

THE PARISH OF BARDSEY WITH EAST KESWICK

Village News



DEC 2023 – JAN 2024

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 our December and January edition of the Parish News. We must remember to thank everyone who, each edition, make it possible for you to read our magazine. Thank you for everything you do.

As we straddle the new year ahead, we recognise the difficult times we live in. There are still significant economic issues impacting many of our lives, and I know many local people who have had to choose between heating and eating right now. As I write war is still headline news for the Middle East (and many other places) and for so many of us living in villages, the winter can be a struggle in itself to get through.

When I was a child, Christmas would be marked by certain things. Now I'm older (and work full-time for the church!) Christmas has shifted in its meaning. It's

less about the excitement of Christmas and more about the deep-seated comfort it brings. It's less about the face of Father Christmas and more about Jesus, the Prince of Peace arriving in our world. It's less about the tinsel, and more about understanding how Mary and Joseph chose to trust God in the midst of personal and political chaos. Seeing Christmas through adult eyes is not worse, it's just different. In the midst of all the world tribulations, it still provides hope for the future just as it did when I was a child.

We'll be celebrating Christmas in a range of ways as usual through December with Christingle services, Crib services, our Midnight Masses and a Christmas Day Family Service. Details of these services are all on page 4 in this edition of the magazine. Whether you're a regular, a 'once-a-year' attendee or someone in-between, we welcome you to join with us to worship Jesus the Saviour of the World.

I want to wish you and your loved ones a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New year.

With every blessing

Angela



Parish Church Services

In order to cut down on energy bills, by heating one building rather than two, and to be more eco, the PCC have agreed to temporarily change our services between **January-March 2024**. There will now be the occasional 8am service at St Mary Magdalene, as well as at All Hallows. All second services and joint services will **begin at 10.30am**. The revised service list through to February can be seen below. Please speak to anyone from the PCC for more information.

| DATE | LOCATION | SERVICES |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| SUN 3 DEC | St Mary Magdalene | 10.00am Joint Holy Communion |
| WED 6 DEC | St Mary Magdalene | 11.00am Holy Communion |
| SUN 10 DEC | All Hallows | 08.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Family Service with Baptism 3.00pm Christingle Service |
| | St Mary Magdalene | 9.15am Family Service 4.30pm Christingle Service |
| SUN 17 DEC | All Hallows | 08.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion |
| | St Mary Magdalene | 9.15am Holy Communion |
| SUN 24 DEC | All Hallows | 10.00am Joint Service with Carols 11.30pm Midnight Mass |
| | St Mary Magdalene | 11.30pm Midnight Mass |
| MON 25 DEC | All Hallows | 10.00am Joint Family Service |
| SUN 31 DEC | St Mary Magdalene | 10.00am Joint Holy Communion Service |
| WED 3 JAN | No services | |
| SUN 7 JAN | All Hallows | 10.30am Joint Holy Communion Service |
| SUN 14 JAN | St Mary Magdalene | 08.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Joint Family Service |
| SUN 21 JAN | All Hallows | 08.00am Morning Worship 10.30am Joint Holy Communion Service |
| SUN 28 JAN | East Keswick Methodist Church | 10.30am Covenant Service |
| SUN 4 FEB | St Mary Magdalene | 10.30am Joint Holy Communion Service |

A Caring Church

If you've ever been to a service at either All Hallows or St Mary Magdalene, you will have seen our vision statement at the top of most orders of service given out.

A few years ago, our PCC took time to meet and plan together. What kind of parish did we want to be? Through a process of consultation, we emerged with these distinct words, "**A caring church, where all are welcome to know the peace and love of God**".

It was felt that both churches are caring

communities, offering hospitality and encouraging everyone to experience the peace and love of God. Of course, both buildings are unique places to worship, but our vision statement is more than a description of the stone and mortar. It's a description of our community life. So these words have become our vision statement. In other words, they describe how we hope we are, and will continue to be.

The Church of England is for everyone, and that's what we hope we are too - the local church, for everyone. If you've not come to one of our services, why not give it a try? I hope you'll find us caring and welcoming, offering you the space to experience God's peace and love.

