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Covering Upper Wensleydale from Wensley to Garsdale Head, with Walden
and Bishopdale,
Swaledale from Keld to Gunnerside plus Cowgill in Upper Dentdale.

Guest Editorial

“What time does it start?”

“The Newsletter says 7.30pm. See you then.”

In this small community we know we can rely by and large on what we read about our own affairs. The odd mistake can creep in but no-one is going out of their way to mislead. So what are we to make of all the talk about fake news? A few weeks ago a national newspaper carried a book review of three new books with post-truth in the title.

It is easy to be confused by fake news and just what it means. Until recent years there was an obvious distinction between democracies and totalitarian regimes. Democratic leaders stopped short of giving false information partly because they knew they couldn't get away with it. Other leaders without elections to worry about laced their propaganda with lies as it suited the argument.

These days “news” is as likely to be put out by social media as by politicians or by newspapers, television or radio. There is no obvious sanction for an individual who puts a false story into circulation by Facebook, Twitter or a blog and it is happening all the time. Taking someone to court is not usually a good answer unless both parties have a lot of money. In a democracy the answer can't be for the authorities to decide to lock up someone who is circulating fake news.

CP Scott, that great North of England journalist, wrote in the then Manchester Guardian 100 years ago “Comment is free, but facts are sacred”. When people feel free to play fast and loose with the facts we soon see how right he was.

There is a debate to be had about whether governments could and should do more to protect us against lies. If the price of effective restraint is a loss of freedom – and it may be – there is a balance to strike. In any case legislation is a poor answer to fake news in a world where we can so easily access communications from other jurisdictions. Even if the global companies who provide the social media platforms showed more obvious commitment to preventing abuse it is doubtful if

they could take down all the stories with fake news fast enough to stop damage being done.

Is there anything we can do? The need to bring a healthy scepticism to bear on what we hear and what we read is greater than ever. What is the source? What is the motive? What is the evidence? Above all we need to value truth and resent anyone who treats it as unimportant. In the end we will all suffer from a post-truth world.

Joe Pilling

Burtersett Show

Sunday July 30th, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

to be opened by

Baroness Lister of Burtersett

Hawes Prize Silver Band

Junior Fell Race at **3.15pm**

Fun Dog Show at **3.45pm**

Egg Catching Competition at **4.15pm**

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20p per entry

Garden in a Tin; Drawing/Painting of a Sheep (max size A4); Longest Dandelion Leaf; 3 Sausage Rolls (Equal size); Decorated Egg; Plasticine Animal; Homemade Birthday Card

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50p per entry

Limerick (sports theme); Planted Garden Pot; Three Roses (home grown) in a Vase; Three Sausage Rolls (equal size); Homemade Small Loaf of Bread; Photograph (7"x5") of a Bird found locally; Homemade Strawberry Jam

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Please send in any items you'd like to see included **at any time**, the sooner the better.

A.M.

Damaged in the Post

We have been told that one of our postal subscribers has been receiving the Newsletter in damaged envelopes.

Is this a common problem? Please let us know and we will speak to the Post Office (or buy stronger envelopes).

A.M.

Gayle Chapel – Camp Meeting

Do come along and join us **at 2.00 pm on Sunday, July 2nd** at Gayle Chapel for our annual Camp Meeting lead by Rev David Eminson and Hawes Silver Band followed by refreshments. All welcome.

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TUESDAY JULY 11th
Please note the new earlier
deadline date.**



Eunice the Ewe

I was eating a strawberry at the Strawberry Fayre on page 37 and the winner of the £10 prize is

Alicia Howells of South Wales

Where am I now? To enter for the £10 prize, please include your postal address if replying by email.

Around The Yorkshire Garden

Two businesses in Wensleydale – home of the famous cheese – have worked together to provide the products that marked the perimeter of the Yorkshire Garden at the 2017 RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Outhwaites, traditional ropemakers in the Yorkshire Dales market town of Hawes, supplied 30 metres of polyhemp barrier rope. Gayle Mill, just a mile away, made 20 bespoke wooden posts especially for Welcome to Yorkshire's medal-winning garden. The garden, which was designed by Yorkshire-born Tracy Foster to reflect the scenery and plants of the county's east coast, won a silver medal at the Show.

Gayle Mill sourced wood locally to make the posts, which were crafted to an exacting design by William Lambert, chair of Gayle Mill Trust.

Ruth Annison

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July Competition

One for the summer - A Day by the Sea!

**Fifteen coastal areas, three from each of
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Cumbria and Lancashire.**

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HUNT ALMO

Please send your answers to the Newsletter before the deadline date and don't forget to nominate your charity, should you win.

June Competition Answers

- 1 ROOK (BOOK)
- 2 FINCH (PINCH)
- 3 PHEASANT (PLEASANT)
- 4 STARLING (STARTING)
- 5 THRUSH (THRUST)
- 6 BLACKBIRD (BLACKBIRO)
- 7 ROBIN (RODIN)
- 8 DOVE (DONE)
- 9 SWALLOW (SHALLOW)
- 10 HARRIER (CARRIER)
- 11 KITE (SITE)
- 12 HERON (PERON)

The winner this month was **Jane Sowerby** of Marsett, and her nominated charity was Dales School Hydrotherapy Appeal. We have accepted Teal as an answer to question 6. No one suggested blackbird. I wonder why not?

Drummer Wanted

Muker Silver Band has had the advantage of two young drummers, sharing the busy schedule of concerts. Simon Calvert began drumming aged nine, and Robert Moore wasn't much older. Now after many years of good service, both of them have moved on, leaving a gap in the drum corner.

