

THE PARISH OF BARDSEY WITH EAST KESWICK

Village News



Aug – Sep 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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From the Vicar



Canon Paul Richardson

Hello to you all,

Thank you for the wonderful welcome I received when I became your new vicar on Tuesday 30 June. A church full of folk and an abundance of cake made it a memorable occasion. Many thanks to all who put in such a great effort!

I seem to have hit the ground running with funerals, weddings and christenings all within these first few weeks.

Please know that all of you are welcome to mark these key personal, family, and community life events in your parish churches of St Mary Magdalene in East Keswick and All Hallows in Bardsey, whether you are a regular attender at church or not. Generations of villagers have chosen to mark these special times in church, and you can too.

There is something special about a church service to celebrate love in marriage, to mark the birth of a child, and to give thanks for and celebrate the life of a loved one

after death. That special quality is the acknowledgement of both the presence, support and comfort God can bring in all aspects of our lives, in good times and in bad, as well as the recognition of the value and importance of “community” in making our personal and family life complete.

Sharing in such family occasions is one of the greatest privileges of being a vicar. It is at the heart of parish ministry. The ordination service of the Church of England speaks of a priest as one who will tell the story of God’s love, baptise new disciples, walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith and declare the mighty acts of God. They are to bless the people in God’s name, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. I hope that as your new vicar, with God’s help, I can live up to that calling among you and support you through these key stages of life and death.

The churches in our area are here to serve you, and if I can help during a time of need, sadness, or celebration, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With every blessing,

Paul



Parish Church Services

The service schedule shown below was correct at the time of printing but please see the website for the most up to date information.

www.bardseyekparish.com/churchservices

DATE	LOCATION	SERVICES
SUN 2 AUG	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am Joint Holy Communion
WED 5 AUG	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 9 AUG	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Family Service with Baptism
SUN 16 AUG	TBC - Leeds Ironman taking place so road closures in force	
SUN 23 AUG	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship
SUN 30 AUG	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am Holy Communion
WED 2 SEP	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 6 SEP	All Hallows	10.30am Holy Communion
SUN 13 SEP	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am Family Service
SUN 20 SEP	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am Holy Communion
SUN 27 SEP	All Hallows	11.00am Harvest Festival with lunch
SUN 4 OCT	St Francis Pilgrimage - 10.00am start from All Hallows going down to St Mary Magdalene for Holy Communion service at 11.00am	

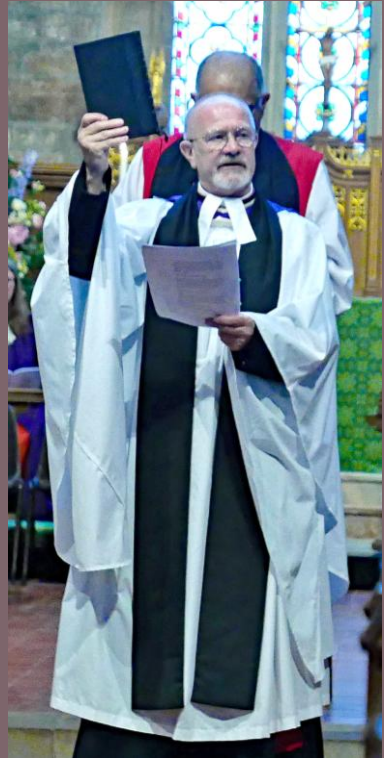
Welcome to Our New Vicar

Revd. Canon Paul Richardson was installed as the vicar of the Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick, by Bishop Arun Arora, at All Hallows, Bardsey, on Tuesday 30 June.

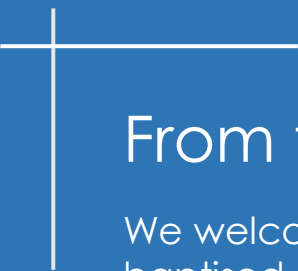
The service was attended by a congregation of more than 100 people, including visitors from Paul's previous parish of Tickhill near Doncaster, local dignitaries and clergy from across the diocese, including many of those who led our services during the vacancy.