From the Register

We congratulate those whose weddings have taken place

VICKI AND MARTIN KIRKBY

Friday 13 October, All Hallows

We remember those whose funerals have taken place

BILL RADCLIFFE

Wednesday 18 October, All Hallows

LINDA WILSON

Thursday 26 October, All Hallows

COLIN MARTIN

Monday 6 November, All Hallows

ANNE SHANN

Friday 10 November, St Mary Magdalene

DONALD WILSON

Thursday 23 November, St Mary Magdalene

Bardsey & East Keswick Running Club



BARDSEY & EAST KESWICK
RUNNING CLUB
YOUR PACE OR MINE

Couch
to
5K 

COUCH TO 5K STARTING 2 JANUARY 2024

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

Usual running sessions continue on Mondays 6:30pm, Wednesdays 7:30pm, Fridays 9:20am and Sundays 10.00am

Bardsey cum Rigton WI Update

Carol Cocker



We have had a busy few weeks. WI members had a sweet treat at our October meeting when Andrew Thwaite demonstrated chocolate making in extremely warm conditions. Everyone enjoyed the results.

Skills turned to cake making for a successful coffee morning in the Callister Hall on the morning of Saturday 21 October. Thank you to everyone in the villages who supported us.

At our AGM on 8 November, we looked back on the year and had an insight into our future programme. Our President, Hazel Smith, has decided to step down at the end of the year after an eventful four years, including a pandemic, the death of Queen Elizabeth II, our patron, and then earlier this year, the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. The period has been marked by some extraordinary weather extremes, storms, earthquakes and seismic activity. Did anyone mention rain!

Our group has gone from strength to strength and we now boast around 65 members of all ages.

To mark our 95th birthday at the end of last year and to commemorate the coronation, we have sponsoring a fruit tree in the new orchard planted by Bardsey Gardeners in the Glade at All Hallows, and we joined with them in the tree planting day on 25 November.

The festive season beckons and we will be hosting the group's Carol Service on Tuesday **5 December** at 7pm at All Hallows Church. There is no meeting in the hall in December as we will be having our Christmas Party on **Wednesday 13 December**, at Sandmoor Golf Club. Our first meeting of the New Year will be on **10 January**.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas. Why not make joining our happy group your New Year's resolution?





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An interactive
**A
CHRISTMAS
CAROL**

Join us for a fun evening,
as together we re-tell
Charles Dickens' classic tale
with Carol Singing and Refreshments

Monday 18th December at 7pm
East Keswick Village Hall
School Lane, LS17 9DA

Free Entry

1st Bardsey Scout Group Update

Izzy Bee



We want to let you know what we have been up to recently at Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

If you were not aware, we are located at the top of Rigton Bank and are fortunate to have our own headquarter building, with enough outside room to do traditional activities - backwoods cooking, camp fires and marshmallow roasting are very popular.

We have an exciting project on at moment to replace our roof, which has been made possible with the help from the Emmerdale Trust. Also, over the summer we replaced our exterior bouldering wall and crash mats, helped by a grant from Leeds City Council.

Our sections have been busy over the last couple of months with a joint Beaver and Cub camp, held at our local Scout campsite in Wike, which was a great success, despite the weather. Scouts have been hiking round Eccup, done backwoods cooking, pumpkin carving and visited Killingbeck fire station.

Cubs visited 'Pets at Home', did some night time grass sledging, had a Halloween hike at Hetchell and had a sleepover/film night, again at Wike.

Beavers had a brilliant visit from the RNLI, did film making, international cooking and supported a children's Christmas charity with gifts of toys.

All sections were warmly welcomed when we attended the Remembrance Service at All Hallows church; thanks to Angela, her team and the congregation.

All sections are fully subscribed and we have a waiting list but if you feel like joining our friendly leadership team, Trustee Board or just helping with maintenance please contact Mick Bee at mickbee1@hotmail.com

Age is no barrier, you just need a desire to help provide the opportunities that Scouting can give to our local children.

Churches Together Quiz



The Churches Together team would like to thank you for your participation in the charity quiz, held on 10 November at East Keswick Village Hall. Around 90 people took part in the quiz, aided by our quiz compiler

Charlotte Meek. A supper of pies, peas and pudding was served in the interval and a raffle helped to boost profits to an incredible £1,200!