Anyone interested in joining the band as a drummer is invited to contact **Norman Guy**, Bandmaster on **01748 886116**

Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, What's On dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:

Hawes:	Sue Wood, Launderette	
Gayle:	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
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Carperby:	Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage	663488
West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	see Carperby above	
Thoralby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205

Bainbridge Festival of Archaeology

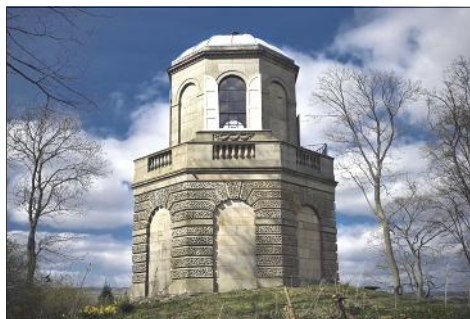
The 'We Dig' community is celebrating the Festival of Archaeology 2017 at Bainbridge on **July 23rd** with a variety of free activities taking place **between 10.00am and 4.00pm**. A guided walk of the archaeology of Bainbridge will leave at **10.00am, noon and 2.00pm** from the stocks on Bainbridge Green. This will include a rare opportunity to see the site of the Roman Fort. Come along and see a test pit in action on Bainbridge Green and find out how the 'We Dig' project has progressed, including seeing finds from the excavations - and why not stop by and get a picture in a Roman helmet. For more information contact **Hannah Kingsbury** or **Rebecca Cadbury-Simmons** on **652353** or email rebecca.cadbury-simmons@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

A684 Part Seven

East from Aysgarth's famous AA Box

It might surprise you that as soon as the road climbs up from here it enters West Witton - a long way from its main village. Witton derives from Widu Tun: a wood settlement mentioned in the Domesday Book (1086) and suggests wood management and manufacture here.

The first group of buildings— Temple Farm are near the site of the Knights' Templars stone remains to the south of the road. On the north, in the laid out gardens stands the Belvedere Tower.



Next along the road lies Swinithwaite with its (probably) 17th century hall but rebuilt in the late 1790s, a two storey H- style form.



And so to the main village itself with several notable but not easy to spot buildings - not least St Bartholomew's church hidden just north of the main road. The famous high master of



Manchester Grammar School - Baron Eric James of Rusholme - has his ashes scattered in West Witton.

Above the village, to the south, lies the large caravan complex of Chantry (hardly visible until looked down on from Pen Hill) with an interesting history: Quaker Meeting house in 1720, and a Roman Catholic chapel recorded in 1823.

Famous Wensleydale Heifer:



But maybe West Witton's greatest claim to fame is the annual August *Burning of Old Bartle*. Here is the text for the procession:

On *Penhill* Crags he tore his rags; Hunter's Thorn he blew his horn; Capplebank Stee happened a misfortune and brak' his knee; Grisgill Beck he brak' his neck; Wadham's End he couldn't fend; Grassgill End we'll mak' his end. Shout, lads, shout. At Grassgill end they burn the Bartle effigy. This celebration has its similarities to Guy Fawkes night,

There are several theories about the origin of the Bartle Procession: 16th century: Bartle as a movable wooden statue; Bartle as a sheep thief - a popular theory but no link to St Bartholomew; Bartle as a holy man trying to dodge the draft for the Pilgrimage of Grace; or even Bartle as a pig-farming giant! Some people think the tradition goes back to pagan harvest festivals. Take your pick.

And so, as we descend towards Wensley and the river, our A684 within the Newsletter area draws to a close. 20 miles discovered - or rediscovered.

A.S.W.

Footnote.

About 30 years ago when taking Old Alice Dinsdale of Hawes down the Dale, she pointed to the several very small stone barns in the meadows between West Witton and Wensley, with additional open wooden French-style additions.

"They call them 'caners'" she said.

I haven't heard the word since. Are they unique to this area? Their special purpose? And the derivation of the word? Any help... please contact us.

Young Musician's Success.

A talented young musician from Thornton Rust has achieved a number of major successes during the past year. Simon Chorley (17) was made Youth Ambassador for the National Youth Music Theatre and has also been accepted to



play bass trombone in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. He has recently played with the NYO at Leeds Town Hall and The Barbican in London. He will be playing in the pit band in the NYMT production of "Billy the Kid" in August.

Simon's musical interest started while he was still at school and he has played with many local bands including Hawes and Muker Silver Bands, Richmondshire Orchestra and Colin Bailey's various bands. In addition to trombone Simon plays drums and keyboard as well as performing vocals. He has recently set up a new band called Tribus which will perform at Berry's on **August 11th**.

Finally, Simon has been offered a conditional place to take up a scholarship to study "Classical Bass Trombone" for a B.Mus. So he will be off to London in September and hopefully his family will be able to retire from their jobs as "roadies".

We wish him every success in the future. Perhaps I should get his autograph now!

S.D.

North Country Theatre Summer School

There are still a few places available for those aged 14-20 years interested in taking part in the Youth Theatre Summer School. Sessions run from **Monday July 31st to Friday August 4th** and will include training workshops in acting and stage craft, mask, movement or choral speaking as well as devising a new version of the legend of *Theseus and The Minotaur*. There will be two public performances of "The Bull Dancers" presented in the open air amphitheatre at The Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes on **Saturday, August 5th at 3.00pm and 7.00pm**.

To register for Summer School or book tickets for performances telephone **01748 825288**, visit www.northcountrytheatre.com, or the visitor information desk at The Dales Countryside Museum.

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Chronic Pain — Part Three

Pain is a subjective experience – it differs from person to person with the same injury and the same person can also experience a similar injury differently at different times. Some pain is protective – the brain has decided that in order to protect the tissues it produces pain to bring your awareness to the area; some can be reparative – pain which is a result of the normal healthy healing process following injury. In some cases of protective pain there has been no tissue damage at all; in others there may have been perceived high risk of damage; and sometimes the risk may have been relatively small but the nerves can have become sensitised so that a relatively small trigger can initiate a large pain experience.

