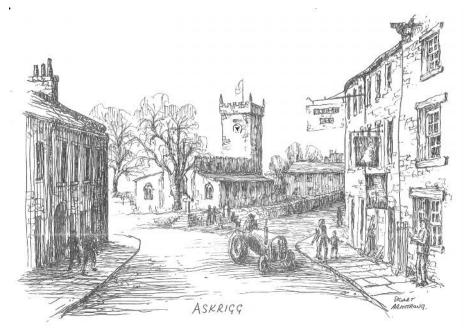
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Swaledale from Keld to Gunnerside plus Cowgill in Upper Dentdale.

Guest Editorial

My lad has a joke he likes to play. He comes up to me and asks, "Who do you think is worse, you or Donald Trump?" He already knows the answer. "Me," I say. That amuses him and brings out a little guffaw, but I tell him that I say it only because it is true. Every day I make mistakes. And it may have been a mistake to make public early in January the current plight of Hawes Methodist chapel, where worship ceased in 2014.

Instead of offering a quiet word, I posted on Facebook a letter I'd sent to the new owners' agents – and followed up by publishing the agents' reply. In the letter I pointed out that the new owners had bought the chapel from the Methodist Church in August for £70,000. Why, I asked, was it now back on the market just months later with the local estate agent for £175,000, without any value being added to it?

My complaint was not about the brass. It was that this attempt to make a "fast buck" would condemn the chapel to remaining empty and unused. Given the amount of money it is going to take to restore and convert the building, any developer will need to accept thin margins even without taking account of the cost of purchase. I said I would eat my hat if anyone paid £175,000 – and requested that the owners might consider selling the building for what they bought it for.

The agents replied that the owners had intended to convert the Sunday School rooms at the back into a holiday home and lease out the chapel space for commercial purposes. A change in personal circumstances, however, meant the owners now no longer felt able to pursue the venture. "Naturally," the agent said, they would consider reducing the price if the new valuation proved incorrect. On reading this reply I reflected that I'd been impatient. Could it be that the owners were simply testing the market, and should be afforded the time to do so without being questioned in public? You can be the judge of that.

All I know is that the chapel, although abandoned in the end, was once dearly loved. It has already been empty for nearly four years.

The unrealistic asking price will only extend that period. For those with a care for that cavernous space squeezed between Chapel Street and the cobbles, it is a sad state of affairs.

Andrew Fagg

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Churches of Dale and Vale

by Revd. William Thackray Middleham Key Centre

2.00pm on February 20th

In his book Churches of the Dale and Vale Revd. William Thackray made a photographic and historical journey around the 43 fascinating churches which make up the Wensley Deanery, from Ainderby Steeple in the east to Hardraw in the west. Some are in Wensleydale, others in the Vale of Mowbray.

Old and new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is still only £10, or £3 per meeting for visitors. For more information contact Tony Keates on **640436**, <u>or dotandtonyk@btinternet.com</u>.

Job Opportunity

Healthcare Assistant wanted to join the nursing team at Central Dales Practice (Aysgarth Surgery but may be required to work from Hawes Surgery at times). 28 hours per week, SystmOne clinical system, experience preferred but training and qualifications can be supported by us for the right candidate.

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The Arts Society Wensleydale

Ghislaine Howard has two major passions: painting and cooking. In The Arts Society Wensleydale lecture 'The Art of Cuisine and Cuisine of Art' on February 13th at 2.00pm in the Key Centre, Middleham she combines both. Ghislaine discusses the fabulous meals of Toulouse Lautrec and the introduction of Provencal peasant cooking to Paris by Renoir, while including the tastes of Monet, Cezanne, Picasso and others. She reflects on how art and cooking, eating and looking are inextricably entwined in our lives and culture.

Ghislaine is a professional painter, named as a Woman of the Year in 2008 for her contribution to Art and Society. She has work in many collections including the Royal Collection. Her work has been exhibited in Manchester Art Gallery, Canterbury Cathedral, Imperial War Museum North and the British Museum.

Ghislaine's special booklet of artists' recipes will be available to buy for £2 at the lecture. Any profits from the sale will go to fund TASW Young Arts projects.

In the 50th Jubilee year of The Arts Society, we hope 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@theartssociety.org who will be delighted to provide more details.

Submission of articles

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the music in the Singing for Pleasure box on page 21 and the winner of the £10 prize is

Gordon Lunt of West Burton.

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

2018 Tour de Yorkshire in the Dales

Nick Cotton, Member Champion for Recreation Management at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said: "I am really looking forward to seeing the Tour de Yorkshire come back to the National Park and taking on some challenging climbs. During Stage Four on Sunday, May 6th the cyclists will be coming into the National Park in Embsay and climbing over Embsay Moor - a King of the Mountains climb - with great views out over the surrounding area. Then they will travel up Wharfedale to Kettlewell with a sprint at Kilnsey. Beyond Kettlewell is another King of the Mountains - Park Rash, parts of which are as steep as anything I've ever ridden in Britain, before a narrow technical run down Coverdale and then on to Middleham and Masham.

We will be working with local communities to ensure that disruption is minimised and that this fantastic event can be celebrated and enjoyed. We are also working with Welcome to Yorkshire and the District Councils to bring roadshow events to Kettlewell and Coverdale so that local people can get more information and find out how to be involved."

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Christmas Competition Answers

1	Talk about the French.	CHALET
2	X. I back to stirred X.	TENEMENT

3 Six and a period of time holds a vehicle.

VICARAGE

4 After the eighth, name the river. HOUSE

5 Tax an optimist. VATICAN
6 Well established. STABLE
7 Take a taxi home. CABIN

8 Mother with purpose inside.

MUSEUM

9 Part of your head. TEMPLE

10 Will it clear the clouds away?

SKYSCRAPER

11 Screwed up face. CAFE

12 You are surrounded by Swiss.

CHURCH

13 To cast off. SHED

14 Not keen on the cold anymore.

OFFICE

15 Toilet for a returning soldier. IGLOO

16 Barred enclosure holds upset child.

COTTAGE

17 An infant confused by an egg initially.

ABBEY

18 Not well in Virginia. VILLA

19 The US Secret Service males are upset.

CINEMA

20 Rubbish without the one after r.

GARAGE

The winner of the special £50 prize is Kath Alderson of Askrigg who got all of the 20 questions correct and her chosen charity is Low Mill Outdoor Centre, Askrigg.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Community Office	667400
Gayle:	Sarah Champion	
	23, Little Ings	667006
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes,	
	3, Bainside	650525
Askrigg:	Rima Berry,	
	8 Mill Lane	650980
Carperby:	Margaret Woodcock,	
	Bella Cottage	663488
West Burton:	Nadine Bell,	
	Margarets Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	Kevin Davis	624165
	Westholme	
Thoralby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205

February Competition

As the Christmas competition was quite a hard one, here is something a bit easier for the February quiz. All these words start and end with the same letters. What are they?