The money has been divided between UNICEF's Ukraine Children's Fund and Zarach, a local charity which provides bedding for children.

Thank you to everyone who supported this fun and worthwhile evening.

The Children's Society Boxes

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone from our parish who helped raise over £1,500 for The Children's Society this year, either by supporting the Christingle Services, or by being a box holder.

Anyone can become a box holder. It takes no time or effort, simply keep a small charity box in your home and pop any loose change (or the odd £5 pound note, if change is scarce in your household nowadays!), in it throughout the year. It's amazing how quickly your change adds up and contributes to around £2 million raised annually to help our most vulnerable children. We would be delighted to welcome new box holders, so please don't hesitate to contact Helen Render (All Hallows) on **07969 059982** or Carol Peace (St Mary Magdalene) on **01937 573061** and we will get one to you.

For those of you who already have a box, we will be collecting them in January. You can return boxes to Helen directly (she has moved house, so please ring and she will let you know her new address), or ask her to collect in person – whatever suits you. Please

Providing specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope...



leave boxes for Carol in St Mary Magdalene church for her to collect.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

We will also be holding our popular Christingle Services on **10 December**, at All Hallows (3.00pm) and St Mary Magdalene (4.30pm). There will be cake stalls at both services and proceeds will be going to The Children's Society, so if you are able to bake a cake or pudding please bring to church on the day or come along and treat yourself!

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and kind support.

Helen & Carol

Clock Winders Needed

The clock and chimes at All Hallows church in Bardsey have been keeping time for many years, thanks to a large group of volunteers who give a little of their time each year and a lot of their energy.

There is no key, instead a winch handle is used to lift a set of weights, via pulleys,

which provide the power as they gradually descend. British engineering at its best!

Our volunteer group has become somewhat depleted recently and we now need more people to join the winding rota to help spread the load. It just takes a few minutes each day, for a week at a time, with two weekly slots spread through the year.

If you could offer your help or would like more information please contact Neil Mills on **01937 572121**.

Bardsey-cum-Rigton Parish Council Report

Cllr. Linda Flockton



HIGHWAYS UPDATE

A58: Meetings have been taking place with Ward Councillor, Matthew Robinson, regarding setting up a traffic island on the A58 to make it easier to cross between Mill Lane and Cornmill Ginnel. The Parish Council have agreed to share some of the costs and after LCC complete their safety checks, etc., it is hoped that a traffic island will be in place some time in the new year.

Bus shelter close to Grange Close: The defective lighting has been reported several times, however at present it has still not been fixed and is to be reported again.

Keswick Lane – Blacksmiths Field: Many parents, who walk with their children to Bardsey school were concerned that the exit from Blacksmiths Field is not very visible to traffic on Keswick Lane and there is no pavement on that side of the road. They requested that this was looked into and a safer solution found. Following a site meeting, LCC officers are looking to draw up plans and put in lining, signage and potentially some rumble strips. There is a view from some officers that a chicane of some form would be better, to slow vehicles and provide a crossing. This is reliant on funding and the legalities, which are now being checked.

Park Field: Himalayan Balsam had been completely cleared earlier this year with the help of volunteers but unfortunately, nettles, brambles and goose grass were also taking over in various areas. Penny Barbers leads our 'Friends of Park Field' volunteer group and Cllr Ward and Flockton have been helping clear some of the more

invasive plants. Some piles of wood and vegetate have been left for the wild life. The ongoing plan for Park Field is to keep some brambles and nettles and introduce more wild flowers, such as teasels, foxgloves, red campion and ox-eye daises.

We would like to thank our Ward Cllr, Matthew Robinson and also the Communities Team at Leeds City Council for providing a grant for the skip which was needed in order to clear all the extra piles of dead vegetation generated from the cutting back. Thanks also to Bardsey Sports Club for allowing us to use their car park for the skip.

FLOWER TUBS & VILLAGE SIGNS

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

BUS REFORM

LCC are proposing changing to a franchising scheme, as outlined below and they would like feedback.

“The West Yorkshire Combined Authority believes it needs to change the way local buses are run to achieve our ambitions for better buses in West Yorkshire. Buses play a vital role in West Yorkshire, getting people to places, connecting our communities, and shaping our economy. But evidence shows passengers face many challenges resulting in poor satisfaction and fewer people choosing to travel by bus.

