

THE PARISH OF BARDSEY WITH EAST KESWICK

Village News



April – May 2025

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



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Church News



We hope that you are all well, now we are in Lent. Hopefully, not too many pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!

Please look out for the services for Holy Week in this edition and if you plan to come to the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, **20 April**, could you please let the Parish Office know.

We continue to rely on the goodwill of visiting clergy to take services, but we are still able to have baptisms, weddings and funerals. If you need a visit from a vicar, please contact the Parish Office or in an emergency contact the Churchwardens.

The vicarage has been let and is occupied by the new tenants. So, please note that it is no longer a drop-off point for the FoodShare for St Aidan's Church. Any donations can be dropped off at the Callister Hall. We thank you for all donations, but ask that "no out of date" food is donated as this cannot be used by the FoodShare.

Best wishes from the Church Management Team (**Jacquie, Fiona & Catriona**)

Recycling Hubs

The mini recycling hubs in All Hallows and St Mary Magdalene are filling up every month and this is great.

We have recently incurred charges for the recycling to be taken away from the churches but thanks to a grant from Bardsey Parish Council we are able to cover these charges.

Materials that can currently be dropped off are printer ink cartridges, batteries, medicinal blister packs and crisp packets.

Church Electoral Roll

A new Church Electoral Roll needs to be completed this year, ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), on **Sunday 25 May**.

Everyone on the current Roll, and those who would like to join it, need to complete and submit an application form before **Monday 28 April**.

Forms are available in All Hallows, St Mary Magdalene and the Parish Office. They can also be downloaded from the website. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office.

Further information is available on the website at:

www.bardseyeparish.com/notices

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries.

e: bardseyeparishchurch@gmail.com

t: 01937 574273

Parish Church Services

DATE	LOCATION	SERVICES
WED 2 APR	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 6 APR	All Hallows	10.00am Joint Holy Communion
SUN 13 APR	All Hallows	8.00am Palm Sunday Holy Communion 10.45am Palm Sunday Family Service
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Palm Sunday Family Service
THU 17 APR	All Hallows	7.00pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
FRI 18 APR	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Good Friday Reflection
	All Hallows	2.00pm Good Friday Reflection
SUN 20 APR EASTER SUNDAY	All Hallows	6.00am Sunrise Service at Castle Hill (fb breakfast) 8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Holy Communion
	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am Holy Communion
SUN 27 APR	All Hallows	10.00am Joint Holy Communion
SUN 4 MAY	St Mary Magdalene	10.00am Joint Holy Communion
WED 7 MAY	St Mary Magdalene	11.00am Holy Communion
SUN 11 MAY	All Hallows	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Joint Family Service with Baptism
SUN 18 MAY	EK Methodist Church	10.30am Anniversary Service
SUN 25 MAY	All Hallows	10.00am Joint Holy Communion & APCM
THU 29 MAY	All Hallows	11.00am Ascension Day Service
SUN 1 JUN	St Mary Magdalene	10.00am Joint Holy Communion

During the vacancy in the parish, as we await the appointment of a new vicar, we rely on visiting priests to lead our services. This does mean on occasion the scheduled services may need to be amended. Please see the website www.bardseyekparish.com/churchservices for the most up to date information.

From the Register

We welcome those who have been baptised

APRIL GRACE HEVER

Sunday 9 March, St Mary Magdalene

We remember those whose funerals have taken place

MARY MARGARET BROWN

Wednesday 5 February, All Hallows

JOAN HORNSBY

Tuesday 25 February, All Hallows

The Children's Society

On behalf of The Children's Society, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the box holders who have helped raise a record this year of over £1,840!

Although we don't seem to be getting as much change these days, your generosity shone through this January, with some putting notes and cheques in their boxes to help boost funds.

In addition, the cake stall at the Christingle service before Christmas, raised a wonderful £130! Thank you so much to all those who baked and bought cakes and puddings. Your incredible support is truly appreciated by children whose futures you're helping to protect.

Anyone can become a box holder and it is something which takes no time or effort. Simply keep a small charity box in your home and pop any change you have in it throughout the year. It's amazing how quickly it adds up!

All contributions helped to raise around £2 million last year, providing support for our most vulnerable children, allowing The Children's Society to support more than 72,000 young people.