- 1 -IVI-
- 2 -RUS-
- 3 –IDO-
- 4 -ROM-
- 5 –USEU-
- 6 –ATHTU-
- 7 –RAS-
- 8 -YPIS-
- 9 –EAPO-
- 10 –ARDIA-

Please send in your answers by **20th February** for a chance to win the £20 for your nominated charity. Don't forget to tell us what that charity is!

Dear Editor

Thank you very much for publishing my request in your recent newsletter with my hope of obtaining a copy of "Under Wetherfell" by Rev. James Alderson. A number of your readers have emailed me and I am now in possession of a copy of this book which was very kindly sent to me by Mr Geoffrey Keeble and the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. I am delighted to receive this book and thanks to all who kindly responded to my letter.

Susan Dinsdale



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Food Banks in the Dales

The churches of the Upper Dale belong to a group called Churches Together. They have decided to support the local Food Bank, Storehouse, situated in the Influence Church in Richmond, as the need has grown in Upper Wensleydale.

Storehouse opened in 2012. From 2012-16 Storehouse would give out basic groceries to enable clients to make about 18,200 meals per year.

In 2016 there was a sharp rise in the number of clients, with roughly 20-25 clients a week meaning 40-50 people being given the wherewithal to make three meals a day i.e. approximately 54,600 meals per year.

The decision to increase provision of supplies from two meals per day to three was made as it was felt this was the best for clients.

Storehouse is run on donations (food and monetary) from the local community, as well as by applying for grants and funding from various sources. It costs approximately £4,000 a year to run and this pays for admin costs, wages and hampers given out at Christmas.

Churches Together will be collecting donations of non-perishable goods at each joint festival e.g. Lent Lunches and Harvest Festival, in order to offer support from the Community.

Local Churches also make their own collections through the year and private individuals can drop off contributions at Storehouse in Richmond during office hours, though it is only open for clients to collect food on Thursdays 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Various other services are provided and the coordinator Suz explained:-

"Our hope is that everyone who comes to Storehouse can leave with not only food but having had their burden lightened and that we can provide help for as many situations as we can and help the person, not just the problem."

Gwen Clark

Bainbridge Vets News

As lambing time is now approaching fast, we will be running our annual lambing courses. These are suitable for all levels of experience. As well as a theoretical component we also have a practical session with our lambing simulator where different lambing presentations can be practised as well as applying head loops. After the lambing simulator we also practise different techniques including stomach tubing lambs. If you would like more information on the course please give us a ring **650263**.

We are also holding a BVD free meeting on **Thursday, February 8th** at Aysgarth Falls Hotel. To book a place please ring us at the surgery.

Also this month we have been awarded our accredited practice status under the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Practice Standard Scheme. This has taken a lot of hard work and dedication from the team and we are exceptionally proud of it. More information on the scheme can be found on the RCVS website.

Davinia Hinde

Top Graveyard, St Margaret's Church, Hawes

Thanks to everyone who has donated or raised money for the maintenance of the top graveyard; because of this we have bought another mower which makes it a lot easier for our happy band of volunteers to keep on top of the grass.

We have a supportive group of four helpers but would welcome anyone else who could spend a couple of hours now and then to help. Also we still need donations to help with the running of the mowers and strimmers, so any contribution would be gratefully accepted.

Please contact me at the Jewellers in Hawes if you can help in any way.

Geraldine Sumner

Theatre by Bus Matthew Bourne's Cinderella

New Adventures returns with Matthew Bourne's interpretation of this classic fairy tale set in 2nd World War London. In a true war-time romance a chance meeting between Cinderella and her dashing young RAF pilot leads to a love shattered too soon by the horrors of the Blitz.

This award-winning production is part of the company's 30th anniversary celebrations. It will take the audience into the heart of Prokofiev's magnificent score and the sights and sounds of war-torn London.

You can enjoy a matinee performance at Bradford Alhambra on **Wednesday**, **May 9th**. The coach will leave Middleham and pick up at Leyburn, Crakehall and Bedale, the cost is £36.50 for theatre and coach. To book ring **663259** asap as bookings have to be confirmed with the theatre before **February 2nd**.

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Together they will create 38 new woodlands covering 75 hectares as part of their aim to double the amount of broadleaf tree cover in the Dales by 2020, through the Dales Woodland Restoration Programme.

The planting will include sessile oak, common alder, goat willow, downy birch, rowan, aspen, scots pine, holly, hazel and hawthorn to help to improve biodiversity and enhance the landscape. Many of the trees will be planted in gills to help reduce erosion and enhance water quality. Low density planting will link to existing areas of woodland to increase habitat diversity and support bird species including black grouse, ring ouzel, song thrush and spotted flycatcher.

This is supported by Players of People's Postcode Lottery who have raised £400,000 for Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) to support a range of projects that help sustain the landscape, environment, economy and communities of the Yorkshire Dales.

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Meant to be absolutely brilliant and what's more... We will be serving Fish n Chips to the audience at the start of the performance! From Hawes Chippie, of course. Yes you heard it right - eating fish and chips while watching a play about a northern Chippie. I literally cannot think of anything better.

It will be an evening show on **Thursday, March 8th** starting at **7.30pm**. The ticket price will be £15 and this includes fish and chips for the audience who will be sitting cabaret-style at tables. Because of the quality of the show we have to charge this much to cover the booking cost but we have kept the price as low as humanly possible - a huge thank you to Hawes Chippie who are supporting us by providing food at cost. Drinks will be available to buy at the start

Tickets are available on line at https://www.ruralarts.org/events_performances.

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Spotted in the Church Visitor's Book

The following note was left in the St. Oswald's Church, Askrigg Visitors Book on December 21st by a visitor from the USA.

