

# THE UPPER WENSLEYDALE NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas Guest Editorial

SEVEEERN is no longer heard in Len's distinctive tones, above the glitz and glamour that marks another season of Strictly Come Dancing. This catch-phrase has been replaced by 'it's never too early for a TEN from Shirley' as the show moves onward towards the final showdown and then the Christmas Special. By then any remaining blisters will have burst, figures trimmer as weight has been lost (or redistributed), spray tan applied (again and again), sequins stitched and fleckles fleckled, as music and dancing have become one long celebration of all that glitters - which, for one couple, will lead to the glitter ball award of 2017.

Whilst TV scheduling, and adverts in particular, seem quick to declare we are only, perhaps, seveeern weeks from Christmas Day, there are times when we need to pause and remember what it is we are celebrating: could it be the biggest present given (or received), or maybe families sharing meals and spending time together, or do we remember the birth of God's only child - marked by numerous nativity productions, Christingles, and carol services throughout Wensleydale.

So, if we begin with a present, of whatever size and cost, it's clear that gifts given equal presents received: gifts from today, the present, for use tomorrow, to bring joy to somebody else. Whether offered to, or received from, family and friends, the gift becomes a symbol of relationship: the annual Toy Service in Hawes on 3rd December offers everyone the opportunity to demonstrate our care for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Perhaps the annual family gathering, or a meal together with friends, provides your Christmas celebration moment: an abundance of food, cutlery and emergency chairs pressed into use by folk arriving from far and wide. Left-overs the next day remind us of the people and conversations shared. Yet we know all too well, how many families rely on Foodbanks, with the one based in Richmond being used ever more frequently.

I wonder how many households could use this Advent period to place an item of food, daily, in a box at home by way of preparing for

Christmas, and then offer the 25 items gathered to the Richmond Foodbank, as their gift for others during the Christmas season?

Christmas nativity productions might well provide that 'warm, fuzzy glow' as older generations watch their youngest take part in the traditional Christmas play, create a Christingle and sing familiar carols round the Christmas tree. Carols that tell the story we think we know so well; Christmas songs that narrate the nativity becoming the comfort blanket we cling to at Christmas because, well, 'we've always done it this way.'

But at Christmas we celebrate something new, extraordinary and completely unheard of before: God becoming small enough to hold in a manger, in the arms of you and I - Emmanuel, God with us, today.

*Beneath the paper wrappings, there's an open stable door,*

*Beneath the fir tree trappings, there's a welcome and there's more.*

*Beyond the tinsel fairy is a presence that's divine,*

*There's a child to change the future, turning water into wine.*

Clare Stainsby's carol cleverly takes us beyond the reality of Christmas in Britain today - of the multitude of gifts, over-eating and the Strictly glitter ball - to marvel at the presence of the divine in a stable in Bethlehem. Through the words of this carol we are encouraged to look, look everywhere - and with the right eyes you will see God this Christmas-time.

Indeed, it is certainly worth celebrating that there is so much more to this Christmas season than the stuff that will be thrown out with the recycling in the New Year. Whatever you are doing- preparing, performing or partying- I wish you God's blessing this Christmas-time.

**Rev. Janet Park**



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## Christmas Artwork at Hawes School

This year the Reg Fagg Christmas Artwork Trophy competition was held at the Hawes Primary School. Entries were received from each year class. Over 40 pieces of art work were entered. Each year's class winner went forward to compete for the trophy. The winners were;-

- Class 1. Harry Fothergill 4 years old.
- Class 2. Sid Peacock 6 years old.
- Class 3. Tommy Fagg. 7 years old.
- Class 4. Natasha Heseltine 10 years old.



The overall winner was Tommy Fagg and his artwork appears on the front cover of the Newsletter.

### Submission of articles

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TUESDAY JANUARY 16th  
Please note the new earlier deadline  
date.**



### Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the undergrowth on the front cover and the winner of the £10 prize is Mary Young from Skidby, East Yorkshire.

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

## St Margaret's Church

Hawes

*Ding Dong Merrily On High*

*Askrigg  
Handbell Ringers*

*Festive Readings*

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## Medical Alert Bracelets

How many residents in the Dale have an allergy to peanuts, paracetamol, penicillin, or anything else? We have searched the web for suppliers of silicone medical alert wrist bands, but they want to sell you 1000 at a time rather than single ones. I have called our local chemists who do not stock them – nor do Boots the Chemists. You can buy metal bands, but they are expensive and some people are concerned that a chain around your wrist could be dangerous.

Eventually we came across a supplier at Alnwick in Northumberland who sell a plain silicone band with Medical Alert printed on the outside for £5. We checked it was a comfortable size and rang straight back with an order for one red silicone band (other colours available). Printed inside the band we requested the name of person, phone number, the allergy, and blood group as hospitals need to know that information so treatment can start quickly. You can have whatever information you wish on it. It came the next day, at a total cost of £11.95.

You can contact the ID Band company at Alnwick by telephoning 0800 999 3669 or go to the web site [www.theidbandco.com](http://www.theidbandco.com). They do not deal with personal callers to their offices. Hope this can help you and your relatives and friends to have peace of mind.

**Kate Empsall**

### Drop-off points and contacts

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

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## Letters Received



Dear Editor

### History of Hawes Parish and People.

I am wondering whether if, through the pages of your excellent newsletter, I could ask a favour of your readers.

We live in New Zealand, my father-in-law Arthur Mann Dinsdale came to New Zealand in 1928. His father was James William Dinsdale who was born in Hawes in 1880 (his parents being James Dinsdale and Alice Mary Chapman, daughter of Simon Chapman of Gayle).

I have been putting together the Dinsdale family tree for my husband and on a recent visit to London I discovered a wonderful book entitled "Under Wetherfell – The Story of Hawes Parish and People" by James Alderson, published by Rev. James Alderson c1980 and printed by Offset Lithography at Wensleydale Press, Hawes. The copy I found was in the Society of Genealogists Office in London and I would love to be able to obtain a copy for us if possible. I have not been able to find the book online through the secondhand book sites and wondered whether any of your readers might have a copy of this book sitting in their bookshelves which they would be happy for me to purchase.

We have visited Hawes on a number of occasions, the last time being over Christmas of 2012 when we had a wonderful week staying in a cottage in Gayle exploring the area. My husband never had the opportunity to meet his grandfather James who became a Methodist Missionary, (my father-in-law Arthur was born in Bridgetown, Barbados in 1911) so filling in the family background is very important to us, our children and future generations.