We would be delighted to supply and welcome new box holders, so please don't hesitate to contact Helen Render on **07969 059982** for Bardsey and Susan Priestley on **01937 572227** for East Keswick.

Advertiser Thank You

Where would we be without our advertisers? Probably not here. Print costs for this magazine have risen significantly in recent years, due mainly to the increase in energy prices, which show no signs of decreasing. Without the support of our advertisers we would find it hard to continue. So a very big thank you to them all.

Many have been with us since this magazine began, back in the mists of time. Others are quite new to us and we would like to welcome them.

Advertisements are generally grouped together in the latter pages of the magazine, which does mean they can be overlooked sometimes or skimmed over through familiarity. We would like to encourage you to browse through them and consider whether they might offer a service that you are looking for.

New advertisers to the magazine in recent months are;

East Keswick Roofing

George's Pet Pals
Animal services

Ian Greenhalgh
Financial planning consultant

JA Kelly
Independent funeral directors

North 40 Architects

SMT Joinery
(Returning after a short absence)

As well commercial businesses we also include adverts for community activity groups and facilities. New in this section are;

Move It Or Lose It
Senior fitness classes

Bardsey Gardeners

Hannah Tebbett

Wishing all our villagers a very happy spring time from the Bardsey Gardeners.

We had a very enjoyable, and at times rather silly, AGM back in February. What a success our 'Tool Tales' was! Thanks for all the stories and the fascinating items brought along - from the allotment seed drill (never used) to the World War One mattock, the nifty weed remover to the hedge snips. Plus who could forget Nigel's extra long dibber?

If you spend any time in your garden or with plants, you'll know that things are really kicking off now out there. I am planting seeds and enjoying being out in the sun – this time of year is always so exciting as there are new things shooting and rooting by the day.

I am down at the allotment today – planting peas, chard and parsley. As an RHS member I was able to purchase ten envelopes of seed from their own gardens for just £10 including p&p. I'm trying a few new things this year as a result including caraway seeds today – a member of the carrot family, if they grow well they should have pretty white cow parsley type flowers and pungent seeds to use in cookery.

Here at BG we are putting together our calendar for summer socials. We meet in the garden of a member to have a look at their plot, have a chat and sometimes enjoy a glass of wine! The first of these will be in June this year – looking again at a private rewilding project in the village. If

you'd like to join us and are not currently a member please drop us a line at **bardsey.gardeners@gmail.com**
Membership is a mere £5 per year, or £10 for your whole household.

We have also booked a date to go again to see the National Collection of Delphiniums near Rothwell – because it was so magical last year. This is a private collection and there is little chance to see it outside of private visits. Colin has hundreds of different varieties of these eight foot tall blue majestic plant beauties. If you'd like to join us on **Wednesday 11 June** please email us, there will be a small charge that goes towards the charity supported by the garden.

Our popular annual plant sale is on **10 May**. When we will be teaming up with the WI again to provide tea, cake and bacon sarnies on the morning. Plant donations from 8.30am, teas open at 9.30am and the plant sale itself from 10am. There is usually a queue, so get there early – and be aware that were normally **pretty much sold out by 11am**.

Hannah



Exploring the Cosmos and Championing Sustainability

At Bardsey Primary Academy, our commitment to fostering curiosity and environmental stewardship has led to a series of enriching activities for our pupils. Recently, we've embarked on exciting after-school astronomy sessions, launched a comprehensive learning thread on Sustainability, Science, and the Environment, and actively participated in local ecological initiatives.

Astronomy Sessions and the Spectacular Planetary Alignment

Our young astronomers (and older ones too, parents!) have been captivated by the wonders of the night sky during our recent astronomy sessions. A highlight has been observing the rare planetary alignment recently; all seven planets—Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune—have been visible in the evening sky, a phenomenon not to be missed and we were able to view Saturn's rings, the moons of Jupiter, and get some very clear pictures of the moon.

Children have learned that such alignments, where planets appear closely grouped in the sky, are uncommon and offer a unique opportunity to observe multiple planets simultaneously. Equipped with telescopes and guided by our enthusiastic staff (and parents again!), pupils have identified these celestial bodies, deepening their understanding of our solar system.

Introducing the Sustainability, Science, and the Environment Learning Thread

This year, we've launched our "Sustainability, Science, and the Environment" curriculum

thread, designed to engage children with pressing environmental topics through hands-on experiences. Each year group participates in tailored activities that connect classroom learning with real-world applications.