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Dear Editor

I'm sure it hasn't escaped your attention that we are trying to develop co-ordinated plans to retain and attract families and people of working age to live and work in the Dales. The most controversial bit of the initiative so far, a proposal to lobby Government for the power to increase Council Tax substantially (by at least five times) on second homes in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, has understandably stimulated the most debate. (Holiday lets are explicitly not part of the proposal.) We wanted to let you know that this proposal is now at a critical stage. The National Park Authority gave its approval to take this forward just before Christmas. Now it is up to the eight constituent county and district councils in the Park to make up their minds. We want to stress that we have nothing against second home owners. Far from it. They love the Dales and make a contribution to the local economy. The problem is the impact of second home ownership. It is so important that we keep our communities vibrant

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young couples looking for a home it must seem very wrong. The sharp growth in second home A.M. ownership during the past twenty years has pushed up house prices, denied dwellings to permanent residents and left some communities hollowed out. More than anything, shrunken primary school rolls - in Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton for instance - have focussed minds. The moment has come to take action; if this proposal fails, it is unlikely that the negative impacts of second home ownership will be addressed again any time soon.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Lis, Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales **National Park Authority**

Yvonne Peacock, Leader of Richmondshire District Council

Richard Foster, Leader of Craven District

Giles Archibald, Leader of South Lakeland **District Council**



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On December 19th, a report entitled Attracting Families To The Yorkshire Dales National Park was presented to the Members of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA). This report recommended raising Council Tax on second homes within the National Park by 500%. The purpose of this increase is to force the sale of second homes to release them back to the market and thereby to reduce the price of these properties by market forces. This, in turn, is expected to bring families back to the Park. The report was agreed by 12 votes to 9 and has now gone to the relevant District and County Councils for further discussion.

Although agreeing that we need balanced, vibrant communities in the Dales, a recently formed group, **Dales Home Owners Action Group (DHOAG)**, believes that the problem of "hollowed out communities" is not solved by the blunt instrument of taxing one group of Dales stakeholders. It is a much more complex issue requiring all parts of the community to work together. In particular, there is a need for careers, not simply jobs, to keep our young people here or to encourage them, and others, to return after university or college.

Importantly, the report has no economic impact statement to explore the effect of such a shock to the local housing market prices impacting all varieties of housing nor is there an assessment of the possible effects on spending patterns in the Dales and the consequences for local businesses.

DHOAG has already engaged in constructive discussions with representatives from Parish and District Councils, has emailed all Members of the National Park and has contacted our local MP, Rishi Sunak.

If you are a second home owner who is concerned about the possibility of this Council Tax rise or a local business who feels your business may be adversely affected or a permanent resident who values the contribution made by second home owners or would simply like more information please contact:info@daleshomeownersactiongroup.org

Sue Flather DHOAG

Megson at Reeth

On **Friday, February 16th at 8.00pm** - Megson are award-winning Teesside musicians, Debs Hanna (vocals, whistle, accordion) and Stu Hanna (vocals, guitar, mandola, banjo). See www.megsonmusic.co.uk. - Back by popular demand. Tickets £14 (£16 door), available from Reeth PO or phone **John Little 01748 884759** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk - tickets half price for under 16's.

Leyburn & District U3A

Close Encounters of a Famous Kind' is the title of the monthly talk for February. This will be delivered by Noel Moroney and will record his 50 year involvement with the textile trade and the many very famous people with whom he has worked. Noel will be speaking on **Friday**, **February 16th at 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, The Old School House. Café and U3A Committee members will be available from **10.00am**.

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Hawes United Juniors re-form

In summer 2017 a group of parents decided it was about time that Hawes United Juniors Football Club re-formed.

Training kicked off in August kindly led by various members of the senior team, who play in the Wensleydale League. Initial sessions held on Hawes Community Field and running from **6.15pm-7.15pm each Wednesday**, attracted over 40 boys and girls. Numbers have now stabilised around 35 local children ranging from 4-14 years old. Since October the training has moved to Askrigg's all-weather facility until the Spring when it will move back to Hawes.

The Juniors are in the process of affiliating with the North Riding Football Association which should bring some benefits in the form of administrative support and potentially some funding. In the meantime Hawes United Juniors have been fielding two mixed teams in tournaments run by the Hambleton & Richmondshire Junior Football League. The U7's and the U8's teams have now played at Catterick Village, Richmond and Leyburn with both teams winning a couple of matches. All those taking part have enjoyed the competition and atmosphere. In January 2018 we will field U7's, U8's and U10's in the Indoor 'Futsal' League played at Richmond School while the winter weather keeps us off our pitches.

Running a Junior Team takes a great deal of effort from many people and requires a healthy bank balance if it's to succeed and provide the kids the experience and opportunities it hopes to. We have had great support from the senior team through Chairman Gordon Sleightholm, to help get the venture off the ground with a donation to allow the purchase of initial equipment. Since then parents have stepped up to the mark and undertaken two extremely successful fundraising activities. The first was an 'old skool' disco in The Fountain with DJ Wilko in early December. The second was a Boxing Day 'Dip' in Semerwater where seven parents; Ben Adams, Steph Bland, Anna Fagg, Joanne Fothergill, Charlie Guy, Nick Prince and Lindsay Whaley went all 'Baywatch' with snow on the tops and a large crowd of on-lookers tucking into bacon sarnies and mulled wine on dry land! The team is so very grateful to all the

local residents and businesses that have supported their efforts and donated so generously.

The Juniors enter 2018 with increased determination and excitement as new strips were delivered in December. The U7's and U8's



match kits are sponsored by the Wensleydale Creamery and the Over 8's by J & SJ Bland and LTC Ltd. These got their first showcase at the Middlesbrough v Aston Villa Match on 30th December when 26 kids attended the game representing Hawes United Juniors to act as 'Guard of Honour'. This afforded them the chance to walk the pitch and wave in the two teams at the beginning of the Championship match.

If and when the weather permits, we will look to host other Junior League Teams in a home tournament in 2018 and would love to see a good local crowd cheering them on! Watch this space!

If you live in Upper Wensleydale and would like to know more about Hawes United Juniors or enrol your child to train/play then contact Nick Prince (Chairman) in the first instance on **07813 350944**.

Nicola Menzies

Coffee Morning, Thoralby In aid of Aysgarth Chapel

Tuesday, February 27th 10am till 12 noon

At Pen View Thoralby. Home of Mrs A Bailey We will have a cake and book stall and a raffle.

Busking in Wensleydale

Our first Friday in Leyburn was miserably wet and cold: eventually we had to stop early: the accordion bellows don't recover from getting wet

On the Tuesday before Christmas we were in Hawes, in ideal conditions, and the Hawes people were even more generous than ever.

Sadly, on the second Market Day in Leyburn, although we started early and the weather was again kind, we had to finish early for a Redmire funeral, so eventually our total this year was a bit down: but still we can send £447.77 to the Crypt (plus some other donations).

We don't think that we'd enjoy being homeless in Wensleydale for any more than our regular three mornings!

