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New beginnings

September is forever associated with new beginnings. It's imprinted in us from our school days onwards. Each September marks the start of a new school year, the formal marker in time of progress and moving on to the next stage in our lives. Some Septembers are more significant than others – the one where we started school for the first time, or moved from one school to another, or, for some of us, when we left the security of home for the first time and took our first tentative steps into the wider world of higher education. Even now, decades later, the beginning of September carries potent emotional resonance: regret at the loss of the summer just past, balanced against nervousness and excitement about what the immediate future holds.

This September is a time of new beginnings for the churches I serve in Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley. From September 1st, what were previously two separate Church of England parishes become one new parish – the parish of Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley. My title changes too – I will no longer be priest-in-charge, but Vicar of this new entity.

What difference will it make? In some ways, none. The churches have been adapting to life with one priest in place of two for the last 21 months. It's not always been an easy process, necessitating changes to service times and a reduction in priest-led worship

which many churchgoers have found difficult. But the vast majority have accepted the need for change and worked hard to cope gracefully with

the disruption. And out of that need for change have already grown some positive benefits. One service a month at Cononley is now led by people from the church, and from



**“ But forget
all that—
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to do ”**

September the same will be happening at Kildwick. From October, there will be a monthly Messy Church service at Kildwick, providing a great opportunity for all ages to worship and learn together, enjoying both each other's company, and delicious food!

The change could be seen as simply legal and technical, with no practical impact on each church's day-to-day working. It's certainly true that each church will continue to do what it does best – being a blessing in the villages where they are placed, offering regular space and time for local people to step back from day-to-day demands, and turn to God, in praise and worship, or simply being. But it also provides opportunities to do some things differently. To work together with people from sister churches so that we can help each other with ideas and support, in

living out our Christian calling in our different respective communities.

How do you feel about new beginnings? Are they occasions for sadness, lamenting what has been, and is now in the past? Times for thankfulness for all that was good in times past? Opportunities to look to the future, with both nervousness and excitement? Perhaps most likely a mixture of all of these. New beginnings remind us that although life might seem pretty static a lot of the time, the reality is that we live amidst constant change and growth. The good news for people of faith is that God is with us in it. Amongst my favourite Bible verses are these from Isaiah - ***But forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.***

Isaiah 43.18-19, New Living Translation

'All that' refers to what has been said immediately before these words. God has been reminding his people of his mighty acts of the past, rescuing them out of slavery in Egypt. But that is as nothing, says God, to what He is about to do. The future does not negate the past – but simply looking to the past would mean missing out on the good that the future holds.

Whether we're aware of it or not, September brings new beginnings for all of us, because life is always moving forward. Whatever it is that's new that lies ahead of you, my hope and prayer for you is that it will be good, that you don't have to do it alone, and that you'll be able to embrace it – with gratitude for what has been, and openness to what is to come.

With every blessing

Julie



Refurbishment at St John's

The last service in the "old" St John's was held on 18th August. The church was filled with our own worshippers, augmented by a baptism family. They clearly felt very welcome - and wrote a letter of thanks to say so! The letter was read out on the following Sunday.

That service was in our temporary home in the Village Institute. In a very different format, we started with bacon butties and coffee at 10am, followed by a lay-led service by Ruby at 11am. Tony Hamilton, the Cononley Singers conductor, taught us to sing "Happy Days", a favourite of Ruby's in the Singers repertoire. Ruby presented us with a very happy hour of laughter and prayer with readings as a celebration of the landmark that St John's had reached and the progress that has been made in the first few days towards the refurbishment.

Services will now be held at the Institute, with one or two exceptions when the Institute has already been booked. On those Sundays we will have the opportunity to join the services at Bradley or Kildwick.

In **September**, we will have no service on 1st September.

Holy Communion will be led by Revd Julie Bacon on 8th and 15th.

There will be a lay led service on 22nd – and on 29th, the "fifth Sunday service" will be at Kildwick at 9.30.

On 6th **October** the annual Harvest Service will be led by Methodist minister, Revd Susan Greenhart.

Please pray for the ongoing refurbishment at St John's and for the builders carrying out this work.

DSC

St Andrew's Messy Church

(This title has nothing whatsoever to do with the notice on page 21...)



