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Guest Editorial

Sheep in Wensleydale

I am forever grateful to my grandmother for teaching me how to knit. For the last 40 years I have never been without a piece of knitting on the go, whether simple garments, fine lace shawls, socks, baby clothes, guernseys, Aran jackets, gloves, toys, hats or scarves. I watch television and knit, and if it is a straightforward pattern, I read a book while I knit. Knitting is simultaneously therapeutic and productive, it calms your nerves and you end up with something nice when you finish.

Living in Gayle I am well aware of the proud tradition of knitting in this village. I have a knitting stick, though it is a Dent stick, not a Gayle one and I have seen old photos of both men and women knitting on their doorsteps. I feel a sense of belonging here through knitting.

A few years ago I took a course run by the Coventry Spinners and Weavers Guild, after which I acquired my own spinning wheel and made several knitted garments from hand spun wool. The course also taught me a great deal about sheep: I learned how to sort a fleece, which parts knit up better than others, and I learned about different kinds of fleece. So, for example, Herdwick and Swaledale are quite coarse wools, good for socks and weather-resistant hats, while Wensleydale Longwool knits up into beautiful soft garments which have a slight sheen to them. In New Zealand I bought some merino wool mixed with possum fur, one of the cosiest yarns I have ever known, and when my son lived on Orkney I bought local wool and made hats for family and friends which are warm enough to withstand the Atlantic gales.

Here in Wensleydale though, I have the opportunity to learn about the sheep themselves. I watch the way in which the farmers move the sheep around at different times of the year and I have huge respect for how hard they work. I also have huge respect for the sheep themselves, animals which have a (totally wrong) reputation for not being very bright. I think sheep are extremely intelligent. I have come to see how they are better predictors of weather than the BBC, how they get into the lee of stone walls when bad weather is coming, even if the

forecast says it is going to be mild, and I have heard countless stories about how sheep up on the fellsides go to their own special places, so that if a farmer knows his sheep and it snows, he will be able to go and collect them because he will be sure to find them. Such stories were in my family before I came here, because my mother's relatives farmed up near Haltwhistle, back when there were really hard winters and the snow lay for weeks on end.

Earlier this year I was driving down into Gayle from the Kettlewell road when I stopped to let some sheep out of a gate. The shepherd was behind them on a quad bike with his dog. I had an overseas visitor with me, and I explained that the sheep would be moving from one field to another so we should just wait a few minutes. I was wrong, they went much, much further. The sheep moved down the fell, turned right and then left over Gayle Beck and down past the Creamery. Occasionally some would try to eat someone's plants, and the sheepdog would be there in a flash, marshalling them back into line. At the bottom of the hill, every single one turned right and headed down Hawes Main Street. By then we were so fascinated that we had decided to stay with the flock to see where they were going. Through Hawes they went, then every single one turned left by the surgery, then round past Brandymires and over the bridge across the Ure. Finally they all turned right into a field and the journey was over. It had taken 35 minutes.

I asked the shepherd how many sheep there were, but I also asked how they managed to do that journey without anyone leading them. "They know where to go" was his answer. Later on I asked Kath Whaley my next door neighbour and a farmer's wife and she said the same thing: the sheep know the way. She also told me they were being brought down because the scanner was due a few days later. My friend



and I were astonished by what we had seen: apart from the fact that we had witnessed something that must have been going on for centuries, we had never thought that sheep would have what can only be called genetic memory. We accept that birds, salmon, eels and various creatures have an amazing sense of direction, but we don't think of sheep being able to orientate themselves like that.

I took my grandson to watch Richard Fawcett's sheepdog demonstration which he loved. Young Charlie was impressed by the dogs, I was impressed by the sheep. To train dogs to work like that you have to understand sheep as well as dogs, and that can only come from years of experience. I feel so privileged to live here and to see how people and animals work together with the landscape. Since coming to Gayle I knit with even more gratitude - not only to my grandmother, but to the sheep that produce the wool I knit with and to those hard-working shepherds and their wonderful dogs who care for them.

Susan Bassnett

Swaledale Festival 2018

The full programme for this year's event from **May 26th to June 9th** can now be viewed at <http://www.swaledalefestival.org/Whats-On/Programme>. Events are being held in Hawes, Hardraw, Aysgarth, Askrigg, Castle Bolton, Muker and Keld and on-line booking opens on **Monday, March 26th**.

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was looking out of the clock face on the front cover and was spotted by six readers. The lucky winner of the £10 prize, drawn out of the hat, is Jodie Blacklaw of Newbiggin, Askrigg.

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

The Arts Society Wensleydale

Delights for the Senses: Exquisite and Rare Vessels for Perfume

In her talk for The Arts Society Wensleydale on **March 13th at 2.00pm** in the Key Centre, Middleham, international ceramics expert, Anne Howard traces the history of the exquisite perfume vessels in glass, rock crystal, enamels, porcelain and precious jewels that have been produced through the ages. Her lecture begins with glass-making in the Ancient World, examines the beauty of 18th Century Huguenot porcelain and silver vessels, and concludes with the exotic glass of Tiffany and Lalique. She reflects on the world of the merchant, the art of the perfumer, and the emergence of the great perfume houses of Paris.

Anne is a lecturer at the Victorian and Albert Museum and a former senior ceramics specialist at Christie's and Bonhams. Visitors pay £8 a lecture, refunded if they join. Contact **Ros Higson** for more details on **01765 635244** or wensleydale@theartsociety.org

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Exhibitions

Till March 26th - 'Voices from the Land'

An exciting exhibition of photographs and audio recordings sharing the lives and practices of Yorkshire Dales farmers today.

April 1st to July 3rd

'Life and Tradition in the Yorkshire Dales: A Celebration'

Celebrating 50 years since the original publication of this important work, which captured the last days of a disappearing way of life. We share the background to the book by iconic Dales authors Marie Hartley and Joan Ingleby - it was the gift of their lifetime's collection that formed the start of the Museum's collection in 1979. Original notes, photographs, sketches and artefacts give a glimpse into the everyday lives of Dales people.

Events

Friday, March 16th at 7.30pm

'Low Borrow Bridge in the Roman Period'

An illustrated talk by Graham Hooley from Lunesdale Archaeology Society about the Roman Fort at Low Borrow Bridge. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free - donations welcome.

All included in museum admission unless stated.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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Carperby Concerts March 3rd

Following their record breaking charity donations in 2017, Carperby Concerts will be playing host to a new English folk duo on **Saturday, March 3rd** at Carperby Village Institute for their first concert of 2018.

Fleetwood Cave features the talents of Marion Fleetwood and Gregg Cave. Marion Fleetwood is well known to Carperby audiences as a former member of The Jigantics and The Gerry Colvin Band. She has a voice which has been described as 'mesmerising' and 'siren-esque', and plays all things bowed. She has made guest appearances with Gigspanner, The Phil



Beer Band and Feast of Fiddles and has appeared in one guise or another at festivals and venues across Europe and

the UK. She released her first solo album, 'Holding Space', in the summer of 2015.

Like Marion, Gregg Cave is a founder member of folk supergroup, TRADarr, and has been performing at concerts and festivals in the UK and mainland Europe since the age of 18. His album 'Old England Grown New' was released to great critical acclaim with the 'BBC Music Introducing' web-site calling it 'very special'.

