

# The Rylstone Parish Magazine



July/August 2026

## Welcome to this double edition for July and August of your parish magazine!

The front cover is a super shot of Sweet William in a Hetton garden, thanks to Liz at The Meadow Bothy.



Summer has arrived and with the recent rain and sun, the hedgerows, fields and gardens are blooming, with the roses and lupins looking particularly wonderful.

*A hedgerow in full bloom with foxgloves and daisies, on Back Lane in Cracoe*

In this edition, Kathleen Carlisle kindly agreed to share her memories in, *'The life and memories of a Cracoe resident'*. Kathleen's stories may trigger more memories from our readers so do get in touch if you would like to be interviewed or write something yourself.

Our *'Pet's Corner'* has proved popular. This month we feature George and his dog Jinx, and Thor and Loki from Fleets Farm. Keep sending in your pet profiles!

There are lots of events happening during the summer months, including a Wildlife Photo Walk, Gargrave Art Exhibition, Strawberries and Song by Buckden Singers, A Piano Marathon, and the Cracoe and Rylstone Village Social with Hog Roast and Band.

We would like to say a big thank you to the distribution volunteers who keep popping the magazine through your letter boxes delivering through rain, wind, snow and sunshine.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer full of happy times with friends and family. Also, all the best to students awaiting exam results and finishing university courses.

**Please keep your parish news coming in, the deadline for the September edition is **Thursday 20 August 2026**.**

Photos, articles, advertising etc to: [rylstoneparishmag@live.co.uk](mailto:rylstoneparishmag@live.co.uk)

**'Thank you' to the resident in Hetton for the donation of £50 to the magazine. Especially valuable with increase of print costs.**

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## Dates for Your Diary

### July

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pop-Up Eco-Café Launch, Church House, Grassington	3:30-5:30pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wildlife Photo Walk - Broughton Sanctuary	7:15-9:30pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (2 <sup>nds</sup> ) vs Linton - Home	6:30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	WI Centenary Lunch (previous members welcome)	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Skipton Choral - The Golden Age - Magnificat	7:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (1 <sup>st</sup> ) vs Burnsall - Home	6:30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (2 <sup>nds</sup> ) vs Rathmell - Home	6:30pm
9-12 <sup>th</sup>	Gargrave Art Exhibition - Village Hall	10am-7pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (2 <sup>nds</sup> ) vs AppleTW - home	6:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Event Cracoe Village Hall	5:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Piano Marathon and Churchyard Picnic St Michael's (1-3pm churchyard tidy-up)	10am-4pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Club 'Disco'	6-8pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning Hetton Chapel	10am-12pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (2 <sup>nds</sup> ) vs Arncliffe - Home	6:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Come and Sing - Fauré Requiem, Cracoe Village Hall (performance at 5:30pm)	1pm . . .
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (1 <sup>st</sup> ) vs Linton - Away	6:30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (2 <sup>nds</sup> ) vs Hebden - Away	6:30pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	HICS - The Crossley Duo, St Peter's, Hebden	3pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Strawberries and Song - Buckden Singers - Kettlewell Village Hall	3:00pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (1 <sup>st</sup> ) vs Threshfield - Away	6:30pm

### August

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (1 <sup>st</sup> ) vs Grassington - Home	6:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (2 <sup>nds</sup> ) vs Malham - Away	6:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (2 <sup>nds</sup> ) vs Rathmell - Away	6:30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (2 <sup>nds</sup> ) vs AppleTW - Away	6:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Entry deadline for September edition of the parish magazine</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Burnsall Feast, Sports and Classic Fell Race	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket - Cracoe (2 <sup>nds</sup> ) vs Arncliffe - Away	6:30pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	HICS - Hebden String Quartet, St Peter's, Hebden	3pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Benefice Service at St Michael's Linton	10:30am



# VILLAGE Social

*GOOD FOOD, GREAT MUSIC, GREAT COMPANY!*

**CRACOE & RYLSTONE  
VILLAGE HALL**



**11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**



**17:30 TIL LATE**



**HOGROAST**  
SERVING AT  
**18:00**



**BAND**

WILL START  
PLAYING

**20:30**



**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**



ACTIVITIES  
WILL BE  
AVAILABLE  
FOR CHILDREN

**FREE  
ENTRY**



**PAID BAR  
WILL BE  
AVAILABLE**

*Come along and enjoy a great evening!*

## News from Cracoe & Rylstone Primary School

In May we held our Global spotlight week, in which we looked at countries in the Commonwealth. We created aboriginal style art-work, performed a Commonwealth dance and even made Commonwealth fruit kebabs!



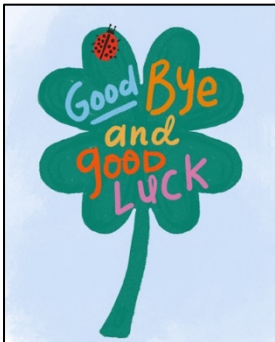
Other things we've enjoyed ..... Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a Wild Explorers afternoon. Our Gardening club held their first produce sale after school, in which they raised an amazing £64.80 towards further gardening supplies. The Federation also came together for a sponsored walk, where each year group walked different lengths from Grassington and enjoyed a picnic when they returned. A huge amount of money was raised through their amazing efforts - over £2000!



Some of our year 4-6 children took part in the Brownlee Triathlon at the end of the month. They even got to meet Jonny Brownlee in person!



We have a very exciting few weeks ahead as our school year comes to an end. We have our year 6 residential to London, whole KS2 Federation residential to Netherside Hall, Class 1 trip to the seaside, and whole school trip to the Blackpool Zoo as an end of term treat. As well as that we have our Federation end of year show, Sports day, PTA photography competition and transition days for our new reception starters. A very busy term indeed! Photos to follow in September's issue.



Finally, we'd like to wish our year 6 children the best of luck as they enter their next chapter at High School. We will miss you all and hope you flourish and make lots of new friends in your new schools.

