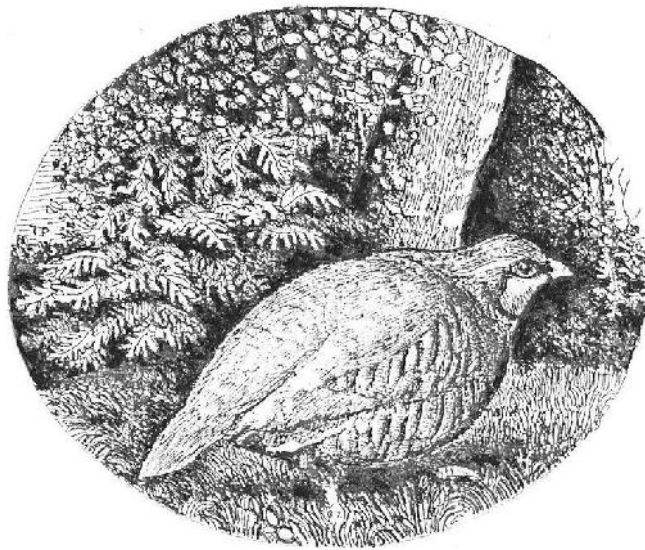


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Guest Editorial

It's all getting covered up now by the flowers in the verges and the leaves bursting forth on the trees. But the plastic litter will remain to greet us again at the end of the year.

The plastic problem is becoming a perennial story. When the land is at its barest, and we begin to lose hope that summer is ever going to come, people organise litter picks or write exasperated letters to the paper.

How did it get this way and when did it all start? When my mum began working at Hawes Chippie for Joe and Mary as a 15 year old girl in the early 70s, there was no plastic. The fish and chips were wrapped in paper and newspaper and the pea pots were made of cardboard. By the time she returned in 1986, after a more than ten year gap for children, the plastics had arrived. They were regarded as a luxury. If you wanted your fish and chips on a polystyrene tray, you had to pay a penny for the privilege.

The association of plastic with luxury persists, despite the seemingly endless images we see of plastics poisoning our planet. Why else would my fancy Easter chocolates from Leyburn come wrapped in plastic, except to give off that irresistible crinkle as I opened the packet?

The other day it was my little girl's birthday and all her gifts from mum and dad – swimming costume, colouring pencils in a tin, and two DVDs – were wrapped in plastic. My wife refused my request to remove the plastic before wrapping the presents (in plastic-glitter covered paper). I had to resort to saying that if she didn't take the plastic off, then she'd have to sign the gifts from her only. Ouch!

Farms are another big source of plastic waste. It is hard to find a tree by the footpath along Lobler Dub in Hawes that isn't sporting black silage wrap in its roots or in its lower branches.

I have the exact date when plastic came to Birkrigg Farm (from which my uncle and aunt retired last year). It was **July 17th 1985**, the middle of a very wet summer. Haytime had started on the 6th, but only a couple of fields could be got in. So black silage bags were

bought, for a pound each, and the first big bales were made.

Silage wrap came in around ten years later, and at some point plastic proggins came in too, replacing the paper bags which used to fetch a decent price for recycling.

Other things also turned plastic such as twine, which used to be made from a plant called sisal. Chuck a bit of string away 40 years ago and it would soon rot. Chuck it away now and the orange braids will stay where they are blown.

Black silage wrap has no doubt created huge amounts of plastic waste, but as John said, it has also been an absolute godsend, saving the Dales because of the depreciation of the weather. Without the plastic, there wouldn't have been any fother.

It seems to me that we are surrounded by plastic litter not because people have become more liable to drop things. It's just that many more things are made from plastic or wrapped in plastic, and so the dropping has long-lasting consequences.

Andrew Fagg

Editor's Note. As mentioned in our Annual Report we have a group of individuals who have expressed willingness to write 'Guest Editorials' on an occasional basis but we are always interested in hearing from any other readers who would be interested in contributing. Please speak to one of the newsletter committee members or send us an email.

The Little White Bus Trips

The monthly trips are now in full swing and our next one is on **June 20th** to Barnard Castle. This will also include an additional visit to the lovely Egglestone Hall Gardens nearby for those that would like to combine the two.

The following trip is on **July 11th** to Ilkley town with yet another squeezed in for Harrogate Town Centre on the **July 25th**.

Do pop in to the Community Office as soon as possible to reserve your seats. We look forward to having you on board.

The Little White Bus Team.

Hawes PTFA News

The PTFA would like to thank businesses and individuals that contributed to the Christmas Fair. With your help we managed to raise £1,996.90. The other fantastic news is that we came first in the recent Tesco Bags for Life competition. This means we now have access to a grant of £4,000 for new computer equipment in the school. The PTFA would also like to thank everybody who donated cakes, quiche, sausage rolls, sandwiches and a whole plethora of tasty treats for the recent Hopper's Sale. With your help and the help of those who kindly volunteered to help out on the day we managed to raise £586.10.

On **Friday, June 15th** we are holding a **BEETLE DRIVE** at Hawes School with a 'bring and share supper'. A quiz and raffle will also be held on the night. This is a great family fun night for anyone who wishes to join in. Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received.

If anyone is interested in becoming an active member of the PTFA please get in touch with us as we are always in need of help from the community. Many thanks to everybody for your continued support.

Jemma Hogg, Secretary, PTFA

James Atkinson

would like to thank all his customers for his nice cards and well wishes on his retirement from the milkround. He is very much looking forward to a lie-in after 30(ish) years.

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was in the 'Better Health' advert on page 15 and the winner of the £10 prize is Rebecca Dutton of Higher Bebbington, Wirral.

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

June Competition

This month's competition might be a bit more challenging than usual. The clues are all cryptic and the answers **SOUND LIKE** the names of fruit or vegetables. For example:- 'An ancient Frenchman's headgear' would be 'elder beret' which sounds like elderberry. Got it! Have a go at these:-

- 1 British Hard Rock
- 2 Sad but not a sheepdog
- 3 Not standing after spring
- 4 Below the head pâté
- 5 How old is the taxi?
- 6 Never alone
- 7 Follows March with Noel and a small bed
- 8 Male action
- 9 Change I to U – that's a surprise.
- 10 Loaned out troubles
- 11 Dispose of the Eagle's nest
- 12 I will have quite a few

Send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, June 19th** for a chance to win the £20 prize which we will sent to your nominated charity.

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Farewell to North Country Theatre

It will be a huge disappointment for many of us to learn that the North Country Theatre is winding up its activities over the coming months. After twenty two years of brilliant performances Nobby Dimon, its Artistic Director and the driving force behind the creation and development of the company, has decided to retire in September of this year. We have regularly looked forward to the touring company coming out into the dales and its presence will be sorely missed. It would be remiss of this newsletter not to pay tribute to the theatre's splendid achievements, so to find out more about its background I was privileged to be able to chat to Nobby for over an hour while he explained how it all happened.