The duo's debut album, 'People Like Us', was Crowdfunded in 8 weeks and recorded over 5 days in a village hall in Northampton. They share a love of honest, expressive and original interpretations of traditional music from around the UK, combined with their own original material.

Come and see them live and help us to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door. Call **663808** to book or for further details. Doors open at 7.00pm. Concert at 8.00pm. Licensed bar available and the usual raffle!

Don't miss out on what promises to be a great night.

Steve Sheldon

Heavens Above

Mercury puts on its best evening display of the year this month. Because it is so close to the Sun it's only ever visible low in the west after sunset or low in the east before dawn, so the best time to catch sight of it this month is around the middle of March when the tiny planet is at its greatest eastern elongation. Look low in the west around 6.30pm and you should spot it just a few degrees north and to the right of the next planet out from the Sun, Venus. Venus is about ten times brighter than Mercury so there's no chance of confusing them. On the nights of March 18th and 19th the pair are joined by a slim crescent Moon – a lovely sight in the deep blue twilight.

Jupiter, is back in the late evening sky this month, rising well before midnight by mid-March. At magnitude -2.3 it's a brilliant object low down in the south-east amongst the stars of Libra. Mars, the Red Planet, rises around 2.30am in the morning. It's pretty faint at the moment but come July when it will be at its closest for 15 years it shines even brighter than Jupiter. The ringed planet, Saturn, rises half an hour after Mars. The two planets are slowly coming together and by the end of the month they'll be less than 2 degrees apart.

The nights become shorter than the days this month. At the Vernal Equinox on March 20th the Sun crosses back over the Celestial Equator, and Spring officially begins. Don't confuse the Equinox with the start of British Summer Time which begins a few days later at 1.00am on March 25th, and remember the clocks go forward.

We have two full Moons again this month (there wasn't a full Moon at all in February) on March 2nd and on the 31st. The second full Moon in a month is often called a 'blue Moon' but it's not all that rare an occurrence despite all the ballyhoo surrounding the so-called Super Blue Blood Moon in January. Finally this month, it's your last chance to get a good view of the bright winter stars before they disappear into the evening twilight. Catch them while you can! Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

The Big Breakfast for Yorkshire Air Ambulance Update

On Friday, February 16th we handed over a cheque for £3,856.45 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We had an extremely busy morning with family and friends serving breakfasts in the Corn Mill Tearoom on a cold wintery Saturday morning on February 4th. We got through a tremendous amount of sausages, bacon, eggs, bread rolls, baguettes, beans, tomatoes and loaves of bread, which were all donated. There were also 85 raffle prizes donated by local residents and businesses. We don't have a lot of space in the tearoom but the customers and staff were amazing.

People have been incredibly generous and we still have money coming in which is going directly into the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity tin. The amount raised comes from breakfasts, the raffle, cake sales, donations and then finally James and Ellie have been selling their toys they no longer use and adding it to the funds.

The air ambulance is a much needed and valued service, especially in rural areas like ours. Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA) serves five million people across Yorkshire and carries out over 1,250 missions every year. The charity needs to raise £12,000 every day to keep saving lives.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the event.

James, Angela, James and Ellie Peacock

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March Competition

Can you expand the following?

- 3 M in a R of B
- 4 is the CR of SF
- 4 Q in a M
- 5 T on a F
- 7 S on a FPP
- 9 What a SITS
- 13 P in a RLT
- 20 PC = OF
- 21 C in the A
- 24 BB in a P
- 28 D in the SM
- 88 K on a PK
- 93 MM to the S
- 180 D in a SC
- 550 in RN = DL

Please send your answers to the Newsletter by the deadline date of March 20th and don't forget to nominate your charity in case you win the £20 award.

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February Competition Answers

All the words started and ended with the same letters.

- 1) -IVI- C
- 2) -RUS- T
- 3) -IDO- W
- 4) -ROM- A
- 5) -USEU- M
- 6) -ATHTU- B
- 7) -RAS- E
- 8) -YPIS- T
- 9) -EAPO- T
- 10) -ARDIA- C

Obviously an easier competition last month. We received nine correct answers and the winner of the £20 prize drawn out of the hat is Kathleen Harrington of Askrigg and her chosen charity is the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Easter Lilies

If you wish to buy a lily for £3 in memory of a loved one, please give your details to **Valerie Alsop (622576** for West Witton) or **Margaret Proctor (663583** for Aysgarth) by **March 16th**. The lilies will be used in Easter floral displays in St. Bartholomew's Church and St. Andrew's Church.

Plant Sale

Easter Monday, April 2nd

From **10.00am-1.00pm** at St. Oswald's Church, Castle Bolton in aid of Mission Partners, St George's Crypt and Mission Aviation Fellowship. Home baking for sale and refreshments will be served in the church in aid of church funds.

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Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Mon, Tues, Thur - flexible

Settle Stories Festival

Settle will become a stage for international artists at the 7th Settle Stories Festival to be held on **April 6th - 8th**. With 70 plus events in just one weekend there should be something for all age groups to enjoy, from a Teddy Bears Picnic to a live comedy game show where you play along on your smartphone and serious political plays. You can check out the full 70 plus events online at settlestories.org.uk or call the box office **05603 845693**

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Marie Curie Daffodil Collections

This year's Great Daffodil Appeal collections are on **March 23rd in Leyburn town centre and Tuesday, April 3rd in Hawes.**

Collecting is an easy way to fund all the Marie Curie nurses who are supporting those who need end of life care. Please volunteer and get more people wearing the daffodil throughout the Dales. With every daffodil sold you'll make a huge difference to everyone living with a terminal illness. If you can spare an hour either phone **01904 755260** or book online via: www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodils



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Prunings

Wednesday, February 7th must have been the coldest morning we've had in a long time. Even the car doors were frozen. Eventually, suitably defrosted, I set off. The sun was shining, it was half past nine and the temperature was minus 6°C. Going down the valley it warmed a little and it was minus 2°C at Leyburn. Coming home around 1.00 pm it was positively balmy at plus 0.5°C and a couple of aircraft were leaving vapour trails across the vastness of a cloudless sky - beautiful.

However it looks as if the cold has done some damage. I couldn't miss the state of the two climbers on the front wall:- Summer Jasmine, which flowered so well, and winter flowering Clematis (Winter Beauty). They are now looking very sorry for themselves. In the light of the forecasts I shall leave well alone and look for green shoots when it warms up a bit. There may not be much left, but both will only need one healthy sprout to start again. The same proviso applies to anything cut back in the winter. I shall leave trimming and re-shaping the shrubs until there is less likelihood of severe frost. I once killed a very pretty Buddleia by pruning it too early and the frost got it!

In Garden News (February 10th) Carol Klien described an Iris which is in flower now, which sounded just my type. The Algerian Iris (Iris unguicularis) likes poor soil, isn't thirsty, requires little attention and will eventually produce enough blooms for cutting. In addition they are scented. - sounds good doesn't it? I looked it up. The first supplier I could find was charging £11.00, yes eleven pounds - per bulb! Mind you, they did have a royal warrant to supply HRH at Highgrove. Finally I found they were available from Larch Cottage in Cumbria. At £7.00 per bulb they are cheaper but hardly a bargain. It is still a huge sum for one bulb. I might put off that purchase for the present. Incidentally, the suppliers to Highgrove (De Jager) have named a new daffodil for Prince Charles' 70th birthday. "Duke of Rothesay" will be available at £5.95 for three bulbs. There is a 15% discount if you quote "Garden News offer". Telephone 01622 840229.