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# YOUTH CLUB

A SPACE TO HANG OUT FOR SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 11 INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

FROM 20TH JULY NEW YEAR 6'S ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG

<p><b>6 July - Linton</b>          LINTON VILLAGE HALL          6PM - 8PM</p>	<p><b>ROUNDERS</b></p> <p><b>CRICKET</b></p>
<p><b>13 July - Cracoe</b>          CRACOE - DISCO NIGHT TO START THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS          6PM - 8PM</p>	
<p><b>20 July - Grassington</b>          GRASSINGTON CHURCH HOUSE          6PM - 8PM</p>	
<p><b>27 July - Kettlewell</b>          KETTLEWELL VILLAGE HALL          6PM - 8PM</p>	
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**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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<p><b>10 August - Cracoe</b>          SUMMER BBQ AT CRACOE VILLAGE HALL          6PM - 8PM</p>	
<p><b>17 August - NO YOUTH CLUB</b></p>	
<p><b>24 August - Grassington</b>          GRASSINGTON CHURCH HOUSE          6PM - 8PM</p>	
<p><b>31 August - NO YOUTH CLUB</b></p>	

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## Enquiry

We received a request from a reader who would like to ask whether anyone knows more about these folk on a Conistone churchyard grave?



*IN MEMORY of JANE the wife of MATTHEW HESLETON of CRACO who died October 11th 1841 aged 73 years. Also the above Matthew Hesleton who died May 12th 1852 Aged 79 years*

It is interesting that Cracoe is engraved without the "e". Was Cracoe originally "Craco" prior to the mid 1850's?

If you do have any information please email the editors who will then pass on the information. Many thanks. [rylstoneparishmag@live.co.uk](mailto:rylstoneparishmag@live.co.uk)

# Project Reverb

*Supporting children, young people and families  
in Upper Wharfedale*

## Craft Club and Gardening Club

These are continuing at the Federation schools this term with lots of exciting crafts lined up. At last, I have collected enough toilet rolls to make binoculars! Thanks to all the rain and sunshine our flower seedlings will have grown, so hopefully we will have flowers in the gardens before the end of term.

## Youth Club

We have some special events happening at youth club over the next couple of months, starting with our last week of term disco, which we hope will be the first of many, so please do come along to Cracoe village hall on Monday 13th July. Youth club will be running throughout the summer, and we look forward to welcoming anyone who is starting year 6 in September to come along anytime from 20th July onwards.

We are hoping to be able to offer lifts from Grassington and Threshfield across to Cracoe and Kettlewell soon, watch this space...

If sports day races are your thing, then do come along to Burnsall Feast Sports and Classic Fell Race (for ages 6 upwards) on Saturday 22 August. During the day there are children's races, produce stalls, BBQ, raffle and the annual pet show. Youth club are planning on having a fundraising stall, and of course, we'll take part in the races! We now have an 'Upper Wharfedale Youthclub' facebook page so please do follow if your young person is interested in youth club, we will post all up to date events and information. Or if WhatsApp is your thing, please email Anne on to be added to the youth club WhatsApp.

A big shout out to everyone who helps with youth club and comes to youth club, you are all amazing!

## Pop up Eco Cafe

The Eco pop up cafe is launching ON Wednesday 1 July 3.30 - 5.30pm and will be continue every Wednesday. There will be fairtrade tea, coffee, homemade cakes and scones. Come and refill your washing up liquid and other cleaning and laundry liquids with Eco friendly Miniml products which are made in Yorkshire. We will have a Fairtrade stall, hopefully a plant swap, and a children's activity area.

Please do come along for a cuppa. If you'd like to get involved in any way or have any ideas I'd love to hear from you. All donations of baking gratefully accepted!

## Piano Marathon and Churchyard Picnic

Come to St Michael's, Linton on Saturday 11 July, and listen to the amazing pianist Joyce Milner play the piano for 9 hours to raise money for 'EcoChurch'. Bring a picnic and a blanket, hot drinks and homemade cakes will be provided. Hopefully the sun will shine whilst anyone who would like to help tidy up the churchyard 1pm - 3pm, there will be various activities for all ages to get involved or just sit and enjoy our beautiful churchyard.

## Churches Count on Nature 2026 and Love Your Burial Ground Week in June

both focus on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards and chapel yards. We now have a 'Nature spotter's' corner at St Michael's, Linton, with books and resources to help you identify and learn about the plants, animals, insects and birds we might see in our churchyard. There is a book to record your sightings, everyone is very welcome to help us record the abundance of life around us.

Project Reverb Facebook



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As always, a massive 'thank you' for all your help and support,

**Anne Peart**, Children, Young People and Families Lead in Upper Wharfedale  
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Project Reverb and EcoChurch

# Churchyard Tidy up

Coffee, tea and cakes served 10am - 4pm

Bring a picnic!

Piano Marathon all day!

**SATURDAY 11 JULY**

**1pm - 3pm**

**St Michael's, Linton**

tiny pond and log  
pile

Insect watering  
stations

**lots of activities for all ages!**

insect hotels

hedgehog houses

nature spotting, recording and drawing

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## Rivers4Life at the Dales Countryside Museum

Rivers4Life is the brand-new exhibition currently at the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM), Hawes running to 27 September. This family-friendly exhibition, packed with information about the work of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, promises to engage and inspire everyone to support its mission to create wild, natural rivers, valued by all.

Highlights include art works and creative projects produced in the Rivers4Life workshops run with Yorkshire Dales schools and community groups, including a Richmond care home and two refugee groups in Catterick and Ripon. Additionally, the exhibition will also showcase the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust photography competition winners whose work show cases Yorkshire Dales rivers, catchments and their wildlife through the seasons.

There will also be an exciting bespoke community theatre performance - Tributaries - about the River Ure at the DCM at the Ripon Workhouse Museum during the Ripon Theatre Festival on 4 July.