I can be contacted by email at: [familydins@gmail.com](mailto:familydins@gmail.com). With many thanks and kind regards

**Susan Dinsdale, New Zealand**

**Mary Scarr** thanks all who sent cards, good wishes and visited during her time in hospital. The Friarage Hospital looked after me very well.

## Christmas Competition



Perhaps a little harder than most of our competitions but you have until the January



16th deadline date to submit your answers either by post; by email to [uwnlinput@gmail.com](mailto:uwnlinput@gmail.com) or by hand to one of the drop-off points on page 4.

It might be suitable for a 'family brain-storm' around the fire on Boxing Day!

There is a special Christmas prize of **£50** donated by the Newsletter to the chosen charity of the sender of the highest number of correct answers received so don't forget to nominate a charity with your entry.

These are all cryptic clues. All the answers are Buildings or Dwelling Places.

eg An ornamental fabric after the M.D.'s helper is P.A. + Lace = Palace

- 1 Talk about the French.
- 2 X. I back to stirred X.
- 3 Six and a period of time holds a vehicle.
- 4 After the eighth, name the river.
- 5 Tax an optimist.
- 6 Well established.
- 7 Take a taxi home.
- 8 Mother with purpose inside.
- 9 Part of your head.
- 10 Will it clear the clouds away?
- 11 Screwed up face.
- 12 You are surrounded by Swiss.
- 13 To cast off.
- 14 Not keen on the cold anymore.
- 15 Toilet for a returning soldier.
- 16 Barred enclosure holds upset child.
- 17 An infant confused by an egg initially.
- 18 Not well in Virginia.
- 19 The US Secret Service males are upset.
- 20 Rubbish without the one after r.

## November Competition Answers

**Anagrams - some UK Lakes, some European Countries.**

Some of our readers spotted the deliberate mistake in clue 2 where the I should have been another L.

- 1 GO HEN LAUGH = LOUGH NEAGH
- 2 NOD MOLL HOC = LOCH LOMOND
- 3 ROT A PLUG = PORTUGAL
- 4 WIRE MENDER = WINDERMERE
- 5 JAB IN A RAZE = AZERBAIJAN
- 6 ROAD RAN = ANDORRA
- 7 A THINKABLE SEA WETS = BASSENTHWAITE LAKE
- 9 TEN WET DRAWER = DERWENT WATER
- 10 LAW RESULT = ULLSWATER
- 11 ARK MOM CREWCUT = CRUMMOCK WATER
- 12 TIE TEN LICHENS = LIECHTENSTEIN
- 13 TEN ALE WANDER = ENNERDALE WATER

The winner of the £40 roll-over prize was Laura Gavin of Carperby and her chosen charity was the Yorkshire Air Ambulance



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## Heavens Above

This month's Geminids meteor shower - debris from an asteroid called Phaethon - is one of the best of the year. It's active between December 8th-17th reaching a peak on the night of December 13th/14th. The Geminid display is famous for producing lots of brilliantly coloured 'shooting stars'. With the Moon out of the way, you might see 30 or 40 an hour streaking across the sky. The best time to observe is after midnight, when the Earth turns face-on to the meteor stream.

There's a real shortage of bright planets in the evening sky this winter, with only the two dim outer planets, Neptune and Uranus, on show. All the action is in the morning sky. Sadly, Venus and Saturn are lost to view, but you should be able to spot Mercury very low in the south-east just before dawn towards the end of December and the first week of January. Jupiter and Mars are also in the south-east slightly higher in the sky. They rapidly approach each other as the year turns, and by January 7th around 6 am, are barely a quarter of a degree apart - a striking sight in binoculars.

We have two 'Supermoons' in 2018, the first one on January 2nd. So-called Supermoons occur when a Full Moon coincides with the Moon's closest approach to the Earth in its orbit, causing the Moon to appear a good bit larger and brighter than usual - see if you can notice any difference.

This year's Winter Solstice, marking the official start of winter, falls on December 21st. The Sun reaches its lowest point in the sky as seen from the northern hemisphere, and we get the shortest day and longest night. Most of the bright winter stars are already well on show, however, and by late evening towards the middle of the month, the southern sky is filled with a host of bright star patterns. Orion, the Mighty Hunter of ancient mythology, dominates the scene. His outline is quite distinctive with a sloping line of three stars forming his 'Belt' and the red-giant star, Betelgeuse, marking his left shoulder. See if you can spot his Sword, the famous Orion Nebula, hanging just below the middle Belt star. Orion is trailed by his two faithful 'dog stars' Procyon and Sirius. Sirius,

the brightest of all the stars, is unmissable flashing like a diamond low over the southern horizon. Procyon, nowhere near as bright, lies by itself to the east of Orion below the twin stars Castor and Pollux in the constellation of Gemini.

Orion faces up to his old enemy Taurus the Bull to the west. Look for orange-tinted Aldebaran, a red-giant star marking the beast's baleful eye. Taurus is home to two of the best open star clusters in the sky - The 'V'-shaped Hyades (forming the Bull's Face) and slightly higher up, the Pleiades or Seven Sisters- they're both great targets for binoculars. Almost overhead is a really ancient constellation- Auriga the Charioteer. It's bright yellow leader, Capella, is the sixth brightest star in the sky.

On a moonless night you should be able to make out the pale band of the winter Milky Way flowing down east of Orion towards the southern horizon. A gorgeous sight on a sparkling winter's night.

Season Greetings and here's to lots of clear skies in 2018.

**Al Bireo**

**Patrick and Judith Pinches** would like to thank their friends in Gayle (and most particularly their close neighbours) for all their help and encouragement throughout a difficult six weeks in James Cook and the Friarage hospitals. We are both so grateful to you all.



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Christmas is just around the corner, so to help you get into the festive spirit, the Askrigg Handbell Ringers invite you to an evening of festive entertainment at St. Margaret's Church in Hawes. The event on **Wednesday 13th December starts at 7.30pm** and the Handbell group will perform festive favourites from 'White Christmas' to 'Jingle Bells' and a whole lot more.

The evening will also include several items of festive poetry from John Betjeman to Pam Ayres, all of this interspersed with several opportunities for you to stretch your legs, stand and sing along to popular carols accompanied by the wonderful organ at St. Margaret's.