Much is written at this time of year about

starting vegetables off early. The usual recommendation is to use a windowsill propagator. I have to say that I have never had much success with this method. I suspect that the thickness of the walls in old stone long-houses coupled with the size of the windows, has some bearing on it. I don't grow many vegetables and I think I have more success if I wait until covered, protected seeds can go out in full sun. It seems to work well enough with French beans, as long as they go into the poly-tunnel once they have sprouted. I only grow things I want to eat, and, like Mary Berry, I cannot fancy kale. In fact the only less appetising vegetable I can remember having been presented with was shredded, raw, red cabbage with no dressing. I sent it back.

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

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Advance Notice of Films at The

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We are trialling some exciting community cinema with the REMOTE scheme offered by Eden Arts. With black out drapes and a large screen lent to us for the occasion, The NASH will be transformed into a little cinema. Film knows no boundaries: be taken outside of yourself in a relaxed and informal setting. Doors will open half an hour before the start of each film and drinks and snacks will be available.

The first film to be shown on **Thursday, April 12th** will be 'Murder on the Orient Express' (12A). Kenneth Branagh directs and leads an all-star cast including Penélope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Daisy Ridley and Josh Gad.

The next two films will be 'Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool' (15) directed by Paul McGuigan and starring Annette Bening, Jamie Bell and Julie Walters showing on **Thursday, May 10th** and 'Lost in Paris' (12A) starring Fiona Gordon, Dominique Abel and Emmanuelle Riva showing on **Thursday, June 14th**.

So put these date in your diary. Tickets are £5 and you will be able to book at www.thenashhawes.org from early April or just buy on the door. Doors will open at **6.30pm** for a **7.00pm** start. Further information about each of the films will be included in future newsletters.

Emily Rowe Rawlence

Air Ambulance Clothes Collection.

Wednesday, March 14th. 10.00am.

Please bring bagged clothes, curtains, towels, bedding (not pillows or duvets) shoes, used ink cartridges and old mobile phones to St.Margaret's Church, Hawes. Bags are available in the Church.

Proceeds of the collection will be split between The Great North Air Ambulance and

St.Margaret's Church.

World Day of Prayer

The annual Churches Together Service to mark The World Day of Prayer will be held at **3.00pm Friday, March 2nd** at Gayle Chapel. The theme this year is 'all of God's creation'. We pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife, through an awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse. All are welcome, so please come along and take part. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

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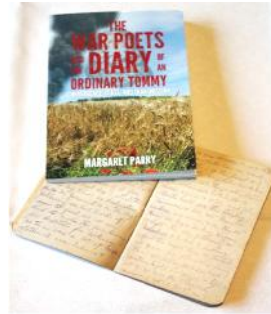
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“The War Poets and the Diary of an Ordinary Tommy”

Margaret Parry, a long-term resident of Helm near Askrigg, has written a book inspired by the war diary of her grandfather – Harry Atkinson, a private in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the Great War. Margaret never met her



grandfather, but his diary was left to her by her mother and describes Harry's experiences during the battle of the Somme. Margaret showed us the small diary which is a fascinating, well preserved black moleskin notebook,

containing observations and reflections rather than a factual day to day account.

Margaret told us her grandfather, who was born and brought up in rural North Yorkshire, subsequently moved to the industrial West Riding where he worked as a coal miner and pit deputy. He was deeply influenced by Methodism which shaped his imagination and use of language, deployed at times so poetically in the diary to describe the scenery, villages and churches he encountered and to evoke the horrors of the battlefield.

Inspired by the diary, Margaret decided to embark on a journey to follow in her grandfather's footsteps, visiting the numerous places he described so vividly. This part of the book is well illustrated with photographs taken by the author. Along the way she met many fascinating people with their own stories to share. Margaret's book was written upon her return and brings together the diary, reflections on her own journey and her interest in the war poets. She discovered that Harry had lived and fought in close proximity to the likes of Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon. The book compares the observations of these officers to those of her grandfather - an ordinary 'tommy'. The whole experience also inspired Margaret to write her own poetry which concludes the book. It is a thought provoking read that combines a

personal history and poetry to convey the truth about war.

'The War Poets and the Diary of an Ordinary Tommy' by Margaret Parry is published by Austin Macauley Publishers (ISBN 9781786292636) priced £8.99 (also available as an e-book, ISBN 9781786292643) and will be available at most high street bookstores. Locally, it can be purchased from Masons Newsagents in Hawes; and Margaret will be doing a book signing at Waterstones in Northallerton on **Saturday, April 19th from 10.00am.**

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Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

In times of fierce budget restrictions and increased government pressure on schools to 'do more', it is with some pride I write about how, as a school, we are entering into strong partnerships with local primary schools and the wider community. Over the last few months we have been able to send our Drama teacher - Mrs Moss, on a secondment to deliver some drama education to the Yr 5 and 6 students at Hawes Primary school. Mrs Moss makes the 17 mile drive up the dale to Hawes on a fortnightly basis and has delivered lessons on Physical Theatre to the students. Mrs Moss has been thoroughly impressed with the students' aptitude and enthusiasm and hopes to 'top it off' with a performance in front of the students' parents just before Easter.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) continues to have a big influence on our science department as we continue to offer science enrichment to our students and the primaries. Already this year, we have hosted primary students for an interactive science and maths day and hosted a marine engineering

event for Year 7 in January. We also have entered the Rotary technology tournament at Catterick Garrison, where Mrs Bradley, our DT Teacher, is hoping to walk away with an award with her crack Key Stage 3 team.

Mr Wilkinson (Deputy Head) is passionate about Space and everything that goes with it. Teaching GCSE Astronomy through a lunchtime club, combined with his love for Physics means he always manages to get a 'space' reference into his whole-school assemblies - no matter what the theme. Imagine his excitement as he attended Teesside University last week, to hear about their record-breaking project to launch a rocket into space. The project is in its early stages but if they are successful they will become the first student team in the world to launch a satellite into orbit. Teesside University are looking for secondary schools in our region to work with and Wensleydale School will certainly get involved. The strategy will be to launch a rocket from a weather balloon high in the atmosphere - Teesside University have studied the weather patterns and they have calculated that somewhere, several miles above Hawes, might be an ideal launch site!

Finally, The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form has had a vibrant Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in the past, but sadly over the last few years it has faded away. It is therefore very encouraging to be told that a number of parents are wanting to reform the association and once again take an active part in supporting us to make school life the very best it can be for our community.

Mrs Polley, Headteacher

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Police Report

Hello and welcome to this edition of the Police report. As I missed the cut off date for the last edition, I will drag you back to January for a fuller update.

January

2nd. A single vehicle Road Traffic Collision (RTC) due to snow on the road. Damage only, the vehicle ending up on its roof.