The Rivers4Life exhibition and the theatrical production are part of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust's National Lottery Heritage Funded Rivers4Life project, which is a three-year project combining the arts and science, to enable the Trust's work to reach a wider audience.

Full details of all dates, venues and how to book can be found at:

<https://www.ydrt.org.uk/rivers4life>





## Retiring Trustee, Richard Webster



CRCF Trustees met for a very busy business meeting on Tuesday 16 June following which they said farewell to retiring Trustee, Richard Webster. Richard has been a Trustee for 8 years and following two terms of office will be replaced by Tom Carlisle.

As the Committee have developed their individual responsibilities, Richard has overseen the CRCF Facebook page. The Committee have very much valued Richard's support and commitment to the role, particularly his wealth of local knowledge, good humour and common-sense approach.

Trustees presented Richard with a leaving card and gift as a thank you and recognition of all his hard work 🙌🙌🙌





**Parish Services at  
St Peter's, Rylstone  
July & August 2026**

**5th July & 2nd August  
11.00am Holy Communion**

**30th August Joint Benefice Service at  
St Michael's, Linton 10.30am**

**Benefice services 1st to 4th Sundays at  
St Wilfrid's, Burnsall 9.30am  
St Michael's, Linton 11.00am**

**Mid-week Worship - Wednesdays  
Church House, Grassington 10.00am  
Fountaine's Chapel, Linton 6.00pm**

**Sung BCP services at  
St John's, Appletreewick  
6.00pm on 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays**



## Pet's Corner



Below are two lovely contributions from readers for 'Pet's Corner' for this edition. If you would like to send in your pet bios, the deadline for the next edition in September is 20<sup>th</sup> August.

### Jinx

My name is George I am 10 years old and I go to Cracoe primary school. This is my dog Jinx, she is a working Labrador and is 18 months old. We have been to puppy training together and she is my best friend and play mate.



George Bracewell

### Thor and Loki

Introducing Thor and Loki, the Fleets Farm cats! We rehomed Thor (the tabby) 4 years ago. His character certainly doesn't match his name, 'Buddha' would suit him better, but we liked the name Thor. He is the most gentle, affectionate and caring cat, sleeping most of the day at home, or 'helping' me with my office work, then hunting at night. Loki came from the RSPCA at 5 months old. He

certainly does live up to his ‘God of Mischief’ name and spends most of his time either annoying Thor or catching mice and rabbits. He seems to roam quite a distance but always returns home to get the prime spot on my bed at night. Here is a rare picture of our 2 cats together.

Anne Peart



## Eyes on the Skies Campaign

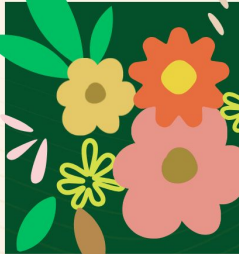


### Wildlife Photo Walk with the Walking Photographer, 1 July, 7.15 - 9.30 PM

Join an immersive ‘golden hour’ photo walk led by British Wildlife Photography Award winner Rich Bunce, set within the 2,500-acre Broughton Sanctuary nature recovery project. The relaxed 2-3-mile walk will take you through a rich mix of habitats, offering plenty of opportunities to develop your technique and learn how to capture the Sanctuary’s diverse flora and fauna with skill, sensitivity, and respect. Bring your own device to take photos on!

Book at: [www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events](http://www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events)





**LAUNCHING  
WED 1ST  
JULY 2026**



**3.30PM -  
5.30PM**



**Project  
Reverb  
&  
EcoChurch**

**CHURCH  
HOUSE  
GRASSINGTON**



# pop-up eco-cafe

## WHAT'S IN STORE?

- Homemade cakes, fairtrade tea, coffee & hot chocolate
- Refillable eco household cleaning products & soap - bring empty bottles!
- Seed-swap & home-grown produce
- Share environmental ideas and thoughts for the progression of Eco-Cafe
- Fairtrade stall coming soon
- Children's corner with colouring & crafts while you shop!

For more details or if you would like a stall contact Anne Peart  
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Dear Friends

It is a joy for me after retiring from stipendiary ministry and moving with my wife, Rachel, to Ripon last summer, to be able to support the ministry of Matthew within the benefice and thank you for your welcome.

For people retiring, the readjusting and adapting to a change in circumstances can be challenging and liberating at the same time with a rollercoaster of emotions such as looking forward to new opportunities, new situations and time 'to be', whilst missing a way of life, people you have left, and structures and routines that will have been part of your life. There can be a wealth of wisdom, advice and encouragement for those facing retirement that helps the transition. There is also the need for space to recognise in the changes we face in life, the presence and reality of grief and loss as we journey into a new stage of our journey.

In July, the transition from pre-school to school, and from primary to secondary, and from Years 11 and 13 to 6th Form, College, University, Apprenticeship, employment or a period of reflection begins with the need to say goodbye to places and people who have shaped and sought to inspire growth and development that is more than academic. We perhaps have experiences of sharing children and young people's Leavers Services and events, with tears in our eyes as eras come to an end.

The recent report on the prospects of young people being able to find a job after leaving full time education, and the struggles of graduates and qualified doctors to secure careers or posts is of concern, not to mention the questions about the potential impact of Artificial Intelligence on future recruitment and those already employed. It is making us question as to how we prepare people to take their place in the world and what skills and experience will be needed in the future, now that many of the traditional pathways to careers and stability of employment with prospects cannot promise stability. It is easy to become anxious and depressed when we think about the

future, especially when you listen to different voices and commentators predicting this or that, not to mention contemplating the fallout from world events, wars and crises that threaten to destabilise so many things that we value and take for granted.