Tickets are £7.50 on the door to include mulled wine and a mince pie (or soft drink/tea/coffee), and the proceeds will go towards the ongoing fundraising efforts for essential building works at St. Margaret's. A raffle will also be held during the interval. Please come along to support St. Margaret's and also your local Handbell Ringing Team and enjoy an evening of festive entertainment. We hope to see you there.

**Malcolm Carruthers - Askrigg Handbells**

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## Christmas Music

The Annual Christmas Charity Concert takes place in Hawes Market House on **Friday, December 22nd at 7.30pm** with performances from the Hawes Silver Band, the Aysgarth Singers and Young Voices Choir.

It's a fantastic festive celebration for all the family to enjoy with singing of traditional carols accompanied by the band. What a great opportunity to sing together in a celebration of friendship and harmony with lots of enjoyable music making to lead us into the festive season!

Adults £8.00 on the door, children under 16 Free accompanied by an adult. There is a Raffle and light refreshments included. All proceeds from the evening will go to support the work of St. Teresa's Hospice Home Care service.

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**Simon Lawrence**

### Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

**Middleham Key Centre, Tuesday, January 16th at 2.00pm**

Make it your New Year Resolution to join the Middleham and the Dales Local History Group. Join us at our AGM which will be followed by a talk by Val Slater on her 'eccentric' 4 x great grand-father, Revd. James Law - a Coverdale Clergyman.

Members, new members and visitors are welcome. Contact **Tony Keates on 640436** or [dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com) for more information.



## Hawes School News

What a lovely week it has been. I did a learning walk on Wednesday, which meant that I went in to watch the learning in every class. It was so lovely to see the learning that was going in the classrooms. Teachers and pupils are really working hard and it was fabulous to see the results of their labours.

Class 4 with Mrs Marwood and Mr Greenway were applying their learning of metaphors by writing about a photograph. Mr Greenway and Mrs Marwood were challenging the children to improve their writing and make sure it was the best it could be. The children's writing is coming on so well due to the impact of teachers and TAs.

Class 3 were working on their reading comprehension skills. The children were using the texts well to answer their question. The children were so focused I'm not sure they even knew I'd come into the room. Miss Magill worked with a group who were doing guided reading and discussing the text they had read.

Class 2 were using the computers to support their addition and subtraction skills. The Y2 pupils particularly impressed me with their independent working skills. Mrs Ward and Miss Thistlethwaite are working well as a team.

Class 1 were working inside and out. Outside there was a den which had cover for at least 5 people. The children had worked together with Miss Burton to build it. Inside the Y1 pupils were working closely with Miss Caygill on recognising their odd and even numbers, whilst other children focused hard on their learning tasks.

The classes demonstrated great determination and problem solving skills which are two of our values which we are encouraging Hawes children to use in order to become life-long learners.

**Hanna Vasey (Headteacher)**

### Y5/6 Boys' Football

On Wednesday 8th November Thomas, Laurie, Barnaby, Euan, Owen, Aonach, Alfie & Leon played football in the second round of the cluster football competition at Richmond



Secondary School. We drew with Carnagill but we lost to Bedale and Richmond, which wasn't too bad because

they were both in the final. We all played well and we had a good day. Thank you to Mrs Metcalfe who accompanied the Team to the event.

**By Laurie Blades**

### Y5/6 Netball

Two teams went to the netball tournament at Askrigg – team A( Gracie, Ella, Evie, Euan, Owen and Leon) and team B (Elizabeth, Thomas, Laurie, Marri, Isla and Aonach).



Team A played 5 matches and we won all five – BAWB 5 – 1, Spennithorne 5 – 0, Leyburn B 7 – 2, Middleham 4 – 0 and Reeth 1 – 0.

We found out that we had won our court. We then had to play the winners of the other court, which was Leyburn A and we won 2 – 0 Get in!

Team B came third.

We are now through to the next round which will be played at Richmond in January

**By Gracie, Ella and Evie**

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Seeing these children and young adults experiencing and enjoying this beautiful place is a great tonic, whether it's the excitement on their faces or sometimes simply their reaction to getting a closer glimpse of the dairy cows. It's clear that the original vision of The Rev. Malcolm Stonestreet and The Askrigg Foundation to make the Yorkshire Dales act "as the lungs of the city" is still being met, with people of all ages and abilities experiencing outdoor adventure, learning new skills and meeting personal challenges.

In 2016 the Low Mill team of Instructors, Housekeepers and Administrative staff, led by Terry Hailwood, enabled over 2,000 children and young adults to experience a whole range of activities in the local area. You may have seen them abseiling at Appersett viaduct, canoeing on Semer Water, gorge walking at Mill Gill or geocaching on the moors. Both residential and day groups are based at the Low Mill Outdoor Centre. Once a water mill on the outskirts of

Askrigg the building is now specifically designed to accommodate school groups and wheelchair users following the original conversion and the completion of the purpose built 'Wing'.

Last year saw the Centre celebrate its 40th anniversary – a great achievement made even more impressive as Low Mill is an entirely self-funded local charity. The Friends of Low Mill are a group of local people with a great knack for fund raising - 5k fun runs, quiz nights and the annual Charity Ball all get transformed into essential equipment purchases such as replacement cagoules and the new archery range. The support of the local community goes beyond that all-important fund raising. As a registered charity Low Mill must have a Volunteer Management Committee and Trustees and it is the local people who give their time and energy to support Low Mill's continued success.

Mega-charities still take the lion's share of the UK's donations and it doesn't seem long since Children in Need was taking over the TV schedule. At this time, when high profile advertising and social media campaigns all compete for our purse, the positivity and satisfaction we get from supporting charities might be met closer to home. Getting involved with local charities like Low Mill Outdoor Centre not only contributes to the community but also gives us the opportunity to socialise and have some fun all in a good cause. Whether you live in the community or are visiting Wensleydale grab a coffee and take five minutes to take a look at what a local charity gets up to - check out Low Mill's website, [www.lowmill.com](http://www.lowmill.com) or connect through Facebook and next time there's a fund-raising event in Askrigg why not come along too.

**Julia Newiss**

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In November we invited local families to come and play, enjoy cake and have a friendly get together to raise money for Children in Need. It was lovely to see lots of families enjoying the morning and the resources we had available. Dalesplay also held our annual Christmas Fayre where we raised a wonderful £345.92, we can now order some new windows for the setting to replace the old worn ones.

At Dalesplay the children have been exploring autumn as we changed seasons and enjoyed doing lots of activities based around bears. We have been on bear hunts, made a hideout in our role play area to hunt out the bears, sang bear rhymes and read bear stories and much more. Take a look at our facebook page to see some of the activities we enjoyed.

