Venice in January with Kathryn Ogden. She visits at least twice a year and participates in many activities, pantomimes, etc.



FUTURE EVENTS

13 February

Barbara Rogers will speak about 'Granny Florence'.

Competition: 'An old handkerchief'

12 March

'Our great British love affair with the seaside', by Lesley Newnham.

Competition. 'A seaside souvenir'

The WI will have a coffee morning in aid of St Gemma's, at Rigton Grange Farm, the home of Pauline Hills, on Saturday 9 March, 10am - 12noon. Tickets £2.

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

Eco Chat: Green Energy

This is a tricky one...

Green energy refers to energy produced from renewable sources, such as solar and wind, preferably without creating any carbon emissions at all.

The energy we use at home for heating, cooking and powering all those electrical goods, comes mainly from burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas (methane), which were laid down millions of years ago. They are the biggest source of carbon emissions and are clearly not renewable, at least not in the next million years or so.

Unless you produce your own electricity, less than 40% of your supply currently comes from renewable sources - even if you are on a 100% green tariff! The problem is our grid system can't distinguish between the different generation sources - they all get combined. Natural gas is still the main fuel source used for generating electricity but the good news is that wind power is now the second highest contributor. Nuclear power accounts for around 10%, but whilst producing no carbon emissions it is not a renewable source and has other environmental concerns.

Natural gas is widely used for heating our homes and whilst it is possible to produce renewable gas and oil supplies from waste organic materials and vegetable matter (known as biofuels), the quantities available are very small. Some suppliers are offering 100% green tariffs, but the same problem exists as with electricity, the grid can't distinguish between sources, which means you are unlikely to receiving more than 2%

from renewable sources. They also still create carbon emissions when burnt!

Biomass (solid organic material, primarily wood) is another fuel that falls into a similar category. Whether burnt in a boiler or the ubiquitous 'log burner', it creates carbon emissions and its renewable status relies on enough new trees/crops being grown to replace the quantity burnt.

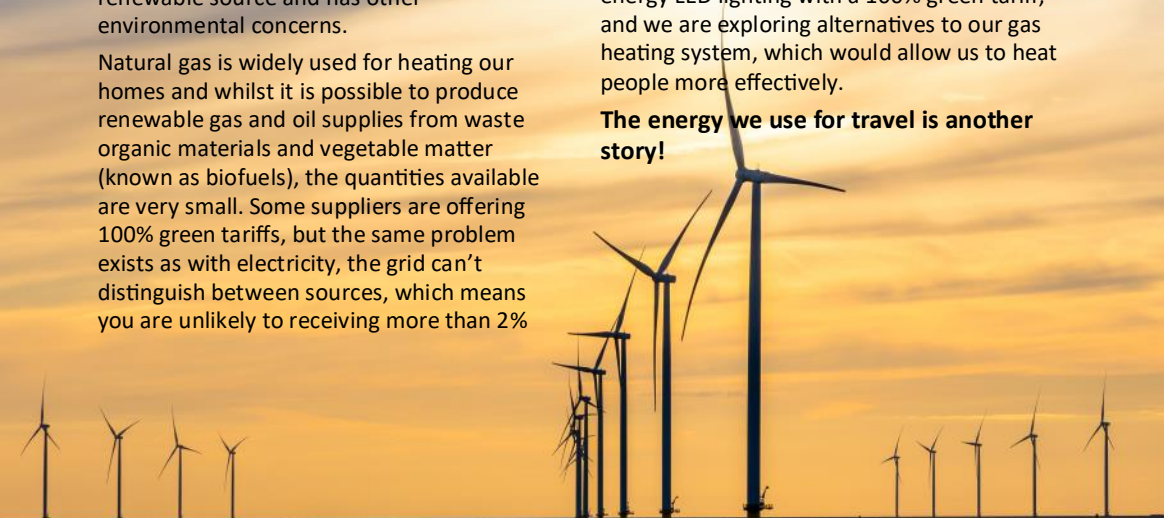
Longer term new fuels like hydrogen may become available but today electricity, although not quite there yet, is the closest we can get to 100% renewable energy, without creating carbon emissions. When used in conjunction with heat pumps it can also provide a near zero emissions solution for heating. That said heat pumps are not ideal for all homes and currently electricity prices are much higher than gas or oil.

So, what is the green energy solution?

That depends on individual circumstances, but undoubtedly it relies on us using less energy than we do today and is likely to involve a hybrid of fuels to suit those individual circumstances. Perhaps combining electricity with biofuel options or smaller volumes of natural gas. Generating your own electricity is worth considering but won't be suitable for all. Tricky indeed!