Meeting the man in person was rather different from seeing him as an actor. Even off stage, when he was selling the programmes, it was all part of the act. There is no doubting that theatre has been in Nobby's veins for a long time. He took a degree in English and Theatre Studies at Lancaster University after leaving school. This gave him lots of opportunity to take part in and direct dramatic productions. From there he trained to teach drama at Bretton Hall near Wakefield but his career in secondary school teaching (in Dorset) did not last long. It would have been an easy option to stay in teaching but he was drawn to be closer to the world of acting and theatre so he moved back up north to the Dovecot Arts Centre at Stockton and then to the Cleveland Theatre Company. These were quite brave moves because job security is often fragile in this sort of employment. Nobby said that he had always taken a proactive approach to work

and, rather than waiting for things to happen, he had instigated each of the moves he had made. Some had been particularly challenging, like the year he spent as Associate Director at Durham Theatre where he worked on a specially commissioned play written about, and performed by, women from the Miners' Wives Support Groups during the 1984-85 strike. A tense time to be rehearsing in the concert room of the Easington Miners Welfare.

Eventually he ended up at Harrogate Theatre where for eight years he was Director of Theatre in Education. Much of this time was spent touring, bringing drama and theatre into rural North Yorkshire schools and communities, rather than expecting people to travel to the big cities and we recognise this element in the performances we have seen in Wensleydale. There has always been a strong educational side to Nobby's work and even quite recently he was working with primary school children here in upper Wensleydale in a joint project with the Dales Countryside Museum.

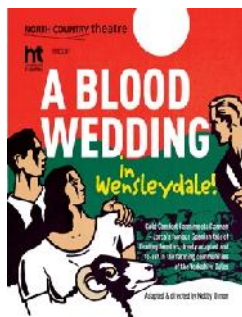
It was while he was at Harrogate in 1995 that the idea of setting up his own company came to him. The following year a management board of local volunteers was set up and a company formed. The first production was *Thirty Nine Steps* at the Georgian Theatre in Richmond on May 3rd 1996. With the help of a Yorkshire Arts Grant of £1,000 a tour was arranged around local village halls, schools and small theatres.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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This production eventually went on to become a West End and Broadway hit but it all started here in the Yorkshire Dales. It set the pattern for further productions which went on tour as far away as South Shropshire and the Scottish Borders, although the core audience was always around the home region, based in Richmond. The performances were a huge success and the company thrived on the small scale of the local venues and the intimacy of the audiences, many of whom became regular friends. Nobby has always felt that the travelling performers were the guests, unlike in big theatres where the audience are the guests.



Astonishingly there have been nearly forty plays and site-specific dramas produced, all of which have been well attended. So what makes them so popular? Well first of all, the quality of acting has always been

good. Professional actors are used and they have the versatility to play many different kinds of role. Some, like Mark Cronfield, are regular performers, whereas others from London, Oxford, Manchester, even Australia may only make occasional appearances. Secondly, in many cases, the plays are enormously funny: the actions and the script are always hugely entertaining and we have all been spellbound waiting for the next comic moment. And thirdly, somehow the plays are 'different': maybe it's because of the ingenuity of the props and the way they stimulate the imagination, or perhaps it's because the script feels local and we engage with it (not just "Blood Wedding" but "Blood Wedding in Wensleydale"); or is it because we just love the whole set up and feel they are part of us, part of our community?

Over the years there have been ups and downs. The success of the performances gave a tremendous buzz to everyone involved and there must have been some hilarious moments during rehearsals, with all sorts of ideas spinning off as they went along. The loss of the Arts Council funding in 2012 was a real blow but the

community rallied round and the Angels and Friends scheme was a great boost. The company was very good at making do in difficult circumstances, such as being short of space on stage, coping with power cuts and changing in sheds or outside toilets. We all know the limitations of village halls. There were some particularly memorable moments: for example when a beautiful revolving lighthouse set was too big for the old Kirklington Village Hall and helpful villagers began to explore removing bolts and a truss to make room. As the hall roof began to loudly creak and groan a plan B was hastily adopted and the performance went ahead with a decapitated lighthouse tower. Of course, the audience never really noticed!

So what now? After twenty two years is it all coming to an end? There is certainly still a huge demand for theatre out there and Nobby feels that a platform has been created for some other ambitious group who would like to take over the role of touring local community venues, taking productions out to where people live. Over the years the North Country Theatre has introduced thousands of people to drama, people who might never have bothered going to a city theatre, and this has nurtured an appetite for local entertainment. It is to be hoped that this appetite can be satisfied by other endeavours but Nobby has set such high standards and it will be difficult to match the level of achievement reached by his company. Although there may still be one or two performances to come, effectively by the end of the year the company will close. On behalf of all our readers, this newsletter would like to say a heartfelt 'Thank you' to Nobby and all his team for giving us such wonderful presentations over many years.

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Tales of a Cycling Offcumden

Last year I made a trip along the A684 towards Sedbergh. As you pass Rigg House on the right you begin to climb and then descend rapidly down to the large gritting area around Thwaite Bridge. Then another climb over to the Moorcroft Inn. Before you get to the inn there is a large property on the left called Moorland Cottage. It has been noted that the word cottage is hardly applicable to such a large building. I have heard that it is a shooting lodge that Prince Charles and his boys have used in the past. Once past the Moorcock you are in Cumbria. Immediately you pass under a railway bridge and get a superb view of the Dandry Mire viaduct, one of the marvels of Victorian civil engineering. There is a tale that a locomotive fell into the mire and sank without a trace.

Once past the left-hand turning towards the station a slip road to the right can be seen. This narrow lane leads to the remote valley of Grisedale. Today the Dale is a lonely, almost desolate place. In the nineteenth century there were many farms and many families. Life was hard and tough, but once a year a wealthy neighbour would hire a horse-brake or later a

charabanc, take the locals to Garsdale station and off they would go to Blackpool or Morecombe for the day. Today very few families remain and their houses are mainly either derelict or turned into holiday lets.

The decline can be traced back to the 1880s. The summer of 1889 had been incredibly wet and unproductive. Then in August of that year a catastrophic flood hit the area. Trees were uprooted, bridges disappeared, dry stone walls collapsed and houses were badly damaged or ruined. Many families left to search for more profitable work. One interesting building from that period remains. It is a Methodist chapel built as a memorial to Dick Atkinson, a renowned local preacher. It is now a holiday let, but many in Hawes and district remember choir sessions in the chapel.

Dick Atkinson was a famous evangelist at that time. His passionate fire and brimstone sermons were widely successful. Also people were in awe of him. He seemed to be able to peer into the future and prophesy events. It was said that outside his home at Grouse Hall there were two hollows in the turf where he spent hours in prayer. He would walk the fells in all weathers and get little rest. He died of consumption in his 41st year. He is buried strangely enough in the small church yard of St John the Baptist in Garsdale Street.

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Their programme includes a Haydn String Quartet and a string quartet by the lesser known (to English audiences) composer Laura Valborg Aulin. Aulin is a Swedish composer who studied with the French romantic composer Benjamin Godard (some of you may remember being wowed by Godard's cello sonata in our first concert in 2015). The concert ends with Dvorak's Piano Quintet.

Details and tickets can be found at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

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Tuesday 19th "Hawes Town Trail" 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Meet at the DCM and join this easy 2 mile walk through Hawes and Gayle exploring the history of the area. Limited places, booking essential.

It is recommended that you book these walks by phoning the appropriate National Park Centre: **Hawes 666210; Aysgarth Falls 662910.**

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Hawes & District Gala

Saturday, July 14th. 2.00pm
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The Hawes and District Gala Committee would like to thank everyone who has already donated to the 2018 Gala. Any further donations can still be made right up to the event at the Community Office, Hawes.