This term we will be starting to have a Messy Church on a monthly basis.

The first one will be on Sunday October 20th from 2.30-4.30pm.

Look out for more details in the October Bridge and school newsletters.

Messy Church is an opportunity for families to learn about God through craft, stories and singing in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. It lasts for about 2 hours and is suitable for all ages and concludes with refreshments.

Heritage Open Days

Welcome to England's largest festival of history and culture!

Every September some 40,000 volunteers across England organise 5,000 events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture.

And three of those 5,000 events are at St Andrew's!

First and foremost, the church will be open for visitors on both weekends of the Festival (14th/15th and 21st/22nd September). Visitors will see our beautiful old building; they'll be shown some of our ancient artefacts and hear some of the history of the iconic building. They will also hear a little of what we are trying to do to preserve this "jewel in the crown of Craven" for future generations.

It may be that part of the bell tower will be included in a tour of the church. That's where you'll see a strange door, halfway up the wall – and that's where you'll be subjected to the one-eyed gaze of the supposed Norse god, Odin. But the bell tower is also a tour in its own right. The tower is officially only open on the first weekend (14th and 15th September) though there may be folk around for the second.

On the Tower Tour, visitors will see our ringing room, with its rare "Yorkshire Tail Ends" on the ropes (we're one of just six towers in the world with these). They will see how a bell "works" when rung English-style and will, no doubt, become bemused by the complexities of change ringing. The more intrepid will make their way up the spiral staircase (passing the back of that "fairy door" in the wall) to see the venerable clock which has been ticking there since at least 1709. Its present form dates from 1867 when it was set going on 24th August. Further up, across an awkward step, are the bells themselves; nearly three tons of metal. There is no doubt about it. The Nine Tailors has it right; these have an impressive and brooding presence all of their own.

Our third event is an innovation this year. This is a unique opportunity to cast a bell! Provided that the weather is kind (and the forecast suggests it may be!), we'll be firing up the furnace and doing some casting. I hope we'll be able to see how a big bell is cast, using traditional loam and a strickle but we'll actually cast in sand which works better for our small bells. This is a chance to get up close and personal! Apart from the actual pouring of the molten metal, visitors will have the chance to do it themselves! If it's raining, then there'll be a display of the equipment. We can make the moulds, but not actually pour the metal.

Do come along! If you know about the church, come and help! If you don't, then come and find out.

9/9/18 Fascinating! Thanks!
9.9.18 That was very informative + I
feel privileged to have had the
experience.

Old birds, new birds

For several years now the most dominant, and also the most colourful character amongst our varied garden birdlife, has been a cock pheasant. He used to have the habit of announcing his presence by crowing loudly while at the same time vigorously flapping his wings in an aggressive display to all other birds that he was not to be trifled with. When I went out in the evening to top up the bird feeders he would meet me as if to demand that he should be the first to be thrown some seed. He would then call up his little entourage of other pheasants to join in the supper.

But latterly the old pheasant has not been his usual self. He seems to have lost his companions apart from a single hen bird which turns up occasionally as if to check on his welfare, as a carer might do for a sick person. Otherwise he cuts a very lonely figure in our garden. He still comes out for his evening supper, but his demeanour is more of a supplication than a command. His plumage has lost its sheen and his call has diminished from a confident crow to something more like a subdued 'cluck' without any attendant display of wing-flapping. Maybe he is just going through a periodic moult which must be quite a stressful time for him. In that case we may see him recover to something nearer his prime before long and hear him in full voice once more.

So that's our old bird. But we have had some new visitors from among the pigeon family which we have not previously recorded. We are used to seeing wood pigeons and collared doves and regard these as residents around and in the garden. Recently however these have been joined on a couple of occasions by a stock dove and separately by the more delicate and prettier turtle dove. We welcome all such newcomers – just like Cononley WI which regularly says the same in its reports in this magazine!

Alan Ratledge

MAKE IT BAKE IT GROW IT SHOW

CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE
SATURDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Doors open at 2pm Refreshments £1 entry per adult

Prize giving, raffle & auction of produce will take place at 3.30pm

Cononley Singers



On the 4th September we return to our rehearsals at the New Inn and I would think we will be starting the Christmas music.