This for me is where faith comes in. Faith in the values that underpin what we are or should be, as human beings, such as respect, generosity, compassion, kindness, thought and love for our neighbour and the planet we inhabit. The eroding of trust in people, institutions and ways of relating and interrelating with others all add to the feeling that we are not as sure as we once were about identity, authority and working together for the well-being and good of all people.

Jesus came to earth from heaven to heal with God's love a broken and divided world and God's love remains as unconditional, sacrificial and desiring healing and reconciliation to make whole, now, as it was when Jesus enabled humanity to see and know God face to face when he touched the untouchable, reached out to the sinner, washed feet and gave hope and promise of a place in heaven to all who can walk in and serve God's love.

Institutional Religion is taking a hammering as people look for alternative ways of finding happiness, success, meaning, healing and answers to the problems we face in life. Your local church community may not have all the answers, and you may feel that there are big questions around inclusion that the Church nationally is struggling with, but at the heart of a Christian community trying to live out an authentic response to God's love is a promise to welcome you, listen to you, walk with you, pray with you, and help you to explore where God's healing and sustaining love can highlight where light and love can bless your lives, however old or young you may be, and in whatever circumstance or situation you inhabit.

With love and prayers, Tony

# Come and Sing - Faure Requiem, Cracoe Village Hall

On the afternoon of 18th July, Reverend Matthew Wood and Mark Webb will be hosting a come and sing-along Faure Requiem in Cracoe Village Hall. This is part of the Hebden International Concert Series to raise funds to repair Saint Peters Church in Hebden. Faure Requiem is a favourite of many choirs and regardless of experience, everyone would be welcome to join us at this event.

**The choir will be accompanied by members of Leeds Symphony Orchestra and there will be cake!**

**REQUIEM**  
1. INTROIT and KYRIE

**Come and Sing**  
**Fauré Requiem**

Conductor - Rev'd Matthew Wood  
Saturday 18th July  
Cracoe Village Hall

Registration from 1.00pm  
Rehearsals start 1.30pm sharp  
Informal performance at 5.30pm

**Tickets £10**  
(to cover cost of music hire and afternoon tea)  
available from Eventbrite [here](#) or by searching 'Come and Sing at Cracoe' on Eventbrite or scanning the QR code



## The life and memories of a Cracoe resident: Kathleen Carlisle

Kathleen Hall was born in 1932 and has lived in Cracoe for 70 years. She kindly agreed to be interviewed for the Rylstone magazine on the 9th June 2026. She is due to reach the grand age of 94 years in December 2026. Remarkably, when we spoke, she had just moved house across the road, nearer to her son, her grandson, and the busy family farm - Coxons.



*Kathleen Hall aged 8*

Born in Earby, Kathleen attended the local primary and secondary schools during WWII. She was 7 years old when war broke out and left secondary school the week of her 14th birthday, when she was actually 13 years old.

WWII disrupted the schooling of pupils. Teachers were enlisted or served in the Home Guard, and retired teachers replaced them. Kathleen was lucky as her father was at home during the war as he had a bakery and confectionary business. However, nearly all her school friend's parents were in the armed forces. Kathleen's headmaster was the head of the Home Guard and spent a lot of time there. The school supported the education of evacuees who shared school facilities.

*“So, we had either lessons in the morning and then had nature walks or things in the hall during the afternoon while the evacuees had our classrooms and our teachers. We didn't really get a full day of schooling!”*

Kathleen remembered her childhood experiences in the war. When the sirens sounded, she went with her mother and sister down to the cellar. After three days of doing this, Kathleen and her mother sat on the top cellar steps, while her sister preferred the safety of the cellar.

*“When sirens went, the evacuees were terrified and would run home to their parents. They came from the cities and had seen the devastation of war. We used to have the airplanes come over every night. I don’t know where they were going, they sounded loud, but no bombs dropped in Earby.”*

*“During the war as children, we’d get together as groups and went on picnics and if any father was at home they came with us. We played out, played hopscotch, top and whips. Our parents didn’t seem to worry about us. We went down into farmers’ fields and there were streams and we had our own private club; we’d go from morning ‘til tea-time and nobody ever worried about us. We were never on our own you see. The whole street would go play.”*

Kathleen’s favourite lesson at school was arts and crafts and in particular, embroidery and needlework. She has continued developing her embroidery skills all her life, achieving City and Guilds in Embroidery after her marriage. She created extensive embroidered pieces including a beautiful family-themed casket with seasonal motifs and family initials.

She has also produced a very difficult blackwork embroidery piece and an octagonal greenhouse with climbing vines. The pieces are considered heirlooms for family members.



Entertainment at home during the war years, was playing cards, listening to the radio to programmes such as ‘Workers’ Playtime’ and *It’s That Man Again* (abbreviated to *ITMA*) a radio comedy from the BBC which ran from 1939 to 1949.

*“In the war you had coupons, you*

*know, you got so many. My mother made all our clothes. I actually went to Nelson and bought a dress when I was 17. It was a great occasion. Just to go and shop and try a dress on was a great event. My sister had a friend who was a farmer, lived in Thornton and her brother Fred used to take us all to Young Farmers' dances in his car. They had a ball every year and he used to take us all the way from Earby to dances in Linton, Kelbrook and Skipton. That was how I met Donald, at a Farmers' dance. We wore long evening dresses. Mum made me a lilac-coloured satin dress. I thought I was the Bee's knees!"*

*"On leaving school, nearly all went into the mills. If the girls went in there, they got a good wage. My mum wouldn't let me and my sister go because my granny lost her eye when a shuttle flew out. So, I went to work in the Co-op chemist as an assistant and my sister worked in the mill office. Coming from a Secondary Modern there weren't many job opportunities."*

*"When my sister and I were young we went to the Church of England at Earby. As children we sat down and read a portion of the Bible each week. My sister and I didn't like going so my mother said, that "if you go to the Baptist and you go without complaining, you go." I went to the Baptist. I was baptised and fully immersed when I was 18, and then I became a Sunday School teacher at the Baptist until I was married. I married Donald Carlisle at Earby Baptist Church in 1955."*

Kathleen moved to Cracoe when she was 23. Donald and Kathleen bought their first house 'Brookside' at auction.