The way that buses are currently run gives the Combined Authority limited ability to change this. We think franchising is the best way to achieve the change needed, and we would like your views on what we are proposing

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The consultation runs from 10 October 2023 to 7 January 2024 and further details about our proposals, and how you can get involved can be found via the link below.”

[www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/
busreform](http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/busreform)

BARDSEY FIELDS

Eve Billington, a third year student at the University of Leeds pursuing a degree in Sustainability and Environment Management attended our meeting. For her dissertation she is conducting a research project based on Bardsey Field and as part of that she is conducting a consultation on behalf of East Keswick Wildlife Trust (EKWT), to gather as much information as possible on Bardsey Field. It would be appreciated if as many people as possible could complete the survey and let us know your thoughts on this subject.

The next two meetings will be held on **Wednesday 20 December, 2023** and **Wednesday 17 January, 2024** 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.

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

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

A FEW WORDS FROM EVE BILLINGTON

My studies so far have led me to become interested in the many benefits of biodiverse green space and particularly how these spaces can be managed, to be beneficial to both the people who access them and the wildlife that they accommodate. EKWT recently acquired the space and asked me to help them conduct a consultation. They're eager to hear your thoughts on shaping its future!

I have put together a survey to gather your input and make sure everyone's voice is heard. If you're in Bardsey or part of EKWT, I'd love to hear your thoughts on what you envision for the field. After the surveys, I'll be doing follow-up interviews to study the themes further and explore the balance between community desires and biodiversity conservation. My research will be passed back to EKWT and will inform their management plan.

Your input is key to shaping the future of Bardsey Field, so please check out the survey through the link or QR code below. If you have any questions or wish to receive a version of the survey that can be printed and filled out by hand, feel free to contact me at Ee21eb@leeds.ac.uk

[https://tinyurl.com/
BardseySurvey](https://tinyurl.com/BardseySurvey)



Meet the Neighbours

John Hyland

In 1966 at the age of 17, after finishing his secondary education, John Hyland left the West of Ireland to come to England. Initially he came to live in Leeds, firstly in Chapeltown but then to other areas of the city, including Roundhay, Chapel Allerton and Alwoodley, before finally settling in East Keswick in 1990.

In the late 1960s John worked on building and civil engineering projects before becoming self-employed in the early 1970s, when he also set up his own limited company, working in the building trade. 2024 sees the 50th anniversary of the establishment of that company, Hyland Builders Ltd.

Over the years John has completed many building projects in North Leeds and the surrounding areas, including many in East

Keswick, Bardsey, Collingham and Wetherby. In that time working on many churches, schools and commercial buildings.

John enjoys all kinds of sports and helped run a youth club with a priest at St Patrick's church on York Road. He became a qualified youth club leader, got his FA football coaching badge and qualified as a soccer referee in 1969. 54 years on and John is still refereeing!

John met his wife in 1969, married in 1971 and had four children. Three are now medics and one is in IT. Sadly his wife died in 2017.

After nearly 60 years in the building trade, he says he is still enjoying it and would do it all over again, given the chance.

Editors note: We would like to thank John for being a loyal advertiser in this magazine, over many years, and congratulate him on 50 years in business.



Eco Chat: Going Net Zero

As 2023 comes to a close we can look back on a year which saw an ever increasing number of severe 'climate events', from vicious storms and floods to droughts and wildfires. On about a third of days in 2023, the average global temperature was at least 1.5°C higher than pre-industrial levels. Scientists believe staying below 1.5°C long-term is crucial, if we are to avoid the most damaging impacts of climate change. However 2023 is on track to be the hottest year on record, and 2024 could be even hotter.

These climatic changes are already having a devastating impact around the world, and there has never been a more urgent need for us all to live more sustainably and achieve 'net zero carbon' emissions. That means balancing or offsetting those emissions we can't avoid, with actions that absorb carbon from the atmosphere, such as tree planting and peatland restoration, or by providing financial support for schemes which help others to reduce their emissions.

Whilst some degree of offsetting will be required, minimising our emissions must be a priority. There are three primary contributors to carbon emissions in this country; the energy used in our homes and buildings, travel, and the goods and services that we buy (stuff!).