Our pain experience is also influenced by many factors – some genetic, and some sensory, which are evaluated by the brain in a contextual way depending on what is going on at the time. There have been amazing advances in our understanding of the biology behind these factors over the last 15 years, which have led to new approaches to the management of chronic pain being developed. Some involve retraining the brain with the use of mirrors, some involve relearning movements in a different context to allow the nervous system to ‘desensitise’. There is also more understanding given to the impact prolonged stress has on our experience of pain – the dysregulation of the stress hormone system has the power to suppress our immune system and weaken our musculoskeletal system. In all cases, knowledge is therapy! Understanding that pain is not something we are necessarily stuck with is the first step.

If you or someone you know experiences persistent pain, or you would like to discuss Pain Education, give me a call **07975 999373**.

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or above Moor Rigg at **1.15pm**

There will be a short history
of some of the houses as we walk around,
followed by tea **from 4.30pm**

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Notes from a Cycling Offcumden

Part one

I have been a keen cyclist for most of my life. But when to my surprise I ended up in Hawes I realised that long established habits would have to change. I remember the day I decided to cycle on my old bike up to Burtsett. Half way up the hill I came to a halt. I was defeated! The hills round here are too demanding for aching muscles and feeble joints accustomed to the flat terrain of Essex.

So I went to Leeds and bought an electric bike. With the aid of the motor I find that with steady effort I can tackle any hill. I even managed to get to the summit of the Buttertubs and enjoyed the speed and thrill of free-wheeling for several miles back down to Hawes.

When I get out of Hawes I experience a sense of mild exhilaration. The wind in my face and the clean air of the Dales in my lungs and the infinite and varied scenery that surrounds me, gives great satisfaction. Also I find the hedgerows a continual delight. In the crisp days of late winter you see the first snowdrops; then as spring approaches the clumps of daffodils appear, followed by swathes of dandelions and cow parsley, then as high summer approaches the meadows are covered with myriads of buttercups and multi-coloured wild flowers. Later in the year purple cranesbill appears.

I find cycling is the best way of enjoying the Dales. Walking is too slow and in a car you lose the sense of immediacy with your surroundings.

Brian Davis



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National Park Guided Walks in July

National Park Walks are all lead by experienced volunteers and cost £5 for adults; children under 16 free. Dogs are not allowed on walks. Booking advised.

2nd "By Castle and Byway". Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **10.00am** for a 7 mile walk.

4th "Hawes Town Trail" **2.00 to 4.00pm**. Meet at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes and join this easy 2 mile walk through Hawes and Gayle exploring the history of the area. **Free event but places are limited so booking is essential.**

9th "Discover Lower Wensleydale". Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **1.00pm** for a 5 mile walk.

15th "By Castle and Byway". Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **10.00am** for a 7 mile walk.

16th "Discover Aisgill Force". Meet at the Dales Countryside Museum at **1.30pm** for a 4 mile walk.

23rd "Barns, Walls and Bridges" **1.30 to 4.00pm**. Starting at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, on this 4 mile guided walk you will see an old packhorse bridge and part of the route used by Lady Anne Clifford.

25th "Discover Aisgill Force". Meet at the Dales Countryside Museum at **1.30pm** for a 4 mile walk.

27th "Kisdon Classic". Meet at the Keld Countryside and Heritage Centre at **11.00am** for a 7 mile walk over Kisdon.

30th "By Castle and Byway". Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **10.00am** for a 7 mile walk.

30th "Hawes Rural Heritage". Meet at the Dales Countryside Museum at **11.00am** for a 6 mile walk.

To book on these walks please phone the appropriate National Park Centre:

Hawes 666210; Aysgarth Falls 662910.

Upper Dales Family History Group

Our last speaker of the current season was Dr Joan Heggie of Teeside University who came to talk about the project she is working on called Women and Property in the North Riding of Yorkshire in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Using the Register of Deeds at the North Yorkshire County Records Office in Northallerton, Joan had been able to analyse the deeds in depth and extract data to show the representation of women and their status - spinsters, wives, daughters, widows etc.

The deeds transcribed so far can be accessed on a searchable database at <http://www.registerofdeeds.org.uk/about>.

Meetings recommence on **Wednesday, September 27th, at 2.00pm** in Harmsby village hall near Leyburn, when the speaker will be social historian David Scrimgeour on *Early Asylum Life*, a look at the lives of some of those who passed through the doors of the West Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum in Wakefield during the first 50 years of its existence, telling their stories in their own words. Non-members are very welcome at £2. Phone **0743 2677783**, or email moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com or see the website www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk for details of all events and the worldwide email discussion group.

Tracey Little

Bainbridge Vets Holiday Information

With summer holidays coming up if you are wanting to put animals in kennels then it is important to be up to date with vaccinations. Some kennels may also require dogs to be vaccinated against kennel cough. The vaccine lasts for 12 months and takes 72 hours to become effective. It is a highly contagious respiratory infection caused by a number of bacteria and viruses. It is not usually dangerous and normally clears up without treatment within a few weeks. Apart from your dog coughing, the infection is unlikely to make them feel ill but puppies, elderly dogs and those with existing medical conditions can be susceptible to complications from kennel cough, such as pneumonia. Kennel cough has an incubation period of two to fourteen days and dogs can appear symptomless during the incubation period but can be contagious. There are many strains of the bacteria that contribute to kennel cough so vaccination is not completely preventative but it should at least lessen the symptoms.

Date for your diary : We will be having our annual open day and dog show on **Saturday, September 9th**, dog show classes will be published nearer the time but it gives you a chance to start getting working on those tricks.

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A Yorkshire Chuckle

Police have just released details of a new drug craze that is being carried out in Yorkshire nightclubs.

Apparently, Yorkshire club goers have started injecting Ecstasy just above their front teeth. Police say the dangerous practice is called "e by gum"

A Yorkshire man takes his cat to the vet.

Yorkshireman: "Ayup, lad, I need to talk to thee about me cat."

Vet: "Is it a tom?"

Yorkshireman: "Nay, I've browt it with us."