Dalesplay would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Fowler who has been Dalesplay Ltd's company secretary since we opened our doors in April 2006. We are very grateful for all the support you have given to Dalesplay over the years and wish you all the best in your new chapter.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take over this role we would be very grateful. The directors meet approximately 10 times a year for a short meeting to ensure the setting is running efficiently and adhering to policies and procedures. The role of the secretary would be to take the minutes at the meeting and send out minutes and agendas to all the directors via email. For more information or register your interest in the role please speak to myself or Stanley Roocroft.

**Joanne Fothergill**



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## The Farmers Arms has New Hands

Chris and Karen Stanley are the proud new owners of the Farmers Arms pub in Muker. Moving from the Derby area in late September and following a two week hand over they threw themselves in at the deep end on October 6th. Karen had spent many a rainy, but happy family holiday in Wensleydale trying desperately to find Eunice, not realising that one day she would be reading about herself in the same newsletter!

For the last two years the couple have been searching for the right business which would enable them to realise their dream of moving up to the Dales. They looked at tea shops, a bakery and many pubs, eventually walking into The Farmers Arms last May and falling in love with it. Chris is an electrician by trade and Karen worked in the printing industry so running the pub is a real life-style change for them both. They have found it hard work, but also great fun and very satisfying and have realised the importance of taking time out together to explore the area and enjoy their new surroundings.

Chris and Karen want to thank their staff, the locals and their suppliers who have all been very generous with their time and knowledge to help ease them into the swing of things. They particularly wanted to thank the previous owners Darren and Emily for their support and encouragement.



They are just about getting into a routine now and starting to look to the future. Both are CAMRA members and eager to get the Farmers Arms into the Good Beer Guide. Chris is a keen cyclist so would like to add a few facilities to attract more cyclists into the pub and Karen has been busy baking to provide cakes to go with

teas and coffees whilst the tea shop is closed during the winter. She is also adding new vegetarian options to the menu whilst still offering traditional favourites. They have also introduced a music night on a Thursday inspired by staff member Sam, following his impromptu jam session with friends which went down very well.

Karen's parents have been planning to move to the Dales for many years now, but never thought that their daughter would beat them to it, let alone buy a pub! At least they will have somewhere to stay while they look for a dream home of their own. **K.J.**



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A team of five rangers and five Dales Volunteers spent three days laying a fresh surface and clearing the drainage along 1.25km of the Cam High Road – or ‘Roman Road’ – above Hawes. They raked and tamped a total of 166 tonnes of limestone aggregate, brought by lorry from a nearby quarry.

Two recreational motor vehicle user organisations funded the works. The North Yorkshire group of the Green Lane Association (GLASS) donated £2000 and the North Yorkshire and Teesside group of the Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF) donated £2500.

“The contributions from GLASS and TRF are greatly appreciated,” said Matt Neale, Area Manager (North) for the ranger service. “The Cam High Road is a valuable link in the local public rights of way network, and one that can be enjoyed by walkers, horse-riders, mountain bikers, as well as recreational vehicle users in 4x4s or on motorcycles. Having both GLASS and TRF help us maintain these routes and encourage responsible use of the National Park is a positive step forward. We are increasingly relying on donations from users of the National Park to help us to maintain the trail network.”

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## From the Archives A Golden Oldie from June 1996

May Monday in Hawes saw a contest, red in tooth and claw, fought out on the cowclap patch that is the present home ground of Hawes F.C. They were being challenged by a medley of ex-Hawes F.C. players dubbed Hawes "All Stars". The latter were longer in tooth, but sharper in claw. Odds were not stacked heavily against them, though one had to wonder what sort of stars some of them might be seeing before the end. On the other hand, Hawes F. C. has this season brought their losing style to a fine art. The encounter was generously sponsored by Gordon Sleightholm, proprietor of the White Hart Inn, who is also chairman of the club. After the match there was a Pie and Pea Supper at the White Hart for £2.50. All proceeds were for the new football field which is given top priority in the Hawes Leisure Centre to be.

The match was thoroughly enjoyed by a large crowd and the total takings were slightly over £800. Does the result matter? Indeed it does to the old-stagers for they stormed (all right then, staggered) to victory by four goals to two. Does it matter that Mel Dinsdale's excellent refereeing did not extend to counting the numbers of players at any given moment – 26 at

one time? Man of the match was officially Andrew Pratt, but my vote would have gone to Ed Ward, goalkeeper for the "all Stars" I reckon if he had swapped with the other goalie the scores might have been reversed. One must not forget either, that D Calvert, Manager of Hawes F.C., used all his seven substitutes so that the younger and less experienced ones might have a chance to demonstrate their prowess. Martin Cluderay scored the F.C.'s two, and for the "Stars" Dave Raw scored two, Martin Pratt and Gary Richardson one each. During a long half-time (much needed by one side at least) an interesting game was played on a reduced pitch, when a mixed ladies team opposed the Youth Club Team. Here fortune tended to favour the fortunate, but there was no lack of determination and exuberance. Janet Dinsdale prominently and effectively got in the way of the ball on several occasions to good purpose. Plenty of enthusiasm was shown by the young members of the Ladies side but one has to acknowledge that the balance of skill was shown by the Youth Club who won handsomely.

Congratulations to all concerned, and may one hope that Hawes Medical Centre was able to cope at Tuesday morning surgery. Jim (Woody) Metcalfe had slowed down considerably from the previous evening's dashing performance. Subsequent enquiries revealed that he had torn ligaments in his ankle. Our sympathies must go to him for his injury- especially since few are likely to come from his ever-loving wife, who has all on to maintain an injured air of silence

T.M.C.

Does anyone know who article author T.M.C is/was? He wasn't on the N/L Committee.



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## Police Report

Incidents of note occurring the area were as follows:-

### October

**17th.** Reports received of burglaries on outbuildings in Little Ings, Gayle and surrounding area included 10 sheds entered and property removed. Two vehicles were also entered and property removed.

**19th.** A burglary was reported on premises on the Upper Wensleydale Business Park.

**19th.** A burglary was reported on an outbuilding in Preston-under-Scar but the offenders were disturbed by members of the public and left empty-handed.

**Between 22nd and 24th.** Four Limousin cows were taken from land belonging to Shaw Paddock Farm.

### November

**3rd.** A burglary was reported at The Fountain Hotel Hawes which was not open for business and the safe in the bar was entered and a metal drawer containing cash was stolen.