Whilst we as individuals must take ownership for our own emissions we also need action from corporate bodies, such as governments, businesses and institutions.

The Church of England is one of those bodies and it has committed to become 'net zero carbon' by 2030. To do that the 'minimise and offset' approach needs to be applied to the emissions created from church buildings and church activities.

Our parish must play its part and there are so some big challenges ahead, not least finding alternatives to the gas heating used in our two churches, vicarage and the Callister Hall.

This is alongside the work we are already doing to achieve the 'Gold A Rocha' environmental award for our two churches, which not only addresses emissions but also looks at ways to help safeguard the natural world, through things such as better waste management, water conservation and the development of green spaces to improve biodiversity.

To help us achieve both net zero and Gold A Rocha status we have put in place a dedicated church 'green' team, to plan and manage our activities and we will be sharing our plans with you in the coming months, because we need our village communities to be a part of our 'green' journey and to get involved as much as possible.

The Green Team



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.

3 December

Communion with Rev S Jakeman

10 December - 10.15am

Café Church with Keith Hartrick

17 December

Fellowship Service of Readings and Carols

24 December

10.30pm, United at Collingham Methodist Church

6.00pm, Christingle Family Service

31 December

10.00 Wetherby or 10.30 Boston Spa

7 January

Communion with Rev U Kennedy

14 January - 10.15am

Café Church with Heather Shipman

21 January

Fellowship Service

28 January

Covenant Service with Rev A Fox

SOUPER THURSDAYS

There is no lunch in December but we look forward to welcoming you again on **25 January**, at noon, for a Burns Day Special!

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

Free Wi-Fi now available

Church Steward: Penny Harrison

East Keswick WI Update



Elizabeth Ward

At our October meeting Robert Siekierkowski described his parents journey from Poland, eventually settling in Oldham. It made us all realise how fortunate we are to live in such a safe country.

We hosted a most successful fashion show for the Golden Plover Group, with approximately 80 people attending.

November was our annual meeting, where it was confirmed that Pauline Hills will continue as President. Peter Harding then spoke about "Moons the Grocers" on School Lane, in what is now Laurel Bank. They had numerous branches, as far afield as Wakefield and Scarborough. They introduced the first electricity to East Keswick.

FUTURE EVENTS

12 December: Our Christmas Party.

9 January: Kathryn Ogden will speak about Venice. Competition: A piece of glass.

Meetings are held at East Keswick Village hall at 2.00pm 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.

'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)

Payment due by 31 January

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

Sort code: 40-46-21
Account no: 81035282



EAST KESWICK
VILLAGE HALL

East Keswick Parish Council

Crabtree Lane resurfacing: Surfacing is complete but rumble strips need to be reinstated along with the road markings.

Keswick Lane safety improvements at the junction with Woodacre Lane: Highways are to carry out a site visit, the resident who raised the issue with the Ward Councillors will be invited.

Verge creep: Cllr Robinson will chase EKPC's request to scrape back overgrown verges throughout the village.

Ginnel from Church Drive to Main Street: Cllr Robinson will request action to clear the surface of weeds.

X99/98 buses: Cllr Robinson will encourage the arrangement of a meeting with the bus operator and local Parish Councils (Wetherby and villages) to express their concerns about the poor service standards. He suggested that Cllr Batty represent the PC's views at the next Outer Northeast Parish Councils Forum.

Memorial bench: The Ward Councillors have agreed to fund a bench in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. It is hoped that it will be installed by Leeds City Council in the War Memorial Garden, Whitegates, in time for Remembrance Sunday.

June Gallant memorial bench: June Gallant's family are contributing towards a memorial bench in her name. Location to be agreed.

Crabtree Lane car park: The potholes have been filled in as a temporary measure until such time as more long term improvements can be included, in a future programme of work and financial year.

War memorial information board: East Keswick History Society has agreed to carry

out the research on behalf of the Parish Council to be mounted on a display board.

Memorial planter update: Cllr Groves confirmed this will be completed once the trees are available. Cllr Bailey confirmed East Keswick Plant Centre will provide and plant by the end of November. Cllr Edwards agreed to source a memorial plaque.