6th. A684 Hawes to Garsdale, despite my Christmas edition, a driver was arrested for being OPL.

7th. Criminal damage was caused to a shed in Marsett. Nothing was taken.

9th. An RTC, damage only occurred on the A684 at Worton.

13th. Poachers were reported in the area of Sorrels Sykes Park Farm, West Burton.

17th. An RTC Minor injury occurred on the A684 at Aysgarth.

21st. An RTC damage only occurred on the B6255 miles out of Hawes;- the vehicle was on its side, due to bad weather conditions and an RTC minor injuries occurred near Redmire, again due to icy conditions.

25th. A vehicle and two males were reported as being suspicious by a resident of Aysgarth. The vehicle was later stopped in Askrigg during which the vehicle details and both parties were checked and all was in order.

26th. An attempted burglary of a shed in Preston under Scar - failed to gain access.

30th. A684 Hawes, a driver was stopped and arrested for being OPL.

31st. An RTC damage only occurred in West Burton. The offender failed to stop or report the incident.

February

1st. Damage was caused to a vehicle in Redmire where someone attempted unsuccessfully to gain access.

3rd. A theft of a mobile phone was reported in Aysgarth. The owner had left it unattended momentarily.

4th. Hawes, a driver was stopped and arrested for being OPL.

9th. A burglary of a shed occurred at Garsdale where power tools were stolen.

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) have issued warnings on an iTunes card scam. Hundreds of older and vulnerable people are getting ripped off by fraudsters who tell them to buy iTunes gift cards to pay their tax bills. Most victims are over 65 and lose about £1,000 each on average.

The victims are first cold-called by the fraudsters, who pose as staff from HRMC and tell them they owe large amounts of tax. They are told to buy iTunes vouchers or gift cards, and to read out the code. Many of the victims agree to follow the instructions, as they do not know what an iTunes voucher is. The conmen sell the codes on, or purchase high value products at the victims' expense. These cards cannot be used for payments outside of the UK App Store or iTunes Store and definitely not for settling taxes or any other bills. HMRC urge people with elderly relatives to warn them about this scam and remind them never to trust anyone who phones them out of the blue and asks them to pay a tax bill. If you think you have been a victim, you should contact Action Fraud immediately.

And finally, the eagerly anticipated (?) quote is "Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a well preserved body but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, Latte in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming.....Woo Hoo ! What a ride!!"

To contact North Yorkshire Police phone **101** (Non-Emergency). **999** (Emergency only).

Contact me, **PCSO 5232 Don Watson** via the Force Control room or email me at Donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk. if you have any community issues you would like to address or discuss.

We now have a new **PCSO 3744 Lucy Osborn** who will also be looking after The Upper Wensleydale area and can be contacted by email Lucy.Osborn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Death Comes to Eelmire

By Barbara Dixon

Middleham Key Centre

2.00pm on 20 March 2018

In *Death comes to Eelmire* Barbara Dixon follows the trial and execution of one of her ancestors, Jonathan Graham, then aged 24, for the attempted murder of his father-in-law. Eelmire is a farm between Masham and East Witton.

Barbara has been researching her family history for over 40 years and was a superintendent Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for 20. She is a well known speaker on family history at clubs and societies in North Yorkshire and Durham.

Old and new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership of Middleham and the Dales Local History Group is still only £10, or £3 per meeting for visitors. For more information contact **Tony Keates** on **640436** or dotandtonyk@btinternet.com.



Mystery Picture

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Best Foot Forward: Through Garsdale

There are several walking groups in Wensleydale. Most, but not all, are just groups of friends who meet on a casual basis. This Best Foot Forward is taken from the calendar of the Upper Wensleydale Walking Group, which is based in Hawes but has members more or less throughout the newsletter area. It has a programme of walks, mainly in the five to ten miles range, and meets three times a month. Once a year there is a Long Walk of about sixteen miles and the walk described here is the one walked last year on a very hot day at the end of May.

One of the stipulations of the Long Walk is that it should always finish at the Crown in Hawes and preferably it should be linear rather than circular. This is only possible because we have a loyal and committed group of friends who are prepared to ferry us to various outposts to start the walk. Over the years routes have been devised from all points of the compass and it is getting difficult to find new routes, bearing in mind that many of us are getting to an age where yomping through heather over Baugh Fell or Middle Tongue is no longer an option. One route which had never been done was through Garsdale. This is a difficult dale in which to create a circular walk but there was definitely potential for a through route. The biggest problem in planning the walk was keeping off the A684, especially where the road is winding and narrow, but by linking together a series of public footpaths it became possible to reduce the main road walking to less than a mile with no section more than about 300 yards.

The walk starts at Farfield Mill, just east of

Sedbergh. This was originally built as a woollen mill in 1836 but has now been converted into a series of studios and workshops for individual artists and craft workers. It has a fine coffee shop, unfortunately not open at 9.30am when our walk started, but worth remembering for another day. As we walked past the old mill buildings, over the bridge and up the other side of the stream, we had excellent views of the back of the mill where it was possible to see how the water power had worked. The stream is the Clough River which drains Garsdale and flows westwards into the Lune. At this point it is fairly lively and in general the whole river has a steep gradient with several rapids, although no major waterfalls. The walk follows the north side of the valley at first, threading its way between farms until it reaches New Bridge. Here our group had a morning coffee stop.

Leaving the bridge there is a pleasant riverside path with much easier navigation for a couple of miles. It is an opportunity to look at the various scattered farms and houses which are difficult to see whilst driving down the road. With the glorious weather we were experiencing this was a delight. Eventually we were forced onto a short section of road near Slack Cottage but soon set off across the fields again to emerge at the right-angled bend near Garsdale village hall. For the next half mile or so we were looking at the backs of the houses in Garsdale village, following a route most of us had never been on before, until we came to a pleasant glade near a bridge which was an obvious place

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for lunch. Most people sought the shade of the trees for a well earned rest, about two fifths of the way through the walk.

The next section involves a bit more up and down but it never really leaves the valley floor (well just a bit up to Grouse Hall on the Grisedale road) but it is quite clearly becoming rougher and wilder, a far cry from the lowland pastures near Sedbergh. Evidence of the difficulty of farming here can be seen in the abandoned farmsteads. This is even more the case on the climb up to High Scale, heading for Garsdale station, which is the highest point of the route at 340 metres. Added interest is provided here by passing trains above the footpath on the approach to the station. Following the Pennine Bridleway the watershed is crossed and the easy track leads to the Moorcock Inn. At this point some of our party decided that eleven miles was enough for one day but the majority carried on.

What follows is perhaps the roughest section of the walk with a rather uneven footpath to Thwaite Bridge but at least it is mainly downhill. Through Mossdale and back to Appersett was well known by most of the group. From there to Hawes proved to be the most problematic section when route planning. The A684, for a group of a dozen, is quite dangerous. There are alternatives, all a bit scrappy, and we opted to walk a short way up the Thorney Mire road until we could drop down to Thorns and then follow the river to come into Hawes from below. There was some grumbling at the extra distance this imposed but after the first pint at the Crown this was all forgotten. The whole route worked out at about seventeen miles.

