

## SOCIAL AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### AIREDALE AND WHARFEDALE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

(Formerly Wharfedale Family History Group and Keighley Family History Society)

Contact Lynda Balmforth  
Telephone: 01943 464779  
Email: lyndabalmforth@hotmail.com  
Venue: Salem Church Hall  
Time: 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Meetings: 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month at Salem Church Hall, September to June  
Providing assistance in the research of one's ancestors near and far. Research evenings are held in July and January.

### AMATEUR DRAMATICS

#### BURLEY THEATRE GROUP

Burley Theatre Group was formed in 1997 to promote and foster an interest in dramatic art in the village. Since that time it has become established as an important part of village life, providing entertainment and fun for all ages. Regular productions are staged at the Queens Hall. If you are interested in any aspect of the group's activities or would like to know more, please contact:

John Wise Membership Secretary  
Telephone: 07933 315175  
Email: johnnywise6@yahoo.co.uk

Amanda Clegg Joint Chair  
Telephone: 07905 725249  
01943 864224  
Email: amandabroon@googlemail.com

Web: burleytheatre.org.uk

Burley Theatre Group can also be found on Facebook.

## ART

### **Burley in Wharfedale Art Club**

Secretary: Tony Beale  
Telephone: 01943 865018  
Email: anthonybeale04@gmail.com

President: Greg Learmonth  
Telephone: 01943 864924

Venue: St Mary's Parish Church or Salem Church Hall  
Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

We are a small and friendly local group who share an interest in art and join up on Tuesdays between 7.30pm and 9.30pm either at St Mary's Parish Centre on Station Road or Salem Church Hall.

## BANDS

### **Otley Brass Band**

Venue: The Courthouse, Courthouse Street, Otley, LS21 3AN.  
Time: Tuesdays between 7:45 pm and 10 pm.  
Email: info@otleybrassband.co.uk

Players looking for a local, friendly brass band are welcome to chat to us about our three bands - Stepping Stones, Wharfe Brass and Otley Brass Band.

### **Two Rivers Concert Band / Two Rivers Swing Band**

Venue: (Concert Band) Baptist Church, Ilkley on Saturdays from 9:15 am to 11:30 am  
(Swing Band) St James Church, Baildon on Thursdays from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Contact: Aliko Georgiou (Secretary)  
Email: secretary.tworiversbands@yahoo.com

Our bands cater for players of all abilities. Music grades are not required and we do not audition members. The only qualification you need is lots of enthusiasm for making great music.

## BEEKEEPING

### **Wharfedale Beekeepers Association**

Lower Wharfedale group: Meets on the last Tuesday of the month in Otley in a private room at The Fleece on Westgate (LS21 3DT), starting at 7:30 pm

Upper Wharfedale group: Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at The Narrowboat, Skipton (38 Victoria Street, BD23 1JE) from 7.30 pm until about 9 pm.

Secretary: Janet Hartley  
Email: [wbka\\_secretary@wharfedalebka.org.uk](mailto:wbka_secretary@wharfedalebka.org.uk)  
Web: [www.wharfedalebka.org.uk](http://www.wharfedalebka.org.uk)

Memberships throughout the Wharfe Valley for both beekeepers and non-beekeepers who are interested in the hobby. Courses run annually.

## **BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED**

### **Hockney Group**

Contact: Mr P N Halliwell  
Telephone: 01943 863274  
Venue: St Mary's Parish Centre  
Times: Fortnightly on Thursdays from 2pm to 3:30pm.

The Hockney Group (named after its benefactor) aims to develop a spirit of friendship and fellowship for the blind and partially sighted in the Burley and Menston area. Transport is provided for those who need it. No membership fees.

## **BRIDGE**

### **BURLEY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

Contacts: Barbara Cowley  
Telephone: 01943 467989  
Email: [randbcowley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:randbcowley@yahoo.co.uk)  
Venue: Methodist Church Hall  
Times: Monday evenings 7pm to 10pm.

We are a friendly relaxed social Duplicate Bridge Club. New members with some bridge experience are always welcome.

### **BURLEY RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB**

Contact: Valerie and Trevor Russell  
Telephone: 01943 864911

Email: russvalt@btopenworld.com  
Venue: Methodist Church Hall.  
Meetings: 2:00 pm – 4.30 pm Friday afternoons throughout the year.

Play bridge in a relaxed and friendly environment – a partner is not essential.