D-Day 80 (6 June 2024): Working party updated discussion re a possible event at the sports ground. To consider further in next PC meeting.

PC meeting are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Verity Room of the village hall. The next meetings are **19 December** and **16 January**. The first ten minutes of all Council meetings are set aside for residents to bring any concerns and/or comments to the Cllrs.

Becky Bailey

ILLINGWORTH FIELD

East Keswick Parish Council supports the purchase of the almost two acres of land immediately behind the Village Hall. This will protect the outstanding vista from the Village Hall terrace, which is one of its attractions as a venue. It also helps protect the eastern flank of the village from development.

We led the negotiations for the purchase of this land until stepping aside at the request of Village Hall trustees in August to allow them to handle the bidding and purchase.

We're delighted to have influenced over £35k in grants and donations through our support of applications. All this has been achieved at a time of unprecedented demand on our limited resources such as the takeover of the assets of the sports association and without any effect upon the precept.

Andrew Batty

East Keswick Wildlife Trust

Elaine Woolley



BARDSEY FIELDS SMALL MAMMAL SURVEY

In October we were joined by Ann and Robert from the Yorkshire Mammal Group to lay 50 humane mammal traps in Bardsey Field. We laid the traps on the Saturday afternoon, making sure that any mammals caught had a cosy bed for the night and plenty of food. We then returned on the Sunday morning to empty the traps, record and weigh the mammals and then release them safely. We were lucky to have glorious weather for this event which was very well attended by members of the trust and local families. It was lovely to see the children very involved in laying the traps and then returning the next day, having remembered exactly where they were. They were so excited to see what was going to be inside.

Bardsey with Collingham **Mothers' Union**

Brenda Sanderson

On a sunny autumn day in October members and friends met to hear Gill Barber talk about the Orkney Islands. She has been visiting the Orkneys for a few years since her son became headmaster of a school in Stromness and she absolutely loves it. This became obvious as she told of the wildlife, wonderful views and the history. The ladies heard about the neolithic villages, Logans Wall, the Ring of Bridges, Scapa Flow and the Italian Church.

In total we recorded one common shrew, one field vole, one bank vole and 18 wood mice. This is the first time we have recorded the mammals in Bardsey Fields and so gives us a baseline for the future mammal population. Thanks to everyone who came.

Seasoned Logs

The logs from our local nature reserves would make an excellent Christmas gift. Two crates of logs (a cubic metre) cost £110. Please text 0771038152 to order or for more information.

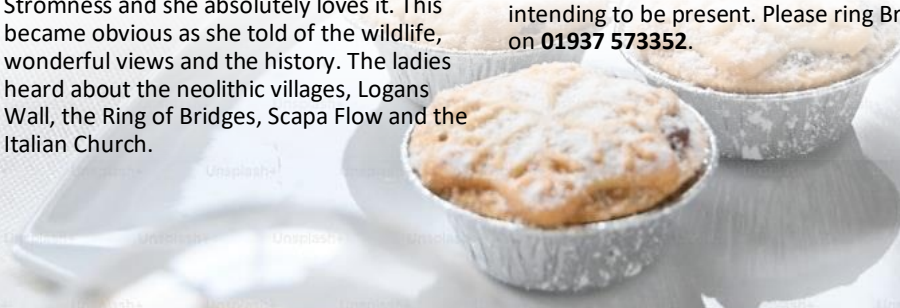
Winter Walk Saturday 27 January

We will be meeting at the Crabtree Lane car park to walk to the Scotts Arms in Sicklinghall for lunch. Please email info@ekwt.org.uk to book.

November arrived with colder weather and lots of rain but the Callister Hall was warm and inviting for this months get-together. A select gathering but conversation was good and also the refreshments.

The meeting on **14 December** will have a Christmas theme and members are asked to bring festive readings. Appropriate refreshments will be provided. Visitors are always welcome at 2.15pm in the Callister Hall.

On **11 January** member Pat Normington has kindly offered to make lunch in her home in Wetherby. Names are required for those intending to be present. Please ring Brenda on **01937 573352**.