For those of you who enjoy footpath navigation it is a delightfully intricate route but it does require concentration. Being linear it means that transport to the start (better than at the end) is needed. There is a bus service westward from Hawes provided by Western Dales Buses, although the first bus is perhaps a little late for a long day out. The difficulties of making routes in Garsdale does mean that the footpaths are not well walked but they are all there and they are certainly well worth exploring.
N.P.

A Date for Your Diary

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Tales of a Cycling Offcumden

Although the traffic can be a bit scary I must admit that I enjoy cycling along the A684, especially the part that leads through Garsdale to Sedbergh. The scenes on both sides of the road are very striking.

According to local historians the first proper road from Sedbergh towards Leyburn was the 1761 turnpike. Of course travellers on horseback had to pay a fee to use the prepared highway. The great Methodist preacher, John Wesley, used turnpikes more than anybody. It is estimated that he travelled on horseback for more than 250,000 miles! One surprising thing I noted was that the turnpike travelling east turned left just before Appersett and went through Hardraw, along Abbotside and then on to Askrigg. At that time Askrigg was more prosperous than Hawes.

As you cycle west from Hawes you often meet flooded fields to the north of the road, then you pass Appersett. The first place of interest is Cotter Force, which can be reached by a flagged path. I am afraid that compared to Hardraw Falls it is a bit tame. The highest drop is a mere 6 feet! Also it is difficult to get a good photo unless you are willing to wade in and get your feet wet. Cotter Force has, however, attracted artistic interest in the past. In 1816 J M W Turner painted the waterfall for his Yorkshire Sketchbook. A few years later the

famous etching artist, Samuel Chattock, created two works that are now in a museum in San Francisco.

Walking back to the road I glanced into the beck on my right and saw some fine specimens of marsh marigolds growing in a marshy spot. I chose one and wondered if it would flourish in one of my borders. Surprisingly it has produced some glorious yellow flowers.

Just a little way further on you can see a narrow turning to the left that leads to a small bridge over the Ure. You are now in Mossdale. It is a pleasant but bumpy ride, past Birkrigg Farm, and on to the end of the track. It is a picturesque, isolated spot. In summer the fields are covered with bright yellow flowers.

Nearby there is a large farmhouse called the Mid-Mossdale farm. Nearby is a disused railway bridge dating from the mid-nineteenth century. For about 30 years the farm was run by one of the Ivesons. Margaret, the wife, is still remembered for bravely driving heavy farm machinery, striding over the fells and swimming the local river. After two years residence in this part of Yorkshire I have come to some conclusions; the folk in the Dales are welcoming and friendly and among them there are some tough cookies who can tough it out in all weathers.

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'Buggy Updates'

I haven't written a computer corner for a while but I wanted to keep you up to date with occasional news.

I have recommended Malwarebytes Anti-malware for years (and still do) but mistakes happen and recently a faulty update was issued. Hopefully by the time you read this everything is working normally again but if not read on.

The symptoms will only appear if you have the paid for version of the software or if you were unlucky enough to download the free version at the wrong time. A second update was issued within a couple of days to fix the problem. If you are affected your computer will get very slow and unresponsive and you may get warnings about shortage of memory. Ultimately it may just freeze. If this is still happening to you, restart your computer and as soon as it starts find the Malwarebyte icon near the clock in the bottom corner, right click and select 'Quit Malwarebytes'. Then download the free version from www.malwarebytes.org and install it. This will update the program to the latest, fixed, version. Restart your computer THREE times and hopefully this will fix the issue and everything will be back to normal.

If you have ideas for articles please email me at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com – I have been writing these columns now for near 8 years and it is getting hard to think of new and relevant things to write about!

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March

- 2 Wensleydale Society Talk. 7.30pm.
West Burton Village Hall. See p.36.
- 2,3 Music at the Fountain, Hawes.
See p 27.
- 3 Quiz Evening in Redmire Village Hall.
7.30pm.
- 3 Fleetwood Cave Concert 8.00pm start
Carperby Village Institute. See p.4.
- 5,19 Singing for Pleasure. Old School
House, Leyburn. **622590** for info.
- 6,13,20 Lent Lunches. Gayle Chapel.
Noon. See p.19.
- 6 Aysgarth Coffee Morning. Little Cote,
West Burton. 10.00am-noon.
- 7 Hawes Drama Club. Gayle Institute.
7.00pm.
- 7 Bolton cum Redmire Church Coffee
Club, Hambleton House, Redmire
10.30am-noon.
- 7,14,21 Lent Study at Sycamore Hall.
'The Grace Course'. 7.00 'til 8.30pm.
- 10 Murder Mystery Evening, 7.00pm.
Hawes Market House, See p.29.
- 11 Mothering Day Service, 10.30am
St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.
- 13 Arts Society Talk, Middleham, 2.00pm.
See p.3.
- 13 Fashion Show. Askrigg Village Hall
8.00pm See p.23.
- 14 Air Ambulance Clothes Collection,
Hawes. See p.9.
- 15 Bainbridge W.I. Talk. Village Hall.
7.30pm. See p.35.
- 16 Leyburn U3A talk. 10.30am. TOSH.
See p.37.
- 17 Curry and Quiz Night. 6.30pm.
Thorlby Village Hall. See p.23.
- 18 Classical Concert. 3.00pm.
Carperby Village Hall. See p.28.
- 19 Prayer Fellowship. 7.30pm
The Priory, Worton.
- 20 Local History Group. Middleham Key
Centre, 2.00pm. See p.13.
- 21 Newsletter AGM, Sycamore Hall,
7.30pm. See p.15.
- 21 Penhill Ladies, 'A Makeover' by
Belinda Alexander. 7.30pm
Carperby Institute.

- 21 Afternoon Tea Club, 2.00pm.
Redmire Village Hall.
- 22 Leyburn Bowls Club Quiz Night.
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- 23 Marie Curie Daffodil Collection,
Leyburn. See p.7.
- 23 Folk Concert, Reeth Memorial Hall,
8.00pm. Tickets **01748 884759**.
- 24 Murder Mystery Evening, 7.00pm.
Bellerby Memorial Hall. See p.29.
- 24 The 'Gathering' at the DCM, Hawes.
9.30am to 5.00pm. See p.32.
- 25 Penhill Children's Church. 9.00am.
Redmire Village Hall. See p.35.
- 25 Antiques & Collector's Fair.
. Middleham Key Centre. 10am-4pm.
- 26 Booking opens for Swaledale
Festival. See p.3.
- 27 LASS Meeting, 7.15pm. Leyburn.
Phone **623257** for info.
- 28 Family History Group. 2.00pm.
FremingtonVillage Hall. See p.25.
- 29 VaCO Easter concert. 7.30pm.
The Nash, Hawes. See p.18.
- 30 Good Friday Walks of Witness.
See p.25.

April

- 1 VaCO Easter concert. 7.30pm.
St Andrew's, Aysgarth. See p.18.
- 1,2 Art Exhibition, West Burton Village
Hall. 10.00am-4.00pm. See p.30.
- 2 Plant Sale, St. Oswald's Castle Bolton.
10.00am-1.00pm. See p.6.
- 3 Dry Stone Walling demo at the DCM,
Hawes. 11.00am.
- 3 Marie Curie Daffodil Collection,
Hawes. See p.7.
- 6-8 Settle Stories Festival. See p.7.
- 9 Hardraw Parish Church Council.
Green Dragon. 7.00pm. See p.35.
- 12 Film Night at The Nash, Hawes.
See p.9.
- 14 Dales Archaeology Day, Richmond
Methodist Church, 10.30am.