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Produced in association with North Country Theatre, this production will be staged in West Burton Village Hall at **7.30pm on Wednesday, February 14th**. Tickets cost £10 available online from the North Country Theatre website or from **Sally Stone 663373**.

Help for Tourism

Two new publications have been produced with the objective of supporting tourism and businesses in the tourist business. These will be produced on a monthly basis.

Visit Richmondshire – to showcase upcoming events and demonstrate reasons to visit and stay in the district.

Business in Richmondshire – information for tourism businesses on upcoming workshops, joint working initiatives and funding opportunities.

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So, come along for a great night out with a difference. Enjoy a two course meal whilst sleuthing and solve this crime. Due to the enormous success of last year's event we are doing it twice this year: Hawes Market House 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Saturday, March 10th and Bellerby Memorial Hall same times on Saturday, March 24th. Tickets are £15 a head but please bring your own drinks. Come along with your friends and form a team and see if you can detect the crime and work out 'whodunit'. If you come alone or in a couple we will help you join a team.

Tickets are available on the internet at www.ticketsource.co.uk/wensleydalemtg or via our Facebook page, or contact Graham Di Duca 667327 or Liz Connolly 650301.

Please note: due to catering arrangements tickets must be bought in advance. There will be no sales on the door. The cut-off date for ticket sales is **Monday**, **March 5th** for Hawes and **Monday**, **March 19th** for Bellerby. Please book early.

Graham Di Duca



Wensleydale Railway Engineering Works, Early 2018

In February and March, trains will run to a special timetable between Leeming Bar and Leyburn, during works on the line. Please check the website www.wensleydalerail.com for the latest information or phone the Wensleydale Railway office on **01677 425805**. Please note that engineering trains can run on the line at any time.

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Sunday Travel in Wensleydale

Dalesbus No 856 the "Acorn Flyer" service continues to run every Sunday throughout the winter with three return journeys between Northallerton and Hawes - and no changes. So for Sunday lunch out, visiting family or friends (or inviting them to visit you!), a trip to see the winter scenery, go shopping or catch a train on the ECML, ask for a timetable in the Community Office, (Tel 667400) or see www.dalesbus.org. From Hawes, the route includes Bainbridge, Aysgarth, Leyburn, Bedale and villages along the A684 to Northallerton. Concessionary passes are accepted. Please use it or...

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Ruth Annison

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Swaledale Festival is looking for experienced Front of House Manager for the 2018 Festival.

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Air Ambulance Fundraising Event

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This is to raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance in recognition of their help when our daughter Ellie Peacock fractured her left femur and had to be air lifted to James Cook Hospital from the school playing field in Askrigg last March.

As you may know the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity relies on the generosity of individuals and organisations to help save lives across Yorkshire. On average, when a patient has been received by the YAA, they will always be only 10 minutes from the nearest hospital and 15 minutes from the most relevant treatment centre. Their services are very important in the rural area we live.

At the event we will be selling many breakfast items including Full English Breakfasts, Bacon and Sausage Buns or Baguettes, Scrambled Eggs on Toast, Beans on Toast, Toast... all to eat of homemade cakes, biscuits and tray bakes available to buy. Plus a raffle on the day.

We hope to get as many products as possible donated to help keep costs to a minimum. If you wish to help or donate, please get in touch with James or Angela Peacock, tel 650212, or email james-peacock@btconect.com.

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Wensleydale to host National Sheepdog Trials

The English National Sheepdog Trials are to be held this year in Wensleydale. On July 27th, 28th, and 29th, the country's very best shepherds and their Border Collies will gather in the beautiful parkland of Jervaulx Abbey in the hope of qualifying for a place in the National team to represent England at the International trials, to be held later this year, in Ireland.

The Northern Sheepdog Association comprising members from The Dales, Co. Durham and Cumbria will be busy preparing and organising this prestigious event. The Burdon family have kindly offered their land for what will be a really busy 3 days, when up to six thousand people are expected to attend. Several hundred top class sheep will be provided for the trials by the local Fairburn family.

Two Wensleydale shepherds will competing. Andrew Hunter from Redmire with 5 year old Tess and 4 year old Rose, and Richard Fawcett from Hardraw with 5 year old Lola.

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(Ex Forces Support in North Yorkshire)

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Veterans will also be able to access other projects across North Yorkshire over the next three years provided by partners, all of which are designed to support non-core health, wellbeing and social care needs of those taking part. These projects offer a wider range of practical, financial, and customised support for veterans. Veterans are able to access as many services as they would like to through the project and choose which activities and opportunities they are interested in. This service is funded for 3 years finishing on March 31st 2020. Referrals can be made by the individual themselves, by friends, family or carers as well as health professions or support services directly to the Healthy Horizons team at 01748 829100 email: exforces@richmondshire.gcsx.gov.uk.

For further information go to www.richmondshire.gov.uk/community-and-living/2237-ex-forces-support-north-yorkshire.

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Local Church Events

Coffee Morning for St Oswald's Church Askrigg – to be held in the Back Room of Askrigg Village Hall on Saturday, February 10th between 10.00 am and noon. Entry just £2.50 for tea/coffee and cake. Wrapped tombola. Everyone welcome. Come along and meet some friends.

'The Grace Course' – A Lent course to learn how to live in the freedom of God's grace every day. Sessions to be held at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge on Wednesdays 21st and 28th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March between 7.00pm and 8.30pm. Everyone welcome. Please contact the Benefice Office on 650800 to book your place.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, February 3rd, 8.30am at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge

Sunday, February 11th 10.30am, Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton. Mission Partners, Bob and Rosalind Arnold will bring news of Bunghoko Rural Development Centre in Uganda. Come and hear about all the work, the people and the new projects that the Centre is involved with, and that we help support.

Penhill children's church. Sunday, February 25th 9.30am – 11.00am at Wensley Village Hall. Come and learn about God and the bible in a fun way with activities. (Refreshments and newspapers will be available for parents). Further information from the benefice office 663097.

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Christmas Lights 2017/18

All went well. What a great day, the weather even decided to be ok. The Children's Party went ahead with Colin Bailey helping with the entertainment. We are indebted to everyone who contributes to make this happen. The Silver Band led the carol singing, Father Christmas, with amazing fireworks, arrived on his fabulous sledge and every child and many adults showed their excitement.

"Wensleydale's Got Talent" finished off the day, all participants were well received, supported again by Colin. In order to enhance the experience for all families, the committee would appreciate any comments to further improve this event. Ideas can be forwarded to Liz Lawson on 667575 or Carol Hall 667234. Your help with ideas would be appreciated.

