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The BIG Launch - UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition

We are inviting entries for our new competition for local children aged 7-11. We want you to write a story about **the environment** to be published in this newsletter. We want you to be as creative as possible with your story. It could be set in the future or be about an environmental superhero, it could be about a local issue affecting your life or be about environmental concerns for the planet. It could be funny or serious, a horror or mystery story as long as it has an environmental theme. You could write from your own or perhaps an animal's point of view. It's totally up to you and your imagination.

Your story must be between 300 and 500 words and be emailed to uwnlinput@gmail.com by **Friday, October 31st**. There are two age categories; 7-9 and 10-11 year olds. You could win £50 and a trophy as well as book vouchers and the Alan Watkinson Memorial Trophy for your school. You could become a published writer as winning stories will appear in the February edition of the Newsletter which is read by over 1,500 people! We will also be inviting our winners to be young Newsletter correspondents for a year. The rules, prizes and how to enter are detailed below. Our local primary schools will be encouraging children to enter and can help with advice and access to computers etc.

The award winning local author and poet, Ann Pilling, is our judge who told us "I will be looking for really good stories that have a beginning, middle and end, for colourful words and unusual ideas that make me sit up and take notice". Happy writing and we can't wait to read your stories.

Prizes

- The winner in each age group will receive a £50 book voucher and a trophy to keep.
- The runners up in each age group will receive a £25 book voucher and a certificate.
- The winning stories will be published in the February edition of the UWNL.

- The winning children will be invited to be correspondents for the Newsletter for a year.
- The winning children's school in each age group will hold the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield (for 7-9 or 10-11yr olds) for 1 year and receive a £100 book voucher.

How To Enter

- Write your story – it must be type written and between 300 and 500 words long (your school can help you with access to computers and email).
- Email your entry to uwnlinput@gmail.com.
- Ensure your name, age, name of your school, email and postal addresses are included on your work (otherwise we can't enter your work into the competition).
- Entries need to reach us by **Friday, October 31st 2018**.

Rules

- Only one entry per person. The story must be your own original work and you must have your parent/guardian's permission to enter.
- Entrants must be 7-11 years old at the time of entering and resident in the UWNL area.
- Stories must be between 300 and 500 words on the theme of "*the environment*" and reach us by **Friday, October 31st 2018**.
- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The winners and runners-up will be notified by email by **December 1st 2018**.
- The UWNL reserves the right to publish any story entered into the competition.

Guest Editorial

There's a story writing competition in this month's issue and although it's for juniors I'm going to give it a go. Oh yes, and in case you're wondering, this is a true one.

If you created a miniature English village from a modelling kit, Askrigg primary school would be in the box. Stone-built in the 1930s, perfectly proportioned and unpretentious, it lies alongside the main road running from Askrigg to Bainbridge.

In front of the building is a tarmac playground, marked out for various games, with giant, brightly-coloured pencils for running round, a little shed for sheltering in, and a seat for sitting on when you're tired. In front of all this is a lush, green playing field, separated from the road by a low stone wall, some trees and bushes, a bug 'hotel' and a small pond.

There's a tennis court - sorry MUGA (multi use games area) - to the right as you look towards the road and the rolling green hills, which form the perfect backdrop to this rural idyll.

The children - around 35 of them - love it. The parents and teachers love it and the villagers who pass it every day on their way to the gym, or to play tennis, or walking the dog, also love it. Though we know in our heads it belongs to the Yorebridge Education Foundation, in our hearts we feel it's ours: a shared facility, part of what we might even call, rather pompously, the rich tapestry of village life.

It's warm and welcoming, and out of school hours it's available for all.

First and foremost, of course, it's a place of learning: the children find out about other countries and cultures very different from their own. They learn about ancient Egypt and modern India, celebrate Chinese New Year, the Jewish Hanukkah, the Muslim festival of Eid. Things that their grandparents who'd gone to the self-same school in the '50s and '60s hardly heard about, let alone celebrated.

This summer the school was the base for a group of asylum seekers enjoying a day in the dales. People whose life journey had often been

traumatic: from Syria and Yemen, Georgia, Albania, Azerbaijan and the Congo. Families whose lives had been torn apart by violence and bloodshed, who no longer felt safe in their own country and had fled in fear of their lives.