On the 28th September we will be singing at Long Preston church in the evening. We'll be practising there during the afternoon so Tony is booking a meal for us at the Maypole which will be a lovely social occasion.

At present we are not sure where the Christmas carol service will be as the Cononley Village Institute is booked for the 15th December but I will let you know when it is arranged.

Ruby



Cononley W.I.



Now the summer holidays are over and the nights are drawing in, we have an exciting month to look forward to in September.

We meet on the 5th September for our meeting and we introduce **Bowen Therapy**, a talk given by Craven Clinic Skipton. It sounds extremely interesting.

On the 7th September we have been asked to provide refreshments for the Bake It, Grow It, Make It Show. We are looking forward to this - let's hope all refreshments are eaten up!

On the 12th September Joan Banks, a long standing WI member, has kindly offered to do a nostalgic afternoon, looking at old photographs and reminiscing of the good old days. It will provide a good talking point and no doubt there will be tea, coffee and cake to help the conversation on.

On the 20th September we have been asked to host the Federation Quiz. We will be busy organising the supper, organising the raffle and not forgetting the quiz team. So no doubt we have a lot of organising to do!

Do join us! We are a friendly bunch of women so do come along - you will receive a warm welcome on the first Thursday of each month at the Village Institute for 7.30pm.

Pauline Link
President WI Cononley

Cononley Art Group

The visit to the Walker Gallery was a great success. The exhibition of paintings, furniture, ceramics and textiles was excellent I was told; I was very sad to miss it.

Our next workshop is a life drawing class and it is always an excellent challenge to all of us to draw what we see in the allotted time.

We will follow it up with a life drawing class with some of our members posing. They will, however, be decently dressed. We are not brave enough to strip off!

Ruby



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Kildwick Church Building Working Group

Over the last few months, a small group of people from the church and the wider community have been meeting to look at the issues facing St Andrew's church building, and to look at putting together a strategy for securing a sustainable future for this historic Grade 1 listed place of worship. This builds on a great deal of work that



has been done in the past by many people from St Andrew's, who have grappled faithfully with the challenges of being custodians of a building of this nature. We have been grateful for the support of Sue Booth, Buildings for Mission Officer for our diocese in convening this group. The church building belongs not just to those who worship there Sunday by Sunday, but to all who live in the parish, whether they visit it often, rarely or not at all. We think it's important therefore to give everyone in the parish information about where we are, and where we think we're going, and so we are planning to do this by writing to everyone in the parish sometime in the next couple of months. Do look out for this letter, and we hope that you'll respond to it in one of the ways that it will suggest.

The Reverend Julie Bacon

Chuffs

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! Some of us who can't get enough of Chuffs met 2 or 3 times during the holidays and had a good time playing and chatting.

We said goodbye to 2 children who are making the next step on their journey, starting at Kildwick School this term. God bless you both and all the other little ones who will be taking that big step!

We begin the new term at Chuffs on Tuesday 3rd September from 10.00am to 11.30am in St Andrew's Parish Rooms. Mums, dads, grandmas, childminders, other carers and of course all children from babies (we love babies!) to pre-schoolers will be most welcome.



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Services for September

Date	Time	Church	Readings
1st September 11th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick	Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16 Luke 14.1,7-14
8th September 12th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33
15th September 13th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's, Kildwick St John's, Cononley	1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-10
22nd September 14th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1-13
29th September 15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	KCB Service St Andrew's Kildwick	1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-end



A new service at St Andrew's

An informal service will be held on the third Sunday of each month at St. Andrew's Church Kildwick. Not led by a priest, there will be hymns and songs, a short talk and some prayers, all suitable for the whole family.

Refreshments will be available from 10.30am
before the service begins at 11.00am.

It will be a short service and everyone is welcome.