Thank you to all those who helped with the

putting up and taking down of the lights on January 10th. Our small very dedicated team over the coming months will spend many hours checking and repairing the faulty displays. Help is always welcomed especially from younger members of the community. If you are willing to give us one day, or even a morning, in November and in January please contact Liz Lawson, Wensleydale Press 667575. There is nothing difficult to do, just our committee are getting physically challenged.

To brighten up the winter festive season takes a considerable amount of money and would not be possible without the contribution from so many. So it's a big thanks to the Local LVA, the parish and district councils, Hawes businesses and friends and families for their continued support.

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Duke of Edinburgh Gold residential course

Young people going for a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award are being invited to discover what it is like to be a Yorkshire Dales National Park Ranger – and get stuck in to a week of practical conservation tasks.

The summer 2018 residential – 'Conserve the Yorkshire Dales' – will be based in Ribblesdale and will take place from **August 18th to the 24th.** It will be run by the YDNPA, but a range of different organisations will help to lead the practical tasks – which will include footpath maintenance on the fells, habitat conservation and dry stone walling.



Catherine Kemp, the Authority's Education and Events Manager, said "We have some of the best caves in the UK and they are one of our special National Park qualities, so as part of the week we will run a caving trip led by local guides."

The price per person is £250 and the details are on the <u>YDNPA website</u>, as well as on the <u>Duke of Edinburgh site</u>. The key contact for booking forms is **Catherine Kemp**, at <u>learning@yorkshiredales.org.uk</u> or on **01756 751641.**

Accommodation is in a comfortable bunk barn. All meals and transport during the residential are included in the price, and all equipment is provided. Transport from nearby train stations can be arranged. This residential is open to anyone aged 16 to 24 and is designed to meet the residential criteria for both the Gold D of E and the Queens Scout/Guide Award.

Upper Dales Family History Group

November's speaker was Dr David Severs on his research into 'Wensleydale Clockmakers and their Clocks', illustrated with photographs of the clocks which had been in an exhibition in Leyburn during the summer, along with additional illustrations to give an idea of the way the technology and design had changed over the years. The earliest examples from the 17th century only had an hour hand, with half and quarter hours shown on the dial Improvements in design eventually face. enabled the addition of a minute hand, eventually along with second hands and extra dials to show phases of the sun and moon. All these extras came, of course, with a price tag and the sophistication of your timepiece was definitely a status symbol!

The earliest local clock maker David had identified was John Ogden of Bainbridge, born around 1665, originally at Halifax. John was a Quaker and a friend of George Fox; it is thought he came to Bainbridge because of persecution elsewhere. He made fairly simple, single handed, 30 hour clocks (needing daily winding). Interestingly, by this period, it would have been possible to make two handed clocks but Ogden chose not to - either because he was fairly old fashioned himself or because his clients were. Apparently many people found the minute hand hard to read after being used to a simpler, albeit less accurate dial. Many other names and anecdotes followed, bringing the story right up into the 20th century, showing how the designs had changed from plain and engraved metal faces to elaborate designs, painted to fit the requests of the buyers. Even the case was significant, the shape of the doors indicated if the clock was made in the north or south of the country. Flat topped, or 'cottage' clocks were made for houses with low ceilings, more elaborate swan necked or horned examples were for larger buildings. This was a fascinating talk, crammed with research into local families as well as a masterly overview of the changing face of Dales clocks and some of the far flung places they had ended up.

Meetings recommence on Wednesday, February 28th, at 2.00pm in Harmby Village

Hall when Jennifer Deadman will be looking at 'Farm buildings of the heart of Teesdale'. Nonmembers are very welcome at £2. For further details email moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com

We are also arranging another 'Gathering' on Saturday, March 24th, at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes. The Gathering is a mixture of presentations by members and guest speakers, with time over a buffet lunch to look around the Museum or use the Research Room, followed by an optional evening meal together. Presentations cover a wide range of topics, from a tale of murder and mayhem to cheese making in Cotherstone, and include the research behind the recent Richmondshire Youth Theatre production 'Miners of Lead', the making of Voices from the Land, an exhibition of photographs and recordings of contemporary farming life in the Dales, as well as a look at some of the lead mining material in the Museum.

The event is open to everyone and the cost of £15 includes a buffet lunch provided by the Firebox Café, tea and coffee during the day, free parking on site and free entry to the display areas of the Museum. The day starts with coffee from **9.30am and ends around 5pm**. For more information or to book contact **07432 677783**, email: tracy@swaledale.org or see the group's website at: www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk/gathering.htm.

Tracy Little

Pancakes at St Matthew's Church Stalling Busk

The Sweet Chiming Christmas Bells certainly rang in St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk on Christmas Eve. Over 70 people enjoyed a lovely Candlelight Christmas Celebration Service.

As Christmas is over and we look towards Spring, St Matthews would like to welcome everyone for 'Pancakes and Scrumptious toppings' on Shrove Tuesday. We will be serving pancakes on **Tuesday, February 13th** between **12 noon** and **2 pm** as a thank you to our contributors and supporters. We hope to see you there.

Jackie Masterman

Uncertainty over Gayle Mill's Future

There is serious concern over the future of Gayle Mill after the Gayle Mill Trust (GMT), which operates the Mill, was given notice to vacate the premises by the North of England Civic Trust which actually owns the building. Despite a major restoration programme being undertaken in 2004 following the Mill's appearance on the BBC TV 'Restoration' programme, it was soon identified that major parts of the restoration needed re-doing in order to ensure the Mill was 'fit for purpose'.

Because of these problems GMT never felt able to sign a full repairing and renewing lease and in the meantime the Civic Trust have been unable to secure funding to undertake the necessary work. The Civic Trust has now written to GMT giving notice of the need to vacate the building and return the keys. The concern for William Lambert, Chair of the Gayle Mill Trust, and the numerous volunteers who keep the Mill operational is that there is currently no information as to when and where the funding for the work will be found.

As a consequence there are no plans for any further activities at the Mill beyond **February 14th.** It is Gayle Mill Trust's intention, however, to continue to deliver a wide range of commercial services including firewood supply and delivery, timber supply, bespoke woodworking products and mobile timber milling. For any of these services, please contact **William Lambert on 667320** or by email to: admin@gaylemill.org.uk.

Gayle Mill Events

In view of the information above, the last fund raising events currently scheduled by the Gayle Mill Trust take place in early February. Please give them your full support.

Demonstration Tours – **Sunday February 4th 11.00am and 2.30pm** £12 for adults, children
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Nest Box Building – Wednesday, February 14th 10.00am – 1.00pm Admission for Adults £3 Children Free. Nest Boxes £7 each.