Paul provided a brief resume of his life and work in the previous edition of this magazine, but if you would like to know more, why not come and ask him. His title of Canon is honorary, reflecting his previous roles serving in the wider Church and he is now a Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral.

We also welcome Paul's wife Katriona (pronounced kat-ree-o-na) - not be confused with Catriona in the Parish Office - or just Kate, who we hope will become a familiar face around our villages. Paul and Kate will be moving into the vicarage as soon as possible.



L to R: Ven Paul Ayers (Archdeacon of Leeds), Paul, Charlotte Meek, Bishop Arun, Churchwardens Jacquie Earnshaw (All Hallows) and Fiona Siekierowski (St Mary Magdalene)



From the Register

We welcome those who have been baptised

ARTHUR KELLY

Sunday 14 June

All Hallows

We remember those departed

BRIAN TUNGATE

Monday 22 June

All Hallows

MARION HICKSON

Monday 6 July

All Hallows

SANDRA HANSON

Tuesday 7 July

All Hallows

Bardsey Gardeners

Hannah Tebbett

In July Bardsey Gardeners ran a trip to RHS Bridgewater, where we were delighted by the horticultural charms of this extensive garden near Salford. We travelled by coach which was quick and comfortable and enjoyed a guided tour of the walled garden. My favourite part was the blue and yellow borders in the Paradise Garden. Yellow *Achilleas*, blue thistles, verbascum and grasses all shimmering in the heat haze.

It has been very hot and far too dry for our gardens this month. Don't worry about your lawn, the brown crispy carpet will soon be restored to green when we do get some rain. Look after wilting plants with a good drink ideally when it has cooled down in the evening to maximise its effectiveness. Remember that a good deep watering every few days is much more effective than a splash every day. Keep applying a high potassium feed (like tomato feed) to anything with flowers or fruit and de-head regularly to prolong the flowering season.

If you'd like to check out how other people's gardens are faring why not come along to one of our summer socials which are happening across the season? Drop us a line at bardsey.gardeners@gmail.com. We also have our annual show fast

approaching, on **Saturday 5 September** in Bardsey Village Hall. Paper schedules are now available in various outlets in the village (East Keswick butchers, the churches, the library phone box, the Bingley, Apotheco and others) or drop us an email to get a copy. It is also available online at;

myshowhub.co.uk/o/bardsey-gardeners/ where we have a snazzy new entry form for you. Don't worry if you prefer paper, you can still bring your forms to the hall (If you are bringing us a paper form there is no need to also enter online). The platform we're using for online entries has been created by my talented husband for use by Bardsey Gardeners but also by other societies who need an online entry form. If you'd like to enquire about using it then please get in touch.

The theme for the show this year is 'Sun, Moon and Stars'. The photography classes are:

- Northern Lights
- Crops
- Feline Friends
- Artists at Work
- Black and White

We have a class for the biggest leaf; your favourite vegetable and the floral arrangements feature Ikebana, and a themed class 'Reach for the Stars'. As always, truly something for everyone. I look forward to seeing you all there

Hannah

Paradise Garden, RHS Bridgewater

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.

2 AUGUST

Action for Children service

9 AUGUST (10.15am)

Café Church with Alan Bell

16 AUGUST

Keith Hartrick

23 AUGUST

Angela Foster

30 AUGUST

Holy Communion with Rev Ann Fox

6 SEPTEMBER

David Laycock

13 SEPTEMBER (10.15am)

Café Church with Angela Foster

20 SEPTEMBER

Harvest Festival with Rev Ann Fox

27 SEPTEMBER

Alan Bell

SOUPER THURSDAY

Our popular homemade soup and pudding lunches will be back on **Thursday 24 September**. Everyone welcome at 12 noon.

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

Art Show

Save the date!

East Keswick Art Group will be holding their annual show on **17 – 18 October**, in Bardsey Village Hall. There will be a raffle, tea and cake, and craft stalls.

Once again, we are delighted to collaborate with East Keswick Wildlife Trust. This year we will be supporting Leeds Hospitals Charity.



Registered charity number: 1170369

Bardsey cum Rigton WI Update

Carol Cocker



Well, we did ask for warm sunny weather!