*"I had chickenpox so I couldn't go to the auction. My husband to be, his father and my father went to buy it. The auctioneer came and sold all the furniture, and they bid for the furniture then they bid for the house, we bought the house, did it up and went to live there. The auction took place in the garden of Brookside. I lived there for 20 years. Then I lived at the farm for 20 years, then across at the cottage for 30 years, and now I'm going to stop here in my new home, for 30 years. Donald was a farmer at Coxons Farm. Him and his brother both farmed there. His brother was 11 months older than him, and he got married in*

*the May and went to live at a farm in Gisburn. And we got married in the September.”*

*“At the farm, we milked about 20 cows. We had sheep, of course. My mother-in-law used to sell milk to the villagers. She had a measure, and they went with their jugs, and they got half a pint or a pint a day. The milk was kept in milk kits on a stand at the side of the road awaiting collection by the Milk Marketing Board. When I first came here, there were five farms in Cracoe and two at Threaplands. There was Mr Spensley, then there was the Carlisle's, the Jacksons where Richard is now, the Pickerings right at the end, where Websters is now, the White House, that was Joe Lawson's farm.*

*There were two shops, Molly's groceries, she sold everything. It didn't matter what you needed she had it. And next door was John Willie Hebden's butcher's shop, which is now the bed and breakfast. He was called John Willie to everybody. Then next door, was the Devonshire.”*

*“So, in the morning you would go and get the milk, then you go across to the shop, and bread was delivered early to the shop, and everything else you wanted, a reel of cotton, a toilet roll, she had everything. Then you went next door and got your meat, and bacon. Mrs Thompson, that lived here in this house, had the post office in the corner of the front room of this house. So, you could buy your stamps and post your letters at the box at the bottom of the garden. Mr Rymer brought the green groceries round once a week in his van. The mobile library came outside the Devonshire maybe once a month where you could change your books.*

*We had a village policeman that lived across at Baxter Fold, two doors on from our farm. There were two houses, and one of them, the policeman, lived with his family. Now it's one house. We also had a postman in the village.*

*My mother-in-law said she only went to Skipton about once a month. Everything you wanted was in the village.”*

*When the children from Cracoe went to school in Skipton they had to walk to the station which was situated at the level crossing near the cricket club. Once in Skipton they then walked to Ermysteds and Skipton Girls High School.”*

Kathleen spoke about the entertainment available to the villagers of Cracoe. Mr Maud, who lived at Fleet donated a War Army Hut to the village in 1921. His two sons were captains in the army and were killed on active duty, Michael in the first world war and Gerald in Afghanistan. The hut was a great resource for the village and lasted 75 years until the village hall was built. The WI held meetings there. Kathleen joined and has been a member of Rylstone WI for 70 years!



*Right: The War Memorial Institute ('The Hut')*

*“The council ran evening classes such as dress making. There were whist drives, dances, billiards, and plays were staged there. It had a billiard room at one side and there was a little house where the caretaker and his wife lived. And then there was snooker, dance and dominoes at the Devonshire plus the Cricket Club. There was plenty to do before television arrived in people’s houses.”*

Being in the centre of a farming community, Kathleen has seen many changes to farming over the years, Farms consolidated; making them larger and more economic to run. Mechanisation increased; larger tractors and machinery now do jobs that once required many people and time. Barn conversions became common creating more housing from buildings which may have become derelict.

*“When I arrived at the farm we didn't have muck spreaders or anything. We did have a little grey Fergie tractor. They took it out in the field, and then they went with forks and spread it out as all muck spreading was manual. All summer, if it was a bad summer, was taken up with hay-time. And of course, it got to be mowed and then turned and then shaken, and then it rained,*

*and then you need to do it again. But when I was thinking about the past, one of the best days of my life was hay-time. It was the end of hay-time, and we're in one of the fields up just above Rylstone at the bottom, the last field we had, on a perfect summer's day. My husband and my two sons were loading the cart with loose hay. Once it's on, and it had a special technique so that it didn't fall off, you know, my two daughters-in-laws were raking up, my two grandchildren were running races and rolling in the hay, and then we all sat down to a hay-time tea - life in those days, a perfect day."*

*"Nowadays, you have the tractors and machinery getting bigger and bigger, coming one day, then going next day, and that's it. Which is good, it's modern, it's getting on. But there was some pleasure in the old days. Not on the really wet days, actually!*

*"We gave up milking, I think it was just before foot and mouth. We got foot and mouth. Hygiene laws came in, and we weren't allowed to store raw milk in kits. So, when I took over, we bottled it. I'd make small bottles and the pint bottles, and I went in the morning, bottled it, and then with some foil caps, and I had a gadget you can put over and seal them. Then I put them in a crate on a trolley, and I went round the village delivering them. We no longer have dairy cows but now have about 600 sheep and 100 suckler cows."*

The Carlisle families maintain annual get-togethers, taking turns in hosting.

*"Donald had a brother, and the brother went to live in Wensleydale. His brother had four sons, then seven grandsons. And eventually they had a girl, and every year we went over to either one or the other; we take it in turns and all get together. All the cousins know each other. They always say the Carlisle's over the hills! We always used to have get togethers when Donald's parents were alive, and of course, we've carried on doing it. It's a lovely tradition."*



Above: Four generations of Carlisles: Donald, John, Robin, Tom and William

Kathleen loves living in the Dales and is really enjoying being in her new house.

*“I do feel more involved. The sheep are out here and from the windows I can see what’s going on. In fact, there’s a lot to see. I think I’ve always been very happy. The people in the Dales are very friendly, and we have such marvellous views and walks. I’m a person who looks to the future. So, I’m looking forward to many more happy days of going for walks, looking round and seeing things. And if you look in our parish magazine you can see all the activities every month, for people to take part.”*

‘Thank you’ to Kathleen for taking the time to take part in the interview and also to Julie for organising the meeting.