For instance, our Year 3 pupils will soon be visiting Drax Power Station in North Yorkshire. This trip will teach them about renewable energy production and environmental conservation efforts, such as the Skylark Centre and Nature Reserve, and the opportunity to witness firsthand how reclaimed industrial sites can transform into havens for wildlife.

Later this academic year, we will see the introduction of our own bee hives! Our Year 4 pupils will have weekly apiculture sessions, learning about the importance of bees when it comes to the environment and ecosystems.

Supporting the Climate Change Garden

In our ongoing effort to work with the local community, Bardsey Primary Academy is proud to support the Climate Change Garden located just across the road from our school. Our pupils have actively participated in tree planting activities, contributing to the creation of a green space that serves both as a community resource and a living classroom.

At Bardsey Primary Academy, we believe that by combining learning with practical experiences, we can inspire the next generation to be informed and proactive stewards of our planet.

Graham Parry
Principal

Bardsey & East Keswick Running Club

Another successful year of 'Couch to 5K' has come to an end. We had 14 graduates this year who ran the Wetherby parkrun and are now fully fledged members of our running club. From complete beginners to those wanting to get back into running but needed a little push, we helped them all. Our eight week journey together started on the 7 January and finished with Parkrun on the 1 March. The club came out in force to cheer them along their way for another memorable graduation.

"BEKRC is such a friendly, encouraging Running Club for people all shape, sizes and abilities. I have just completed their C25K course and have already achieved something I know I couldn't have done without the support of the club and its runners. I have also met some lovely locals and there is an active social side. If you are thinking about it give it a try. What have you got to lose!"

"The BEKRC is more than a running club it has become a family. They welcome new members with open arms and encourage people to achieve their fullest potential. From 5k runs to marathon running they will get you through it."

"Joining the BEKRC club has been a game changer for me. The supportive community and motivation I've had not only helped me improve my fitness but also brought a fantastic social circle with it"

"I want to tank BEKRC again for all the support in the C25K. The club is so inspiring and supportive and kept us all motivated throughout. Their encouragement and positivity are what got us all through it and is what is making me want to continue to run"

"I joined C25K with BEKRC following a 3 year break from running. In that time I had two children, was diagnosed with PTSD, trauma and postnatal depression. The running club has given me the confidence and support I needed to restart my running journey and provides safety in numbers. I now run weekly with them and can't recommend them enough. They are just a wonderful group of people."

So why not come and join us? Our sessions are:

Mondays 6.30pm
Wednesdays 7.30pm
Fridays 9.20am
Sundays 10.00am

Contact us via Facebook /
Instagram / **07508 601294**



BARDSEY & EAST KESWICK
RUNNING CLUB
WETHERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE



Soup Lunch @ Callister Café

Tuesday, 8 April
Tuesday, 13 May

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 Parish Council Report

Ollie Cruse

Village Litter Pick

East Keswick Parish Council are looking to revive the annual 'East Keswick Spring Clean' litter pick. We hope to have this one weekend in late April or early May and we will be sharing details in due course on our social media channels (online and the village noticeboard!).

VE Day Celebrations



Thursday 8 May is the 80th anniversary of VE Day and we would welcome any decorations around the village, as well as encouraging any community celebrations. EKPC are looking into ways we can spruce

up the war memorial area at the end of Crabtree Lane, as well as tending to our memorial trees along the road.

Sports Association

After much hard work we are hoping to have regular sporting activity at the sports ground at the end of Moor Lane by this Summer. Leeds Super Kings CC will be playing their home games at the ground and we will be looking to have the football pitch match fit as well.

If you would like to get involved with any of the events above or to raise any matters with the Parish Council, please contact our clerk on **clerk@eastkeswick.org.uk**

The next meetings will be held on **Tuesday 15 April** and **Tuesday 20 May** at 7.30pm in the Verity Room at East Keswick Village Hall. The first fifteen minutes are set aside for questions or comments from residents. Full minutes and local news are published on our village website **www.eastkeswick.org.uk** and further updates can be found on the village Facebook page 'East Keswick Village Group by its Parish Council'.



EAST KESWICK
VILLAGE HALL



Make a Change

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST YOUR CHARITY EVENT

East Keswick Village Hall is delighted to offer its facilities for up to three charitable events hosted by individuals, organisations, or community groups*.