What a turn around, from a damp grey coffee morning in May to a warm, sunny day in July, for the Golden Plover group's garden party, hosted by Bardsey, we certainly got what we asked for. I lost count of how many cups of tea I poured!

We had a great social evening in June, with a little fun interlude of "shwapping".

Our speaker on 8 July was Jack Ogg, Head Gardener at local 'York Gate' gardens. He gave us an insight into the planning of changes over time, to the gardens. The new sand area contains some of his favourite plants, although some are quite ugly and smelly and may not win too many friends. We can however recommend a visit.

Looking ahead we will be enjoying a summer walk with Golden Plover friends on

4 August, with lunch at Audley. It's an open secret - some of us are just going for lunch!

Bardsey WI will be entertaining friends from Harden WI on **12 August**, when unusually we are meeting in the **afternoon**, with a light lunch and special entertainment. Expect a trick or two!

Do you recall the fantastic pig race of some five years ago? Well, it's back. Put **Pig Race**, on **24 October** in your diary now and purchase your tickets, from Hazel Smith or Liz Micklethwaite. It's fun for all the family, starting at 6pm in Bardsey Village Hall. Own a pig - will it be a winner? Light supper included. There will be a bar. Don't miss out.

We still have a varied and interesting programme for the rest of the year. In September, Nicola Down will be spilling the beans about her life in TV!

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 and welcome visitors warmly. Why not come and see for yourself at our meeting on **9 September**?



York Gate Garden

East Keswick History Group

Peter Harding

Guided Village Walks

Due to exceptional demand in the last couple of years, we are once again offering guided village walks for the National Heritage Open Days scheme. These will be as follows;

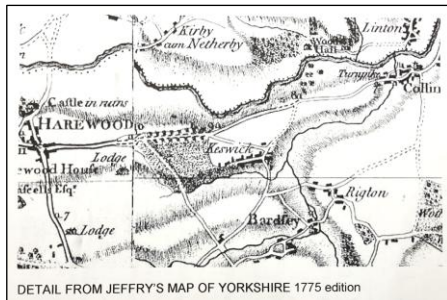
Friday 11 September, 2-4 pm

Sunday 13 September, 2-4 pm

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

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

Numbers are limited so please email ekhistory@gmail.com to reserve your place.



For more details of other Heritage Open Day events in the area visit;
www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Our series of talks will start again in October. Visit our website for details;
www.eastkeswickhistory.com

All talks are free for members. £5 for non-members or £10 for annual membership. Email to ekhistory@gmail.com if you would like to become a member

East Keswick WI Update

Elizabeth Ward

In June Anita Metcalfe spoke about spinning but had forgotten her spinning wheel, so will return at a later date.

In July members visited the Milk Churn and enjoyed scones with jam and cream, as well as plenty of conversation.

With the Golden Plover group we had afternoon tea in the garden of Hazel Smith. It is good to meet up with other WIs.

FUTURE EVENTS

11 August: Garden Party at the home of our President.

18 September: Esther Hudson will speak about arthritis. The competition is 'a homemade remedy'.

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.

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BARDSEY

— TENNIS CLUB —

PRESENTS

A FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

ON

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

IN

★ **BARDSEY VILLAGE HALL** ★

STARTING FROM 7PM

THIS IS A VILLAGE EVENT OPEN TO ALL


TEAMS OF UP
TO 6 PEOPLE,
PLEASE BUY YOUR
TICKETS IN
ADVANCE



[www.ticketsource.co.uk/
bardsey-tennis-club](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bardsey-tennis-club)



TICKET PRICE OF £16
TO INCLUDE A BUFFET MEAL
AND DESSERT



PLUS A BAR
LOTS OF RAFFLE PRIZES
AND A FUN EVENING
GUARANTEED!

Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI **theWI**
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PIG RACE

Saturday 24 October

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Bardsey Village Hall



A super fun evening for all the family with battery operated pigs. Buy a pig for £5.00 and win a prize if your pig wins the race.