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February

- 2 Wensleydale Society talk "Farms to Arms" at West Burton Village Hall at 7.30pm. See p.26
- 2 Concert. Ian McMillan and Luke Carver Goss at the Old School House, Leyburn: 7.30pm
- 3 Big Breakfast Fundraiser. Corn Mill Tearoom Bainbridge. From 8.30am. See p.14
- 7 Hawes Drama Club Play Reading. Gayle Institute: 7.00pm.
- 9 Learning Curve Spanish classes start. See p.37
- 10 St Oswald's Coffee Morning. See p 17 12,26 Leyburn Camera Club Presentation at the Old School House: 7.30pm.
- 13 Pancakes at St Matthew's, Stalling Busk. See p.20
- 13,15 Learning Curve Watercolour Workshops. See p.37
- 13 Arts Society Talk. Middleham Key Centre: 2.00pm. See p.3
- 14 This Evil Thing at West Burton. p.11
- 16 Megson at Reeth Memorial Hall, p.9
- 16 U3A Monthly Talk at 10.30am. See p.8
- 20 Local History Group Talk. Middleham Key Centre: 2.00pm. See p.2
- 21 Penhill Ladies. Nobby Dimon talk, 'North Country Theatre'. Carperby Institute, 7.30pm
- 21, 28 "The Grace Course". See page 17
- 22 Coffee Morning, Thoralby. 10.00am 'til Noon. See page 10
- 24 Quiz night including Hot Supper at West Burton Village Hall. Tickets from Hartle's, Butcher: 663302
- 28 Family History Group Talk. Harmby Village Hall: 2.00pm. See p.20

March

- 2 Women's World Day of Prayer, 3.00pm. Gayle Chapel
- 3 Redmire Quiz Evening. See p.19
- 6 Deadline for ticket sales for 'Who killed the Hotel Manager? See p.12
- 8 Chip Shop Chips at the Nash, Hawes. See p.7

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- 11 Planetarium-An Indoor Adventure to The Stars. 10.30am to 3.30pm. An Indoor multi-media theatre experience. Each show lasts 30 minutes. Free space activities for children before and after the show. Child £2 with adults included in museum admission. Booking essential. Online booking is available
- 12,15 Star Baker: **1.00pm to 4.00pm.**Biscuit decorating! Create your own edible planets, moons and galaxies.
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- 13 Starry night felt making: 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Take home your own cosmic felt picture. Family drop-in event. Child £3
- 14 Rockets & Telescopes: 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Build and launch your own rocket and make your own telescope. Drop-in anytime in the session
- 16 Dales Drama: 7.30pm. A social evening together with a short play reading by Dorothy Radcliffe (1887-1967) from her book "Dales Drama" (1923). Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Admission Free. Donations welcome

Notes from a Cycling Offcumden 5

When I was a boy I was always fascinated by the Tour de France. Sometimes when I was labouring up a long hill in Kent I would imagine I was with the likes of Fausto Coppi climbing the fearsome Col D'Izoard towards the finishing line. I was quite good at climbing hills and was very impressed with the grands grimpeurs of the Tour. When I arrived in Hawes from London I noticed a plaque in Town Foot told me that the 2014 Tour had passed through Hawes and then went over the Buttertubs into Swaledale. I soon decided to do the climb myself.

I soon realised that the climb was a short but tough climb. The mighty cols in the Alps were much longer but not as steep. They average a gradient of 10% whereas that of the Buttertubs was 25% in places.

The climb over the hill towards Swaledale was hard but not exhausting. What struck me at the top was the wild treeless beauty of the landscape. Imagine breaking down in the depths of winter with no mobile connection! It is a bleak and awesome spot, especially when you lean over the steel safety barriers and peer into the steep gorge hundreds of feet below. Frightening!

I must admit I did not drop down into Muker. That would involve climbing back up the 25% gradient!

On another occasion a ride in the area wasn't so successful. I was going up the steep incline towards Simonstone when disaster struck. My chain suddenly snapped. Then it occurred to me that I had a superb solution. Gravity! I wrapped my greasy chain round my bars and glided into town without effort.

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The Upper Dales Health Watch

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Synopsis of the meeting held on October 9th 2017

surgeries has taken place.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has reinspected the Practice and given a 'Good' rating. Top marks were given for patient satisfaction. A letter of congratulation has been sent to the Surgery visitors only' during surgery hours. Practice.

obtained her Master's degree and been awarded a Healthcare Leadership Award.

is to contact Carers annually.

CQC rules require that medication deliveries must comply with national safeguards. Patients can continue to collect medication from Hawes and Aysgarth Surgeries or ask someone to collect it for them. The collector will have to know the patient's name and address. There will be a home delivery service on Mondays and Fridays. All patients will be able to choose the home delivery service. Patients currently getting medication will receive a personal letter explaining the new system. Any patient not replying to the letter by November 17th 2017 will be assumed to have opted to collect their medication from one of the surgeries or Sycamore Hall if they live in Bainbridge.

Reminders to patients eligible for 'Flu jabs will be sent out in November. It really helps the Practice's finances for patients to get their injections at either Hawes or Aysgarth surgeries.

The Vice Chairman of HRWCCG, Linda Lloyd, gave a presentation about the HRWCCG which was followed by a discussion. It was agreed that very sick or injured patients needed to go to a specialist hospital, but there needed to be a balance as to what could be expected from a more local hospital as it is a very long way to James Cook for family and visitors. More day clinics are taking place at the Friarage. NHS waste was a concern. Walking frames and

sticks etc. are being thrown away as no one will accept them. Linda agreed to follow this up.

Jane and Dr Brown had met a focus group of Wensleydale School pupils to listen to their views on mental health.

The bid for a reclining chair for the Step up The refurbishment of the flooring at both Step down flat at Sycamore Hall has been approved by Richmondshire District Council.

> Aysgarth & District Parish Council will write to NYCC Highways to ask for the car parking on the roadside to be designated for 'Aysgarth

Home from Hospital Service - email Lynn Irwin, the Practice Manager, has reacthfh@ageconcernknaresborough.org.uk phone 01423 863177 for information.

Living Well is a service provided by NYCC to Non-paid Carers are reminded to make help people lacking in confidence to take part in themselves known to the Practice. The intention activities that would cheer them up. Referrals are via GPs. See: www.northyorks.gov.uk/ livingwell.

Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge W.I. meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm at Bainbridge Village Hall. The meeting on Thursday, February 15th is a talk by the Friends of Mettupalyam which is a Community Project in India.