Notes from Thorney Mire

Late Spring

The ash trees were very late coming into leaf this year, their stark silhouettes standing out against the green foliage of the other trees. It wasn't until the warm weather in late May that the buds began to burst. Whether the adage, "Ash before the oak, we are in for a soak, oak before the ash, in for a splash." will be true this year, only time will tell. This saying could become obsolete if the ash trees are killed by the fungal disease, ash die back, which is spreading throughout Britain. Young ash trees are more likely to succumb to the disease than older, more mature trees. (Our wood is full of young ash saplings.) The way forward seems to be, to genetically identify the trees that can tolerate the disease and breed from these. I hope these scientists are successful. We have lost the elm trees, please, not the ash as well.

I had not seen deer around Thorney Mire for several years but thought I had seen evidence of them along the lane in the form of chewed twigs, too high for rabbits to reach. (A rabbit with a ladder? - No!) Then in February a single deer was seen in our wood, also a fox, though not at the same time. Two red squirrels have returned to the courtyard. One stayed at the bottom of the bird feeders eating the crumbs the birds had dropped. The second one with a distinctive white tail helped itself to the bird food.

In late Spring, nature seems to change its palate from predominately yellow to white, when blackthorn, hawthorn and elder-flowers appear along with the umbellifer family and ox-eye daises. A lot of wild life can be observed from the car, not when you are driving of course. I have recently seen from the B6255 a hare, a baby curlew and the ubiquitous pied wagtails. Why do these birds like to be on the road? Do they like living dangerously, or are they finding salts and minerals from the road like the sheep do? What did they do before tarmac was invented? Evidently pied wagtails like the road and short grass because it enables them to run along while looking for insects. You would think there would be safer ways of looking for your dinner.



On April 26th at least four swallows arrived during the cold spell of weather. I bet that was a shock to their system, they probably wished they had delayed their departure for a few days, but at least there were enough insects for them to eat. We normally have two pairs of lapwings nesting in a field along the lane, this year I have only seen evidence of one pair, but we seem to have had an increase in the number of oystercatchers flying around and calling out. I heard a sound in our courtyard which I couldn't identify. Looking upwards a nuthatch was cowering on the roof as a flycatcher was hovering over it and flapping its wings making a whirring sound. The flycatcher repeated its assault several times before the nuthatch flew away. I don't know what it had done to deserve this treatment, maybe got too close to the flycatcher's nest.

Sometimes in the bird kingdom size doesn't matter as I recently witnessed a thrush chasing away a seagull and jackdaws and rooks will attack buzzards when a buzzard gets too close to their nests. A red squirrel, which was minding its own business, running up the trunk of the sycamore tree suddenly got attacked by a dunnock. When the squirrel got to ground level, the dunnock, perched on the electricity wires in its lookout position, swooped down and attacked the squirrel again. I then noticed that two baby dunnocks were perched precariously on the wires, shuffling about as if the wires were hot.

Have you ever considered what a long day a song bird has this time of year? Getting up around 3.30am, joining in the dawn chorus and serenading the sheep and anyone who happens to have the bedroom window open. Searching for food all day for both themselves and their demanding young. Keeping a lookout for predators and larger birds which may bully them. Still actively collecting food from the feeders late into the evening when the rest of us have our feet up watching Coronation Street or an intellectual equivalent. Being anxious about where the next meal is coming from, when the people who normally replenish the feeders are going away for a few days. Oh, the worry of it all and we think we have stress.

Sylvia Turner

Thank You

Hawes Christmas Lights would like to thank all the local businesses and everyone who attended the Strawberry Fayre in May, for their generous support. Everyone enjoyed a strawberry dessert and a glass of bubbly on a lovely sunny day with music adding to the atmosphere.

We were so lucky with the weather as it rained the day before and the day afterwards! A tidy sum was raised to go towards our funds.

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Wensleydale Society The Summer Walks Programme

continues on **Saturday, July 8th** with two walks starting from Arkengarthdale at **10.00am**.

Walks are free to members. If you wish to join the Society (membership £5 per year) and the walks, please phone either **622996** for the short walk or **624246** for details of the longer one.

The Society also offer a half day guided tour of Appleby Castle on **Thursday, July 6th**. Meeting at the Gate House the tour will last approximately one and a half hours but must be booked and paid for (£9) beforehand.

Please check to see if places are still available by phoning **624246** if you wish to join this friendly group.

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Next month the children who will move over to the school nursery will start their transition process; we are going to take the children over to spend time in their new environment, they will get to know their new teacher and this will help create a smooth transition in September. Dalesplay have lots of fun activities planned for the half term including; decorating caps, making gliders, playing pool and rounders and much more.

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Hawes Youth Club runs every other week on a Wednesday at Hawes Market House, **6.30pm - 8.30pm** for young people aged 11 - 16 years. The club welcomes new members and is always on the lookout for community members who are interested in the following:

- volunteering on a regular basis;
- volunteering every so often on the club's rota;
- running a one-off activity/workshop with the young people sharing your skills.

If you would like more information on volunteering (youth work training and vetting can be arranged) contact **Richie Bastow** - Youth Development Worker on **07584 263978** or email richie@nyy.org.uk

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Hawes in Bloom

All the plants and baskets are now in place and let's hope the weather will calm down and allow them to do their best! We have completed two weeks earlier than previous years so I hope we will soon be able to enjoy some colour.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the growing band of people who make it all possible; volunteers who turn out in sometimes atrocious weather conditions to help with the many and varied jobs required to get it all in place. These range from unloading the plants (3,500 this year) and baskets (a total of nearly 200 large and medium), planting up the many containers and of course the slog of putting them in position around the town. Without the generous loan of the premises where we store and then distribute over a two week period this could not happen. Then there are the others who contribute in other ways, be it in materials and transport, (including repairs to trailers and vehicles at a moments notice!).

I have not mentioned anyone by name as the list would be too long and I would be bound to miss someone out. You all know who you are and I hope you also know how much I thankfully rely on you.