Programmes will be available towards the end of June, and the order of the day will soon be made public. Entry to the gala will be £2 per person, this includes a free prize draw programme. Under 16's and canine companions will be free.

A few things to look forward to : Stage One cycles come to the gala, Martial Arts demonstration, Fell Race, Welly throwing, Low Mill outdoor activity, Jack and Jill Slide, face painting, Lucky dip, traditional races, tug of war, picture competition, coconut shy, wet sponge throwing, animals, disco.....to name but a few!

We will be doing a call out for volunteers who are willing to help on a stand for part or all of the day. If you think you could spare an hour, or help set up, please get in touch by email at Hawes-Gala@outlook.com or phone 666140.

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Networking in the Dales


Networking is an important part of running a business, but it's something many business owners shy away from. It can be seen as a waste of time, a bit corporate or too demanding.

The truth is that when done well and intentionally, networking can make a big difference to any business and it is one of the most natural ways to build relationships, which is why I set up Dales Business Women. I've had a lot of success with networking in the past, and as someone who works from home and is still relatively new to the Dales, I wanted a way to meet like-minded people. In the short six months since its launch, the group has already proved to be a source of great support and exposure for businesswomen from Kirkby Stephen to Northallerton.

Networking is a great way to build a community of business relationships who you can call upon when you need a service, product or advice. It's also a great way to raise awareness about what you do (and get others to spread the word on your behalf). Also, by belonging to a business group you can change the landscape, especially in rural areas like the Upper Dales. Dales Business Women is already talking to key influencers in the district and county about addressing some of the barriers businesses in Wensleydale are facing.

The next event is in Hawes at the NASH, and it would be great to see as many businesswomen, and self-employed and professional women as possible. There will be plenty of opportunity to speak to fellow attendees, followed by a short talk from a local business coach.

Sharon Davis
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Hawes School News

Cancer Race for Life



We held our run in aid of Cancer on **Friday, May 18th** on Hawes Community Field. Children ran around the marked out field for an hour—running/walking as many circuits as they could manage.



All children received a medal for their efforts. We would appreciate any donations towards this worthy cause. All donations need to be paid into the online account <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/hawes-primary-school-ycat>.

We are very grateful to those people who have already donated online. So far we have raised £295.00 + £65.00 gift aid. Our target is £500.00, so we are 59% towards the target. Please help us raise as much money as possible and help us reach our target or above!

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Ancient History ... Computer Style

Well that was a weird trip down memory lane ... In a dark damp trunk (with rusty hinges that had to be forced) hidden in our outhouse, I found things that really defined a major part of my life in the early 80s and 90s and led me to working with computers.

They were numerous card folders – each containing a computer cassette with old computer programs dating back to the BBC Micro Model B that I bought in early 1982. From these cassettes you can tell what I was into back then – computer programming! This was before the days when floppy disk drives were affordable for home users – and before hard disks were even affordable for small businesses, so you plugged your computer into your TV and a cassette player, then after a long period of screeching from the cassette player the computer was ready to use.

Three of the things I found were cassettes of the computer languages Lisp, Forth and Pascal, all of which I went on to teach in college (along with quite a few others) and ultimately I ended up running the computer department. This was in the days when people wrote computer programs for fun and it was quite addictive!

I also found a tape of “Turtle graphics” which was a forerunner of the educational computer language ‘Logo’, which I have used over the years to teach young children early programming ideas and which was still used in schools to the end of the 20th century.

The other odd item I found was a book entitled ‘Archimedes Utilities’. This was designed for the replacement to the BBC Micro and was again made by Acorn Computers. It was called Acorn Archimedes and was again adopted by the BBC as the new BBC computer (though it was a short lived arrangement with the BBC). It didn’t use Windows or MacOS, it used a system called Arthur! This was a rush job, because the computers were barely ready by the launch date and the programs were not finished and I have to say Arthur was pretty pointless – though it did use a mouse to start

programs, but after that you lost the mouse completely. Before too long they developed a new system called RiscOS – which for its time was truly revolutionary and a lot better than Windows or MacOS at that time (both of which were in their infancy).

The electronics technology inside the Archimedes was an early version of the chip called Acorn Risc Machine (ARM for short). Acorn Computers as a computer maker/brand sadly disappeared many years ago. They just could not compete on the global stage with massive US corporations (Windows or Mac at the time both ‘acquiring’ ideas from Acorn that subsequently appeared in Windows and MacOS without any credit to Acorn’s innovations). The RiscOS computer actually re-emerged under license and continued to develop with a niche fan base for years.

So what is the point of this ramble? Well Acorn Computers still exists today and are highly successful, having morphed into the company called ARM (originally the A stood for Acorn but now stands for Advanced). They have become a global brand in the chip market like Intel and AMD but they have in recent years focussed on the mobile device market. ARM chips are now widely used in a vast range of mobile devices and tiny computers like the Raspberry Pi that I wrote about a few months ago. So with hindsight it was sad when Acorn Computers apparently disappeared, but they have transformed into one of the most important global tech brands - and the device you are reading now may well have an ARM chip in it!

If you have any ideas or questions for future articles why not send me an email at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com.

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I had tried to get them organised so that they could be up for the late Spring Bank Holiday, but the growers have asked for another week so I am hoping that we will get them all out at the beginning of June as usual. With cold, and sometimes slightly frosty nights and early mornings, the baskets especially will benefit from an extra few days in a warm controlled environment.

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I will pop up some notices around town to advertise the time and date for the usual sale of plants and baskets to residents. This will be a few days after delivery of the bulk of the order.

I could not undertake the scheme were it not for the really good band of helpers that rally round to give assistance each year when it is most needed. A huge thanks (bribe?) to you all!

I will now try and pop in a few words each month to let you all know how things are progressing. Let's hope for a good show until late autumn!

Your resident Plant Pest.

Richard Noble

Hawes Youth Club

Young people currently in year 6 (10 and 11 year olds) are now invited to attend Hawes Youth Club with their first session being free. The club meets every other week at Hawes Market House and will be running on **June 13th, June 27th, July 11th and July 25th.**

The club is also looking for local adults who are willing to share their skills with the group e.g. arts, cooking, sports, music, and in the community, as a one off activity. Any adults interested in volunteering more regularly should contact richie@nyy.org.uk as free youth work training and safeguarding checks will be provided.

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May Competition:- Write a Limerick

We received a total of ten limericks for our May competition. Thank you to all the readers who submitted one. After much consideration the Newsletter Committee chose the entry by Rachel Dechezeaux of Askrigg as the outright winner:-

*To live in Askrigg is ideal,
Three pubs to serve you a meal,
Two tearooms for tea
But no place for a wee!
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Rachel nominated Parkinsons UK as the charity to receive the £20 donation.

The two honorary runners-up were from Laura Gavin of Carperby:-

*There once was a bloke called Mike
Who cycled the Dales on his bike
The bike hit a wall
Mike had quite a fall
So now he rides round on a trike.*

And from Heather Clark of Askrigg:-

*There was an old man of West Witten
Who found himself totally smitten
With his spaniel so loyal
King Charles—he was Royal!
And even curled up with his kitten*

Both Laura and Heather nominated the Yorkshire Air Ambulance as their charity so they will receive £20 too.