*We would be delighted if you could join us for our first service
on Sunday September 15th.*

Rotas for September

Date	Kildwick Readers	Kildwick Intercessor	Kildwick Communion
1st September 11th Sunday after Trinity	Sylvia Clark Lesley Hudson	Jill Wright	Sandie and Jill
8th September 12th Sunday after Trinity	Glyn Evans Tim Chapman	Sue Hargreaves	Peter
15th September 13th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Lay-led service at Kildwick</i>		
22nd September 14th Sunday after Trinity	John Barfoot Brenda Brock	Lesley Hudson	Sue
29th September 15th Sunday after Trinity	Glyn Evans Kath Morris	Chris Wright	Jill and Sue

"Table for 26, please"
 "But there's only 13 of you"
 "Yes, but we are all going to sit on the same side"



KCB service pattern – from January 2019

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Bradley	9.30am	<i>No service</i>	9.30am	9.30am	Joint service at 9.30am – venue rotates
Cononley	<i>Methodists</i> 11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	<i>Lay-led service</i> 11.00am	
Kildwick	11.00am	9.30am	<i>Lay-led service</i> 11.00am	11.00am	

Regular Events in the “KCB” Parishes

Monday	9.30am	Pre-School Music Group	Bradley Village Hall
Monday	2.00pm	Cononley Arts Club	Cononley Institute
Monday	8.00pm	Ditty Nitty Craft Club	Slater’s Arms, Bradley
Tuesday	10.00am <i>Not holidays</i>	Chuffs <i>Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!</i>	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Tuesday	7.15pm	Yoga Class	Bradley Village Hall
Tuesday	7.15pm	Choir practice	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Wednesday	9.30am	Midweek Eucharist	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Wednesday	10.15am	NottheKnot Group	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Wednesday	7.45pm	Cononley Singers	Cononley New Inn
Thursday	9.30am	Toddlers Group	Bradley Village Hall
Thursday	3.30pm <i>Not holidays</i>	MiniRingers Club	Kildwick Tower or Parish Rooms
Thursday	6.45pm <i>as required</i>	Bell Handling Practice	Kildwick Tower
Thursday	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Kildwick Tower
Thursday	7.30pm	Whist Drive	Bradley Village Hall
Friday	9.00am	Pilates	Cononley Institute
Friday	10.00am	Yoga Class	Bradley Village Hall
Friday	1.30pm	Keep Fit	Cononley Institute

KCB prayers

We meet together for “KCB prayers” each month to pray for an hour for our churches and communities as well as for wider concerns.

We normally gather at 7.30pm, on the fourth Monday of the month.

While Cononley has no suitable venue, the meetings will alternate between Bradley and Kildwick.

The dates and venues for the next three meetings are as follows:

Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm. at St Andrew’s Parish Rooms, Kildwick

Monday 28th October at 7.30pm. at St Mary’s, Bradley

Monday 25th November at 7.30pm. at St Andrew’s Parish Rooms, Kildwick

Monday 23rd December – No Meeting

Relate: Time to Talk



I am writing as a trustee on the board of Relate in Keighley asking whether you could think about making a donation to 'Time to Talk', as this part of Relate's work is close to my heart as a parent and fairly new grandparent, and having worked with deeply emotionally disturbed children in my last employment.

My reason for asking you to contribute is that the counselling we can offer for the many children with mental health difficulties is severely limited as a result of costs rising and funding decreasing. We have also suffered a loss of funding as a result of reduced demands on our room hire here at Acres House which in the past brought in £30K annually.

Statistics from the Children's Society website tell us that 4.1% of 5-10 year olds, 9% of 11-16 year olds and 15% of 17-19 year olds suffer from an identifiable emotional disorder which means they need help which 'Time to Talk' counselling with Relate can provide if the money is available.

We have highly qualified and experienced counsellors who can offer young clients the support which is continuing to be desperately needed, either at Relate here in Keighley or for some at the school which they attend but of course this only is available during term time.

We have a waiting list across the district of at least 50 youngsters at the moment, which means a long time without any help for so many of them when support is needed immediately.

I appreciate that everyone has varying demands made on their finances but please, if you feel this subject is a concern to you or any member of your family or friends, think about making a contribution to the 'Time to Talk' aspect of Relate's work.

You can make a donation by:-

- Using the **donate page** on the website relatepkc.org.uk
- **Telephoning** the office (01535 605047) and speaking with Nick, Lesley or Diane
- **Sending an email** to ask for more information: keighleyoffice@relatepkc.org.uk

Yours sincerely

*Elly Barfoot (on behalf of the Board of Trustees Relate PKC
and a member of St Andrews Church Kildwick)*

What's on at the Institute?