As a Registered Charity, we cannot provide direct financial support or our venue for 'free' to other causes due to our constitution and regulations. However, we are committed to supporting the efforts of those making a difference in our community.

We hope to provide a valuable space for fundraising, awareness campaigns, and charitable gatherings by offering our venue at a nominal fee.

Events will be arranged in collaboration with our team to ensure they align with both our calendar and your schedule, making the planning process as smooth as possible.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please get in touch
—we'd love to hear from you!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 15 MAY 2025
EMAIL: INFO@EASTKESWICKVILLAGEHALL.ORG

*PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CALL IS FOR GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS NOT PART OF OUR REGULAR USER GROUPS.

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.

6 APRIL - 10.00am

United Service at Wetherby

13 APRIL - 10.15

Café church with Revd Alex Abi

20 APRIL

Easter Sunday with Dr Alan Bell

27 APRIL

Communion with Revd Uell Kenndy

4 MAY

Service in church with Revd Ann Fox

11 MAY - 10.15am

United Café church with Eileen Clarkson

18 MAY

Anniversary Sunday with Heather Shipman

25 MAY

Family service with Angela Foster

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

Free Wi-Fi available

Church Steward: Penny Harrison

SOUPER THURSDAY

Please join us at East Keswick Methodist Church on **Thursday 24 April** and **29 May**, at noon, for a bowl of nourishing soup and a pudding. Contact Penny **01937 573434**.

OUR CHURCH GARDEN

Daffodils abound in the village throughout,
And none so beautiful as our church ones,
There's no doubt...
They welcome us to church
And into the garden they lead us....
There peace reigns supreme
Where bird song dost feed us.
Come and be still
Amongst birds and flowers
There's a bench there to sit,
And to dream away the hours.

Christine Burton



East Keswick Methodist Church
invite you to a fundraising



BANK HOLIDAY MUSICAL BOX



*Come and listen to our
local talented
performers...*

*Sunday 25th May
at 3.00pm*

*Sue Lees and her singers,
Margaret and David
Moseley and
The Village Voices*

*Afternoon tea will be served
at the interval*

*Tickets £12 available from church members
or phone Penny 01937 573434
or Christine 07801 575102*



East Keswick Local History Group Talk

Peter Harding

Upcoming talk on **Thursday 15 May,**
7.30pm

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID!

A glimpse into three centuries of East Keswick life, as reported by the national and local press. Margaret Moseley's illustrated talk explores published articles in newspapers and magazines from 1720's onwards. They cover a wide variety of newsworthy subjects; crime, drunkenness, postal service, infrastructure improvements and more.

Find out what happened when a plucky old resident accosted intruders:



"Attempted Burglary and Noble Resistance of an Octogenarian...East Keswick...The house where the outrage was committed is occupied by Mr F. Shires, farmer, a man of 80 years who resides alone."

...The Leeds Intelligencer, May 17 1845

The talk is in East Keswick Village Hall and is followed by refreshments. Free for members. £5 for non-members or £10 for annual membership.

Bardsey Tennis Club

Our super, newly re-surfaced courts, are all ready for the summer season. We look forward to welcoming new and old members to our friendly club, which offers social tennis for all ages and abilities, as well as team matches for the more competitive.

Why not join now and play for a whole year with our very reasonable fees of £70 for adults, £140 for a family and £20 for juniors.

There are club times specifically for men, women, mixed and juniors, as well as free availability to the courts when not otherwise being used.

Fully qualified coaching is available, with weekly junior and adult drop-in coaching sessions for all standards, which are open to non-members.



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

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

East Keswick Flower Club

Sarah Spencer



We began the new year with a national demonstrator, Catherine Gledhill, taking away the “Winter Blues”. She overcame the problem of no microphone, but unfortunately the solution - turning off the heating fan - left members feeling rather cold by the time she ended. However, a warm cuppa and a close up look at her arrangements ended an excellent demonstration. Her talk included a story about her dog and a certain paint encounter, that had us in stitches. The consensus was that we would arrange a return visit from her, as her flowers and tips were good and she filled the stage with her arrangements and secondary placements.

The following event on 20 March was a demonstration by Ann Simpson, who showed us “Seasonal Delights” with her arrangements. Spring is certainly here and her designs complemented her talk well.