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Ticket entry only **£10** or **£5** for under 12's
(supper included)

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LICENCED BAR

For details and tickets contact
Elizabeth Micklethwaite (**01937 579937**)
or Hazel Smith (**01937 572215**)

East Keswick Flower Club

Valerie Readman

Our meeting on 18 June was very well attended, when Jo Purdy was the demonstrator, taking 'Mamma Mia' as the theme for her arrangements, which all depicted parts of the fabulous film, encompassing the vitality and joy of the story. Whilst she was arranging the flowers she chatted away, with amusing views of the film, and explained why specific flowers had been chosen.

Her first arrangement evoked a Greek atmosphere, using white and Asiatic blue flowers. Next, she produced two enormous cocktail glasses with half a watermelon in each, to support the flowers, instead of an oasis. These were then filled with pink and red flowers and delicate foliage, creating perfect cocktails!

A large ceramic head was used to represent Bill (one of Sophie's three possible fathers in the film!). This was surrounded with an interesting twiggly frame that served to

support pale blue delphiniums, pink carnations, brides bloom and a variety of grasses and pittosporum.

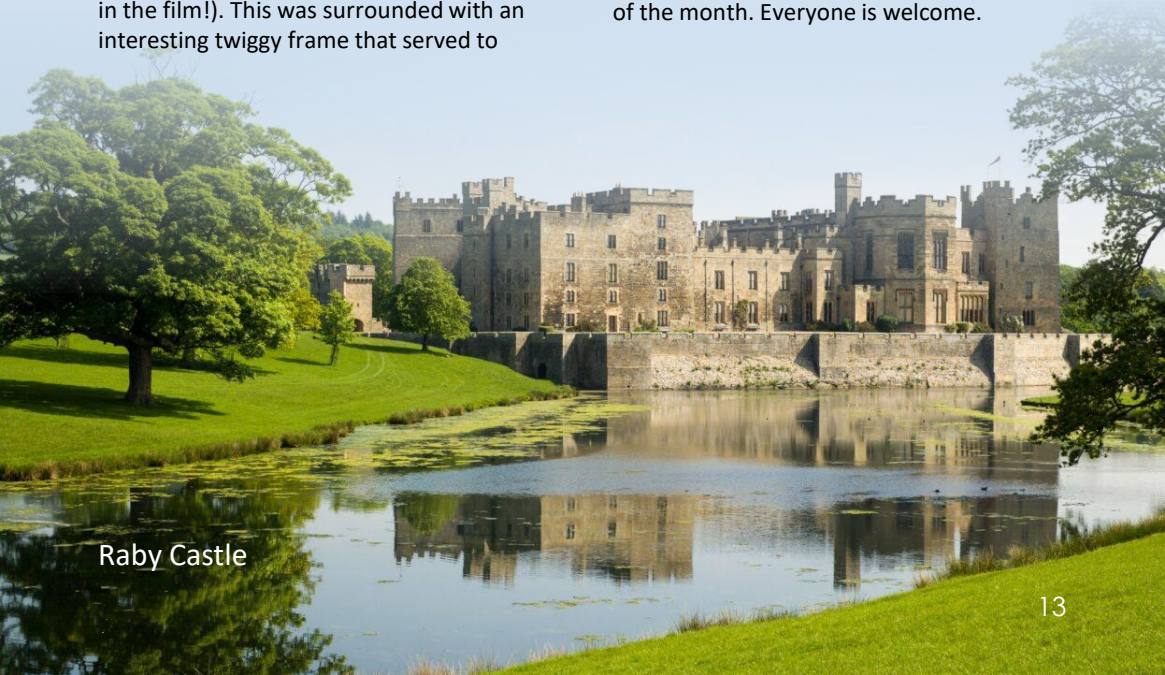
All in all, it was a great afternoon, though no mention of **another film!** The arrangements were raffled as usual.

The trip to Raby Castle near Darlington, on 25 June, was a great success, despite it being a very hot day. After a quick coffee we walked down to the castle to meet our guides Kat and Kevin, and divided into two groups for the tour. Both guides were very knowledgeable providing all the history of Raby and its contents, as well as giving interesting snippets of information about the families past and present.

The castle has been inhabited by the same family since the 14th century, with the present Lord Barnard, his wife and three children, being the present incumbents.

After the tour we had a look around the gardens (designed by Lady Barnard) and the shop, followed by a tasty lunch in the modern café.