*The following events will take place at Kildwick & Farnhill Institute,
Main Street, Farnhill.*

Quiz Night

Friday 13th September, 7.00pm

Team Quiz -- General knowledge, Pictures, and Music rounds. An under-12s quiz. Confectionery prizes. Admission includes refreshments.
Admission £5 (£10 for family teams)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th September

Part of the nationwide fund raising event, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care.

"On Her Majesty's Service"

Friday 11th October, 7.15pm

Colin Holt will talk about his time doing National Service in the 1950s.
Admission £5.00 including refreshments.

Regular monthly coffee morning

Saturday 12th October, 10.00 - 11.30am

*Come along and meet up with your friends and neighbours for a chat.
Cake stall / Charity raffle.*

Perusing Peru

Friday 25th October, 7.15pm

Paul Haywood will give an illustrated talk on his recent travels in Peru.
Admission £7.00 including refreshments

"Follow the Fleece"

Friday 22nd November, 7.30pm

A musical revue based on the history of the wool trade in Airedale.
Admission including refreshments £7.50



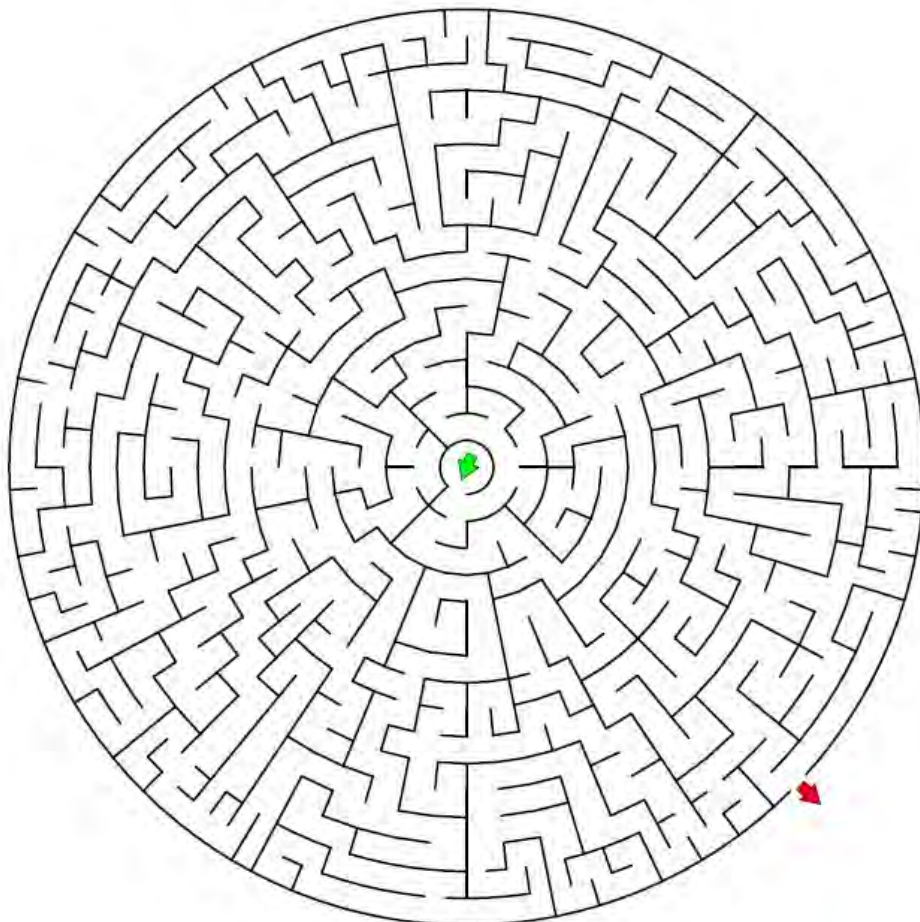


St. Mary's Autumn Coffee Morning

**21st September 10:00am
The Village Hall, Bradley**

There will be an Arts and Crafts competition open to all the children in the village (and at Bradley School) so collect an entry form from school or the Village Shop from early September. The entries must have an Autumn theme and can be paintings, leaf prints, sketches, painted pebbles...use your imagination!