A big thank you too to all the businesses that support the scheme and add the daily watering of baskets to their already busy days work!

I will shortly begin my early morning watering and feeding of troughs and displays. I feel sure that the funds will gradually trickle in to help with the initial cost of the little van, including insurance, large tank, pump, tow hitch and so on that will greatly help me this summer. I intend to use the van for other seasonal jobs around the town.

Finally, thanks must go to the local organisations that contribute so generously and of course to all of you that pop those coins in the collecting boxes around town.

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Dales Young Rangers

Saturday, July 22nd We Dig up Bainbridge... again

We go back to Bainbridge to help dig some more and hopefully see what has been found. Another chance to have a go and see what happens after an artefact has been unearthed.

Meet: **10.00am** at Yorkshire Dales National Park Office in Bainbridge.

Finish: **1.30pm** at Yorkshire Dales National Park Office in Bainbridge.

Tuesday, July 25th A day mending footpaths with Ranger James

To celebrate National Park week and the summer holidays we will be working with Upper Wensleydale's Ranger James at Cotter Force. We will be removing turf from the footpath edge, using it to build up the bank and surfacing it all with gravel.

Meet: **9.30am** Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre.

Finish: **2.00pm** at Aysgarth National Park Centre.

The "Young Rangers" group is open to all 11 to 16 year olds. Young Rangers offers exciting opportunities to work alongside National Park Authority Rangers and other organisations and land owners. Members discover new places and gain valuable conservation and land management experience and skills, while having fun outside with friends.

If you are interested or wish to take part in either of the above events, please contact **Rachael Alderson** on **652366** or rachael.alderson@yorkshiredales.org.uk to book a place:

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Police Report

I will start with the usual overview of incidents occurring within Upper Wensleydale in June:

- Reports were received of torches being seen in the grounds of Aysgarth church. On checking, National Trust members were carrying out a study of Moths.
- An assault was reported in Redmire.
- RTC minor injuries, car v motorcycle.
- Road related offence, speeding motorcyclist.
- Reports of theft of items in Bainbridge, property located and returned to owners.
- Crime Burglary, Victoria Arms, Worton.
- RTC with injuries, Carperby.
- RTC damage only, Gayle Lane, Hawes.

Another nudge to those of you who like to be made aware of incidents requiring your assistance, Community Messaging is available. You can choose your preferred contact method, be it, email, SMS text, or Phone (voice mail). Visit www.nycm.co.uk on a smart phone or PC, registering is safe, secure and easy, or contact me, leaving your name and address, and I will visit and complete a form with you.

To contact North Yorkshire Police: **101** (non-emergency), **999** (Emergency only).

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Ruth Annison of Askrigg was awarded a grant to study rural railways in Denmark, Sweden and the Netherlands and considers the scheme 'the chance of a lifetime'. For details contact www.wcmt.org.uk or 020 7799 1660. The deadline is **Tuesday, September 19th**.

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There will be two concerts with the first starting at **5.00pm** featuring a group from Bradford – **WILFUL MISSING**. They have released one previous LP and two EPs, with their most recent being entitled 'Unsinkable Sailor'. They have been played across the BBC, from Radio 2 to BBC1 and have supported The Duke & The King, Jeffrey Lewis, The Wave Pictures, Neil McSweeney and The Miserable Rich.

The second concert features Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar. They are due on stage at **8.30pm**. Greg & Ciaran played in Askrigg in April last year to over 100 people and it was a hugely entertaining evening as anyone will confirm who saw them that night. They released their third album last year and are both talented musicians and also renowned for their on-stage banter and amusing anecdotes.

Door open at **4.30pm** and close at midnight. There will be a licensed bar serving hot drinks, soft drinks and both cask and bottled beer supplied by the local Yorkshire Dales Brewery in Askrigg. Catering will be provided by "On The Hoof" catering to include a selection of hot food, with vegetarian options.

It promises to be a fantastic evening for two very worthwhile and local charities / organisations ~ please support this event. Last year we had one act – this year two. Who knows for next year.

Tickets are available from Sykes House in Askrigg, or by phoning **650803** or by e-mailing your ticket requirements to:

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Saturday, July 15th at 7.30pm

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Matthew will be performing an evening of solo cello music including works by JS Bach and British composers Malcolm Arnold and John Tavener. He will also be playing some really beautiful works that are rarely heard by British composers Imogen Holst and Granville Bantock and adding a trans-atlantic touch with music by the Texan violin virtuoso Mark O'Connor.

The Meeting House has proved a friendly and intimate venue with a limited number of seats and so early booking is advised.