Susan Freer

Greetings and Acknowledgements

Thank You

Jo and Andrew thank all who contributed to the success of the

Moorcock Inn Christmas Fayre. £565 was raised for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service.

Funds raised for Cancer Research

On October 7th last over £500 was raised in aid of Cancer Research at the wedding of

Carl Atkinson and Samantha Scarr.

The newly married Mr and Mrs Atkinson would like to thank everyone who donated and helped to make the day so special.

Wensleydale Society

February's meeting is on **Friday 2nd** at **West Burton Village Hall at 7.30pm** when Phil Abramson will speak on Farms to Arms - a history of Catterick Garrison.' The talks are free for members and only a small charge (£2) for visitors who are very welcome to attend. A free Walks programme is provided on the 2nd Saturday of each month and the walk details will be given at the meetings beforehand. Membership is £5 per year and information can be obtained from the Secretary on **624246**. Transport can also be accessed from Middleham, Harmby, Leyburn, West Witton. Information about this can be given by ringing **622287**.

Singing for Pleasure

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After a very busy month celebrating Christmas, Dalesplay has started the new year all refreshed after a lick of paint, a good tidy up and sort out of resources. The children came back full of energy and eager to explore the new room layout. We have started the year by focusing on 'who we are?'. We will be exploring the different emotions, learning how to take care of ourselves and be healthy and learning about each other's likes and dislikes. Take a look at our Facebook page to see some of the things we have been doing. We also welcome Adelle back into the setting this month following her maternity leave.

Dalesplay are very grateful for the money raised at our Christmas Fayre and the donation given by the LVA. The money will be used to replace the windows on the front of our building which have become weather damaged.

Dalesplay cares for children from birth up until secondary school - if you need childcare or just occasional care, please do get in touch. We provide high quality care in a 'Good' graded Ofsted registered setting with fully qualified staff at very reasonable rates. Dalesplay is a charity run setting which has a group of voluntary directors who meet once a month to ensure the setting is running efficiently and providing the best care possible for children in the dales. We currently have a vacancy for a volunteer director to come forward and act as our secretary. This involves attending meetings on an evening which usually last no longer than an hour, writing up the minutes from the meeting and circulating them to the other directors. For more information or to offer your time please contact Joanne on 667789 or Stan Roocroft.

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Prunings

Another Christmas, another New Year's Eve, fireworks and first footing. I wish everyone a happy, prosperous and above all healthy 2018. It is a characteristic of the human condition to have faith that whatever went before, next year will be better (I think that must make me a "glass half full" person).

It was a dull morning when I looked out cold, still, but quite dry. Two rabbits were tearing about, chasing each other round the garth* below the garden. Perhaps they know something I don't. However, we are a month past the Winter Solstice and almost imperceptibly the days are beginning lengthen.

If you haven't noticed this is a brilliant time of year to do a bit of tree watching. Slanting shafts of weak winter sunlight pick out the trunks and the huge differences between species become apparent. It's not just the texture on trunks and branches that are striking but aspects of shape and form become much clearer when there are no leaves to confuse the outlines. In the winter it is much easier to see where the prevailing wind has affected growth, and how a particular tree may have grown to follow the contours. We have a wonderful, rare, Weeping Beech in our churchyard and at the moment the shape is just fascinating. The branches droop, cascading downwards, and many of them make an upward turn before gracefully falling again towards the ground. Only once in recent years have I seen it produce seed. Many of us collected them, but as far as I know, no-one got them to germinate. Next to it stands a Horse Chestnut which is gnarled and upright. The contrast could not be greater.

Talking of shape, it is a good time to look at the shrubs that might need a bit of a trim. They will suffer less if cut when dormant and I find it easier to adjust the shape of those that got out of hand. On January 12th I was impressed when, in a car park, I saw a specimen of Lavateria (Barnsley I think) and it was still sporting lots of flowers. It always amazes me how tough some plants are.

As I wait for the snowdrops to put on a show I have resolved to create some more drifts down

the bank towards the footpath. This is the ideal time to order, but if you do, make sure you buy from a reputable merchant and that they are sold "in the green". Snowdrops do not like to dry out, and buying wizened little bulbs in the summer is unlikely to be very successful. Ordered now they should arrive in the ideal state for planting and will not take long to naturalise. There are already some "Tête à Tête" daffodils on the bank so they will not make grass cutting any more difficult. I have no winter aconites so I think I might add some of them to the order.

*Note - Garth or Gath : a small field usually close to the homestead.

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History in the Dales Hogg Houses

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Harker's Hogg House, built between 1841 and 1854, is a single-storey stone built hogg house, once worked from Harker's House Farm. The interior is divided in two by a spine wall with doorways at either end allowing free movement between the two halves. The central spine wall increases the wall area available inside for the hay racks and small ground level eating troughs, allowing over 100 sheep to be sheltered at any one time. The overall form of the building is wide. The main door is on the south elevation, with three distinctive symmetrically arranged windows to the west gable. (Access: This Hogg House is on Open Access Land about 200m to the right of the Birkdale to Ravenseat lane).

Hannah Kingsbury Historic Environment Apprentice

Rainfall Figures in mm								
	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total for year	
Hawes	163	89	171	192	167	110	1,545	
Bainbridge	171	67	105	141	98	88	1,167	
Brecon Bar	164	72	121	128	98	82	1,135	
Thornton Rust	157	75	106	172	84	86	1,161	
Carperby	114	53	90	110	59	70	935	
West Burton	215	116	85	128	225	80	1,315	

Although the annual rainfall figures for Hawes in 2016 and 2017 were similar, the summer of 2017 was rather wetter than 2016 with rainfall above average. According to the MET Office figures the summer ranked the 9th wettest summer in the UK in the rainfall series since 1910. The autumn also started wetter than average, but October was a drier month over most of England. However some upland areas, notably the Lake District and the Pennines, did exceed their monthly average (are we surprised!). November and December had near average rainfall although some of this fell as snow. We will wait and see what 2018 brings.

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If you would like to find out more, please contact charles.barnett@wensleydaleschool.net or request a brochure and application form via admin@wensleydaleschool.net or phone 622244

Andy Wilkinson

'We Dig Community' - Exhibition

An exhibition of the finds and experiences of all those involved in the excavation of 30 tests pits across Bainbridge last summer is now open at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority offices, Yoredale, Bainbridge. The free exhibition is open from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday throughout February.

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Hawes School PTFA are fortunate to be one of the groups on the shortlist for January and February. We are raising funds for computers for ALL children in the school.

Voting is open in all Tesco stores throughout January and February. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop. If you are not automatically given a token at checkout please do ask for one.