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served and a donation from the proceeds from this event will be made to support the work of Martin House.





Tea and Scones at Kildwick



**Served in the Parish Rooms
next to the church**

**Every Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm–4.30pm
from 5th May till the end of September**

A warm welcome awaits our regular and new customers!

If you are able to help by hosting an afternoon, baking scones or 'church sitting' so that our ancient church can be open for visitors, please sign the list in church or contact Lesley Hudson on 01535 523291



Flapjack Friday

Every Friday during term time, call in at St Andrew's
and enjoy a cup of coffee, a flapjack and a natter!

*Drop off the kids ...
– and call into church
any Friday
for a hot drink
and a piece of flapjack
Stay for a chat if you can!*

The Prayer Page

Prayers for Young People

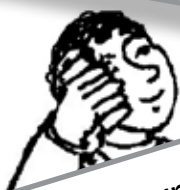


God of wisdom, we bring before you those children and young people who are affected daily by the unkind words of others; we pray for those who are bullied and victimised, sometimes by those they have never met.

Bring comfort to those who feel worthless in comparison to the latest airbrushed celebrity.

We thank you for all the good that social media brings: the connection with friends and family, shared moments of celebration and a community of support. We ask that you would guide children and young people to use social media wisely, and grant the self-esteem to shrug off all that is unhelpful and damaging.

For your name's sake. Amen



We are surrounded by images that tell us how to be and how to look: advertisements that sell us a life we will never have; impossible ideals of perfection and unattainable beauty.

Help us not to judge on surface appearance; guide us to discern what really matters.

Help young people to see their true worth and that of others.

Help each one to delight in their own unique being.

Thank you that you see beyond the masks we sometimes wear:

you see us as we truly are, and we are thankful.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Creator God, You love all that you have made. You formed everyone in your own image.

Forgive us when we do not treat others as those created and loved by you.

We pray for children and young people returning to school or college this month.

We ask that you would inspire them with a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge.

We pray for those who find school difficult:

The shy, the lonely, those who don't have the right trainers or mobile phone, the ones that don't fit in.

Help those on the margins to find good friends and a place to feel safe.

Most of all, we ask that all children and young people would grow in wisdom and character, Knowing that they are precious and loved.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





The Birds in Your Garden

The Swallow



Swallows are often used as an indication of the changing seasons – “one swallow does not a summer make” etc. (Apparently from a remark by Aristotle). In September they tell us autumn is just around the corner as they feed up ready for their return to the warmer climes of Africa.

Swallows are characterised by their slender bodies, long pointed wings and forked tails, Martins tend to have much less deeply forked tails, but you do have to look closely to see which is which when they are chasing insects.

) Helpfully, whilst Swallows have a wide range of habitats, House Martins usually hunt near buildings, and Sand Martins near water.

There are around 800,000 breeding pairs in the UK, part of a total of more than 25m in Europe as a whole. They start laying in early June and can

continue into August, usually producing two broods per year. For many years they were amber listed, but recently this has been lifted to green as numbers seem to have stabilised or even grown. In Yorkshire though, their numbers have been falling steadily since 2010, to around half their peak.

No one seems really sure why this is, but the loss of livestock farming and grazed grassland, together with arable intensification, are the most likely causes. Loss of nesting sites, often blamed, seems not to be a major factor. Recent research has found a correlation between survival rates and rainfall in the western Sahal (the area just south of the Sahara) which they must pass through in spring on their way here. Add in the hazards of long-distance migration in a world afflicted by climate change, and the resultant unpredictable and high-energy driven weather, and you have a recipe for trouble.

Unlike other passerines, Swallows migrate by day, flying quite low in about 200 miles stages, stopping to refuel on flying insects. At night they roost in huge flocks in reed-beds at traditional stopover spots. Before crossing barriers, such

as the Sahara or the Mediterranean they will refuel for several days to ensure they have enough fat for the crossing. The amount of fat they lay down is closely correlated with the size of the next barrier as carrying excess fat is extremely costly in terms of impaired flight performance.