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July

- 1 Hawes Midsummer Bash. See p.11
- 1 Guided walk round Grisdale. See p.7
- 1 Hawes Christmas Lights at Hoppers. **667236** to help. See p.39
- 1 Piano Recital, Martin Roscoe, St Andrew's Church Aysgarth, 7.30pm See p.13
- 2 Songs of Praise with Janet and Andy in in Hawes Junction Chapel, Garsdale at 3.00pm. See p.7
- 2 Gayle Chapel Camp Meeting, 2.00pm. See p.3
- 2 Carperby Open Gardens. See p.14
- 2 St Oswald's Church, BBQ at Carpley Green and Pet service at Stalling Busk. See p.32
- 3 Penhill Ladies Coach Trip. See p.13
- 6,8 Wensleydale Society walk and visit. See p.11
- 8 Musical Theatre Project concert; The Old School House, Leyburn. Tickets phone **624510**
- 9 Bellerby Open Gardens; 10.30 am to 4.00pm
- 9 Hawes Band Summer Concert. See p.19
- 9 Strawberry Tea at Thoraby Village Hall. See p.16
- 9,10 Art exhibition in the Nash. See page p.39
- 11 YDNP Planning Meeting at Yoredale, Bainbridge, 10.30am
- 14 The Filling Station with Guy Donnegan Cross at the Key Centre, Middleham, 7.00pm
- 14,15,16 Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Preston-under-Scar Village Hall, 10.00am to 6.00pm. See p.35
- 15 Charity Folk Concert, Askrigg. See p.18
- 15 Wensleydale Chorus at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. See p.33
- 15 Wensleydale Concert Series with Matthew Forbes at Friends Meeting House, Bainbridge. See p.19
- 15 Concert Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. Angie Hardy & Lukas Drinkwater. www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk for info
- 19 Penhill Ladies: Life as a Nanny to a Saudi Arabian Prince. Carperby Institute at 7.30pm
- 20 Bainbridge W.I. See p.24
- 21 U3A monthly meeting at 10.30 am. See p.32
- 21 Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum lecture at 7.30pm. The Story of West Burton Village School. All welcome.
- 21 Muker Silver Band in Hawes Market House for St Margaret's Church. See p.30
- 22 Dales Young Rangers dig up, Bainbridge. See p.15
- 22 Wensleydale Chorus at St John's, East Witton. See p.33
- 23 Festival of Archaeology in Bainbridge. 10.00am to 4.00pm. See p.4
- 25 Dales Young Rangers mend footpaths. See p.15
- 26 Dales Discovery - "Ingleborough Nature Reserve". See p.33
- 27 The Handlebards perform As You Like It at Bolton Castle. Tickets from www.boltoncastle.co.uk phone **623931**
- 29 St Margaret's Summer Fayre. See p.31
- 29 Music by bus. See p.15
- 30 Table Top Sale in the Market Hall, Hawes for Dalesplay
- 30 Burtersett Show. See p.2
- 31 North Country Theatre Summer School Starts. See p.6

Leyburn Bowling Club

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18 July - 2 Oct. Up and coming artist of 2016. Lucy Pittaway shares her love of nature and landscape through her use of pastel.

July

1 Stone Carving: 10.00am to 4.00pm. Drop in, guided by sculptor Jennifer Tetlow. Learn the basic techniques and make your own carving to take home. £3 per Child. Adults included in museum ticket.

16 Rugmaking Workshop; 11.00am to 4.00pm. A days workshop with rug maker Heather Ritchie. £50 includes materials and light lunch. Booking essential.

21 A story of West Burton school; 7.30pm. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme.

25 Drystone Walling Demonstrations; 11.00am to 3.00pm. Through five drop-in sessions Dales Volunteers will demonstrate the process of turning a pile of stones into

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26 Meet a Yorkshire Dales National Park Ranger for an illustrated talk about what the ranger service does to keep the Yorkshire Dales a special place. 2.00 to 3.00pm

28 In the Kitchen - Dairying: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Join us in our traditional farmhouse kitchen where costumed Friends of the Museum will explain the dairying process in times gone by.

28 Fantastic Felt: 10.30am to 4.00pm. Drop in and work with artist Margaret Murphy to make felt and create jewellery and keyrings. £3 Child

30 Magical Moths: 11.00am to 4.00pm. Drop in to see these beautiful creatures up close using microscopes and learn how to identify them.

31 July-5 August: Theatre Summer School 10.00am to 5.00pm. Led by professional actors, culminating in an evening performance in the amphitheatre, Fri/Sat. For 14 to 20-year olds. £120. Further details; **01748 825288** and see page 6.

NB. Dales Countryside Museum Events and Exhibitions all included in museum admission unless stated.

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For details of walks see **p.8**

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"I'd encourage everyone to take part as the results could affect your future," says Carl Lis. He wants to hear from residents, people who work in the National Park and visitors. The special coloured postcard offers space for answers and should be returned by Freepost by, or shortly after, **Monday, July 3rd**.

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Best Foot Forward Crossing the Ure 3



Episode 2 of this walk finishes at Haylands Bridge. From there it becomes quite difficult to follow the Ure closely as it secretively follows a course between the glacial drumlins which are liberally scattered across this part of Wensleydale. There are two options really: one via Burtersett, the other via Sedbusk. I have chosen the former, although after heavy rain the latter would be safer. There are several footpaths from Hawes either through or below Burtersett, all of which lead to the minor road east of the village. Just beyond its junction with the A684 is a signpost pointing to Cams House (spelt Camms). After following this for half a mile you will come to the river with a splendid set of twenty eight stepping stones across it.



Stepping stones are quite a feature in this middle section of Wensleydale. Altogether there are six sets. In early times people probably waded across the river at low water. You can imagine that some improvised stepping stones might be built but these would most likely get washed away quite quickly. As time went by certain crossings became established and have subsequently been reinforced or replaced. Most are now in the care of the National Park Authority as part of the rights of way network. Some, such as the one we have just met and the one at Slapestone Wath below Aysgarth, are on bridleways so they have an adjacent ford for horses (not easy on bikes though).

Visitors sometimes say "why don't they make

the stones higher for use in winter?" but the consequences of falling into flood water are much greater. Stones vary a lot: some are large and flat, some are awkward and irregular and especially tricky when wet. Slipping off them isn't just about getting wet in the river. The biggest risk is of serious injury, especially to lower limbs. That said, dancing across stepping stones is a child's delight and often brings a smile.

Crossing these stones to Cams House is the first crossing below Hawes. It didn't used to be. The railway went across a mile upstream (the only railway crossing of the river in Wensleydale). There is little trace of that bridge now. It is inaccessible to the general public and there is not much sign of it even on Google Earth.

Moving on past Cams House we shortly come to another set of stepping stones which cross over to Borwins. Currently these are out of use unless you can perform an eight foot leap from a standing start. A cloudburst in the middle of last summer was responsible for shifting a couple of the stones downstream. They are due to be repaired by the end of September. Do it now, I say, while the river is low*. If it was possible to cross there is a footpath, mostly off road, leading to Bainbridge on the south side. As it isn't possible we'll go along the old railway to the bridge at Yoredale House, one of the main road crossings in the dale.