**11th.** A Road Traffic Collision , damage only, occurred between a car and a dry stone wall.

Well that's the gloomy side covered so let's get onto the seasonal side of life. Last month I asked drivers to make sure that as the dark hours drew in that they ensure that the lights on their vehicles were functioning correctly. This month as we approach the Festive season 'Drink Driving' becomes a threat to other road users and pedestrians, so some basic facts;

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As this issue is covering Christmas and into the New Year, I will take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

And the quote is; "You wouldn't worry so much about what others think of you if you realized how seldom they do." Eleanor Roosevelt.

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As a consequence of there being no volunteers to form the Hawes and District Gala Committee for 2018, the existing committee, after much discussion, have decided not to hold a 2018 gala. The current committee have agreed to continue for the sole purpose of holding an extraordinary meeting on **January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm** at the Fountain Hotel. The outcome of this meeting which is open to the public will finalise as to whether or not a 2019 Gala will take place.



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One more sheeepy notice, this is a time of year when people will often find sheep laid on their backs after becoming 'rigged'. If the sheep aren't put back onto their feet they can die so if anyone finds a sheep on its back either roll it back over, or if you don't feel comfortable doing so, contact the farmer as a matter of urgency. Anyway, on that note, better get back to our new lambing shed and get everything ready.

Davinia Hinde

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Summer saw the Annual Pet Service with the congregation joined by Budgies, Guinea Pigs and Dogs. We provided sustenance to the intrepid athletes taking part in wild water swims, triathlons and trail marathons throughout the summer.

The Annual Flower Festival saw the Church transformed into the river bank to tell the stories from the Wind in the Willows. Autumn brought

the Harvest Festival and Bread Sale, where £218 was raised for Christian Aid for the Rohingya Crisis Appeal.

The final event of the year will be on Christmas Eve. There will be a Christmas Celebration with a Communion Service at 7.15pm and at 8.00pm there will be Carols by Candlelight. Mince pies and warm drink will conclude the evening. All welcome.

Services are held the **1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.30pm**. Services and Special Event details can be found on our website - [www.stmatthewschurch-stallingbusk.co.uk](http://www.stmatthewschurch-stallingbusk.co.uk)

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## New Folks at the Dragon

A new team of three has taken over the running of the Green Dragon Inn at Hardraw. Matthew Kitchen and his fiancée Aislinn Dolman and Aislinn's mother Patricia Dolman have signed a 5-year lease on the Inn and its accommodation but they are not involved in managing the waterfall, visitor centre nor the camping ground.

Matthew who comes from Northamptonshire met Aislinn (a Londoner) when they were both students at Aberdeen University. After graduation both Aislinn (degree in psychology) and Matthew (degree in conservation biology) obtained jobs in the Aberdeen area. Aislinn was a manager at the large Thistle Airport Hotel in Aberdeen and Matthew worked as an environmental consultant in the engineering sector but they were both keen to try to find something different that they could do together.

Initially they thought of buying a B&B somewhere in the countryside and it was whilst looking for this that they came across the Green Dragon and were immediately taken by its 'uniqueness'. Because of their years of experience in hospitality and business they fancied taking on the challenge. Aislinn's mum Pat joined them in September from London, and they all started out on their big venture.

They had all visited the Dales on holiday and loved the area and are keen that they and the Inn should become integral parts of the local

community. Matthew has already joined the Green Dragon Domino team and is thoroughly enjoying the experience.

They have been especially fortunate to obtain the services of chef Jeff Guest who built up a great following at the Green Dragon over 18 months ago (especially for his pies and curries) when working with Helen and Terry Wood. The Inn will be open six days a week (closed Wednesdays) throughout the winter serving both lunch and dinner and offers accommodation in 9 en-suite rooms plus 11 bunkhouse rooms.

The new team are keen to re-establish the Green Dragon as a 'live music' venue and intend to continue to host the traditional Folk Music gatherings next spring and summer as well as a range of other musical events and concerts.

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For me it is a time for music and what a wealth of Christmas Music there is – and not just the obvious Christmas Carols. Here are a few of my favourite choices – you can hear them on YouTube by going to this web address: <http://tinyurl.com/xmasmusic2017>

### 1) Christmas Oratorio by JS Bach

A glorious and massive work (running for over 2 hours), it was written for Christmas Celebrations in 1734 and is in six parts which tell the story of Christmas. Bach in places reused music from other works written over the previous 2 years (which is not surprising given the huge amount of music he was under pressure to produce and the massive scale of this work).

### 2) Sussex Mummers Christmas Carol arranged by Percy Grainger

There are many old Christmas carols that are now rarely heard. Percy Grainger was a great collector and arranger of folk music. His piano arrangement of this old Sussex carol is sublime writing for the piano. Grainger also produced an arrangement for piano and violin or cello which are beautiful (but sadly there are no good recordings on YouTube of that version). I first heard this carol in 2013 on a CD by Swedish cellist Mats Lidström (who came and played for us in Aysgarth Church in June). His CD called Smörgasbord is well worth a listen and available at Amazon.

### 3) 'Good Day, Sir Christmas!' by Cheryl Frances-Hoad

Christmas music doesn't have to be ancient. This short choral work was written in 2015 and published in BBC Music Magazine. In February this year we had the pleasure to welcome the composer to Bainbridge for a recital where Fenella Humphreys gave an astonishing violin recital as the opening concert of Wensleydale

Concert Series' 2017 season, including a new work written for her by Cheryl. During the year Cheryl has had work performed at the BBC Proms and also a performance of a work written to celebrate the physicist Stephen Hawking's 70th birthday.

### 4) Christmas Tree Suite by Franz Liszt

Written in 1881, Liszt dedicated this work to his 21 year old granddaughter Daniela von Bülow and it was first performed on Christmas Day. The work exists in 2 versions – a solo piano work and in 4 hand duet form (I have included a duet version on YouTube). It consists of 12 short pieces mostly based on Christmas themes (many based on old carols) and unlike most of Liszt's writing of that period is not terribly virtuosic but written for domestic performance.

### 5) Nine Lessons and Carols from Kings College Cambridge


It seems a life time ago now but back in 1976 I was at Kings College Cambridge and took part in the traditional College Christmas celebration. No Christmas is quite complete without the traditional visit to Kings College. I have included a link to last year's televised service.