Mary Lyn Sunter

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Hawes School News

Class 3 Visit to the Museum

Class 3 pupils are taking part in a series of drama based workshops in a collaboration with the Dales Countryside Museum, North Country Theatre and children from Leyburn and Arkengarthdale schools.

The schools will come together to rehearse, and then perform to an invited audience at the DCM as part of a public launch of the new museum configuration and displays.

Part of the process will be video recorded and some will be made available through museum pages.

Class 3 Dance Event

Class 3 went street dancing at a cluster event held at West Burton School. We learnt how to do lots of things, like whacking, hip-hop and break dancing. We made up our own routines and then showed each other. We also drew our own posters.

By Anne Halliwell

Y5/6 Netball

Gracie, Ella, Evie, Euan, Owen & Barnaby took part in the second round of the netball tournament on Wednesday. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their experience playing at a higher level and visiting a much larger school. Hawes finished joint second at the end of the tournament. Well done everyone!



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Ann Peacock

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Formerly the home of the Wensleydale Harriers pack of hounds, the Kennel Field at Thornton Rust is now a rich pasture where wildlife and landscape can be enjoyed by everyone.

A grant from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) enabled the field to be bought for the village in 2000 and it also provided resources for restoration. Traditional materials and construction methods were used to repair the huntsman's mash house and a Dales field barn on the site; this work was supported by a Defra grant. The lime kiln was restored by the National Park. The row of derelict red brick kennels with exercise yards, which were built in the field in the 1920s, were considered to be unsuitable for conservation and they were demolished and removed from site by local volunteers.



The kennels prior to demolition in 2000, viewed from the south-east. The mash house is in the left background.

The Wensleydale Harriers had a long association with Thornton Rust. The first Master of Hounds was John Chapman of Thornton Rust Hall (b. 1794, d. 1878), and he was succeeded in this role by his eldest son, Francis Chapman. Some hounds were kennelled at Thornton Rust Hall for a period in the 19th century. The Wensleydale Harriers moved away from the village in the mid-1970s and were disbanded in 1986; the kennels remained empty until their demolition.

In late spring and early summer the Kennel Field is rich in wild flowers such as marsh marigold, cowslips, wood anemone and early purple orchids. Management of the grasslands allows light grazing by cattle for short periods between June and September.

On behalf of the village, administration is by the Kennel Field Trust (KFT), a registered charity. Trustees help with maintenance of the buildings and gates, and monitor the wildlife in the field. As the KFT is self-funding, we were delighted to be presented with one of the YDMT's 20th Anniversary Awards in October 2017. It is planned that the cash award will be used to re-instate the copper in the Mash House, prepare an interpretation board to be installed on site, and to commission a bench with a carved back rest.

The Kennel Field is situated due south of the small parking area up the Outgang, the lane opposite the Village Institute, and can be reached by following the lane leading south from the parking area, across the beck and up toward Thornton Rust Moor, a distance of about 750 metres

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Upper Dales Family History Group

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Anthony is a volunteer guide at Rokeby and will be talking mainly about Thomas Robinson (1702-1777) builder of Rokeby Park, amateur architect, spendthrift, diplomat and scallywag; touching briefly on the Morrit family's association with the estate. For more information contact **07432 677783** or email: tracy@swaledale.org

Aysgarth Station

The sale of the site at Aysgarth is now complete and it is now private property. Access to view the developments there may be available from time to time but there is no longer any right of access to the site.

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L.V.A. Bike Ride Presentation

On **January 27th** the North Riding Dales L.V.A. presented the money raised from their annual charity bike ride, to the worthy causes in and around Swaledale and Wensleydale. The presentation, which was held at the White Rose, Askrigg, was a most enjoyable evening with the proceedings commencing with a few songs from one of the awardees, the Dales Community Pop Choir.

The total money raised, £10,600, was again all down to the good efforts of everyone who cycled last June and to everyone who sponsored the riders. Since the very first cycle ride in 1982 (1981 was a walk from Leyburn to Hawes), the LVA have raised over £330,000 all of which has been distributed within the Dales.

The president of the LVA Nick Harrington said that the LVA really appreciates the efforts that everyone gives to keep our communities up and down the dale thriving, and that without their dedication the Dales would be a poorer place to live and that he hoped the next charity ride on June 6th would be as successful.

A full breakdown of this year's awards is as follows:-

£800 to the Central Dales Practice (Hawes and Aysgarth)

£400 each to Leyburn Medical Practice; Reeth Medical Centre; Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service Charity; Great North Air Ambulance; Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team; Herriot Hospice Homecare; Friends of the Friarage; Kirkwood Hall Amenity Fund; Sycamore Hall Amenity Fund; Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Luncheon Club Association.

£200 each to West Witton Playing Fields; Bainbridge Badminton Club; Hawes Playgroup; Wensleydale Rotary; Spennithorne C.E. School; Bainbridge Village Hall; Upper Dales Firework Committee; Hawes Junior Football Club; Gayle Institute; Young Voices; Leyburn Ladies Choir; Middleham School; Hawes 1st Brownies; The Wensleydale Chorus; The BAWB Federation (Bainbridge, Askrigg, West Burton Schools); The BAWB Nursery; The Songbirds (West Burton Community Choir); Dalesplay; Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group; Health Accommodation Trust (Sycamore and Kirkwood Hall); Hawes Community Primary School; Hawes Primary Foundation Stage; Thornton Rust Institute; Yorebridge Sports; Dales Community Pop Choir; Wensleydale Tournament of Song; Northallerton and District M.E. Support; Hawes Christmas Lights Appeal; East Witton Under 5s.

Angus McCarthy, Sec. NRDLVA

Good Friday Walk of Witness

10.30am Good Friday March 30th

The annual Good Friday Churches Together Walk of Witness will start with a short service inside Gayle Chapel before walking to Hawes and concluding with a service at St Margaret's Church. All are welcome either on the walk, at St Margaret's or (best of all) to both.



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The only training I've ever had has been with the Ambulance service. Since July 2006 that has been with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) which ensures we have the skills and knowledge to deliver emergency first aid and resuscitation until the arrival of a health care professional.

Sadly these days we often have to wait longer for an ambulance to arrive because slowly but surely the hospital facilities we require in our rural area have been moved further and further away from us. This means that the ambulance based at Bainbridge can be out on a shout for five hours or more if a patient needs to be taken to the James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough. While it is unavailable, ambulances have to be sent from Richmond, Northallerton, Harrogate, Pateley Bridge or even further away.

As I found last year, for a patient living on their own the arrival of a first responder can be a great relief. A first responder can also take care of those little but oh so important jobs such as finding a neighbour to lock up the patient's house and to make sure that their family knows what has happened. One of our team members has also sorted out care for pets while their owners were in hospital.