### **BURLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

(Registered charity 1163568)

Contact: David Asher - Secretary  
Telephone: 01943 862965  
Email: burleybridge@gmail.com

Working to create a safe crossing over the River Wharfe at Burley in Wharfedale Wharfedale in order to extend recreational opportunities such as walking and running for everyone. Annual and life membership available.

### **BURLEY IN WHARFEDALE COMMUNITY TRUST (BWCT)**

#### **Contacts:**

Chairman: Duncan Ault  
Telephone: 01943 862165

Secretary: Andrew Wriglesworth  
Telephone: 01943 865840

Venue: The Round House  
Times: 7.30 pm, quarterly  
Web: burleycommunitytrust.org

The Trust was established as a charity in 2003 to take over responsibility for certain assets and activities in the village that were more beneficial to a charitable status. These responsibilities have grown over subsequent years to include all the Scalebor Park communal grounds and pavilion, the Cornmill Pond, Pudding Tree and Jubilee Gardens. The Trust is also responsible for coordinating the Christmas Lights and Christmas Market, Annual Duck Race, and the hanging baskets and flower tubs in the summer. We also assist other village organisations with their fundraising activities, usually on a match funding basis. These include drainage of the Scalebor football pitch, artificial cricket pitch, bowls club refurbishment and the new children's playground . Particular emphasis is put on helping young persons.

Funds are raised through Trust membership of £12 individual, £18 family, £150 individual life, through donations, the Duck Race and other events.

### **BURLEY OVER 50s GROUP**

Contact: Jan Harrison (Secretary)  
Telephone: 01943 865571  
Times: First Monday of each month 7.30 pm (unless otherwise advertised)  
Venue: Catholic Hall, Bradford Road

An active friendship group for the over 50s within the village. Activities include visits to local theatres, talks, meals in local hostelrys, walks, concerts and much more.

### **BURLEY READING GROUP**

Venue: Burley Library  
Telephone: 01943 863714  
Time: Monthly on Fridays at 2:30 pm.  
Further details available from the library.

### **BURLEY VILLAGE WILDLIFE GROUP**

Contact: Peter Riley  
Telephone: 01943 862916  
Meet at: Sun Lane Nature Reserve  
Time: First Sunday of the month 10 am to 12 pm  
Third Thursday of the month 1:45 pm to 3:30 pm.

The group aims to promote the conservation and management of wildlife areas in the village and also to provide advice on wildlife issues (e.g. wildlife-friendly gardening). It currently manages the Sun Lane Nature Reserve (with support from BCC, BMDC and Wharfedale Naturalists).

### **CHESS CLUB**

Venue: Burley Library  
Telephone: 01943 863714  
Time: Monday afternoons, from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm.

All ages welcome.

## SINGING AND MUSIC GROUPS

### **Burley in Wharfedale Community Choir - A fun, friendly and informal choir.**

Contact: Vivien  
Telephone: 01943 865840  
Venue: Methodist Church, Main Street, Burley.  
Times: Wednesday 7.30 pm - 9 pm (during term time)

Junior section of the choir (11 to 18 years) meets Wednesday 6 pm - 7 pm – also at the Methodist Church.

The choir formed 7 years ago with approximately 35 members. Non audition, just come along and sing. We have a cheeky cuppa part way through rehearsal which helps choir members to get to know one another. Always room for more!

### **Cantores Olicanae**

We are a mixed-voice choir of approximately fifty singers, established in the 1970s in Ilkley, West Yorkshire. Each season the choir performs four or five concerts, with programmes including major choral works, popular Christmas music and light-hearted, jazzy summer entertainment.

Contact: Anne Lowe (chairman)  
Telephone: 01943 872689  
Web: [cantoresolicanae.org.uk](http://cantoresolicanae.org.uk)

### **Fairfax Singers - Burley**

Director of Music: Dorothy Hawkshaw  
Venue: SS Fisher and More Catholic Church Hall, Bradford Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale  
Web: [Fairfaxsingers.org.uk](http://Fairfaxsingers.org.uk)  
Time: Tuesdays 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

If you would like to join us an informal audition can be arranged. Visit our website for contact details. We sing for charities, good causes, corporate events and weddings, raising significant amounts of money for charity.