In our church buildings we now use low energy LED lighting with a 100% green tariff, and we are exploring alternatives to our gas heating system, which would allow us to heat people more effectively.

The energy we use for travel is another story!



BARDSEY BEER FESTIVAL

WE ARE BACK!

2024

NEW VENUE - BARDSEY SPORTS CLUB

CORPORATE SPONSOR DAY

FRI 22ND MAR 2024, 12PM-6PM

GENERAL PUBLIC DAY

SAT 23RD MAR 2024, 12PM-11PM



**PUBLIC
SAT 23 MAR '24
ENTRY - £5**

VENUE

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

PROMOTING BARDSEY SPORTS CLUB



East Keswick Flower Club

Sarah Spencer



We ended the year with two very good events. At the first, a 'welcome ring' was demonstrated and members had a go themselves, with over 25 people taking part. Ann Simpson had brought most of the bits to make the arrangement and members just brought foliage. A wonderful array of different coloured rings that could be put up on a door or placed as a table decoration resulted and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

The second event was the Christmas demonstration by Ian Lloyd, entitled "A Cheshire Christmas", at the end of November. He produced seemingly effortlessly wonderful designs that complemented his stories and resulted in some very pleased raffle winners taking them home. The 115 attending were well entertained and then offered nibbles and drinks to round off the afternoon – what a way to start Christmas!

The new year by contrast started with the AGM and lunch in January. About 40 members attended and feasted on salmon followed by sumptuous deserts made by members – yummy! The short AGM followed and the outline of this year's programme was discovered when members rejoined.

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. The next taster meetings are on **15 February**, with new demonstrator Kay Ford, entitled "A brush with colour", and **16 May**, with Vanessa Wellock's "Bringing colour to grey". You would be very welcome.

The meetings start at 1.30 on the third Thursday of the month in East Keswick Village Hall. Members please note, there is a workshop in March and a speaker in April as slots for your diary!

Parish Quiz

Did you know a parish quiz happens every month, from September through to June? It's held on a Wednesday evening from 8-9pm on Zoom and the next one is on **7 February**.

You can play as a pair, as a small group or on your own. There is no cost. There are eight rounds including at least two picture rounds. We have a lot of fun exercising our grey matter and nobody knows who comes last!

This is what regular quizzers say:

"We have a fantastic quiz master who comes up with a great range of interesting topics to stretch everyone's mind. It's great to meet our neighbours online and we have lots of fun!"

"The January 2024 quiz had varied and interesting eight different rounds. It was slightly easier than usual which I enjoyed, so I got many more correct answers, boosting my confidence."

Why not join us and test your knowledge?

The Zoom link is available from the Parish Office (bardseyparishchur@btinternet.com).

East Keswick Village Hall

Would you like to get more involved with village life, and have some time to spare...?




New Year's Eve 2024 in the East Keswick Village Hall

We are looking for a volunteer who would like to take on organising the annual New Year's Eve Celebration in December 2024.

Recently, we turned down a potential NYE wedding booking request as we would like to return this much-loved night to our community. While we have much experience and would be happy to provide support, we would like someone willing to start a new chapter in the history of this valued event.

Email eastkeswickhall@gmail.com to find out more.



EAST KESWICK
VILLAGE HALL

Bardsey Bowling Club

We would like to invite you to our Spring Coffee Morning on **Saturday 23 March, 10.00 - 1.00pm.**



If the weather is good take the opportunity to visit the hidden gem of Bardsey Bowling Club, behind the Village Hall, and possibly try your hand at bowling. Members will be on hand to show you the ropes.

For budding bowlers there will be various open days throughout the season, to encourage all ages to come and have a go, with coaches on hand to teach you the basics.

We are a very active club with teams in various leagues throughout the week, both afternoons and evenings, as well as friendly matches, social bowling and club competitions.

More information can be found on our Facebook page or at our spring coffee morning.

We hope to see you there.

'Call My Bluff'

Cheese & Wine Tasting

East Keswick Village Hall

Saturday 9 March 2024, 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 **davidwort24@gmail.com**

£200 per table of eight
or **£25** per person
(Reserve your table now to be sure of a place)

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EAST KESWICK
VILLAGE HALL

East Keswick Wildlife Trust

Elaine Woolley



THE VALUE OF HAZEL TO WOODLANDS AND WILDLIFE

On **Sunday 17 March** we are holding a Spring Family Day at the Ellikers and one of the activities will be planting hazel. Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) is a native broadleaved tree, which when left to grow can reach around 12 metres in height and can live for around 80 years. It is however more often coppiced and can then live for several hundred years.