Acknowledgement to ‘Past Times’ for the photo of Kathleen as a child and of the Village Hall Hut and Tom Carlisle for the photograph of four generations of Carlisles.





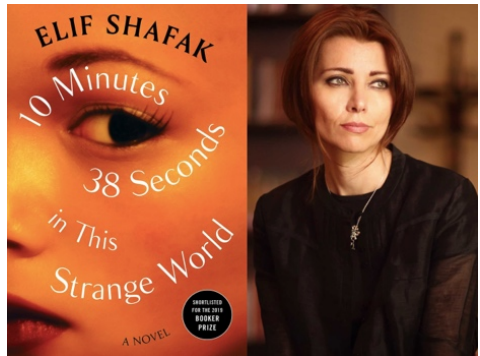
## Village Book Club

### Book Review: 10 Minutes and 38 Seconds in this Strange World by Elif Shafak

This book is by the acclaimed Turkish-British author Elif Shafak and was shortlisted for the Booker Prize.

It is a poignant, vibrant, and unflinching exploration of marginalized lives, the strength of chosen family versus blood family, and the complex soul of Istanbul.

The first part of the book looks at the problems faced by the central female character, Leila, growing up in mid to late 20th century Turkey with religious extremism, hypocrisy and male domination. The family structure and strict, oppressive treatment of Leila lead her to escape to Istanbul where she is trapped in the sex trade world.



This part of the book is recounted through flashbacks from Leila's brain memory post murder on the premise that her brain continues to function for 10 minutes and 38 seconds after her heart has stopped beating. Each minute recounts the details of her childhood and memories of her five closest friends, who are social misfits and outcasts in Istanbul.

The second part of the book is more comedic, with the five friends hatching a plan to rescue Leila from an unmarked grave in the 'Cemetery for the Companionless'. They are denied the right to claim her body as they are not blood relatives, whilst her blood family have refused to acknowledge her, having brought shame on the family.

Whilst the book is fictional, Elif Shafak has drawn on her knowledge of characters she has met in Istanbul and she honours those whom society treats as disposable with immense dignity and warmth.

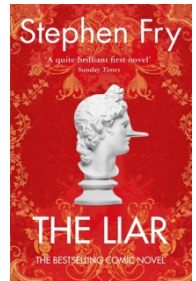
It is beautifully and cleverly written and well worth reading. The Book Club gave an average score of 8/10



The next book club will be in July when we will be discussing Stephen Fry's debut fiction book, *The Liar*.

The group will not meet in August but will return in September.

Jan Smith



## Eyes on the Skies Campaign



### Wildlife Photo Walk with the Walking Photographer, 1 July, 7.15 - 9.30 PM

Join an immersive 'golden hour' photo walk led by British Wildlife Photography Award winner Rich Bunce, set within the 2,500-acre Broughton Sanctuary nature recovery project. The relaxed 2-3 mile walk will take you through a rich mix of habitats, offering plenty of opportunities to develop your technique and learn how to capture the Sanctuary's diverse flora and fauna with skill, sensitivity, and respect. Bring your own device to take photos on!



Book at: [www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events](http://www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events)

## 'Tropic' really is beauty without Compromise

Hello everyone! I am delighted to introduce myself to the community as your local Tropic Skincare Ambassador. (You won't recognise me from the photo as I only look like that when I've been to the hairdressers! I'm normally running or walking one of our two dogs and looking very windswept!)



I fell in love with Tropic for many reasons. Founded in the UK, Tropic creates freshly made, cruelty-free, and 100% natural origin products that truly deliver results. From award-winning facial skincare to nourishing body care, makeup and sun protection, the entire range is freshly formulated using the greenest, most effective ingredients nature has to offer.

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Whether you are looking to address a specific skin concern, transition to a cleaner beauty routine, or find the perfect gift, I am here to help. I offer free, no-obligation skincare consultations, and I love hosting relaxed gatherings and workshops for small groups of friends or neighbours. I can help you streamline your beauty and makeup routine and make the most of offers from Tropic to ensure purchases are as cost effective as possible.

Please feel free to reach out to me for a chat, pop in for the latest catalogue, or to borrow some products. You can contact me on 07739035073 or email me at [janadamson1964@gmail.com](mailto:janadamson1964@gmail.com).



1859 saw a wave of Christian revival in England, Ireland and the USA. It was the year that the lovely Hetton Chapel was built. After a period of closure of the chapel a small group of Christians from different churches in the locality formed a trust to purchase the building. How the money was provided was an unusual and quite miraculous answer to prayer.

After an opening Carol Service in December 2024, weekly services began in January 2025. They are quite traditional - hymns new and old are sung, there is prayer, Bible reading, and always a little banquet of refreshments and time together at the end. Preaching the Bible is the focus of each service, and in many ways clear Bible teaching is the attraction which draws people from different backgrounds each week. God has clearly blessed us over the past 18 months. On the third Wednesday of each month, we have a coffee morning for friendship and food.

In the autumn we are to welcome Rev. Paul Williams as our minister. Married to Caroline, with grown up children, he has been a curate and vicar of some large churches, latterly working at St. Helen's Bishopsgate next to 'the Gherkin' in London. He is a caring pastor and very able Bible teacher who has already endeared himself to us all at Hetton. Under his



leadership we are wanting to increasingly serve the people of the village and the Dales.

Hetton Chapel will continue its special events. This autumn as well as the Harvest Festival, and a Light Evening for children, we have three 'Real Lives' events: Billy McCurrie, ex-Northern Irish terrorist who became a Christian serving a life sentence in the Maize Prison (Sept 13); Yvonne Edwards, a high flying businesswoman yet an alcoholic and drug addict, who came to faith in The Priory in London (Nov 1); Maureen Greaves, whose husband was murdered going to play the organ at a Christmas Eve service in Sheffield a decade ago (Dec 6).