There will be **no meeting in April** as Maundy Thursday has been booked for a wedding. The meeting after that on **15 May** will be a practical for members to take part in. The title is “Blooming Holidays!” and those attending will need to bring everything they need with them. Don’t be afraid to have a go and let your imagination run riot and have a bit of fun playing with flowers.

If you are interested and would like to join us for a free event as a taster, please contact me on 01937 919142 for more details. The next meeting to have a taster at is the demonstration on **19 June**, by area demonstrator Daphne Dawson, entitled “Rustique” and you would be very welcome.

The meetings start at 1.30 on the third Thursday of the month in East Keswick Village Hall.

St. Gemma's Fundraiser

Many of us have reason to be grateful to this amazing hospice. No more so than Michael Hudson, long time local resident and member of our church congregation, whose dear wife Katie received wonderful care there leading up to her death last year, after 66 years of marriage.

Michael is also grateful for the support he himself has received from them. He is now going to ‘put his money, where is mouth is!’ when he does a ‘skydive’ on his 90th birthday in June, to raise money for St. Gemma’s.

He is aiming to raising £2,000, and if anyone would like to donate he would be delighted. Donations can be made at the Bardsey and East Keswick WI meetings in April and May. Details can also be found on his Just Giving page.

www.st-gemma.co.uk

Bardsey Sports & Cricket Clubs



**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

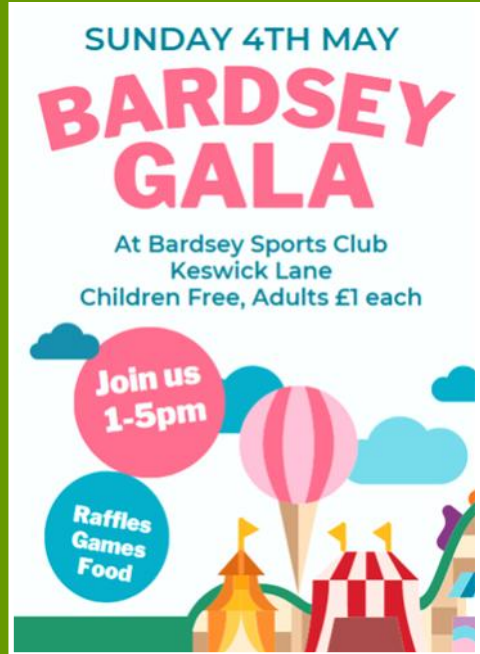
**BARDSEY SPORTS
CLUB**

**MONDAY 21ST APRIL
1PM**

Easter Egg Hunt
starts at 1.30pm
£1 per Child.
Bring your own picnic.

For tickets visit
www.bardsey-sports-Club.sumupstore.com

All alcohol consumed on site, must be purchased in the club house.



SUNDAY 4TH MAY

**BARDSEY
GALA**

At Bardsey Sports Club
Keswick Lane
Children Free, Adults £1 each

Join us
1-5pm

Raffles
Games
Food



**Bardsey Gala
NEEDS YOU**

Donations Needed

Crockery
Tombola Prizes
Cakes
Volunteers

Contact Kate 07985 188382
Email dan_hughes59@hotmail.co.uk

Cricket Teas

Bardsey Cricket Club need volunteers to prepare and serve cricket teas for the 2025 season.

Cricketers pay for their teas and this more than covers the cost of providing a good tea, which from experience can be made for around £70, leaving a few pounds in hand!

Please contact Martin on **07985 648067** if you are interested.

Bardsey-cum-Rigton Parish Council Report

Cllr. Linda Flockton



Table tennis in Park Field

The table tennis table has now been successfully reinstated in a newly paved area close to the adult fitness equipment in Park Field. It is hoped that many people will enjoy using this facility.



Friends of Park Field

Penny Barber leads this group and work is ongoing to remove invasive plants and large brambles and also planting wildflowers, etc. If you have time to spare and would like to work in the fresh air and join this very friendly group please email Vicki, our Parish Council Clerk.

Hedges overhanging pavements on roads and public highways

We have had many complaints from villagers about hedges encroaching and overhanging pavements, especially on Keswick Lane, Margaret Avenue, Mill Lane and other areas of the village. Please consider your neighbours and cut back hedges if they are narrowing the pavements and becoming a danger to pedestrians and especially for people in wheelchairs and parents with prams and pushchairs.