To book a concert please contact: Marjorie Hall 01274 597024 or email [marj.hall51@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marj.hall51@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Goldies Sing-along Group**

A fun sing-along in a dementia friendly group. You don't need to be a great singer or know the words! You don't even need to sing. Just come, enjoy the music and have a cup of tea.

Venue: St Mary's Parish Centre  
Telephone: 01943 864405  
Times: 2nd Thursday of the month, 2 pm to 3 pm.

### **Ilkley Choral Society**

Contact: Francoise Ainsworth  
Telephone: 01943 608067  
Email: [secretary@ilkleychoral.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ilkleychoral.org.uk)  
Venue: Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley

We welcome new members, especially tenors and young singers. There are no auditions. Young people can join us for no fee if they are full-time students or under 18 years old. If you enjoy singing come and join in a rehearsal to see how you like it.

### **Ukulele Jammers**

Contact: Tom Clegg  
Venue: St. Mary's Parish Centre  
Time: Monday evenings, 7 pm to 8:30 pm.  
Telephone: 07931 313893  
Email: [tom@valleymusic.com](mailto:tom@valleymusic.com)

A ukulele group for all abilities. We sing new and old songs and have a laugh while doing so! The ukulele is perfect for beginner musicians. Spare ukuleles are available if you'd like to try it out - contact Tom.

### **Wharfedale Male Voice Choir**

Contact: Terry or Ken  
Telephone: 01943 466806 or 01943 863177  
Email: [WharfedaleMVC@outlook.com](mailto:WharfedaleMVC@outlook.com)  
Venue: St John Fisher and Sir Thomas More Catholic Church  
Time: Mondays 2 pm to 4 pm.

The Wharfedale Male Voice Choir is the choir in the Wharfe valley originally formed 30 years ago for men who love to sing and we are looking for new members. You don't need to have any singing experience to join the WMVC and you don't need to be able to read music, so just come along and join us for music, friendship and fun.

### **Wharfedale Valley Voices**

Contact: Tom Clegg  
Telephone: 07931 313893  
Email: tom@valleymusic.com  
Venue: St Mary's Parish Centre, Station Road  
Time: Wednesdays, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

We are a popular music choir who sing songs from the 1960s to the present day! No singing experience necessary. All welcome.

### **Valley Music Social Club**

Contact: Tom Clegg  
Telephone: 07931 313893  
Venue: St. Mary's Parish Centre, Station Road, Burley in Wharfedale  
Time: Tuesday mornings, 10:30 am to 12 pm  
Email: tom@valleymusic.com

A relaxed morning of tea-drinking and singing! All welcome. Just sing or bring an instrument. Music and lyrics are provided (and biscuits, too!)

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

### **Microsoft Word help**

Venue: Burley Library  
Telephone: 01943 863714  
Time: At a mutually convenient time / date.

Ask at the library for further details.

### **Tea and Tablets**



Venue: Burley Library  
Telephone: 01943 863714  
Time: At a mutually convenient time / date.

For those who need help using their tablet / mobile device. Ask at the library for further details.

## FILM

### **Children's Cinema**

Venue: Salem Church Hall  
Time: 2:30 pm on the 4th Saturday in the month (not during summer months)

### **Community Cinema**

Venue: Salem Church Hall  
Time: 7:30 pm on the 4th Saturday in the month.

### **Ilkley Film Society**

Venue: Ilkley Playhouse  
Contact: [membershipsec@ilkleyfilmsociety.org.uk](mailto:membershipsec@ilkleyfilmsociety.org.uk)

If you live in the Ilkley area and are interested in quality films from around the world, what better way to spend Sunday evening than with other like-minded people. In the comfortable, intimate venue of Ilkley Playhouse where you will find 24 professional presentations between September and June.

## GARDENING

### **Allotments**

Burley Parish Council manages allotments on Prospect Road, Aireville Terrace and on Oak Avenue. If you would like more information about allotments in the village or would like to go on the waiting list, please contact the parish clerk on 01943 864728 or email [clerk@burleyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@burleyparishcouncil.co.uk).

### **Burley Gardener's Association**

Contact: Sue Vint ( Membership Secretary)  
Telephone: 01943 864515

Regular meetings with guest speakers, trips to local gardens etc. Membership runs April to April. Newsletter issued four times per year.