From Bainbridge it is a pleasant and popular walk along the riverside and we shall stay on the north side of several crossings. The first is yet another set of stepping stones directly below Askrigg. Going over these is really a one way ticket. Stepping down from the first stone to the second is quite a stride but not impossible. Returning, it's a devil of a job to get back up without falling in. A little further down is Worton Bridge, a steel girder design built in 1939. It has recently undergone some refurbishment.

We now follow the river and the old railway line towards Aysgarth. A little to one side of our path is a further set of stepping stones, useful I suppose if you wanted to get from Thornton Rust to Woodhall. These are only usable at very

low water, being the lowest stones of all. Recently they have often been exposed but half a day's rain can cover them. Moving on the final set of stepping stones turns out to be for private use only, so on we go past Ballowfield, where we find a suspension bridge for pedestrians. These are fairly unusual in the dales, the best known perhaps being near Reeth and above Burnsall. Turning away from it, a circuitous route round Bearpark brings us to Aysgarth Falls where an impressively high single arch spans the gorge below the upper falls. I'll say more about it next time.

This walk, which is over ten miles long, is best done by catching the Little White Bus from Aysgarth to Hawes. It features some of the most delightful walking in Wensleydale with very little climbing. There are nine crossing points, although only eight for public use. In the next and final chapter of this walk we'll be finishing at Wensley which is the downstream limit of this newsletter's circulation.

N.P.

**Note: the article was written in early June when the river was low. It has rained since then.*

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It was a blustery afternoon when the Bishop Auckland Pipe and Drum Band led Gala Queen Bethan Sowerby and her attendant Isabell Watkinson in a vintage open top Morris Minor through the town to the Community Field. They were followed by a procession of (mainly) children in imaginative fancy dresses, performers, vintage vehicles and the Hawes Fire engine.



The field seemed fuller than it has for a number of years with a wide range of attractions from llamas to face painting and entertainment from the spectacular Inch Perfect stunt motor cycle display team - who also entertained doing wheelies up and down the Market Place before the parade! Just inside the field was a marquee with a nostalgic set of photographs from Galas of the last 50 years.

One of my favourites is always the Jack and Jill slide.

I wondered how they would manage this year without a hill. Not to worry, copious amounts of water and washing up liquid ensured that the children slid down the slide at speed and were thoroughly soaked!



Great credit must go to the Gala Committee, resplendent in their tutus, for organising a Gala befitting of a fifty year anniversary celebration.

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The springtime groups, Leo and Virgo, have almost disappeared, but orange Arcturus still shines brightly in the west and the Great Square of Pegasus is beginning to come into view in the east. Much of the sky's southern aspect is filled by the fairly dim constellations of Hercules, Ophiuchus, and Serpens, with red Antares, the 'Rival of Mars', smouldering on the horizon. Around one o'clock in the morning, the rich star-clouds of Sagittarius should just be visible to the left of Antares. On a clear, moonless night you can trace the pale band of the Milky Way as it flows down through the Summer Triangle towards Sagittarius and the southern horizon.

On the planetary front, Jupiter is still a bright evening object low in the west-south-west but fades slightly over the course of the month. By the end of July it sets soon after 11pm. Saturn, a month past opposition, is low in the south around the same time. Mars is lost in the Sun's glare but if you've a clear view to the north-west, you might just catch a glimpse of the innermost planet, Mercury, about an hour after sunset. Venus is a brilliant Morning Star rising a good three hours before the Sun - a beautiful sight in the dawn twilight. Have clear skies!

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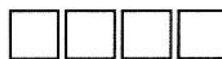
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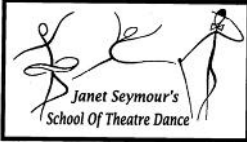
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Advance notice that the Sunday School trip to Saltburn will be on **Tuesday, August 29th**. Upper Wensleydale Benefice Sunday School continues with its popular activities at various venues around the Benefice (check out details on posters or <https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldsaskrigg/>). Contact **Gemma (650821)** or **Elizabeth (650671)** for more details.

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Today (14th) was a good day to go and look at a wild flower meadow. The owner has been working on it for some years and was keen that I should walk through. It was impressive: among the common mix of grasses, buttercups broad leaved weeds and ox-eye daisies, grew a profusion of *Eyebright*, *Bugle*, *Clovers* (red and white), a tiny trefoil whose name escapes me, and perhaps most important, *Yellow Rattle*. With an appropriate reference I could have identified many more.

If you really fancy creating a wild-flower meadow be warned, it is a long project. The first problem is nutrients in the soil. It would be a waste of time trying to do it on an old vegetable patch. According to Ken Thompson in his book "An Ear to the Ground" it would be as easy as drinking tea with a fork. The coarse grasses in such a meadow will always try to strangle those plants which you really want to grow. The main culprit is Phosphorus (the P in NPK). Nitrogen and Potassium are short lived but the Phosphorus is more persistent. Traditional meadow management will reduce it, but very slowly. All types of treatment have been tried with small success, even watering the land with a sugar solution has had some success but it would only be feasible on a small area. Perhaps the most effective ploy is to plant *Yellow Rattle*. This plant is a hemiparasite, which means it has chlorophyll (unlike a complete

parasite) and it attaches itself to the most vigorous plants and reduces their vigour. This has a similar effect to lowering the fertility and it gives the wild-flowers a chance. In a survey across Europe many grasslands were found to have as many as 40 species per 100 square metres and some had 60. However, no grasslands with more than 5 milligrams of Phosphorus per 100 grams of soil had more than 20 species.

If you take it on you will need to buy plants rather than seed, or germinate your own and grow them on before planting out. Seed germination is not certain and the young plants can't compete. Certainly don't buy a wild-flower meadow mixture as it will be full of grass and that will appear anyway as the soil will be full of seed. It is also worth looking at the plants which grow on the roadside as they are native to the area and have shown they like the conditions. The more robust meadow plants are probably the best ones to start with and if you can get them to establish the less robust may then be possible. Try *Musk Mallow*, *Bistort*, *Knapweed*, *Cowslip*, *Meadow Buttercup*, *Field Scabious* *Meadow Cranesbill* and of course the *Ox-Eye Daisy* which will not need an invitation. It is also worth remembering that annuals such as poppies and cornflowers are not really meadow plants. Being annuals they thrive in cornfields. True meadow plants are perennials which will seed to some extent and also grow into bigger clumps if they like the conditions.

Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

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New Computers and Geeky Projects

As promised last month I have written a short article about some alternatives to now traditional desktop and laptop computers. Actually I say 'traditional' but what I am going to write about is somewhat of a return to what I remember growing up with computers in the 70s and 80s.

Over the last 20 years or so people have largely ceased to understand computers and have starting using them more like domestic appliances. The education system hasn't helped much in this respect with the introduction of ICT syllabuses that focussed on the use of computers and not how computers actually work.

A little background; I was fortunate to grow up in the 70s and 80s and vividly remember the Sinclair ZX81 and Spectrum computers appearing in homes and the mad dash to learn how to write your own programs for them. Lots of other computers followed and at that time I went to university and spent a lot of my time fiddling with computers in the lab in York. The university computers bore little resemblance to computers used today and mostly consisted of large rooms with enormous machines and lots of rooms with 'terminals' that had paper print instead of a screen, and piles of punched cards. But the enthusiast market was born and in the early 80s the BBC joined forces with Acorn

Computers in Cambridge to build the BBC Micro which was hugely successful.

For people complaining about prices these days it is interesting to note that in 1982 the cost of a BBC Model B computer was £399 (well over £1000 in today's money) – it didn't come with a screen (you plugged it into the TV), it didn't have a hard disk/CD or even a floppy (you had to buy a special cassette player). Today you can buy a reasonable laptop for less than £400 – so prices are really not so bad!!

The BBC Micro was primarily aimed at education but became incredibly popular and people all over the country started word processing, desktop publishing – but most importantly writing computer programmes. This was the basis for me starting to teach computer science and was life changing.

But since the 90s interest has moved towards just using computers and they have become tools for email and online shopping and few people understand what is going on – and mostly don't care.

In 2012 the Raspberry Pi foundation was formed – they aim was to produce small ultra cheap computers on a single circuit board and encourage everyone to start to learn about how computers work again and to build projects (such as robots – and anything else your imagination could dream up). Many schools have started to adopt them and there have now been a number of versions of the Raspberry Pi. The latest version comes with all sorts of features that make it a practical alternative to buying an expensive computer – it has WiFi and Bluetooth built in, USB ports, an Ethernet socket and a slot to install an SD card.

It has to be said it is a bit of a geeky project to set up a usable computer, but for about £99 you can buy an entire starter kit to set up a complete computer that you plug into your flatscreen TV. It uses a version of Linux with lots of free software to choose from but you can write letters, do your email and browse the internet and even play some games. On top of that you can get to play with components – figure out what all the bits do and put it together yourself.

Since the Raspberry Pi was so successful there are now loads of alternatives on the market from

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other companies – some of them even use Windows. If you are into a bit of DIY, enjoy tinkering and building things (honestly not much more difficult than building with lego), want to explore how computers work etc. I thoroughly recommend giving a tiny single board computer a try. You can find more info about Raspberry Pi here: www.raspberrypi.org – to explore other options and see videos of how these things work type “Single Board Computer” into Google (click on Videos to see hundreds of videos on YouTube. I also recommend the videos here (he is very straightforward and explains every step in simple terms and clearly):

<http://explainingcomputers.com/sbc.html>

That’s it for this month. Any questions or comments about this or any other computer related topics why not drop me a line at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com

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Hawes School News

The week commencing **June 19th** was our British Values week. In this week, each class took a country of the United Kingdom and learnt about its culture and traditions. The week started with a visiting dancer who taught all of the children across the school a traditional Irish dance. Bridget Holden demonstrated both the 'soft shoe' and 'hard shoe' traditional dancing. At the end of the day each class performed to the rest of the school and parents their Irish dance. It was a lovely start to the week.

Becky, our cook, has made some traditional meals such as Irish Stew, Welsh Rarebit, mince and tatties and Toad in the hole. So the children will get to taste some different meals.

At the end of the week, each class will share a presentation with the rest of the school and celebrate the different aspects of their learning.

Rev. Dave is also visiting Class 4 to talk and discuss their 'Big Questions'. Part of learning about British Values is learning about others and their beliefs.

This week Hawes Primary School was

Greetings and Acknowledgements



Thank You!

Mary Scarr would like to thank friends who celebrated her 80th birthday with cards and generous donations to

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Mary Dinsdale

Following my knee replacement I would like to thank my family and many friends for all their help and good wishes, flowers and gifts which were very much appreciated, not forgetting all offers of lifts until I am able to drive again.

Thankfully, due to all your kindness and good advice, I am recovering very well.



learning about British Values. We all have a different country to investigate. Class 4 have studied Northern Ireland. We are making a PowerPoint to show in Friday assembly all about their culture, food celebrities and history.

Nia Moore & Ruby Emmerson



An Irish dancer came into school and taught all the classes some traditional Irish dance moves whilst also showing off her extraordinary talents by performing her own choreography. In the afternoon every class performed their dances to others. Everyone was very happy with the dances. A big round of applause from students and parents was followed for the dance teacher.

Ruby Emmerson

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Fri 14 July (5pm & 7:30pm) **Denial** (12A) 1hr 49m
Fri 21 July (No film, replaced by 1940's event, see below)
Fri 28 July (4:30pm & 7:30pm) **Hidden Figures** (PG) 2hrs 07m
Sat 29 July (7pm) **The Audience** (PG) 2hrs 47m (National Theatre Live - play)

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Sat 1 July (7pm) **Quiz Night** £8 (Fundraiser - includes buffet supper)
Sat 8 July (Contact the Centre for details) **Musical Theatre Concert**
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