Hetton Chapel is a special place, where everyone is very welcome. If we can be of assistance in any way to anyone, please ask. Feel free to put a note in the chapel letter box or text me on 079747 51333. 1859 seems very distant, but the same good news of Jesus and His love is as relevant today as it was all those years ago when the chapel first opened.

Roger Carswell

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[Hettonchapel@gmail.com](mailto:Hettonchapel@gmail.com)



Hetton Chapel

Hetton Chapel, Main Street, Hetton, BD23 6LT

## Yorkshire Camps

Yorkshire Camps Youth Club has started with a bang! Since Easter, we have met weekly at Netherside Hall (6-7.30pm) for games, activities and to look at what the Bible says about Jesus. Activities so far have included Go Karts, the Climbing Wall, Archery and more!



We would love your children to join us when YCYC restarts on Monday 7th September (Year 6+). Contact [joe@yorkshirecamps.org.uk](mailto:joe@yorkshirecamps.org.uk) for the booking link.

Looking further into September, Yorkshire Camps has its annual Day Camp which provides a chance for children to taste what camp is like, without the pressure of a sleepover.

For school years 3-6, 26th September 2026. Book online at [www.yorkshirecamps.org.uk](http://www.yorkshirecamps.org.uk).

A recruitment poster for volunteers. It features the Yorkshire Camps logo at the top left. A speech bubble says 'We need you!'. The background is a large stone building. Three small photos show people working outdoors. Text on the right asks for volunteers for Estate Days, held every Wednesday. It states that no experience is necessary and that the work is for young people to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. It also mentions that they are particularly keen to hear from those who work in the trade or have previous similar experience. Contact information is provided: 'If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Jay at [estate@yorkshirecamps.org.uk](mailto:estate@yorkshirecamps.org.uk)'. A QR code is included for more information. The text 'Thank you & God bless!' is written in a cursive font. The website [www.yorkshirecamps.org.uk](http://www.yorkshirecamps.org.uk) is at the bottom right.

# Gargrave Art Exhibition is coming soon!

Excitement is building as preparations for the annual Gargrave Art Exhibition enter their final stages for one of the village's most anticipated annual events.



We are delighted by the response from artists this year, with entries from a wide range of talented local creators. As always, the exhibition features amateur and professional artists, and welcomes new exhibitors alongside many familiar names.



The exhibition attracts artists from the local area of Gargrave, Hetton, Flasby, Rylstone and Cracoe. The variety of artists and artistic styles on display promises another inspiring and diverse exhibition. From paintings and photography to textiles, ceramics and more, visitors can look forward to a wonderful display of creativity and

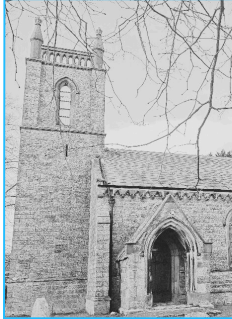
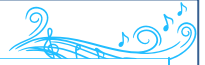
talent. Many of the works will be available to purchase, offering the chance to take home something unique while supporting local artists.

Helping to create the welcoming atmosphere for which the exhibition is known there will be homemade cakes, refreshments (from the Gargrave 2022 Group) and live music.

The exhibition runs from Thursday 9th July (10am to 7pm) to Sunday 12th July (10am to 4.30pm), at Gargrave Village Hall, West Street BD23 3RD. There's plenty of onsite parking. Entry is free although donations are appreciated and go towards ensuring that the Village Hall continues to be a wonderful community asset.

For more information visit [www.gargraveart.uk](http://www.gargraveart.uk) / email [exhibition@gargraveart.uk](mailto:exhibition@gargraveart.uk) or call Sarah on 07971 162901

## CONCERT...



# HICS

Hebden International Concert Series

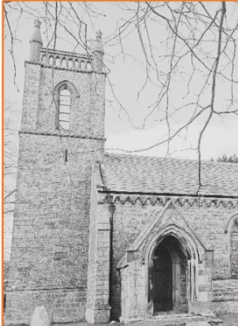
One of the monthly series of varied concerts being held at St Peter's Church, Hebden (BD23 5DX)

25TH JULY 2026 AT 3 PM

THE CROSSLEY DUO

This brother and sister group, Jonathan and Charlotte, sing and perform a variety of music with a multitude of instruments. Their repertoire goes from mediaeval through classical, to film music, folk, well known hits, and original songs, each one arranged uniquely. Interspersed with humour and anecdotes. An afternoon of great music and entertainment awaits.

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29TH AUGUST 2026 AT 3 PM

HEBDEN STRING QUARTET

The Hebden String Quartet will be returning by popular demand to entertain us with a lively mix of classical and contemporary music with some real surprises in store!

FOR MORE INFO:  
Mark Webb  
07957 901340

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Old School Tea Room  
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# 'Miss January's' 60 years of WI Membership!

Beryl's family call her 'Miss January' even now. Beryl Bamforth was the first lady in the Calendar Girls publication that started as a modest fundraising drive by the Rylstone and Cracoe WI for a local hospital and grew into an international sensation, a smash hit movie and musical.



Miss January now resides at Gill Top so when they heard that her WI wanted to present her with a certificate for six decades of membership, they generously laid on a fantastic afternoon tea, complete with 'nosecco' and invited a number of her WI colleagues to join her to celebrate such an unusual achievement.

Beryl looked very glamorous, which was entirely appropriate of course! It was a lovely afternoon, and Gill Top, well, topped the celebration by presenting her with a gorgeous bouquet.

Here you can see Beryl and other WI members celebrating her long membership of a most enterprising, innovative and ingenious WI.



Cheers,  
Beryl!