## **Wharfedale Gardeners**

Contact: Thelma Harrison (Membership Secretary)  
Telephone: 0113 2256405.  
Email: info@wharfedalegardeners.co.uk  
Venue: Otley Methodist Church  
Time: 7.30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

## **HISTORY**

### **Burley Local History and Archives Group**

Contact: Margaret Nunnerley  
Telephone: 01943 863502  
01943 863395  
Email: margaret.nunnerley@sky.com

Burley's wide and fascinating collection of village archives is located in Burley Library in Grange Road. They can be consulted on subjects such as family history, the history of Greenholme Mills, and of local schools and churches. Visitors can also view maps, plans and photos which show how the village developed. The archives room is open on Friday afternoons or on other days by special arrangement.

## **ILKLEY CIVIC SOCIETY**

Web: [civicsociety.ilkley.org](http://civicsociety.ilkley.org)

We are a local group interested in Ilkley past and present. Details of meetings and how to join can be found at [civicsociety.ilkley.org](http://civicsociety.ilkley.org)

## **KNITTING GROUP**

Venue: Burley Library  
Telephone: 01943 863714  
Time: Thursdays from 4 pm.

Come along and have a knit and natter.

## **LANGUAGES**

## **Language for Fun: French, Spanish and Italian lessons for adults**

Contact: Emma  
Telephone: 07799 790587  
Email: emma@languageforfun.uk  
Web: languageforfun.org

French, Spanish and Italian lessons for adults (daytime & evening). We cater for all levels from beginners to advanced. Lessons are held in a private house near Burley Woodhead school. A structured course with no exams, just for fun!

## **Leap Into Languages**

Contact: Anna Blakemore  
Telephone: 07985 622725  
Email: anna@leapintolanguages.co.uk  
Web: leapintolanguages.co.uk

I offer small adult classes in a range of abilities (from Beginners to Intermediate) in French, German & Spanish. These are at various locations in Ilkley, Burley in Wharfedale & Guiseley, both daytime and evening. 1-1 tuition available either in your home or at mine.

## **Wharfedale German Circle**

Chair: Marilyn Heron  
Email: : wgcircle@gmail.com  
Web: germancircle.ilkley.org  
Venue: URC Salem Hall

For all those interested in Germany and other countries where German is spoken. Meetings are mid-month, usually at URC Salem Hall, and have a German content with English summaries to help those who do not speak much German.

## **LADIES GROUP**

Contact: Linda Nelson  
Telephone: 01943 863715  
Venue: Parish Centre  
Time: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 8 pm.

Ladies Group Members enjoy a mix of speakers, demonstrations, outings and social events. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of most months, usually in the Parish Centre at 8pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

## MODEL AIRCRAFT

### **Wharfedale & District Aeromodeller's Club** (Affiliated to the British Model Flying Association)

Contact: Jeff Smith (Chairman)  
Telephone: 0113 260 3557  
Email: fly.wharfedale@btinternet.com  
Web: fly-wharfedale.com  
Meetings: First Friday of each month at 8 pm, Salem Church Hall. Control-line flying locally every Sunday

## MOTHERS' UNION

Contact: Margaret Sumner  
Telephone: 01943 862940  
Venue: Parish Centre  
Time: 1st Thursday of the month at 8pm, 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

Mothers' Union works to promote and support marriage and family life throughout the world. The branch meets twice monthly, 2nd Wednesday at 2pm, 1st Thursday at 8pm when we share the meeting with Ladies Group. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### **Ilkley Camera Club**

Contact: club.secretary@ilkleycameraclub.co.uk  
Venue: St Peter's Church Hall, Church Street, Addingham, LS29 0QS  
Web: ilkleycameraclub.co.uk

New members always welcome. Please visit our website for further information about the club.

## PROBUS CLUB

### **Burley in Wharfedale District Probus Club**

Contact: Philip Herbert - President  
Telephone: 01943 468741  
Contact: Roger Charnley - Secretary  
Telephone: 01943 864774

Web: [burleyprobusclub.weebly.com](http://burleyprobusclub.weebly.com)

Burley-in-Wharfedale Probus Club was formed in 1977 and today draws its membership of retired or semi-retired men from a wide range of former occupations, and from a wide area around Burley, without any entry requirement for membership. Feel free to “try before you buy” and come along to two meetings without commitment to join. You will be made very welcome.