Unstable Trees

In the Bardsey area there has been concern relating to unstable trees in some gardens and trees in woods which back onto the A58. If you have trees which look tall and unstable in your garden and/or own a wooded area please seek advice from a tree specialist. Residents have an obligation as follows.

The National Tree Safety Group (www.ntsgroup.org.uk) state that tree owners have a legal duty of care. Under both the civil law and criminal law, an owner of land on which a tree stands has responsibilities for the health and safety of those on or near the land and has potential liabilities arising from the falling of a tree or branch. The civil law gives rise to duties and potential liabilities to pay damages in the event of a breach of those duties. The criminal law gives rise to the risk of prosecution in the event of a failure to discharge'

Hedges adjoining public rights of way

There are many public rights of way (PROW) in various areas of Bardsey, Bob Buckenham of PROW has advised that legislation requires that if your garden or hedge backs on to a PROW it is your responsibility to keep hedges and growth cut back and the pathway open. Please do not throw garden rubbish or weeds into the hedge bottom and please keep all paths clear on PROWs.

Grants

Bardsey Bowling and Tennis Clubs have been successful in obtaining a grant of 25% towards the costs of necessary work on trees surrounding both clubs in the Conservation Area. The amounts awarded by BPC are £440 for the Bowling Club and £323.75 for the Tennis Club.

The mini community recycling hub inside All Hallows church, is well used by the whole community, for recycling used printer ink cartridges, batteries, blister packs, crisps packets, etc...

Cont...

Until quite recently 'RecycleMeUp' have been recycling the blister packs free of charge, however, there is now going to be an annual charge of £200. A grant form was completed and the Parish Council have agreed a grant for 2025 to cover this cost.

Future Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 16 April** at around 8pm, after the Annual Parish Meeting. The following meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21 May** at **7.00pm** in Bardsey Village Hall Committee Room. The first ten minutes will be set aside to deal with any issues raised by residents.

Our clerk's email address is
clerk@bardseyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

BARDSEY VILLAGE HALL AGM Wednesday 16 April 2025

All Bardsey residents are invited to the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) AGM which will be held in Bardsey Village Hall starting at **7.00pm**

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will commence at **7.30pm** immediately following the VHMC AGM. All Bardsey residents are most cordially invited to attend to receive an update on the work undertaken by the Parish Council throughout the year. Do come along and enjoy a glass of wine with us.

The APM will be followed at around **8.00pm** by a regular meeting of the Parish Council, the first ten minutes of which is open to residents who wish to raise any concerns.

Artists Around Wetherby

Art lovers, save the dates, **Artists Around Wetherby Open Studios** is back for 2025. Bringing together 27 talented artists within a 6-mile radius of Wetherby, this annual celebration of creativity will take place over the weekends of **21-22 & 28-29 June**, providing an opportunity for visitors to explore a variety of creative spaces, from home studios to garden workshops and collective hubs around the area.

To help plan a visit, leaflets featuring artist profiles and a handy map will be available at a mini exhibition at Wetherby Town Hall on **Saturday 10 May**, when **Artists Around Wetherby** will hold a pop-up event, where there will be an opportunity to meet some of the artists. Local shops and businesses will also have maps to give away, and a free download will be live on the group's website.

First launched in 2014 **Artists Around Wetherby Open Studios** offers an opportunity for visitors to meet artists, discover their working processes and buy something unique, if they wish. Studios will be identified with orange signs and bunting, and refreshments in support of Yorkshire Cancer Research will be available.

All events are free and there is no expectation of a purchase, just a love of art is all that is needed. This celebration of local creativity is not to be missed, so save the dates and get ready to explore.

For more information visit
www.artistsaroundwetherby.com



A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES

A charity concert in aid of the Alzheimer's Society
and St Gemma's Hospice, sponsored by Home Instead

Sunday 11 May 2025, 3-6pm

The Engine Shed, Wetherby

Featuring 'Sing Meanwood Community Choir' and 'The
Yorkshire Belles' plus special guests.