Please help us to gain as much funding as possible by casting your vote for us in store. Funding opportunities like this are essential for us to ensure that the pupils at Hawes School have access to leading-edge equipment therefore giving them the very best start to their journey in education.

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Hawes School News

Hawes Primary School has started back well

after the Christmas break. All classes are focusing in on their learning. Our Key Stage 2 children are learning about ancient civilisations - Y5/6 will be finding out about The Ancient Greeks and Y3/4 will be finding out about The Ancient Mayan civilisation. Our Key Stage 1 children are improving their story writing skills and are finding out about people who help us and the jobs they have.

We will be taking part in more sporting competitions this term and our netball team did well last term and will be taking part in the next round of the competition.

We are running a variety of after school clubs this term including zumba, yoga, archery and karate, using the government sports grant. This gives all children the chance to try a new sport and experience different physical activities to promote a healthy lifestyle.



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Wensleydale Ranger Report

Paul Sheehan - Access Ranger for Lower Wensleydale - and his team of volunteers are undertaking this year's coppicing in the central part of Freeholders' Wood, adjacent to the Middle Falls at Aysgarth.

Coppicing is a traditional method of woodland management which exploits the capacity of many species of trees to put out new shoots from their stump or roots if cut down. The aim is to create a variety of woodland habitats – clearings, thick bushy growth, and more mature trees. These conditions attract a wide range of plant and animal species. The open glades provide an ideal environment for woodland flowers, while the thick coppice is favoured by nesting birds. A coppiced woodland is a rich habitat for wildlife - much richer that a uniform stand of mature trees.

Once cut, the coppiced timber will be stored and then collected by the Freeholders of the village of Carperby, who have an ancient right to do so.

Once the coppicing is completed, wire mesh Gen Guards will be used to protect new growth from deer and rabbits. The guards will remain in place till the shoots have established themselves and then be removed for reuse on future coppicing.

James Firth - Access Ranger for Upper Wensleydale - and his volunteers, assisted by rangers, have been working at the red squirrel viewing area in Snaizeholme Wood. A newly constructed gravel footpath has improved access for squirrel seekers.

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group using wheelbarrows and powered barrows. The end result is a big improvement on the previously muddy route, and will ensure enjoyment for future visitors for years to come.

Our weekend volunteers have planted a mix of trees at Ingleby Lodge, near Breconbar, in the timber parkland tree guards which they helped build previously.

Over in Raydale (Raydaleside to locals), the team - with the assistance of the farmer - have completed a 30 metre long flagged path, using reclaimed stone mill flags over a boggy area of ground near the River Bain on the footpath from Semmerwater to Bainbridge.

If you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or open access land, please contact either **Paul Sheehan** (Lower Wensleydale & Coverdale) on **666226**, **James Firth** (Upper Wensleydale) on **666225**, or myself on **662912**.

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From sponsorship, transport, filming locations through to individuals who offered their time and expertise and businesses who offered raffle prizes. Special mention must go to Mike Barker, who volunteered his time to film and help edit, and Tippy Watson, who volunteered her time to setup the premiere. It definitely had the "wow factor". She also loaned props from her event business for use in the film. Bolton Castle and the Dales Countryside Museum were excellent locations to film.

The children were offered unconditional access to make it a success. Transport was given freely to help move children to different filming locations with thanks to Peacocks Private Hire and Fosters coaches. The PTFA supported throughout and were on hand to man the stalls for the night. It was a pioneering project not just for the Dales, but nationally.

The schools are incredibly grateful to all who enabled the success of the film and the event itself. It was certainly something we hope they will remember!

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Notes from Thorney Mire

Winter

There is something about stepping outside on a clear, sunny, high pressure day just after Christmas which gives you the feeling that Spring is on the way. A blackbird endorsed my feelings as it sang in the branches of a nearby tree

In my last report I said that a recent trapping programme had revealed that there were no grey squirrels in the wood - well, two cheeky ones sneaked back in. These have now been dealt with, which proves you have always got to be vigilant. During a walk in the wood in late October I saw a red squirrel running up a tall beech tree. When the squirrel was stretched out, it looked so thin and didn't seem to have an ounce of fat on it. It made me wonder how, in spite of having a bushy tail for a blanket, it could keep warm over winter, especially in the cold spells we have experienced this year. It ran along a branch and over a clump of twigs which were balanced on the branch. I wondered if it could be a drey. In January I returned with a pair of binoculars to check it out, but the twigs had disappeared. It was a bit disappointing. Squirrels produce their young in February and if conditions are favourable will have another litter later in the year.

Walking up the lane in November I saw splashes of red by the roadside. On closer inspection I saw that these red patches were poppies in flower, just in time for Remembrance Day. Poppies grow on disturbed land and this land had recently been turned over when the highways department came to mend a dip in the road. Feverfew, bistort and yellow flowered nettles also grew there. It was like a little garden. Although there is a good variety of flowers growing on the verges in the spring and summer, some areas are choked with grass and stinging nettles. What a shame these areas can't be disturbed more often, who knows how many flower seeds are lying dormant in the soil.

Birds have a habit of flying into the glass in our windows. They usually stun themselves, recover, then fly away. There was such a loud bang on the kitchen window a few days ago I just had to go and investigate. I found a woodpecker hoping to regain its dignity by trying to balance on the gate in a horizontal position, with its legs stuck out at 90 degrees to its body like a prostrate ice skater. Woodpeckers are not designed to be horizontal. A second woodpecker came to check on the stunned one and didn't leave it until it had recovered and able to fly away. I've noticed this before in birds, they seem to know when one of their own kind is injured. This leads me to my next point.

Watching a robin feeding, I noticed that it would tolerate a chaffinch feeding next to it, but when another robin stood by its side, it was chased away. This got me thinking, how did the robin know the difference between a chaffinch and a robin? It's the same in the spring when they are looking for a mate. How do they know when they have found one of their own kind? It can't be by appearance. Birds don't have mirrors so they don't know what they look like. A robin doesn't look at its reflection and think, "Oh I have a red breast, I must look for another bird with a red breast." It might be a bit traumatic for it if it was a bit short sighted and came beak to beak with a bullfinch. So how does a coal tit know not to chat up a blue tit? Is it by song? All birds have their own distinctive call, except starlings, which mimic other birds and could confuse things a bit. Or is it by movement when garden birds display their discreet little dances. Whatever method they use they seem to get it right. I'm quite relieved I'm not a bird. I wouldn't do very well finding a mate. I'm short sighted, can't sing in tune and I'm not very good at dancing.

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