All our meetings are held in East Keswick Village Hall at 1.30pm on the third Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome.



Raby Castle

Bardsey-cum-Rigton Parish Council Report

Cllr. Linda Flockton

Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

At the Annual Meeting it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Mike Bosomworth should continue as Chairman and Martin Ward as Vice Chairman.

Bardsey Parish Council has published its Annual Report for 2025–26. The report highlights the work undertaken by the Parish Council over the past year, including local projects, community initiatives, council activities, and ongoing efforts to support and improve the village for residents.

The full Annual Report can be viewed and downloaded via the Parish Council website and paper copies are also available on request by contacting the clerk.

Tel: **01937 378772**

Email: **clerk@bardseyparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Web: **www.bardseyparishcouncil.gov.uk**

The Parish Council would like to thank residents, volunteers, local groups, and partner organisations for their continued support and contribution to the community throughout the year.

A58 Proposed Pedestrian Crossing

After many years Leeds City Council have agreed to install a pedestrian crossing just before the ginnel, that leads from the A58 to the Cornmills, when travelling north on the A58. LCC Highways Dept. have assessed this as the most suitable location and they are now proposing a Pelican crossing, rather than a Zebra crossing, as they believe this is a safer option. They are

now seeking views from residents who live close to the location of the proposed crossing. The Council would like to thank LCC and our local Ward Councillors for their help in pursuing this issue.

Allotments - Junction of Woodacre Lane and Keswick Lane

Over several years, the Parish Council has dedicated significant time and effort to exploring the possibility of taking over the ownership and management of the village allotments from Leeds City Council, with the aim of improving the site and supporting local allotment provision. Following lengthy discussions, LCC has now confirmed that BPC would only have the management of the allotments and not the ownership. Also, no funding would be available towards the improvement works required, and that any transfer would be on the basis that the allotments were accepted in their current condition.

Councillors carefully considered the significant costs of bringing vacant or under-used plots back into use, together with the ongoing maintenance responsibilities that would fall to the Parish Council. Given that there are currently only three allotment plots, councillors also considered whether the significant investment required to bring the site up to an acceptable standard and maintain it on an ongoing basis could be justified. The Parish Council has therefore resolved not to pursue the transfer of responsibility for the allotments.

We appreciate that many residents may not be aware of the considerable amount of time and effort invested by councillors over several years in exploring this opportunity. Unfortunately, despite extensive discussions, the financial and practical implications of taking on the site meant that proceeding would not have been a responsible use of Parish Council resources. >>

Please Help Protect Bardsey Beck & Willans Wood

We have recently had complaints about residents cutting back trees and letting the branches fall into Bardsey Beck. This is an extremely dangerous and irresponsible act which could result in blocking the beck and then during heavy rainfall cause flooding in residents' gardens and homes. Please consider your neighbours and do not dump any cut back shrubs or plants or tree branches into the beck.

Please also remember that hedge and grass cuttings, garden waste, etc., should not be disposed of in the beck, hedgerows, verges or woods, including places such as Willans Wood, where garden dumping has also taken place. Please act responsibly and put your garden waste into your brown bin! Tree branches and larger garden waste items should be taken to LCC household waste recycling centres.

Thank you to residents who help keep our beck and green spaces tidy and support wildlife in the village. Let's all do our bit to keep Bardsey beautiful.

Biodiversity Group - Park Field

Parish Councillors along with Penny Barber, who leads the 'Friends of Park Field' Group, have been meeting on a regular basis in order to tackle the invasive plants, cut back overhanging branches and create dead hedges and wood piles to encourage more bees, butterflies, insects and wild life. We have been meeting in Park Field on the second and fourth Wednesday in every month at 2pm and we would very much appreciate any volunteers who might like to come along and join our friendly Group.

Flower Tubs & Village Signs

The flower tubs and village signs have been planted up with begonias and geraniums by Cllrs Flockton and Tatman, Pauline Hills and Andrew Turnbull. Thank you to

everyone who helps water and look 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.