PRIZE DRAW



Sing Meanwood Community Choir



The Yorkshire Belles

Advance tickets only - available from the Engine Shed and Bootlace,
£16.50, to include afternoon tea

FOOD ALLERGY NOTICE

If you have any food allergy or special dietary requirements please inform a member of
staff when purchasing your tickets



East Keswick Wildlife Trust

Elaine Woolley

Bardsey Fields Nature Reserve

(Melanie Smith gives an update on what's been happening)

Over the last few months, our volunteers have been very busy working on the reserve below Bardsey Academy School. With partial funding from Countryside Stewardship hedges have been gapped up, stock proof fencing, gates, holding pens and gravel hardstanding, at the entrances, have been installed.

Have you heard about our Natural Flood Management Project? Two drain pipes take the surface water from Bardsey School's roofs, playgrounds and car park under the reserve, into the mill tale below. (The water that flows from a millwheel after turning it, or the channel in which the water flows.) With permission and funding from Yorkshire Water these two drain pipes have been broken and the water diverted up on to the surface of the field. This will make the upper part of the field wetter. By providing a more natural pathway for the water this will reduce the flow of water into the beck, improve water quality and help alleviate flooding downstream.

Before these works took place certain criteria had to be met.

- * Eight cross slope leaky barriers were installed below the break out points, to slow the water flow. For the construction, through the ongoing trust management works in Ox Close wood, the volunteers were able to supply 400 two-metre logs, 130 fascines and 440 willow cuttings, from Keswick Marsh Reserve. With the addition of some sheep's wool, all were wired together and stabilised by wooden posts.
- * Three in-stream leaky barriers were installed in the mill tale. During normal water flow they will have no effect, but in high rainfall they will hold back and slow the flow downstream to Bardsey and Collingham.
- * Three woodland copses were planted at strategic points to help absorb the surface water, with post and wire fencing for protection.
- * Two new cross slope hedges were planted, with post and wire fences to protect them from cows and deer.
- * Eleven 8 x 3m parkland enclosures, with post and rail fences, were erected across the site to protect a mixture of what one day will be mature trees and shrubs.

In the future these actions will help to increase habitat diversity and biodiversity across the field, slow the flow of water and improve the health of the beck below.

Cont...

In time, the reserve will develop into a wood pasture and parkland habitat. This is characterised by open-grown, often old trees, in a grazed environment, representing a rich mosaic of habitats, including grassland, fen and scrub with messy edges, managed through grazing to maintain its open structure.

Some of you may have heard and seen our cooperative of trust members' herd of 11 Dexter cows on site. They are having a real impact by removing the thick dense grass which will allow wild flowers to bloom in the summer.

We would like to thank all those who have given their time to make this project possible.

We hope you can make our summer picnic in Bardsey Fields on the 6 July when you can hear more about what we have achieved so far and our plans for the fenland below Grange Close.

Forthcoming Events

All are welcome to our upcoming events.

Wednesday 30 April, Bluebell Walk. Come and enjoy the annual bluebell spectacular in Ox Close Woods. Meet at Crabtree Lane car park at 7pm.

Sunday 4 May, Bardsey Gala. Come to our stand and meet some of our volunteers, join in activities and find out more about East Keswick Wildlife Trust.

Wednesday 14 May, EKWT AGM at East Keswick Village Hall at 7pm.

Please see our website for more information about the Trust and how to volunteer or join.

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East Keswick WI Update

Elizabeth Ward

In February Lynn Tungate gave a further fascinating account, with slides, of her time working at Harewood House.

Helen Cox was our speaker in March. The subject, Dr. James Barry, a British military surgeon, who lived adult life as a man, in order to pursue a career in medicine, but was found to be a woman at the time of her death.

FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday 8 April

"The Suitcase of Secrets" by Julie Fearn
Competition: A detective story

Saturday 12 April 10am -12 noon

Coffee Morning in aid of Marie Curie at Pauline Hill's home. Rigton Grange Farm, Bardsey. Tickets £2, including coffee and biscuits. Bring and Buy/Raffle Cakes. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 13 May

Prison Chaplain by Sarah Lane
Competition: An old key

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



Eco Chat: Heat Pumps

In efforts to reduce carbon emissions from heating our homes heat pumps have become a favoured option but there is much debate about their suitability. Here's why.

Cost

Heat pumps work by extracting heat from the outside air or ground, and transferring it to a central heating system via a heat exchanger. This requires electricity, which is more expensive than both gas and oil. They are also expensive to instal. However they are also far more efficient than gas or oil boilers, and so running costs can be lower, depending on the system being replaced. There are also grants available to help offset the initial cost.