## RAMBLERS

### Wharfedale Ramblers Association

**Email:** [membership@lowerwharfedaleramblers.co.uk](mailto:membership@lowerwharfedaleramblers.co.uk)

**Web:** [lowerwharfedaleramblers.co.uk](http://lowerwharfedaleramblers.co.uk)

The Lower Wharfedale Ramblers Group organises regular walks for local members of the Ramblers. The walks are led by volunteers who know the area and who will have checked the walk for interest and suitability. We welcome new people to walk with us and discover the pleasure of the countryside within reach of our area.

## ROTARY CLUB

### Rotary Club of Ilkley

**Telephone:** 01943 607338

**Web:** [rotary-ribi.org](http://rotary-ribi.org)

Be part of a global network of volunteers, trying to make the world a better place.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

### Royal Air Force Association - Yeadon branch

**Venue:** Westfield House, 56 New Road, Yeadon, LS19 7NA

**Times:** 8:30 pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

**Web:** [rafa.org.uk](http://rafa.org.uk)

### Royal Air Force Association - Skipton branch

**Venue:** 1 Moorview Way, Skipton, BD23 2JY

**Times:** 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**Web:** [rafa.org.uk](http://rafa.org.uk)

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### Royal British Legion - Bingley Branch

Venue: 20a Heath Street, Bingley, BD16 2NX  
Time: 7:00 pm, first Wednesday of each month.  
Telephone: 0808 802 8080  
Email: jim.dowzall@nevisuk.net.

The Royal British Legion is the UK's leading Armed Forces charity and one of its largest membership organisations.

## SLIMMING WORLD

### Slimming World - Burley in Wharfedale

Contact: Dorrie Clarke  
Telephone: 01943 862597  
Venue: SS John Fisher and Thomas More Catholic Church Hall  
Times: Wednesdays - 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

## SOCIAL CLUBS

### Burley Social Club

Venue: Hill Top, Main Street, Burley  
Telephone: 01943 862287

Opening Times:

Monday to Thursday 11 am – 11.30 pm  
Friday to Saturday 11 am – 12 pm  
Sunday 12 am – 11 pm

Artists, Bingo Nights, Dance Band, Family Nights, Function Room available for hire, Snooker Room Wednesday evenings from 8.30pm. Michaela's Band on the last Wednesday of the month.

### **Cuppa, Cake and Company**

Venue: Parish Centre  
Telephone: Becky Berry - 0787 422 6690

A monthly social ( 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in month) 2 - 4pm with entertainment. It is designed to appeal to older people, who struggle to get out and about. It is dementia friendly and for anyone in need of company. Community transport is available.

## **TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

### **Menston Evening Guild**

Venue: Kirklands Community Centre Kirklands, Main Street, Menston, LS29 6HT  
Time: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 19:30 pm.

### **Otley Evening Guild**

Venue: Otley Trinity Methodist Church, Walkergate Otley, LS21 1HB  
Time: 1st Thursday of the month at 19:30 pm.

Townswomen's Guilds is one of the largest women's organisations in the UK, with around 550 Guilds and 20,000 members

## **UNIONIST CLUB**

Address: 109 Main Street, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7JN

Often referred to as The Con Club, this long established, centrally situated watering hole is the ideal place to go for a quiet drink. Its many assets include the following:

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- A very welcoming and friendly club
- Drinks at very attractive prices
- Full-sized snooker table
- Pool table

- Darts and dominoes
- Free quiz nights every Wednesday
- Participation in local darts league.

Applications for membership welcomed - Subscription only £10 a year. The club is open each evening from 8pm, and additionally on Sundays between 12 noon and 5pm. For more information, just call in.

## **WEIGHTWATCHERS**

### **Weightwatchers Burley in Wharfedale**

Contact: Alison  
 Email: AFrost@weight-watchers.co.uk  
 Venue: Queens Hall, Burley in Wharfedale  
 Time: 6:00 pm on Thursdays

## **WELLFIELD FARM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Contact: John Stainton  
 Telephone: 01943 865422

Please contact John for details of meetings and activities.

## **WHARFEDALE NATURALISTS**

Contact: Peter Riley  
 Telephone: 01943 862916  
 Venue: Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley, LS29 9LW  
 Web: wharfedale-nats.org.uk

A thriving Society with around 50 indoor and outdoor meetings throughout the year covering all major aspects of natural history in Wharfedale and beyond. Winter indoor meetings are held at Christchurch, Ilkley on Tuesday evenings from September to March. If you are at all interested in natural history this is the local society for you!