## Danish Baking

We had a delightful demo of Danish Cake, (sorry, Kage) making this month and all went home with a delicious creation in a cute box.

Hanne Barton, who lives in Grassington and whose daughter attended the school right next to the Cracoe Village Hall, gave a talk about the beautiful cakes available in Denmark. Unable to find anything similar here, she started to make them herself. They are Sunday Treat cakes, Konditorkage, and looked absolutely mouthwatering as she showed us pictures of a range of exquisite examples. The descriptions had us all wanting to book a trip to Copenhagen on the spot.

Hanne's Danish Konditorkage Chart	
	
Lagkage	Kransekage
	
Napoleons kage	Napoleons hatte
	
Sarah Bernhardt	Gansebryst
	
Fragilité	Tivoli kage
	
Medalje	Kartoffel kage

The Danes are apparently mad keen on marzipan, which seems to be almost obligatory in most cakes, along with great quantities of whipped cream. Layercake is for special celebrations, Kransekage for weddings and New Year.

Napoleon is celebrated in a stunning mille feille type pastry and in Napoleon's Hatte (go on, have a guess!) Confections of macaroon, meringue, hazelnuts, fruit, cream, chocolate, and custard come together to make the most gorgeous-looking examples of the bakers' art. I particularly fancied one called Fragilite.

However, we were going to make a potato. Kartoffelkage. This didn't look anything like as appealing as the others! Hanne had set up a very efficient production line in our meeting hall and we queued up to follow her instructions.

First we used cookie cutters to cut a circle of sponge from a rectangle of Genoese sponge cake. This was then sliced in half across. Each half was then generously slathered with your choice of booze-Madeira, Sherry, Brandy or lemon elderflower cordial. Then a choice of preserves, not overly sweet ones, lemon curd, morello cherry, gooseberry or blackcurrant making a mini sponge sandwich. The cake was then topped with exactly 35g of whipped cream. Weighing out the same amount of marzipan, we each got very messy rolling it into a thin round which was placed on top and gently tucked round the cream and sponge. The whole thing was dusted with cocoa, so it did indeed resemble a potato.

But there the resemblance ended. It may not have been as pretty as a 'Medalje' or a 'Tivoli kage' but it was absolutely glorious! We really enjoyed making our Danish cakes and would love Hanne to return and show us how one of the others are made. What about a 'Goose Breast'?

Rylstone & Cracoe WI usually meets on the first Thursday at 7.15pm at the Cracoe Village Hall. However, as this is our Centenary Year, on July 2nd we are having a special celebration, an afternoon tea held at a member's house. We would love to see any previous members so please contact Sue Magoolagan on 01756 730474 if you would like to come and see your old friends!

Our August meeting will be an afternoon tea at Glasshouses. Back to more normal meetings at Cracoe on September 3rd, new members welcome.

# Danish Kartoffel Kage

## Ingredients

3 eggs

180g sugar

180g self-raising flour

Orange zest

Jam or lemon curd, sharp in taste e.g. black current, damson or cherry.

Elderflower cordial, sherry or other liquor - not too sweet, for drizzling

420g marzipan and icing sugar for dusting

420ml whipping cream (not double, it makes the cakes heavy)

Raw cocoa powder

**Makes 12**

## Base sponge is fat free Genoese:

3 whole eggs whisked to soft ribbon stage with 180g sugar

Gently fold in 180g self-raising flour and zest of one orange.

Pour into greased or lined baking tin, 30x20cm (8x12 in old measure) and bake for 10 minutes at 180<sup>c</sup> until coming away from the sides. Cool.

Use a 6/7cm plain cutter, cut out 12 circles and slice horizontally.

Drizzle all pieces with liquor, a teaspoon-ish for each cake half. Leave for a bit, or even overnight, in cake box or similar.

Spread jam on cake, and put together, you now have 12 cake sandwiches.

Weigh 35g marzipan and roll out to 15cm circle and use a small plate to cut around, use icing sugar to avoid it sticking but not too much as you want the marzipan a little bit sticky so the cocoa powder can stick.

Whip cream until stiff. Take one sandwich, put 35g of whipped cream on top, just dollop!

Place marzipan disk centrally on top and with cupped hands, little fingers on table, gently push the marzipan around the cake keeping the cream on top of the sandwich. The folds in marzipan add character.

Using a mini sieve, dust generously all over with cocoa powder; very messy but necessary!

Make on the day, at least the final cream part. Keep uncovered in fridge and serve cold.

Enjoy



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**Sunday 26 July 2026**

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# Cracoe Cricket Club



As the Dales League season passes the halfway stage, Cracoe 1st XI lie 2nd in the table. A comfortable victory against Threshfield was sandwiched in between a hard-fought victory over a strong Linton side, and a defeat against Grassington who look like the team to beat this season. Standard performances so far have been from Dan Benson and Harry Snowden with the ball, George Beckwith with the bat, and Jacob Reeday in the field.

With the second half of league fixtures and a cup semi-final to come, there's still plenty of cricket left to pick up some silverware! Fixtures for the rest of the season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI are below:

29th June - Littondale (a)  
6th July - Burnsall (h)  
22nd July - Linton (a)  
29th July - Threshfield (a)  
3rd August - Grassington (h)

The 2nd team are enjoying a good first half to the season having won 4 and lost 1. 2 cracking wins against Draughton and Hebden, both going down to a nail biting final over. Some great contributions from our younger team members helped us over the line in both games. Unfortunately, the game against Burnsall was rained off. Just need the weather to behave and keep the wins coming.

## Owzat cricket correspondents

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Fixtures:

**Please keep your parish news  
coming in!**

**The deadline for the next magazine  
is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

July		
1	Linton	H
8	Rathmell	H
Friday 10	Appletreewick	H
15	Arncliffe	H
22	Hebden	A
29	Draughton	A
August		
5	Malham	H
12	Rathmell	A
19	Appletreewick	A
26	Arncliffe	A