Effectiveness

Heat pumps operate at a lower temperature than conventional boilers which means they perform more effectively in well insulated houses and sometimes require larger radiators, which adds to the initial cost. It also means that they can be slower to respond on start-up and work better when kept on constantly, using a thermostat to control room temperature.

Noise

Whilst not excessively loud they emit a constant noise, which gets more noticeable when they are working harder in cold weather. This may be more of a nuisance to neighbours than those living in the house itself but no more so than a balanced flue boiler.

Space Required

This depends on the type and capacity of the system. Air source heat pumps for most houses require a relatively small area outside, as shown in the image below but they also need space inside for the heat exchanger. A hot water cylinder is also required and there may be a need for an expansion tank as well, if linked to a closed system.

In addition ground source heat pumps need land where external pipes can be located underground.

Reliability and Servicing

In general they need little maintenance provided they are installed correctly in the first place! The average life expectancy of a heat pump is 15+ years and they are generally reliable provided they are maintained properly but they can be expensive to repair when they do go wrong.

Yes or No

The decision whether to install a heat pump or not will very much depend on where carbon emission reduction comes on your list of priorities. Heat pumps are a very good low emission option for many homes but minor inconveniences for some can become major barriers to others. The decision to install a heat pump should only be made when you are fully aware of the facts and the implications for your own property. Seek advice from an independent expert first, such as www.heatgeek.com, not just someone trying to sell you their product!



Bardsey cum Rigton WI Update

Carol Cocker



Our President, Gill Swaby-Ward returned to the orchard recently to add an engraved plaque to our commemorative “Denniston’s Gage” fruit tree planted last spring in the grounds of Bardsey Church. Will it produce some fruit this year?



The daffodils are now emerging, lifting the spirits. Our March meeting group was encouraged to embrace spring and start small routines to energise the limbs with a ‘join in’ demonstration by Suzie Coupland, who has recently started ‘Move It or Lose It’ exercise classes locally. It certainly challenged the concentration and woke up some of those lazy muscles. Definitely one to try at home.

Continuing the theme of spring, the speaker at our next meeting on **9 April** will be Brian Hull, who will be covering the local estates of Lotherton Hall and Parlington Hall. We are also expecting a colourful display of narcissi which have been grown at home by members from a small Christmas gift.

We are looking forward to some group events. On **29 March**, West Yorkshire Federation members will be enjoying afternoon tea at Scarcroft Village Hall, to celebrate 110 years of the WI movement.

We will be transported to the East on **Wednesday 30 April**, in Bardsey Village Hall, when Jill Clay will describe the world of ‘The Geisha – a Fading Tradition’. Tickets available from East Keswick, Scarcroft and Bardsey WIs.

The West Yorkshire WI Annual Meeting takes place this year at the Queen’s Hotel in Leeds City Centre and will for first time be held on a **Saturday 26 April**. The changes are intended to remove previous barriers to attendance by our younger working members.

Looking ahead our May meeting falls on **Wednesday 14 May** at 7.30 and promises a tasty treat. It will be a culinary tasting experience hosted by the local ‘George and Joseph Cheese-mongers’.

We have a new motto for this year. ‘Instead of trying to find time, make time’. Why not make the time next month to come to our meeting? We normally 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. Visitors are always warmly welcomed.





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15	EK Parish Council, 7.30pm	11	A Celebration of Music, 3pm
16	Bardsey Village Hall AGM and APM, 7pm	13	Callister Café, 12.45pm
16	Bardsey Parish Council, 8pm	13	EK WI, 2pm
17	Bible Study Group, 2.30pm	14	EKWT AGM, 7pm
21	Bardsey Sports Club Easter Egg Hunt, 1pm	14	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm
24	EKMC Souper Thursday, 12 noon	15	EK Flower Club, 1.30pm
26	EKMC Springtime Fun Event, 2pm	15	Bible Study Group, 2.30pm
26	West Yorks WI Annual Meeting, 7.30pm	15	EK History Group Talk, 7.30pm
30	Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI, 7.30pm	20	EK Parish Council, 7.30pm
30	Parish Quiz, 8pm	21	Bardsey Parish Council, 7pm
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		29	EKMC Souper Thursday, 12 noon

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