BAWB Schools News

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The children in Dalesplay have been busy celebrating the royal wedding; they enjoyed lots of crafts themed around the event and ended the week with a royal tea party. We have lots of fun activities planned for the half term, our theme will be 'all the fun at the fayre'. If you need childcare in the holidays, Dalesplay offers fun for all ages. Give us a ring or come and look around and we can help meet your needs. We are based in the school grounds of Hawes Primary School and run by a group of voluntary directors. Dalesplay is Ofsted registered providing a high standard of care for children in the dales. We aren't here to make a profit - Dalesplay is here to provide a much needed service in the dales.

Dalesplay would like to thank everyone who donated prizes for our tombola and supported us at the table top sale in the market hall. We raised a wonderful £228.58. Our next table top sale will be on **June 24th** and we are once again collecting tombola prizes which can be left in our collection box in the entrance. Thank you for all your support.

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Swaledale Festival – Can You Help?

It's really rewarding being involved with something that is successful and provides pleasure to lots of people. It's even better if it also brings visitors and revenue to the Dales.

There are many very worthwhile organisations in the Dales that aim to do all of that - and the Swaledale Festival is one of them. We know that the Festival is popular - record ticket sales in 2018 bear witness to that. Two weeks of music, arts and walking clearly appeal to locals and visitors from near and far.

We don't like to boast but we are proud of the accolades that the Festival has won. We've picked up six major national and international awards over the last few years. We've been shortlisted for the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2018, in recognition of our strong volunteer ethos. We'll hear in early June if we've been successful. We couldn't achieve any of what we do without our loyal bunch of volunteers who contribute so much, so willingly to help make the Festival successful year after year.

We are now looking for additional Board members and we would love to hear from you, particularly if you have knowledge, experience and expertise in marketing, IT or finance. What would you get out of it? The sense of satisfaction that comes from contributing to a professional and well-run organisation, working with a stimulating bunch of people and having a lot of fun.

For an informal chat to find out more, please contact our Chairman, **Sue Miller on 01748 886358** or email chairman@swalefest.org.

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Prunings

What a glorious weekend we had for the "Tour de Yorkshire" and how lovely that so many of the towns and villages on the route dressed up for the occasion. If you didn't see it on the TV footage, there is a shot of the "Coverdale" sign at <https://letour.yorkshire.com/gallery/> which is the fourth day highlights video.

I haven't actually been up to it, but I guess that the letters must be around ten feet high. That's a serious effort.

Having had less than spectacular success with my attempts to grow sweet peas this year, I have bitten the bullet and ordered some from Sarah Raven - perhaps not the cheapest, but then I want enough to cut. Interestingly, the article on sweet peas in Garden News, which gives lots of good advice on ways to grow them, recommends a completely different range of cultivars from those in the Raven catalogue. I shall have to wait and see! As Monty Don said this week there is still plenty of time to sow French climbing beans, I shall need two very large containers set up and I'll have to build two wigwams.

Alan Titchmarsh once said that the best time to clip a box hedge is Derby Day. The first of June, or thereabouts. With luck it can then be left for a year. Ours was in such a mess my other half clipped it early. The plan is to let it grow for a while and then give it another trim. As one side of the path was sloping up and the other down, I spent some time trying to watch while he used the trimmer. There was a good deal of "Up a bit/Down a bit," but I think it is now more or less level. I feel an obligation to keep it healthy as it has been here for a century or more, (it is on the oldest photos we can find) and the cuttings I take from it have never had Box Blight! But then, the original plants put in at the turn of the last century would not have been imported would they?

We had largely given up on feeding the birds - partly because others in the village were doing it and also because spilt seed was attracting four footed livestock. However, I have bought a new feeding station and have been truly amazed by the number of song birds appearing out of nowhere, especially the flocks of Goldfinches. I

have even had a linnet, which I didn't recognise and had to look up. Thank you Google! Fortunately a large fat cock pheasant has chosen to pick up some of the debris. Hopefully his presence will deter some of the more unwelcome guests - it's him or a rat trap!

Sitting with my notes on this unreal sunny day, the shrubs on the patio have sprung into life - and leaf. We planted them for privacy as the footpath runs by under the wall, but now they are obscuring my lovely view. I chose the Weigelia Florida for its beautiful blossom and it has given me much pleasure over 30 or so years, but now a haircut won't solve it. I must take some cuttings before it is consigned to the bonfire.

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

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The Book of Bridges - Update

Stephen and Pamela Allen, who were appointed to undertake conservation and restoration of this historic book - which contains the original engineering drawings for the 1870s construction of structures on the Garsdale-Hawes section of the Wensleydale Railway - have finished the necessary work. To mark successful completion of the project, Stephen will give a talk in Hawes on **Saturday, August 11th, at 11.30am** in the Dales Countryside Museum. (The time of the talk fits in with Little White Bus services from Leyburn and recent changes in trains arriving at Garsdale from Leeds and Carlisle so please encourage friends who may be interested to come to this event).

The first step in the Allen's work was digital scanning of each page of the book, followed by cleaning and conservation of every individual page and restoration of the huge book itself, including the damaged spine. A tailor-made box has also been provided for future storage and transport - not just a simple matter when the book is 3ft by 2ft (double that when opened out!).

Many people are to be thanked for their co-operation in enabling this work to go ahead and/or for responding to an appeal for donations to enable the book to receive this specialist care. Hawes and High Abbotside parish council were among ninety generous donors - including many local names - and special thanks too to Fiona Rosher at the DCM and the Friends of the DCM for all their help. If you were one of the donors and bring your letter of acknowledgement from me to the talk, you will be given free admission (well they deserve it don't they?); otherwise there will be a small charge. Please put the date in your diary now.

Ruth Annison 650349

Leyburn & District U3A

Peter Stemmer BEM, will be the speaker at the monthly meeting on **Friday, June 15th at 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. His subject is Town Crying - Past & Present. As always the café will be open and the committee will be available to talk about the current interest groups. Non-members welcome.

Area Partnership Funding 2018-19

The Richmondshire Area Partnership grants scheme is now open for applications. The scheme is to support groups within Richmondshire who wish to start new or continue existing projects which bring benefit to the local community.

The full criteria and an application form can be found at www.richmondshire.gov.uk/community/grants/community-grants-schemes/. Applicants are able to bid for up to £1,000 through the scheme.

All completed applications should be submitted to grants@richmondshire.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is **5.00pm on August 13th**. Submitted bids will be considered during the next round of Partnership Meetings, with the subsequent scheduled Upper Dales meetings being held on **Thursday, September 6th**.

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'Dales Made' or 'Say Cheese Please'

'What a difference a day makes' is the name of a love song you might have heard of, but what a difference fifty years can make in the cheese-making industry – at Hawes in particular.

This was something that came to mind after watching an episode of 'Made in Yorkshire' on TV recently. The most outstanding difference to strike my mind was the most up-to-date equipment and methods now in use plus the standards of Health, Safety and Hygiene associated with the making of cheese today.