Parish Walks

These took place on two consecutive Saturdays in July, in order to explore the boundaries of our parish and ensure that the footpaths and stiles are in good order. We had a great turnout on both days. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying our local footpaths and green spaces. Along, Wike Lane, which is a busy road at times and also part of the Leeds Country Way, quite a lot of us collected two full bags of litter! I do wish motorists would not throw bottles, cans and pizza boxes, etc., out of their cars! Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the walks such a success.



Our next meeting two meetings will be held on **Wednesday 17 September** and **Wednesday 15 October** 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.

Full minutes and other relevant information are published monthly on our village website where there is also a link to our Facebook page.

1st Bardsey Scout Group

Well, what a great summer we have all had since our last news! Thank you to our brilliant team for delivering such an exciting programme for our young people week by week and at the weekends!

Firstly, as a group we attended Challenge26, a huge camp at Bramham Park put on by our Scout County, Central Yorkshire. There were reported to be around 5,000 people there on the Saturday. The Cubs and Scouts camped all weekend and the Beavers visited for the day on Saturday.

There was a zip-line, caving experience, tree climbing, biking course, air rifle shooting, archery, birds of prey, a pool for canoeing and paddle boarding...I could go on for ever as the selection of activities was huge and our young people tried most of them.

Another fantastic feature was a visit by our Chief Scout, Dwayne Fields, explorer and TV presenter (he has been to the North Pole!). He spent the morning visiting the activities and meeting lots of our members – Angus our Cub leader got a photo with him!

Meanwhile, the Cubs and Beavers have had a great time visiting the Scout Water Activity Centre at Aldwark, to kayak, paddle board and canoe. A small group of cubs and scouts have also been to Ribbleshead caving, a welcome relief from the hot weather! All sections attended Junior Warrior at Bramham Park, a challenging assault course over 3k ending with a slide into a muddy pool.

Beavers have also done outdoor cooking, a walk to Ox Close Wood in East Keswick, and an evening of water themed activities, making water filters discussing water safety and water games. Cubs have done a litter

pick, been on a bike ride and started the 'science badge'.

All our fantastic section teams are now taking a well-earned break over the summer and will return refreshed to provide another exciting programme in the autumn – we may even have another camp to tell you about!



Angus with Chief Scout Dwayne Fields



Beavers at Junior Warrior



Cub Canoeing

Borrow Don't Buy

Bardsey village Hall is establishing a 'Library of Things' and we would like to ask the people of Bardsey and East Keswick for their support.

There are 'Libraries of Things' all over the world with the closest to us being in LS6 which is called 'Buy Nowt'. Our library will be in the store room at the southern end of the Hall which has its own entrance.

We are looking to build up a stock of items that you might want to use occasionally but don't want to buy and then leave to gather dust. Examples could include:

- Gazebos, bunting and garden toys that might be used for a garden party.
- Tents and camping equipment.
- Tools - we can manage electrical but not power tools.

- Items that might be useful when children come to stay like buggies, high chairs and travel cots.

The items available can be browsed and booked on a website and collected by arrangement.

The normal period of loan would be one week and there is no charge, although we will ask that you donate what you feel the item borrowed was worth.

We will be opening later this year and the website will then go live. In order that we can set this up we need donations of 'stock'. Do you have any items gathering dust in the loft or garage that might be suitable that you would consider donating?

We also need warehouse type shelving to store items if anyone knows of any that is available.

Please contact John and Carol Allingham at jpallingham@gmail.com or **07764964372**.



East Keswick Parish Council Report

Ollie Cruse

A Playground Working Group

The picnic benches are starting to fall apart and some of the wooden equipment is getting towards the end of its usable life. Rather than just replacing like for like we want you to have a say, as such we are asking for parents/grandparents/child-carers who use the playground to join a working group. If there's enough interest, we'll organise a meeting to come up with ideas for the Parish Council to progress. Please email our clerk to express your interest.

The Sports Association

Another call for interested parties to get involved! We are setting up a new Sports Association as a sub-committee of the Parish Council to help run activities up at the sports field on Moor Lane and would like residents to get involved. Again, please email the clerk to register your interest.

Vision Zero Initiative

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA), which includes Leeds City Council (LCC) and West Yorkshire Police (WYP), are promoting their road safety initiative and we have been busy working with them on sites of 'community concern', as well as speeding and parking issues reported by residents.