Last year I had a shout to assist a young couple parked in a layby somewhere between Aysgarth and Worton. They had started their journey in high spirits looking forward to a long walk up on the moors above Hawes. But then the man was struck down with severe chest pains. I found them and gave oxygen therapy to the 25-years-old man until the ambulance arrived. He was then taken to hospital. But what about his partner? She didn't know the area and was in no fit state to drive to Middlesbrough. So I told her to follow me to my house. After an hour or so she felt able to travel to Middlesbrough safely. (Once there she learnt that he had pericarditis.)

On another occasion I was asked to attend even though the ambulance would arrive before me probably because the spouse of the patient needed help. It is fulfilling serving our community in this way and I would encourage more to join us. Every little bit helps even if you can only be available a few days of each month.

The training course generally takes around 19 hours and may be held either in the evenings or at weekends. It includes how to use the automated external defibrillator and give cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and oxygen therapy, as well as an understanding of the various medical conditions one might encounter. We also have regular practical training sessions and six-monthly assessments with a very helpful and supportive Community Defibrillation Trainer.

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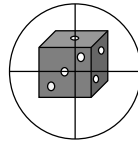
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Reprieve for Hawes Gala

The new Gala committee is delighted to announce that this year a Gala will be held in Hawes on **Saturday, July 14th**. The committee are always looking for new members and volunteers, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch with **Amy Cockett**, amycockett@outlook.com, or ring **667623**.

A massive thank you to all previous committee members, for all the work they have done keeping the Gala going!

Amy Cockett, Chair Hawes Gala committee



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The Wensleydale Concert Series I started three years ago launches its new 2018 season on **Sunday, March 18th** at Carperby Village Hall at **3.00pm**. Last year the series became a registered charity and we aim to include educational activities as well as concerts. We are also investigating ways to encourage younger people to become interested in classical music and also to find ways to make access easier for older and less mobile music lovers.

We have an action packed series of concerts for 2018 including musical guests from Australia (April), Washington DC (May) and Sweden (June) and including music for piano, clarinet, violin, cello, trio, quartet and a piano quintet.

Many people have said they don't like dark nights so to begin the year we are experimenting with a Sunday afternoon concert. It is a baroque concert with a group of incredibly talented young musicians, Eboracum Baroque, playing on period instruments, including harpsichord, baroque trumpet, recorder and cello and to top it off we will have tea and cakes.



You can obtain further details of all of the upcoming concerts and buy tickets online at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk. Other methods for purchasing tickets will be offered this year too. See the website for details and to sign up for our regular newsletter.

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Artist Raises Funds for Red Squirrels

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Stacey created the coloured pencil drawing last autumn and promised to donate 10 per cent of the sales profits. With the “Wonder” flying off the walls at her studio on Main Street in Hawes, she has been able to give £528.50.

Stacey said: “I’m so proud to call the Yorkshire Dales my home. With stunning landscapes, vibrant communities and a vast array of animals, I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else. Working in coloured pencils allows me to draw these animals in detail and capture their characters – and red squirrels are a firm favourite. It is so nice to have a positive contribution come from the creation of my artwork. I hope that the funds raised so far and in the future will help the red squirrel conservation effort for generations to come.”

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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.

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The children at Dalesplay have loved getting comfy in our new outside Pod (see photo). The children have snuggled up to read books, chill out and talk to friends in it. We are now fundraising for some large wooden building blocks to keep outside. We will be holding a tombola at the April Table Top in the Market House. If anyone has any donations of prizes we would be very grateful for them and they can be left in the collection box in the entrance. Thank you for your support.



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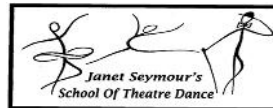
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'I felt nervous, but also really excited' said Abigail, aged 10. 'And I was so pleased when Mrs Seymour told me we had all got gold medals. I love learning ballet because I get to dance and have fun with my friends'.

'We had to practise our straight back and our points' said Kaitlyn, aged 10, 'and we knew that the harder we tried, the higher we would score. I couldn't believe it when Mrs Seymour told us how well we had done'.

The NASH, a rural studio venue in Hawes, has recently been fitted with a sprung wooden dance floor funded by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund and The Big Lottery. 'The floor makes a big difference to our lessons' said Abigail. 'It's so bouncy!' 'And so comfortable to sit on and to dance on' added Kaitlyn.

Janet Seymour, a hugely experienced RAD-trained teacher, teaches ballet, modern dance and tap to students in Wensleydale and Swaledale. 'I am so proud of my pupils at The NASH for having the courage to take their first exam, for working so hard and for achieving such an amazing result. The benefits of dance are numerous, but the most rewarding thing is seeing how much they enjoy it.... it makes me feel like I have the best job in the world. I am so fortunate to be able to work in such a beautiful venue as The Nash.' says Janet.

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The 'Gathering' at the DCM

The Upper Dales Family History Group are 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 **5.00pm**. For more information or to book places phone **07432 677783** or email: tracy@swaledale.org or see the group's website at: www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk/gathering.htm.

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"If you run a B&B, café, attraction or activity centre, 'The Visitor' is an ideal guide to put in the rack to help guests and customers get the most out of their visit," said the magazine's editor, YDNPA Communications Officer Sarah Nicholson.

"This year's edition has features on caving, on the new 'Swale Trail' family-friendly mountain bike route and on the famous Malham Landscape Trail, which this month was voted into the top three of ITV's 'Britain's Favourite Walks'. There is a bigger than ever events listing, as well as key information on what to see and do; how to get here and get around; and where to eat and drink."

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March 25th, Palm Sunday. Communion at **Hardraw 9.00am, Hawes 10.30am, Askrigg 10.30 am.**

March 29th, Maundy Thursday. Communion and symbolic washing of hands at **Askrigg 7.00pm**

March 30th, Good Friday. Hour at the Cross at **Askrigg 2.00pm**

April 1st, Easter Sunday. Daybreak Celebration at Lake Semerwater - **6.30am** for Bread and BBQ Fish

April 1st, Easter Sunday. Communion Celebration at **Hardraw 9.00am, Hawes 10.30am, Askrigg 10.30am, Stalling Busk 2.30pm**

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Carol Moore who runs Fringe 'n' Freckles would like to welcome Jacqueline Beswick of Jacksfeet, to the newly refurbished Salon, in the Market Place, Hawes and says "we will be working together to meet your needs 'offering a TOP TO TOE service'". Carol has been working in the Dales as a Hairdresser and Beauty Therapist now for 30 years, developing a healthy business, delivering her skills in this comfortable, friendly environment and says "With Jac joining we have expanded our services and are now offering a wider range of treatments".



Jac is known as a nurse, and an accomplished therapist having trained with some of the big names in the holistic world; Nicola Hall British Reflexology Association, Gerry Pyves No Hands Massage® Association

and for the last 5 years with Rosita Arvigo in The Arvigo Techniques of Maya Abdominal Therapy®. Jac specialised in terminal care and in the early 1990's initiated training to become a qualified Massage, Reflexology, Colour and Aromatherapy Therapist.