Standing out a mile is the abolishment of the manual work demanded in bygone days: – the miles walked up and down the vats with a hand rake stirring the curds; the off-loading of twelve gallon milk churns (in all weathers) from the lorries after collection from the surrounding farms; lifting and emptying the same milk churns into the production line and the man-handling and woman-handling of a large quantity of forty pound blocks of cheese. By means of early-starting and the doubling of vats we were able to (and did) make 49 tons of hand-pressed cheese a week.

Later on came the day when blocks and other sizes of cheese were vacuum-packed in shrinkable plastic bags. I do believe I was the first man in the country to carry out this method – not a recollection of pride now with the crisis in plastic waste, although I did devise a method of plastic waste disposal in Hawes.

The John Prescott visit to Hawes Creamery was an excellent portrayal of a modern cheese-making factory but lacked the showing of the A-Z of the process. The DVD 'Say Cheese' which I have in my possession (presented but not produced by me) shows all the stages of manufacture and packing (a bit old-fashioned now compared with modern methods).

I, personally, would like to have seen a programme on 'how to make cheese' rather than 'how cheese is made today'. The old way of the cheese-makers' skills in using their judgements of touch, smell and sight during the different stages of the process seems to have disappeared but thanks to modern equipment and the skills of staff and management the Creamery in Hawes has been built-up to what it is today and really put Hawes on the map. Long may it prosper.

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New Homes in West Witton

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has today granted full planning permission for the construction of 17 new homes in West Witton in Richmondshire.

It is the largest housing development to be approved in the National Park since 2014.

The homes will be built in a field next to Old School Close at the west end of the village. Nine will be built for sale on the open market, the rest for affordable housing.

Six of the affordable units will be 'discount for sale', meaning that they will be sold at 70% of their market value. The remaining two will be affordable rental properties, retained by the developer, Swale Valley Construction, and managed in conjunction with the local housing authority, Richmondshire District Council.



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June

- 2 Leyburn Bowls Club Coffee morning.
10.00am. **624488** for info.
- 2 Coffee Morning at Warnford Court.
10.00am. See p.14.
- 2 Men's Breakfast, Sycamore Hall.
Bainbridge 8.30am.
- 4 Leyburn Arts and Community Centre
AGM. 6.00pm. TOSH, Leyburn.
- 5 Coffee Morning at Machall View,
Thoraby, 10.00am to noon.
- 6 Coffee Morning at Valley View, Castle
Bolton. 10.30am to noon.
- 8,9,10 Curlew Festival and Art exhibition
Bolton Castle.
- 9 Wensleydale Chorus Workshop.
10.00am West Burton Village Hall.
- 10 Charity Concert. Steve Harley Trio.
7.00pm. Tennants, Leyburn.
Ring **621146** for tickets.
- 10 Nat. Park Guided Walk. See p.7.
- 12 Arts Society Lecture. See p.30.
- 13 Hawes Youth Club. See p.11.
- 14 Film at the NASH, Hawes. See p.33.
- 14 Concert Reeth Memorial Hall.
See p.22.
- 15 Leyburn U3A lecture. See p.16.
- 15 Hawes PTFA Beetle Drive See p.3.
- 16 History of Wine event. 7.30pm.
Leyburn. See p.40.
- 16 Concert Aysgarth Church. See p.7.
- 16 Mobile skip at Brunt Acres Industrial
Park, Hawes. 9.00am to 1.00pm.
- 16,17 Dales Festival of Food and Drink.
Leyburn. See p.12.
- 17 Father's Day.
- 18 Bainbridge W.I. trip to Wynyard Hall
Gardens. See p.27.
- 19 Local History Group 2.00pm.
Middleham Key Centre. See p.35.
- 19 Nat. Park Guided Walk. See p.7.
- 20 Coach Trip to Ripon. See p.30.
- 20 Little White Bus Trip to Barnard Castle.
See p.2.
- 20 Afternoon Tea, Redmire Village Hall.
2.00pm.
- 21 Bainbridge W.I. meeting. 7.30pm.
See p.27.

- 23 Leyburn Band concert. St. Margaret's,
Hawes. 7.30pm. See p.28.
- 24 Penhill Children's Church Wensley
Village Hall. 9.30am to 11.00am.
- 24 Dalesplay Table-top sale. See p.13.
- 25 Soup and Sweet event noon.
Bainbridge Village Hall. See p.27.
- 25 Bainbridge Sports 6.00pm. See p.32.
- 25 Prayer Fellowship. 7.30pm.
Thornton Rust Mission Room.
- 26 LASS meeting. 7.15pm. **623257**.
Thornborough Hall, Leyburn.
- 27 Upper Dales Family History Group.
Fremington School. See p.37.
- 27 Hawes Youth Club. See p.11.
- 29 Charity Comedy Night
at Hawes Market House. See p.33.
- 30 Quiz Night. West Witton Village Hall.
7.30pm. See p.27.

**Yorkshire Dales Inspire
Award-Winning Designer**

At this year's RHS Chatsworth Flower Show, Chris Myers, an RHS Gold Medal-winning designer and TV presenter from Yorkshire, has designed a garden that reflects the changing landscape of the Yorkshire Dales, as well as highlighting the work of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT).

Chris said: "The highlight of any flower show has to be the Show Gardens and I'm pleased to be producing one at Chatsworth. The garden is to be a real celebration of the Yorkshire Dales with a meadow of wildflowers, a pretty little converted barn complete with cottage garden adorned with herbaceous perennials, lavender and roses all nestled within the surroundings of a native broadleaved woodland."

Entitled 'Hay Time in the Dales', the garden will represent some of the charitable work undertaken by YDMT, including restoring wildflower hay meadows and native broadleaf woodlands, supporting rural heritage skills such as dry-stone walling and encouraging people to appreciate the region's flora and fauna.

The RHS's newest show returns to the magnificent 1,000-acre Chatsworth Estate from **June 6th to the 10th** and is expected to attract around 80,000 visitors.



DCM What's On

All included in museum admission unless stated.

Exhibition

Currently and until July 3rd 'Life and Tradition in the Yorkshire Dales: A Celebration'. Photographs, objects and original research material collected by Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby during the creation of their iconic work.