There are a number of ways that you can also help, by reporting incidents of dangerous driving to WYP. If you have dashcam or phone footage you can submit it to WYP via OpSnap at;

westyorkshire.police.uk/SaferRoadsSubmissions

Any other issues, including nuisance parking, collisions and drink driving, can be reported at;

westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it

Leeds Local Plan

You might remember that last year there was a consultation on sites for development, as part of Leeds Local Plan - the programme to guide future development across the district until 2043. There will now be a new consultation this winter, so please sign up to their website to be kept up to date at;

leedslocalplan.commonplace.is

If you would like to raise any matters with the Parish Council, please email our clerk.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15 September** 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 and further updates can be found on the village Facebook page 'East Keswick Village Group by its Parish Council'.

E: clerk@eastkeswickparishcouncil.gov.uk

W: www.eastkeswickparishcouncil.gov.uk



East Keswick Wildlife Trust

Elaine Woolley



Beautiful butterflies

Butterflies and moths have been recognised by the government as indicators of biodiversity. Because they are so fragile they are quick to react to change, and currently three-quarters of British butterflies are in decline.

This summer our reserves have been awash with butterflies and although partly due to the sunshine, it is also due to East Keswick Wildlife Trust's hard work to manage our reserves to promote biodiversity. In the wooded areas, the rides have been managed to act as long thin glades where wildflowers and grasses can flourish and so provide nectar. In Ox Close Wood an area of woodland pasture has been created. Numerous wild flowers from the nursery have been plug planted as well as 12 different species of grass. We have also plug planted wildflowers, grown from seed collected in the parish, onto our other reserves. The Dexter cattle have enhanced the wildflowers by spreading the seeds with their hooves.

Alder buckthorn has been planted within the hedgerows around the reserves, as the larvae of the Brimstone butterfly feed on its leaves. The Brimstone is a large butterfly with veiny and pointed wings. Males are lemon-yellow, while females are greenish-white. The bright yellow colour of the male Brimstone is thought to be the inspiration for the name 'butter-fly'. They fly from March onwards.

Butterflies to see around our reserves in July to September are: Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Gatekeeper, Small and Large Skipper, Small

Copper, Small and Large White, Green-veined White, Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Speckled Wood, Red Admiral, Painted Lady, Comma, Holly Blue and Common Blue. This summer there have been particularly large numbers of Gatekeeper and Painted Lady.

Tips on how to attract butterflies to your garden

Choose sunny sheltered spots when planting nectar rich plants. Don't use insecticides and pesticides – they kill butterflies and other pollinating insects. Good plants for summer nectar are *Verbena bonariensis*, lavender and marjoram.

Don't forget the foodplants for caterpillars – ivy for Holly Blue, nettle for Red Admiral, Comma, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell.

The Big Butterfly Count 2026 17 July – 9 August

You can help assess the health of our environment by counting butterflies.

How to take part:

1. Download a butterfly ID chart from www.butterfly-conservation.org
2. Choose a place to spot butterflies and moths and watch for 15 minutes and record which species you see.
3. Add your results on the butterfly conservation website and look at the interactive map to see how your data is contributing to conservation.

For information about East Keswick Wildlife Trust and how you can join or volunteer please go to www.ekwt.org.uk

[Image courtesy of Paul Holmes]

Soup Lunch @ Callister Café

**No café in August
Tuesday, 8 September**

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**.



East Keswick Village Hall Prize Draw

The new administrator is Peter Lord, and
all queries and new applications should
now be sent to;

peter.l@eastkeswickvillagehall.org



Facilities, Clubs and Community Groups



Bardsey Playgroup

Est. 1964

For children aged 2 to 5 years
9am to 12 noon, Term time
Callister Hall

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20	EK Flower Club, 1.30pm	11	EK Guided Village Walk, 2-4pm
20	Bible Study Group, 2.30pm	13	EK Guided Village Walk, 2-4pm
		15	EK Parish Council, 7.30pm
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		17	Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm
		18	EK WI, 2pm
		18	Bardsey Tennis Club Quiz Night, 7pm
		24	EKMC Souper Thursday, 12 noon

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