The journey to or from Africa takes about six weeks, with Swallows from different parts of Europe flying to different destinations. UK breeding Swallows winter in South Africa and Namibia, so they have a longer way to go than most. In spring, Swallows from all over the African continent cross the Mediterranean via Gibraltar or via the Balearics, Sardinia, and the Italian peninsula. They then spread out, with those headed for the UK continuing to northern France, Belgium and the Netherlands, where another split occurs, between birds breeding here, Denmark and Scandinavia. Their autumn return routes are similar to those in spring.

I find it quite incredible that such small birds travel so far to breed. Just how and why this high-risk behaviour evolved is the subject of much fascinating discussion and well worth reading about if you have the time.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of an organisation not a million miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds call: Mike Gray 07596 366342 or gbwmike@gmail.com.



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Tower Talk

The summer is often a quiet time for everyone - the bell ringers are no exception! Last Sunday, we were reduced to ringing "Three Blind Mice" on the three biggest bells. Two weeks before that, we rang the Ellacombe Chimes. I blame the Tower Captain, who keeps going on holiday!

before the dissolution.

10.00

Kildwick, N Yorks. 18 Jul, Rounds on Six: Otis Brooks 1, George Rees 2, Oliver Goodwin 3, Angus Firth 4, Alfie Swinton 5, Oscar Hamblett 6. By the Year 6 Kildwick MiniRingers before their Leavers' Service in church. Rounds were rung in fine style - sometimes with consecutive bells. This is the youngest band ever to ring full circle in the tower (total age 68 years & 5 months). A significant step up from last year's supported rounds on four! **£3**

Thank you to all who attended the service.

However, all has not been totally silent. The holiday period started with the Leavers' Service at the end of term. All six of the leavers took charge of a rope and they rang! No one was pretending that it was brilliant ringing, but it was far better than I had hoped.

The performance (it was listed in the Ringing World as a "Miscellaneous Performance") attracted the eye of the editor and so we got another mention in his weekly column. In correspondence, he laid down a challenge: next year, we need to try for a quarter peal!

Far more significant than a mention in tomorrow's chip wrapper is the fact that most of those six have carried on through the summer. After achieving their Level 1 (bell handling) badges in June, Angus already has his Level 2 (foundation ringing skills) certificate and Alfie, Otis, George and Oliver will be following shortly. With their Level 2 skills, they are well capable of ringing with the main band (and may even start to earn whenever there's a wedding to ring for!)

Further up the age range, it was good to see that Ed featured in the quarter peal reports the other day. Not just once, but twice! One of the quarters also featured Richard and Chris. Time, I think, for Ed's first peal and a first quarter by a Kildwick band...

So much for the past. We need, always, to be looking to the future. I hope that the beginning of the Autumn term will bring a fresh new crop of MiniRingers. The six who are still at the school all seem keen to carry on, so we'll have space for six more. I'm really looking forward to seeing who will become members of that very special band.

Teaching a new ringer to handle a bell needs quite a commitment from both teacher and learner. As our young ringers move up to the adult band, we now have space for one or two more adult learners. Would you like to join our active and friendly band? Come and visit us on a Thursday night and see what we get up to. We'd love to see you. Then, even when holidays happen, we may be able to ring more than three bells!

Chris Wright

St Andrew's Church and Churchyard Tidy Up

It is time that we had a tidy up and cleaning inside and outside our church.

This will take place from
Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th
September
from 10.00am to 12.30pm

There will be a list in church to sign when you can help.

If there is anyone who would like to help but doesn't feel up to cleaning and gardening, assistance with refreshments for the workers would be very welcome!



Most of the cleaning equipment is provided for inside the church but feel free to bring some dusters. If you are going to work in the gardens please bring some gardening tools.

The more people who come the quicker it will be finished and our beautiful church will look pristine for the Heritage weekends!!

Further details from
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*With proper ceremony, they laid it to rest
with its ancestors*



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*As far as Reg could tell, the burglar had
disturbed nothing in the vestry*

The October Edition

The deadline for the October edition is Sunday 22nd September

Please let us have your material by then
– and we'll try to have the magazine ready for Sunday, 29th September
so you can collect your copy at the KCB service at St Andrew's!

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