### 6) Adam Lay Ybouden by Boris Ord

Missing from the 2016 service above is my favourite ancient 15th century 'carol' – here is a recording from Kings College in 1996. Not strictly a Christmas carol as the words are about the fall from grace in the Garden of Eden but traditionally sung at Christmas. Boris Ord was organist and choirmaster of King's College, Cambridge between 1929 and 1957.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – do let me know if you enjoy the above music or have other Christmas favourites. You can email me at [concerts@wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk](mailto:concerts@wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk)

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## Prunings

It is a sobering thought that by the time we meet again in print we shall have enjoyed (endured?) the Festive Season, seen in another year and made resolutions which we have some chance of keeping. No change there then! And the first signs of new life will be waiting for the days to lengthen before they make their moves. In the light of this may I wish everyone all the best for the coming festivities. However you choose to spend it make the most of the holiday, and if you don't have the opportunity for a break, enjoy whatever you do.

Today, (November 14th) I noticed the tips of some bulbs poking through. If we have snow later on I shall be reminded of the swan: smooth and calm on the surface, but a good deal of frantic activity going on underneath.

A relative with a new garden has been telling me about recent purchases including around a dozen fruit trees which she hopes will provide a harvest throughout the season. No shortage of enthusiasm then! There is even a greengage in the selection. She is now choosing roses which she hopes will provide months of colour. The greengages reminded me of being a student in Paris in the summer when they were everywhere, but only for a short season. The French called them La Reine Claude, I don't know why, but they were delicious.

The roses made me think of my grandmother who came to Leyburn in the early forties, and persuaded my grandad to bring her favourite rose with them. It was planted on a west facing wall, and despite grandad's best efforts it struggled. The flowers were beautiful, yellow and highly scented, and were always cut early so that she could enjoy them in the house before the wind destroyed them. It was "Gloire de Dijon" Being moved from a sheltered estate garden near Ripon, where grandad had been head gardener, to the wilds of Wensleydale must have been on the edge of its tolerance. No wonder it never forgave them for the move. I looked it up. It can still be purchased from David Austen Roses – at a price. It was originally introduced in 1853 so it must have been a good one to be still selling today.

Wonderful new varieties continue to be developed. They have amazing perfume and many are virtually trouble free. Garden News listed ten of the best last week; it is claimed that one of them, "Mutabilis", can flower from May to December in a good year; "English Miss" is reckoned to be one of the best for perfume, and "Margaret Merrill" is the best of the new whites. There is also something to be said for buying locally. In around 1975 I bought a rose from Braithwaites at Leeming Bar. Named "Compassion" it was the one Mr Braithwaite recommended for a south facing wall. It flowers beautifully for a long season as long as we remember to dead head regularly, and on a still day the scent on the patio is delicious. However sad they all look now they will be spectacular next summer.

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



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So far this financial year, 18 local projects have been allocated £77,818, from an annual budget of £175,000. The grants will support refurbishment works at Crosby Garrett Village Hall; archaeological excavation in Fremington; a public car park upgrade in Thornton Rust; new interpretation panels at Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre; and the purchase of a new all-terrain wheel chair for disabled visitors to the Ingleborough nature trail and cave.

The fund is open to individuals, community groups, businesses and the voluntary sector. Any scheme which contributes in some way to conserving the national park or promoting the enjoyment of it – and which provides some social or economic benefits in a local community – will be considered.

Sustainable Development Officer Andrea Burden said: "Projects eligible for SDF money can be far-ranging, and big or small, from community composting and village enhancement, to local wildlife conservation and educational programmes, to renewable energy, sustainable transport and eco-tourism schemes."

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### Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale

#### Advent Taizé Service

To mark the start of Advent, Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale are holding a Taizé Service at Gayle Chapel on **Monday, December 4th**. The event will start at noon with a hearty soup and bread lunch followed by the service itself at **1.00pm**. So make a start to the Advent season by joining us for the occasion. All are welcome to attend.

#### Toy Service

This year the Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale Toy Service will be held at **10.30am Sunday, December 3rd** at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. All donations of new toys will be gratefully received and help make the Christmas of children who might not otherwise receive a present. The toys will be distributed by The Salvation Army. Please leave the toys unwrapped so the distributors can choose the appropriate age and sex of the children who will receive them but you may wish to donate wrapping paper with the toys.



## Hawes Christmas Lights

Many hands made lights work. Thank you to all those who helped with erecting the Christmas lights on November 15th. The excellent number of volunteers made the work progress in a timely manner, even though some aspects needed working out on the day. A really big thanks to you all.

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### **Christmas Tree Festival**

The popular Christmas Tree Festival will once again bring twinkling lights and fabulously decorated trees to the church for two weeks over the Christmas period. The Festival will launch with a Preview Concert on **Saturday, December 16th at 7.00pm** when there will be a variety of singing and musical entertainment including the Askrigg Ladies Who Sing for Pleasure, the Askrigg Handbells, and the newly formed Benefice Choir. Entry is free but donations are invited for charity. There will also be mince pies and mulled wine. Please join us!

### **Festive Lunches**

On **December 18th, 19th & 20th**, volunteers will be serving homemade soup and bread lunches in the Church between noon and 2.00pm There will also be mince pies and tea/coffee. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy this festive lunch experience.

### **Advent Window Trail**

From **December 1st to 24th**, Askrigg will once again stage its Advent Window Trail. Each day a new window will be revealed and illuminated in the evenings. This was featured in the December issue of Country Living Magazine, but there is nothing quite like experiencing it yourself with a nice evening walk around the village. Trail leaflets are available from the church, Sykes Store and Humble Pie.

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Tup fever is caused by those most pampered and entitled of upland farm animals, the male breeding sheep. At this time of year they are emerging from their lush corners of the farm to spend six weeks serving the ewes. Either that, or they are being brought to market – such as the 800 plus Swaledale tups sold at Hawes Auction Mart in late October.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority first caught tup fever more than 40 years ago. In 1974, a photograph was taken of the champion tup at the Muker Show. That photo was turned into our emblem, which can now be seen on all our buildings, signs, leaflets, car park stickers and rangers' jackets. The Swaledale tup was seen to represent the way that farming – and extensive grazing – had shaped the stunning



landscape of the Dales, and was essential to its beauty and maintenance. It was an inspired decision. Notwithstanding the occasional nonsense about a "white plague", the Swaledale tup remains the perfect emblem of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

If you have any doubts, visit the just-opened 'Voices From The Land' exhibition at the National Park-run Dales Countryside Museum, located just a stone's throw from the auction mart in Hawes. The exhibition features audio recordings and photographic portraits of about 40 farmers from across the national park, including some of the country's most renowned Swaledale breeders.