June Events

- 1 In the Kitchen - Wash Days.
11.00am to 3.00pm. Join us in our traditional farmhouse kitchen where Mrs. H will explain all about wash days in times gone by.
- 3 Traditional Knitting Demonstration.
1.30pm to 4.30pm. Join Dales knitting expert Kate Trusson for a demonstration of traditional knitting with 4 needles and knitting sticks using traditional Dales patterns.
- 7 Cheese, Cows and Dairies.
10.00am to 3.30pm. A guided walk (5 miles) led by historian and vernacular buildings expert Alison Armstrong, investigating the structures and settings of old Dales farmhouses and barns, such as Broadrake, built against limestone scars near Chapel-le-Dale. Meet at Broadrake. Adults £5. Booking essential.
- 14 A visit to a Traditional Dales Farm in Bishopdale.
10.30am to 12.30pm. Meeting at the Manor Farm, Cray. A morning with a local farmer to learn about life and work on a traditional farm, including a walk around the farm. Booking is essential. Limited number of places available.
- 15 Historical Quarrying in the Pennine Dales.
7.30pm. An illustrated talk by Dr. David Johnson on the history of quarrying from the Middle Ages to the present. Free - Donations welcome.
- 17 'Historical Quarrying in the Pennine Dales' Walk.
10.00am to 3.30pm. A guided walk (4miles) led by historian Dr. David Johnson on Abbotside Common looking at flagstone quarries and mines at Stags Fell, limestone quarrying at Shutt Gate and millstone working on Stags Fell. Meet at the cattle grid between Simonstone and the Buttertubs (OL30 SD 865 928). Adults £5. Booking essential.
- 18 'The Shout'.
7.30pm. A humorous and poignant story of everyday rescue folk, celebrating the 50th year of the Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team. All proceeds will go to the Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team and Friends of Dales Countryside Museum. Tickets £10.
- 21 Barns, Booses and Boskins.
10.00am to 3.00pm. A guided walk (4miles) led by historian and vernacular buildings expert Alison Armstrong, examining some of Muker's isolated field barns and hay meadows and a celebration of the remarkable photographs and drawings of Dales farming captured in the 1960s by Marie Hartley. Adults £5. Booking essential.
- 24 A Hay-Rake Making Business at West Mill, Askrigg.
2.30pm For about a century, West Mill at Askrigg was the centre of hay rake making business. This talk will examine the business's history and how rakes were made and used. This talk is given by Shaun Richardson of Ed Dennison Archaeological Services (EDAS) Ltd.



'Unique' Mountain Bike Trail Opens in Swaledale

Local school children – and their parents – were all smiles at the official opening of the 'Swale Trail', the Yorkshire Dales National Park's first 'family friendly' mountain bike trail.

Pupils from Reeth and Gunnerside schools were joined at yesterday's ribbon-cutting event by local B&B owners, contractors and volunteers – as well as an enthusiastic group of riders from Stage1 Cycles in Hawes.

The Swale Trail is a valley bottom route 20km (12 miles) in length between Reeth and Keld, of which 70% is on unsurfaced tracks. It has been designed specifically for young mountain bikers and families who want to ride together.

The project, managed by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA), has cost a total of £221,000, with funding coming from The Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme, Richmondshire District Council's Economic Growth Fund, the YDNPA and the Pennine Trails National Trails Partnership.

YDNPA Head of Access and Engagement, Mark Allum, said: "The National Park has plenty to offer for experienced and fit cyclists, with challenging mountain bike trails and fantastic road cycling. But we've lacked an easier route where people can get started on a bike and where young families can ride together. The Swale Trail changes that. It is a unique facility in the National Park, providing an outstanding opportunity for people to immerse themselves in the iconic landscape of Swaledale. Along the trail, people will also have the chance to discover more about Swaledale's Viking history and the lead miners who left their mark on the valley."

The creation of the Swale Trail has involved considerable construction works to upgrade a number of bridleways and unsurfaced roads. A section of bridleway which had fallen into the river has been diverted, gates have been improved and new fingerposts installed. A new leaflet and pages on the YDNPA's popular www.cyclethedaes.org.uk website have also been produced.

Events in Reeth Memorial Hall

Thursday, June 14th at 8.00pm

Steve Turner sings and plays concertina, cittern, mandolin, banjo and vocals. "The best spot I've seen recently was Steve Turner - total intensive musical focus and a vast serious repertoire" (Nancy Kerr). Tickets are £10 (£12 on the door).

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PC David Cousins was looking flushed and perspiring, as he guarded the door of the Creamery as we arrived for the Indian night in aid of Kim Pollitt's Amala project. Had he been struggling with some riotous patrons, so early in the evening? Perhaps it wasn't going to be a suitable event for staid grannies such as Muriel Guy, Val Ward and myself, and the other mature citizens who mingled with the young trendy of the Dale as they rolled up the hill from Hawes.

The truth turned out to be rather different. Dave had taken a day of annual leave, and had spent it in the Creamery kitchen, toiling over hot poppadom - indeed, 150 poppadoms and vats of chicken korma, chickpea madras and sundry other Eastern delights. No wonder he was glowing, even with the help of his wife Cheryl,

chef Daniel and the kitchen staff, it had been a hard day's holiday; and the Creamery and their staff had given generously of their time and resources.

The food was pronounced delicious and many went back for seconds. Colin Bailey's disco was greatly enjoyed too, although a few grannies were to be seen fading discreetly into the night, as the decibels rose.

Elizabeth Guy, one of the hardest workers, reports that a total of £434 was raised; the treasure chest was won by Bob Facer, and the raffle by Daniel the chef.

Once again the Dale had confirmed the words of the Red Cross lady who recently addressed Gayle Ladies - that Wensleydale, by official statistics, is one of the most generous areas in the U.K. when it comes to supporting charitable causes.

Sylvia Crookes



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Askrigg and District Produce Show

Sunday, August 26th 2:45 pm

Happy Springtide! I hope your garden, if you are lucky enough to have one, is blooming beautifully. It's a fabulous time of the year, particularly after the very late cold spell sent to us from the east. The lovely sunny days we've had have brought everything on quickly and, as always, it starts me thinking about how well the Produce Show will run this year.

We (that is the show committee) hope that you might be sparing some thought as to what you could enter in the show this year. Be it a dressed onion, an item of origami or a Yorkshire Curd Tart, we are ever in your debt for taking the time to grow, make or create something to impress the judges and please the show visitors. Without you, our talented exhibitors, we wouldn't have a show, so thank you for your continuing support. Show schedules should have been hand delivered to those in the areas around Askrigg and Bainbridge. It can be viewed online at www.askriggproduceshow.weebly.com or it is pinned up in Sykes's House and the shop in Sycamore Hall. So please have a look to see if there's something you could enter.

I am particularly keen this year to try and persuade our hard-working mums (oh – and dads but I'm fairly sure I know who it will be) to encourage and support their children to enter

the show. The Children's section of the show is always bright and cheerful and always gives me a great sense of pride in our talented young people. I know the BAWB schools are encouraging our young talent to produce entries which is great.

There are some slight changes to the running of the show this year. This year, the hall will be open on show day from **9:30am to 11:30am** for exhibitors to place their items and judging will take place from **11:30am**. Also, when the show ends, there will be a pause to allow exhibitors to remove their items, time to sell off any unwanted produce and for prize money to be paid out. Only then will the hall be cleared and in an organised and calm way – well, that's the plan...

The show offers a real sense of nostalgia and simple pleasure. I always get so many very positive comments from people at the show saying what a lovely event it is. The show has run since the Second World War and I feel very responsible that it is still running successfully when I am allowed to stand down!

Thank you to every one of you who gives up time to make the show a fantastic event and I look forward to seeing the fruits of your labour on show day.

Mike Dechezeaux, Chairman
Askrigg and District Produce Association
650424

Police Report

It finally feels like summer is on its way and it has been lovely to see the Dales and villages full of visitors. With this brings some of the usual niggles such as parking issues and, my particular pet hate (no pun intended) – dogs being left in cars in warm weather. With regard to parking issues i.e. clear obstruction of driveways and pavements, if a polite word does not do the trick then please do call '101' and we will endeavour to attend.