Male and female flowers are found on the same tree. The yellow male catkins appear before the leaves around mid-February and are one of the first signs of spring. They are often known as lamb's tails. The female flowers are tiny and bud-like. They are pollinated by the wind and the female flowers then develop into oval fruits which then mature into a nut.



Coppicing is an ancient tradition which dates back to the Stone Age. New growth is cut back at intervals to encourage new stems to

sprout. The pliable stems were used to make wattle baskets, furniture and water diving sticks. The nuts or cobs were an important food source.

Today, managed woodland where hazel is coppiced, provides a rich wildlife habitat. Shelter is provided for ground nesting birds such as willow warbler, wren and blackcap. Hazel leaves are an important food source for the caterpillars of several species of moth. The flowers are an early source of pollen for bees and butterflies. Hazelnuts are eaten and cached by nuthatches, tits, jays, woodpeckers, squirrels and small mammals.

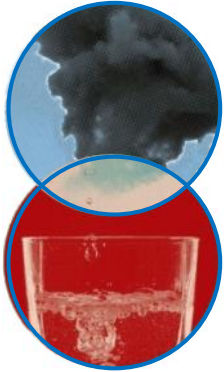
The cut stems are still used for crafts, as bean poles or to top laid hedges and of course we also eat hazelnuts. Examples of coppicing can be seen in our ancient woodland at Ox Close.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Winter Bird Survey - Sunday 25 February
Meet outside St Mary's Church, Moor Lane, East Keswick at 10am. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Everyone welcome.

Spring Family Day - Sunday 17 March
In the Ellikers, The Paddock, East Keswick. Meet at the reserve at 10.30 for hazel planting and other activities. Bring your own food to barbecue. Everyone welcome, please let us know if you are coming by emailing info@ekwt.org.uk

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Bardsey with Collingham Mothers' Union



We do hope that a good Christmas was enjoyed by all and that 2024 will be healthy and contented.

Our December meeting, although not well attended, was enjoyed by those who did join us. In January Pat Normington, a dedicated member, cooked and transported a super hot dinner to the Callister Hall. Members and friends were greeted with mulled wine and a warm welcome. The pork, cooked to perfection, was served with a variety of vegetables, followed by an excellent pavlova, with fresh fruit and cream, then coffee. Christmas cake and chocolates completed our feast. Grateful thanks to Pat and to all those attending for making it such a joyful affair.

Now for the sad news. It has been decided that due to the lack of numbers and ageing membership to close our branch of the Mothers' Union. This decision has not been taken lightly as the monthly meetings have been a very friendly affair. It has also been a privilege to be a part of a world wide organisation, which does so much good in Britain and in many under developed countries.

The last meeting will be held on Thursday **8 February** at 2.15pm, but it has been decided that on the second Thursday of each month, from 2-4pm, the Callister Hall will be open for anyone to pop in for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

Brenda Sanderson

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Lady Elizabeth Hastings Trust and also from Bardsey Parish Council.

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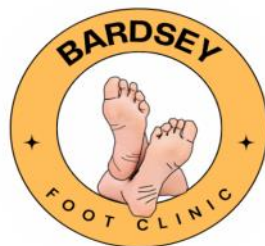
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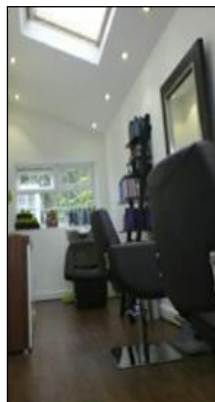
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8	Bardsey with Collingham MU, 2.15pm	9	WI Coffee Morning, 10am
13	Callister Café, 12.45pm	9	Call My Bluff, Wine & Cheese, 7pm
13	EK WI, 2pm	12	Callister Café, 12.45pm
14	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm	12	EK WI, 2pm
15	EK Flower Club, 1.30pm	13	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm
15	Bardsey Gardeners AGM, 7pm	13	Parish Quiz, 8pm
20	East Keswick Parish Council, 7.30pm	17	EKWT Spring Family Day
21	Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm	19	East Keswick Parish Council, 7.30pm
25	EKWT Winter Bird Survey, 10am	20	Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm
29	EKMC Souper Thursday, 12 noon	21	EK Flower Club, 1.30pm
		22-23	Bardsey Beer Festival
		23	Bardsey Bowling Club Coffee Morning, 10am
		28	EKMC Souper Thursday, 12 noon

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