Listen to Raymond Calvert as he describes how it is the sheep that makes living in the Park special: "If you ask me, 'What keeps you in the area?' It's them – the Swaledale sheep. They've got this fantastic ability to not only manage in these tough areas but to thrive." Or listen to Thomas Iveson describe the best tup he ever saw, which went by the name of 'Aygill Officer'. "The hairs on the back of my neck stand up when I think about him," he said. "I went to see him at his home. He came down the hillside and blew me away. Just the depth of his black – the deepest black, with the brightest, hardest white – it just hit you from a distance. It was his bone, and the silver on his eyes. He wasn't great on his legs, a little narrow behind as we say, but he was quality: the tup of my lifetime."

If you haven't got tup fever after that, then I declare you immune.

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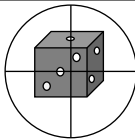
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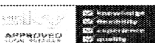
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Lectures on two major artists straddle the Christmas period for The Arts Society Wensleydale. The early career and influence of Gustav Klimt, who shocked Viennese society in the 1900's with his sexual imagery, bold colours and use of gold-leaf, is the subject of Gavin Plumley's lecture on **Tuesday, December 12th at 2.00pm** at the Middleham Key Centre.

Writer, broadcaster, and expert on Viennese culture, Gavin is commemorating the centenary of the artist's death on 6th February 2018. The presentation considers Klimt's early years as a muralist for grand municipal buildings and royal and aristocratic palaces of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It also illustrates the many changes in Klimt's life, his rejection of public pomp and the impact of his style and work on the artists who followed him.

Employing the long neglected art forms of tapestry and the decorated vase, Grayson Perry's art is a unique and powerful commentary on the world of today. His documentaries for Channel 4 reveal how his work emerges from his genuine engagement with communities and individual's stories.

Harry Fletcher's lecture on **Tuesday, 9th January 9th at 2.00pm** at the Middleham Key Centre outlines Grayson Perry's life and work with its style, humour and flamboyance. He discusses Perry's remarkable achievements: Turner-Prize-winning artist; BAFTA-winning documentary maker; author, social commentator, curator. In 2013, Grayson received a CBE, and became the first visual artist to deliver the prestigious Reith lectures.

In its 50th year, the Society wants to attract new members who will receive a very warm welcome. Visitors pay £8 a lecture, which will be refunded if they join. Contact Ros Higson on **01765 635244** [wensleydale@theartsociety.org](mailto:wensleydale@theartsociety.org) who will be delighted to provide more details.

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The farmers shown in the photos include Sidney Metcalfe (Eleanor's father) and Tom Metcalfe. The re-enactment was recorded by the BBC and many of the village children and their mothers were there to enjoy the show!

This year's 'Now Then' includes photos of the Spear event at Semerwater and the archaeological report on the remains of an Anglo-Saxon chapel which were found when work began on constructing Kirkwood Hall in Leyburn.

'Now Then' is the annual magazine of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. Copies can be bought at the museum for £2 each.

**Pip Land**

### Thoraby Christmas Cracker

Come and join us on **Monday, December 18th from 10:30am to 1:30pm** at Thoraby Village Hall where we will be serving Brie & Bacon rolls, mince pies plus tea /coffee. All proceeds to Help for Heroes.



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## Learning Curve Update

The Learning Curve project in Askrigg goes from strength to strength, with a broad range of classes well-attended, more scheduled before Christmas and plans underway for the new year.

The final session of the autumn term will be on **Friday, December 1st**, when Margaret Boustead, head of archives and record management at North Yorkshire County Council, accompanied by a specialist tutor, will conduct a workshop on how to research family history and how to access public records and archives. The session will be from **10.00am-12.30pm** on and the cost will be £10.

The winter term starts in January with classes in Spanish conversation for beginners, creative writing, a full day's pottery class at intermediate level and a discussion on planning in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Music appreciation and bridge are also on the horizon. A full programme will be available mid-December. If you are interested in a particular course in the future, suggestions are always welcome.

Booking is essential for all the courses which are held at the Wensleydale Sport and Leisure Centre, Askrigg, DL8 3BG.

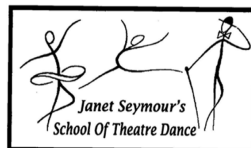
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## YDNP Events Listings Site Redesigned

A free online events calendar for the Yorkshire Dales National Park which is seen by an average of more than a thousand people a week (<http://blog.yorkshiredales.org.uk/events/>) has been redesigned and made easier to use. People looking to get word out about an event – be it a bonfire night celebration, beer festival or art exhibition – can now create an account and publish details of their event within minutes. Any events which are uploaded before 11 December will be considered for inclusion in the much-loved official printed guide to the Yorkshire Dales National Park, The Visitor 2018.

“Our online events calendar is a fantastic way for local organisations, clubs and individuals to publicise what’s happening – for free,” said Sarah Nicholson, Communications Officer at the YDNPA. “Unlike before, people can take ownership of their listing by returning to it as many times as necessary to make edits. Plus there is the chance for events to appear in The Visitor 2018, which will be packed with useful information and great features. It’s read by people planning their trip as well as being picked up by visitors”.

As well as carrying free events listings and features, The Visitor carries paid-for advertising, giving local tourism businesses a channel to promote their business or activity across the UK.

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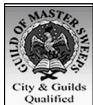
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The book itself (which is a yard wide, two yards when open, and two feet high) is old, fragile and in need of skilled professional conservation/restoration to safeguard the drawings inside. However with modern techniques it has now been digitally scanned for permanent reference. If funds become available, replica copies can be made, to be used for research or exhibition purposes and, importantly, to ensure that a replica copy is kept elsewhere in case of loss or damage to the original drawings.

Formal consent has been granted for restoration to be undertaken and two experienced conservators appointed. I am convening a group to raise funds by launching an Appeal for the £3,100 required. Advice and support have been received in planning the project, from staff at the North Yorkshire County Record Office, the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM, Hawes), Network Rail Archives, the trustees of the Macfie-Calvert Collection (held at the DCM) and others – a tremendously encouraging start.

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The reason for publicising this work is that the Garsdale-Hawes branch line at the head of Wensleydale was built by the Midland Railway Company, and by contractors who also built many miles of the Settle-Carlisle line. If, because of this local connection, any readers would like to contribute to the costs of restoration and conservation of 'The Book of Bridges' (as it has become known), donations would be greatly appreciated.

The Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum (a registered charity, which can claim Gift Aid) have agreed to act as bankers for this appeal; cheques should be made out to them and sent to the treasurer of the FoDCM, Mr. Graeme Thompson c/o the DCM, Hawes, N.Yorkshire DL8 3NT.

As appeal organiser, I will be pleased to answer any enquiries, acknowledge all donations for which contact details are given and report back on progress of the work Tel **650349** or email [ruth.annison@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.annison@gmail.com).

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£380 was donated towards transport costs and Operation Christmas Child will be able to claim back over £50 from Gift Aid. Also some gifts were donated online. Many thanks to everyone who packed a box this year and to Hawes Community Office staff for receiving the boxes. Thanks too to those individuals who knitted lots of lovely bobble hats and slippers.

**Heather and Nelson Caplin**

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when I heard all the accolades bestowed on the Little White Bus. We have all worked hard to make the service the envy of other areas who do not have the support we have, nor are able to provide rural transport in these days of austerity. We continue to be a beacon to other communities as to how they can overcome adversity. I am so proud of all the drivers who help with all the services we operate, in their dedication and commitment and how all reflect The Little White Bus in the most positive manner. A big, hearty thank you to the 50 plus volunteers without whom the service would not operate. The time they give is priceless.

The support we have from NYCC is without doubt a major contributor to the success of the service. Particular thanks must go to John Blackie, without whose drive and determination and a 'will do' attitude, The Little White Bus would never have even begun. That drive continues today and has resulted in 11 buses providing a much needed service and we are now entering into new areas of business that can only be to the good of the Community.

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### Mystery Picture

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"I am here to talk about Wensleydale Rugby Club. Wensleydale Rugby Club is an amazing place you can start at the age of 7 and end at any age you want. From tagging on the hips to rucking and mauling, which I'm doing, you can get great exercise doing rugby. Sometimes it's snowing up here and some times it's sunny but every day or night you'll have a phenomenal time.

The reason why I know so much about rugby is because I play rugby myself every Friday and Sunday. On Fridays I play touch rugby and on Sundays I play contact and I am in the Under 10s. My coach is called Badger Miller and he's a very good coach. After we play a match or train we all go up to the clubhouse and either enjoy a match meal or sit and talk about what fun we've had. So what are you waiting for come down and play maybe even tell your friends about it".



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## BAWB Schools News

This term so far has seen a really productive, successful and enjoyable time at BAWB Schools (Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools). In October, our children were honoured to welcome Bishop Jonathan of Huddersfield whose visit was a wonderful experience and opportunity. Bishop Jonathan is also the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education and we were able to set our schools and their plight in some context for his team. The Bishop was excellent with our children and donned his official robes at Bainbridge for a question and answer session with the children. They certainly challenged him with some well thought-through ‘big’ questions: “When was God made? What time do you finish work? Why do you carry a shepherd’s crook?”



At West Burton we have also celebrated our ‘Outstanding’ SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). Church schools are evaluated and judged against three areas:

1. How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
2. What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
3. How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

We are proud to have been judged as ‘outstanding’ in all three areas, leading to an overall ‘outstanding’ judgement. Thank you to all of the children and staff who contributed to this outcome not only on the day, but over the

course of time. We were proud to demonstrate all the ways in which our school provides a high quality education underpinned by a strong Christian ethos.

This term we have also started to offer yoga as part of our PE curriculum enrichment, both in and out of school. Yoga helps us to provide a rich, broad, and balanced curriculum for all of our children, contributing to our pledge to provide the highest quality 21st century education which prepares our young people for the next stage in their life; we encourage children to make healthy, well-informed choices of their own and to be independent learners. Our yoga teacher (Mrs Nicolene Scarr) is a fully trained practitioner of ‘Starchild Yoga’; specially designed for children. Feedback from staff, pupils, and parents has been excellent and we look forward to seeing some of the longer-term benefits of such excellent provision.

Our schools are now busy preparing for 3 very different Christmas productions which I am sure will delight all of our children and families at this special time of year. Look out for more information about:

1. ‘Hey Ewe!’: KS1 play at Bainbridge
2. ‘A Wensleydale Christmas Carol’: KS2 film at Askrigg
3. ‘Baboushka’: whole-school play at West Burton

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy new year from BAWB Schools.

**Charlotte Harper**  
Executive Headteacher, BAWB Schools

### Aysgarth District Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Poppy Appeal this November. Those who did house to house collections, those who had collecting boxes on their premises and everyone who donated to the appeal. The district covers Aysgarth and Palmer Flatts, Bishopdale, Carperby, Newbiggin, Thornton Rust, Thorlby and West Burton.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to send £1084.84 to the Royal British Legion.

**Anne Clarkson**



# The Old School House (LA&CC) - Events Calendar

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## CINEMA £6 (Concessions £5)

**Fri 1 Dec** (5pm & 7:30pm) **The Journey** (12A) 1hr 34m  
**Fri 8 Dec** (5pm & 7:30pm) **The Big Sick** (15) 2hr 00m  
**Tue 12 Dec** (7pm) **Now Voyager (1942)** (U) 1hr 57m (Exploring Film, 2nd Tue this month)  
**Fri 15 Dec** (5pm & 7:30pm) **Another Mother's Son** (12) 1hr 43m  
**Fri 22 Dec** (5pm only) **Elf** (PG) 1hr 37m (*Christmas Special – £5 or U16 £2.50*)

## EVENTS

**Mon 4 Dec** (7pm - £7, includes a glass of wine) **Fashion Show** (Ladies & children's)  
**Mon - Sat until 10 Dec** (10am - 5pm - Free) **Art Exhibition** (Skyscapes in watercolour)  
**Thur 18 Jan** (4pm - £6.50 or Family of 4 £20) **Bear & Butterfly** (Puppetry, live music & storytelling)  
**Sat 20 Jan** (7:30pm - £12/Cons £10/U18 £8.50) **Paul 'Silky' White** (Comedy & Music)  
**Fri 2 Feb** (7:30pm - £12.50/Cons £11/U18 £9) **Ian McMillan & Luke Carver Goss** (Words, Music, Glee & Delight, and a musical created out of thin air !)  
**Tue 13 Feb** (7:30pm - £10/Cons £8/U18 £7) **This Evil Thing** (North Country Theatre presents the story of Bert Brocklesby, one of the Richmond 16 during WW1)

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