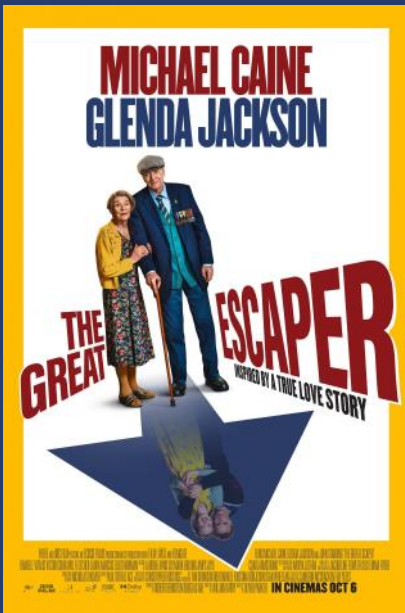
Cinema Night

Bardsey Village Hall
Friday 26 January
7.00 for 7.30pm

'The Great Escaper'

Admission £10 - supper included.

To book call Susan on **01937
574116**, Rosie on **01937 572652**,
Martin on **01937 572127**, or Alex
on **01132 892689**



Christmas Family Weekend

16 - 17 December
East Keswick
Village Hall

Our Christmas extravaganza is the perfect way to get into the festive spirit.

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

9am - 11am

'Elves Workshop' (£5 per family)

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The flower club supported the quilt event, over the weekend of 28-29 October, to raise funds for the purchase of the field behind East Keswick Village Hall, contributing cakes, plants, flower arrangements and general assistance. It was a very successful weekend and much enjoyed by all who attended, in one capacity or another. The quilts were fabulous and filled the building everywhere you looked. The cakes and plants raised £500 towards the total so thanks go to all who contributed and helped Janita.

Our workshop and Christmas demonstration by Ian Lloyd, in November, were fully booked and were a wonderful start to the festive season.

The committee would like to pass on all their festive greetings and best wishes to everyone and look forward to seeing you in the new year, which kicks off with the AGM in January (members only please), and in February a new demonstrator, Kay Ford, will be illustrating her title, 'A Brush with Colour', through flowers.



All our events start at 1.30pm on the third Thursday of the month and everyone is welcome. Why not come and see what it is all about at East Keswick Village Hall, you will be made very welcome. We are a friendly bunch of ladies, who share a passion for flowers, plenty of chat and good company.

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Sarah Spencer

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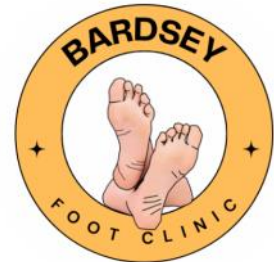
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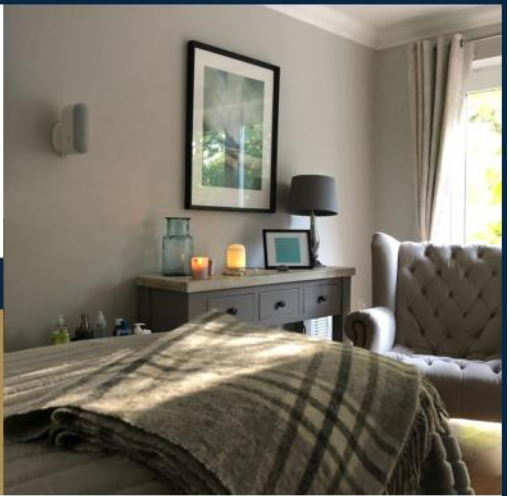
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| DECEMBER | | JANUARY | |
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| 12 | EK WI - Christmas Party, 2pm | 10 | Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm |
| 13 | Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI - Christmas Party | 11 | Bardsey with Collingham Mothers' Union, 2.15pm |
| 14 | Bardsey with Collingham Mothers' Union, 2.15pm | 16 | East Keswick Parish Council, 7.30pm |
| 16-17 | EKVH Christmas Family Weekend | 17 | Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm |
| 18 | Churches Together 'A Christmas Carol', 7pm | 18 | EK Flower Club AGM, 1.30pm |
| 19 | EK Flower Club, 1.30pm | 25 | EKMC Souper Thursday, 12 noon |
| 19 | East Keswick Parish Council, 7.30pm | 26 | Cinema Night, 7pm |
| 20 | Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm | 27 | EKWT Winter Walk |

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