If you find a dog left in a hot car and you are not able to locate the owner easily, then call the RSPCA Cruelty Hotline on 0300 1234 999 in the first instance noting the registration of the vehicle and its location and they will give you advice on what to do. If you can see that the animal is clearly in distress then please do call '999' as this is an offence of cruelty under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and NYP take this issue very seriously. Bear in mind that a car can become as hot as an oven very quickly, even when it doesn't feel that warm or if the windows are left open. When it is 22 degrees outside, in a car it can reach an unbearable, and potentially

fatal, 47 degrees within the hour.

Please can shop and business owners be aware of counterfeit notes being used in the area. There have been several incidences in nearby towns of counterfeit notes being used for purchases etc. If you have suspicions that these notes are being used by people in knowledge of them being counterfeit or if you simply become aware you may in possession of one (quite innocently I may add!) then do please report it on '101' to us.

The problem of speeding drivers into Askrigg continues to be a matter of concern as vehicles enter the 30mph zone. Please can I remind drivers that this 30mph limit is there for a reason and we will continue to take a hard line approach to speeding drivers.

If you have any community issues or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or PCSO Don Watson 5232 via '101' option 2 (quoting name or collar number) or by e-mail

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Heavens Above

Twilight lasts for most of the night at this time of the year. The sky never gets properly dark and the fainter constellations are often hard to see. Even the brighter ones can be difficult to pick out particularly when the Moon's about. By late evening, however, the three bright Summer Triangle stars – Vega, Deneb and Altair – are well on view high in the south-east. They'll dominate the view south right through until autumn. The familiar shape of the Plough, much less conspicuous, is nicely placed high in the north-west with Leo the Celestial Lion dropping down towards the horizon beneath it. Cassiopeia's 'W' is rather low in the north-east on the other side of the Pole Star. In the west orange-hued Arcturus is the brightest star, standing high above Spica in the constellation of Virgo the Virgin. A fair amount of the low southern sky is filled with the dimmish constellations of Hercules, Ophiuchus, and Serpens the Serpent – the only constellation split into two distinct parts. From a dark rural location, the summer Milky Way is a grand sight sweeping right across the sky from the dense star-clouds of Sagittarius in the south to Perseus over in the north.

We still have the planet Venus as a brilliant Evening Star low in the west straight after sunset. It's with us right through the summer staying above the horizon until almost midnight. Jupiter, just past its best, is a striking object low in the south-west setting around 3.00am. Saturn, a good deal dimmer than Jupiter, is at its nearest for the year this month. It's visible all night long low in the south-east amongst the stars of Sagittarius. Mars rises around midnight and is getting brighter all the time as it heads towards its closest approach to the Earth for 15 years at the end of July.

For a few weeks either side of the Summer Solstice (June 21st this year) you've a good chance of spotting a display of rare silvery-blue noctilucent clouds shining low in the north around midnight. At altitudes of 80-85 km, they're the highest clouds of all and are formed from tiny particles of interplanetary dust coated with ice. Their ghostly strands and filaments catch the Sun's rays long after ordinary clouds have faded into the darkness and are well worth photographing if you can get hold of a tripod to steady your camera. Next month we have a total eclipse of the Moon so - here's hoping for clear skies!

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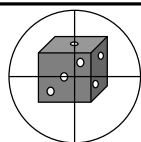
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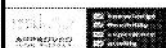
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Our Summer visit will be on **Monday, June 18th** to Wynyard Hall Gardens, where the 300 roses should be in full bloom. If you want more details please contact **Margaret Preston on 650095 or Gill Flowers 666839.**

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Astronomy at The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

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However, in addition to their exam revision, they have been busy completing the coursework component of the course which involves conducting two programmes of observations, one with the aid of a telescope and one without. The coursework reports have now been handed in for marking and as expected they have completed some impressive observations.

Sophie and Amy Neate conducted observations of the lunar surface using the school's Newtonian reflecting telescope, which they had on loan for a few weeks. They observed the moon over different phases to study the movement of shadows across the mountains and maria (seas). They both created some superb sketches which they then used to analyse the proportion of the lunar surface covered in these different features.

Matthew Readshaw, Matthew Foxwell and Abigail Spenceley used their photography skills to create star trail photographs by focussing their cameras on Polaris (the pole star) and exposing the image for approximately 30 minutes – 1 hour. The resulting star trail image is

caused as the Earth rotates on its axis and the students used these photographs to calculate the length of a sidereal day (the length of time it takes the Earth to make 1 full revolution on its axis – 23 hours and 56 minutes). The students' persistence paid off and they all achieved very accurate answers.

Cameron Pirie and Joseph Sunter both used the shadow created by a vertical pole at midday to measure the time of local noon (the time at which the Sun culminates in the sky). They then used the difference between this measured time and Greenwich Mean Time to calculate their longitude to within an accuracy of 1 degree.

All students have worked incredibly hard, giving up their own free time to study a very challenging, but very rewarding subject. As a reward, we will all be going to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester which I am sure they will enjoy.

Andy Wilkinson
Deputy Headteacher

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We have now completely filled the book - with the entries for the last few years having been written by hand by the current PCC secretary, Mavis Fawcett.

We have decided to purchase a new Minute Book to the same specifications as the previous one and in doing so we have taken a leap of faith that Hardraw Church will continue to thrive and serve our community for another 150 years.

Both of these volumes will be kept at The Shepherd's Dwelling in Hardraw for the rest of 2018, along with some other old books found in the church. Anyone who would like to examine them and read about the life of Hardraw Church over the last 150 years should contact **Sue Foster** on **667424** to arrange a viewing.

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The Arts Society, Wensleydale

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and is seen regularly on television, presenting Metalworks: The Knight’s Tale and recently appearing in A Stitch in Time, both on BBC4. A practitioner as well as a scholar, Toby helped found the dangerous sport of modern competitive jousting and regularly participates in major international tournaments.

Toby examines key implications of Richard’s severely curved spine. How could he have worn full armour and fought in three battles? How might his armour have been used to disguise his condition and present him as a powerful warrior? He argues that Richard’s princely armour was to radiate justifications of his right to rule as a king, chosen by God as a wielder of divine power on Earth.

This special lecture, on **Tuesday, June 12th at 2.00pm**, is in Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn. Tickets, including a 2 course lunch, cost £20 and must be booked and prepaid through **Angela Keeble** on **650774**, or email wensleydale@theartsociety.org. Admission on the door for the lecture only is £8. Early booking is strongly advised.

Coach Trip to Ripon

The Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum are running a coach trip to Ripon on **Wednesday, June 20th** to see three museums and the cathedral.

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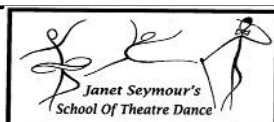
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We charge an entry fee to cover the cost of e.g. hiring several village halls, provision of food and drink, transportation for anyone dropping out through injury or fatigue and first aid at the finish. After the event our intention is to use any surplus funds to make a donation to St Gemma's Hospice in Leeds. We anticipate around 200 people entering the event and over 100 have already signed up.



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Bainbridge Sports

When Bainbridge Sports committee heard of the change of date for Hawes Gala, they feared that Taylors Amusements would not be coming to the village this year, as they have always moved on from Hawes for the Monday night engagement.

However, they have good news; Taylors are coming with roundabouts for the young ones of the village and it's hoped that others from round about (sorry for the pun) will come and enjoy the evening too.