Jac can work with a wide range of clients including the very young, elderly, under age young mums, autistic adults, pregnant mums and couples with fertility challenges. Jac is also a qualified teacher, and will be holding courses starting this summer passing on her knowledge of these ancient therapies and the forgotten, or lost, wisdom of garden, home birth and natural healing remedies. Understanding the mechanics of the body, with medical knowledge enables Jac to help with supporting the organs for optimal function, by stimulating circulation and blood flow, joints, muscles, digestive system, injuries and ailments,

Jac says "I have been made so welcome by Carol and her clients that I am looking forward to being able to work with you all delivering a service that will help improve your health, wealth and happiness"

B.M.C.

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To obtain a copy of the Newsletter or to discuss any of the grants operated by Richmondshire District Council contact **Sam Coultish**, Business and Community Support Officer on **01748 901037** or samantha.coultish@richmondshire.gov.uk.

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The Annual Parochial Church Council for Hardraw Parish will take place on **Monday, April 9th at 7.00pm** at the Green Dragon Inn. The public are invited to attend this meeting.

Sue Foster, Churchwarden

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge W.I. meet on the third Thursday of the month at Bainbridge Village Hall at **7.30pm**.

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Evening Lent Reflections during Holy Week at **7.00pm. Monday, March 26th**, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar; **Tuesday, March 27th**, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton; **Wednesday, March 28th**, St. Oswald's, Castle Bolton; **Maundy Thursday**, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

Morning Prayer will be said during Holy Week at **8.30am** around the benefice as follows: **Monday, March 26th**, Holy Trinity, Wensley; **Tuesday, March 27th**, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton; **Wednesday, March 28th**, St. Mary's, Redmire; **Thursday, March 29th**, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth. Everyone welcome

Palm Sunday, March 25th

9.00am. Children's Church breakfast at Redmire village hall followed by procession around the village and a play in the village hall.

Note the change of venue for the Children's Church this month only.

9.30am. Morning Prayer, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar; **4.30pm.** Holy Communion, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton; **6.00pm.** Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

Good Friday, March 30th.

Witness of the Cross times - see page 25

Church Services at **2.00pm** at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton and **2.30pm** at St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

Easter Sunday, April 1st

9.30am. Holy Communion at St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar and at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

11.00am. Holy Communion with Activities, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth and at St. Oswald's, Castle Bolton.

Wensleydale Society

March's meeting is on **Friday 2nd** at West Burton Village Hall at **7.30pm** when Mike Hatton will speak on 'Roman Roads.' 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, and West Witton. Information about this can be given by ringing **622287**.

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Bainbridge Vets News

Following on from some recent cases in the North of England, we are getting more and more questions about Alabama rot in dogs. The main thing to remember is that although this is a highly publicised disease it is still relatively rare.

Alabama rot is a disease that damages blood vessels in the skin and in the kidneys. It causes blood to clot in the vessels which damages the tissue. This can then cause ulcers on a dog's skin but also kidney failure which can be fatal. The disease's full name is cutaneous and renal glomerular vasculopathy (CRGV).

The actual cause is not known and it can affect dogs of any breed, age or size. What is known is that the majority of dogs that have been treated in the UK have been walked in muddy and/ or woodland areas. More cases have been reported between November and May than between June and October which suggests that dogs are more likely to be affected in winter and spring.

The first symptoms are lesions or ulcers on the skin. They are found most commonly on the dog's paws or lower legs but can also be found on a dog's face, mouth, tongue or on their lower body. Signs of kidney failure include loss of appetite, tiredness and vomiting. If you notice any of these signs or are concerned, please contact your vet for more information .

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Reduplicative Words

The English Language is full of expressions which are made up of what are termed 'reduplicative words'. These are two words which look or sound very similar. A lot of them are slang but many are in common use and fully understood – or is this a generational thing? Do today's youngsters know what all these expressions mean? Why not try them out on the kids. Here are some examples listed alphabetically from A-G. We will include the rest of the alphabet in subsequent issues. Can you think of any we have missed?

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'1588 – a Tudor Merchant's Wife' is the title of the monthly talk for March. Rebecca Atkinson and Jane Sammells have a reputation for giving entertaining talks and this one uses research from Swaledale wills and inventories to discover a local take on fashion of the time. The talk will tell us of the sometimes dangerous world of Tudor fashion, its origins, etiquette and laws. They will be speaking on **Friday, March 16th at 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, The Old School House. Café open and Committee members available from 10.00am.



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History in the Dales

A Legendary Home, Fit for a King?

The long history of Pendragon Castle – a fortified tower-house in Mallerstang, Cumbria, dating from the twelfth century – has meant that it is steeped in mystery. According to legend, the original castle was built by Uther Pendragon, father of King Arthur, in the fifth century. It is rumoured to have been the site of Uther's death – along with 100 of his men – when a well was poisoned by the Saxons. It is said that Uther unsuccessfully tried to divert the river to provide the castle's moat and this is recalled in a well-known local couplet: "Let Uther Pendragon do what he can/ Eden will run where Eden ran". However, there is currently no evidence to support the legend that there was a castle here before the twelfth century.

Archaeological evidence suggests that Pendragon is one of the earliest Norman castles in Cumbria, possibly erected by Sir Hugh de Morville. Sir Hugh was Lord of Westmorland and is infamous as one of the knights who murdered Sir Thomas Becket in 1170. The castle was enlarged in 1300, but was burnt down by the Scots in 1341. Roger de Clifford rebuilt Pendragon between 1360 and 1370, with



the addition of a garderobe or south-west tower, but it was again burnt by the Scots in 1541.

In 1660 it was extensively restored for Lady Anne Clifford, who added a brewhouse, bakery, stables and coach house to the site. Lady Anne was the only surviving child of the 3rd Earl of Cumberland. However, the Earl's brother inherited his vast estate. Lady Anne spent decades fighting for her right to inherit, which

she eventually did in 1643. With the Civil War raging, she came north in 1649 and spent the next 26 years (until her death at 86 years of age) restoring and enhancing the churches and castles on her lands, including returning Pendragon Castle to its former glory. There is now a 100 mile walk between Skipton and Penrith called the Lady Anne Way, which is inspired by Lady Anne's travels between her various castles.

Pendragon Castle was partially dismantled around 1685 by Lady Anne Clifford's successors due to the high upkeep costs of several castles. As a result, the castle gradually deteriorated into a ruinous state. A drawing by Samuel and Nathaniel Buck in 1739 shows the parapet walls and windows into the guard turrets on the roof as still extant, but Thomas Pennant's view in 1773 shows the upper parts of the walls as having fallen.

Today, Pendragon Castle survives as a ruin. By the twentieth century the land had claimed Pendragon Castle, with the site and limestone and red and grey sandstone ruins overgrown with vegetation. The castle and its curtilage were bought by Raven Frankland in the 1960s. At this time, parts of the complex were unearthed and some consolidation works took place, including the clearance of external tumbled stonework which helped to give a much clearer visual impression. This uncovered the North entrance, with spiral stairs to either side of the passage, which was closed by a portcullis – the slot is visible in the masonry.

In September 1987 a Spanish silver coin was found on the west side of the castle. It is badly worn and the mint mark is illegible, but it is of the type issued between 1487 and 1537 – possibly during the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella, the Catholic monarchs of Spain, 1474-1504. In 1995, a programme of recording and consolidation works was carried out. This uncovered sections of intact collapsed walling, which clearly demonstrates how the west side of the castle deteriorated during the eighteenth century.

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