The Sports begin at **6.00pm on Monday, June 25th** with children's races, and then there will be the fancy dress, for young and old, and the fair, as stated, will be there and as usual Hawes Band will play during proceedings.

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Sarah Deane, project officer at YDMT, said: "Many of our recent grants have been awarded to school-based groups, but I would really welcome applications from any young people, including youth groups and community groups who may have ideas to benefit the wider community. Please get in touch if you'd like to chat about your ideas – I'd love to help you make a difference in your community."

Grants of between £50 and £1000 are available to cover up to 100% of the cost of running events, meetings or workshops on environmental issues in local communities, or to purchase resources for practical environmental work that will improve the local natural environment.


The next deadline for applications for the Youth Environmental Action Fund is **Monday, June 4th**. To find out more please visit www.ydmt.org/action-fund or ring **01524 251002** to contact **Sarah Deane at Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust** or email sarah.deane@ydmt.org.




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Wensleydale Music & Theatre Group Panto News

Hello from Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group. You may think that spring has only just sprung, the evenings are still drawing out and thoughts are on all sorts of summer events yet to come. Well WMTG are already thinking well ahead, beyond the summer, to the next pantomime. This year we will be performing that giant of a traditional panto – Jack and the Beanstalk.

The initial read through, auditions and casting will take place from **7.30pm Tuesday, July 3rd and Wednesday, July 4th and Tuesday, July 10th and Wednesday, July 11th** at GTec on the Industrial Estate, Hawes. Rehearsals then start in earnest on **Tuesday, September 4th**. If you are interested in being part of the show on stage, or if you would like to get involved with the set building, painting, or costume making, then please come along or get in contact with us. New members are always welcome. For everyone simply looking to attend the pantomime please make a note in your diary, performances in The Market House, Hawes are at **7.30pm, Tuesday, November 27th to Friday, November 30th** with an additional performance at **2.00pm on Sunday, December 2nd**.

If you have any questions about this year's production, or would like to express interest in becoming involved then please contact this year's director, **Amy Cockett (phone 666140)** or via email amycockett@outlook.com. You can keep abreast of what we are up to on our website <https://www.wensleydalemtg.co.uk/> and you should also keep an eye out for our 'grow a bean' competition and see if you can grow a bean long enough to win a prize.

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After the lead mines closed in the late 1890s Swaledale turned to tourism. By the early 1900s writers like May Sinclair (1863-1946), inspired by the landscape became regular visitors. Between 1914-18 she rented a cottage in Reeth and wrote two novels there The Three Sisters (1914) and her autobiographical May Olivier (1919).

This talk will explore Sinclair's fascination with the local landscape and how she used it to examine attitudes to women. Sinclair was an internationally famous novelist, poet and local historian, a pioneer of psychological analysis and a suffragist. The talk is by Dr Helen Bainbridge, curator of the Swaledale Museum, Reeth, a freelance exhibition curator and the President of the Wensleydale Arts Society.

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

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Additional to all the scheduled Monday evening matches we had the first round of the League Cup on **Thursday, May 24th**. The winners move on to the second round which will be played on **June 21st**.

As previously stated it is our aim to promote the game of Quoits throughout the Dales developing both the game and friendship. Should any individual wish to join a team or if any pub, club or organisation would like to enter a team for the 2019 season please contact **Stephen Mason (Chairman) on 07826 716146**.

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A total of 36 projects – benefitting local communities, business and wildlife – received a total of £175,000 from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) in the past financial year, an annual summary has shown. The SDF is available again this year, with the same budget, and applications are now being invited.

Projects do not have to be state-of-the-art to win funding: two of the more recent awards have been for car parking. In Thornton Rust in Wensleydale, the car park in the Outgang was upgraded with the help of a SDF grant of £3,740. In Sedbergh, the parking area to the north of St Andrew's Church was enhanced with the help of £2,500 from the SDF. Grants typically were in the thousands of pounds, but several smaller requests were met, including £466 for the restoration of a historic cobbled road ford near Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

The Park Authority's SDF officer, Andrea Burden, said: "Uplifting stories lie behind each of the grants. Many of the applicants are working for the good of their community – and it has been rewarding to see how a bit of help from the SDF can go a long way. I'd like to thank all the 2017/18 applicants and urge anyone with a new project idea to get in touch; the SDF might be able to assist getting the project off the ground."

Several applications for the 2018/19 funding pot have already been received, but more would be welcome. Enquirers can get in touch by phone **652337** or by using the SDF email address – SDF@yorkshiredales.org.uk. An application form and a set of guidance notes can also be downloaded online at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/living-and-working/sdf.



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Notes from Thorney Mire

Spring

I wish we had done the R.S.P.B. bird count in April rather than January. It would have made far more interesting reading. We could have added a tree creeper and siskins to name but two and where have all the goldfinches come from? Ten were seen in one count. A male reed bunting came and surveyed the bird feeders then flew away. The following day it returned and decided to sample what was on offer. It then became a regular visitor. It was later joined by a second male and a female and they also visited for several days. They can be adulterous birds, half the chicks in the nest may not be fathered by the female's mate. Reed buntings favour wetlands but come into gardens when food is scarce and the weather is bad. Ours appeared after the cold snowy weather. They are on the amber list as there has been a severe population decline since the 1970's due to egg failures and a poor survival rate of fledglings. A female redpoll also came to the feeders. We think it was a redpoll rather than a lesser one as it was chaffinch size. It certainly wasn't an arctic redpoll even though the weather was cold enough. We have swallows nesting both on the front and the back of the house and a mistle thrush nest building in a conifer in the front garden. It's six years since I heard a cuckoo at Thorney Mire but I heard one this morning on May 13th.

On one of those rare occasions when it is warm enough to sit outside and eat breakfast, I heard a funny noise I didn't recognise. Looking to my left I saw a pair of red legged partridge walking one behind the other, marching along the wall making a noise that sounded like a steam train having difficulty going uphill. It was a comical sight.

A white blob seen at a distance in the wood turned out to be the rear end of a roe deer. This single deer has now been seen on several occasions especially in the fields surrounding the house. It doesn't run away, but looks at us and carries on grazing. In the latest squirrel survey only one squirrel was caught by the camera but, in another part of the wood three squirrels have been seen together, two of which were babies. Unfortunately we have had a

fatality as one squirrel was killed on the road. On a lighter note, a young red squirrel came into the courtyard and positioned itself in a bed of mint. It sat there for fifteen minutes or so hoovering up what the birds had dropped from the feeders. Having cleared one pot, it moved into the apple mint and set to work clearing that. It then returned to the wood feeling full and smelling very minty.

In Charles Dickens's book David Copperfield, the eponymous hero describes the place where he was born. The house was called Rookery on account of abandoned rooks' nests being found in the grounds and he also describes the wind blowing through the elm trees. For some reason I always thought this sounded sinister. I never dreamed that I would live within a few hundred yards of a rookery, but now that I do, it's not sinister at all, just NOISY especially when the young hatch. You can add to that the bleating of the sheep, the call of the curlew, the pheasants' raucous calls, chaffinches going full throttle and swallows twittering on the wires just because you have the audacity to want to weed your garden and just for good measure the R.A.F. flying overhead. So, if anyone says to you that they would like to live in the countryside because it's quiet, just send them up to Thorney Mire in the Spring.

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