Children shared toys and green spaces, played in the wildflower meadow nearby, walked to the river in the hot sun, saw James the farmer shearing a sheep, fed the hens and stroked a friendly sheepdog. It was, like many things that happen there, a real community event. Everyone joined in.

Then, one day, out of the blue, a letter went out to say a fence was going to be built: not just a little wooden one, but a six-foot high job made of strong green mesh, enclosing the lovely school field on three sides. Two reasons were given: to stop the children "absconding" (a good choice of word, thought some, considering it would make the place look more like a prison than a school) and to prevent "intruders." That's people on the outside: people like you and me.

And so it is that three dangerous ideas are planted in young and impressionable minds: if life is so bad you want to run away it's a fence, not talking things through with a caring adult, that you need: that keeping people out, instead of welcoming them in, should be the norm: that it's physical barriers, not knowledge and understanding, that will keep you safe in what is, by and large, a wide and wonderful world.

Betsy Everett

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How Are Your Vocal Chords?

Whether they are in fine fettle or could do with a bit of limbering up, we'd like to invite you to come and have a sing with the Swale Singers when we start our autumn term on **Sunday, September 2nd**.

It's a really good time to join us. We have a new musical director, Peter Stallworthy, and a new regular accompanist, so you won't be the only new kid on the block if you turn up on **2nd September**. We'll make you very welcome, you can have a good sing and hopefully you'll decide to join us each week. We meet on Sundays from 3-5pm in the United Reformed Church in Low Row, ten minutes from Reeth.

We'll be starting to practise for our winter concert - seasonal pieces by Britten, Finzi and Vaughan Williams - which is on **December 1st** at St Andrew's church, Aysgarth. And we'll also be looking at some Italian opera choruses in preparation for our Italian night on **October 27th at 7.30pm** in Reeth Memorial Hall. We won't necessarily expect you to sing with us at the Italian evening, unless you're really keen to, but whether you join in the singing or not it will be a good night out with lots of Italian music, and an Italian-themed meal. You'd be hard-pressed to find a better bargain at just £15. You don't have to be a potential new choir member to join us on **October 27th** - everyone is welcome to come along, eat and listen.

Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, What's On dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:- All 01969 numbers.

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



Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was with Class 3 of Hawes School on page 39 and the winner of the £10 prize is eagle eyed Chloe Cumpstone of Bainbridge who will receive £10.

Where am I now? To enter for the £10 prize, please include your postal address if replying by email by the deadline of 18th September.

Tickets in advance from Muker Tearooms, Reeth Post Office or **Andrew Bedford on 01748 886974** or email andrew@bedfords.me.uk or swalesingers@swaledale.org.

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DWP Awareness Month

On each of the Tuesdays in September we will be holding informal drop in information sessions at the Community Office, Hawes from **10.00am - noon** to illustrate what help is available.

4th Self employment; **11th** Health conditions;

18th Benefits; **25th** Career pathways,

Ranger's Report

Last month, in the sunny and dry conditions, the northern ranger team - with help from other rangers from around the National Park and our Dales Volunteers - undertook surfacing and drainage works on the Cam High Road above Burtersett. This is on part of the Roman Road that ran from Lancaster to Bainbridge.

The route is designated as a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT), which means that walkers, cyclists, horse riders/carriages, and motorised vehicles can use the route - as long as they are road legal, taxed and insured.

We have surfaced several eroded sections from Wether Fell heading east towards Four Lanes End with limestone aggregate. Once we completed the Roman Road, we moved on to repair Busk Lane above Bainbridge, working down from the junction with the Stake Road back to Carpley Green Farm.

Two recreational user organisations have made a contribution towards the funding of the works - The Green Lane Association and the Trail Riders Fellowship (North Yorkshire and Teesside group).

Since my last report, Rangers and Dales Volunteers have been maintaining the public rights of way network throughout the area. Paul Sheehan - Access Ranger for Lower Wensleydale & Coverdale - and his team of volunteers have completed numerous signposts and repairs. This includes replacing two stiles with hand gates below Swinithwaite, a new flight of steps and hand gate at Castle Bolton, and removing a redundant boardwalk in Walden.

Paul has also assisted rangers in the Three Peaks area with a helicopter lift of materials on to Pen-y-ghent. When not maintaining paths, he has been assisting in monitoring hen harriers within the National Park.

James Firth - Access Ranger for Upper Wensleydale - has been working with a group from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to add a fine top dressing of gravel to the red squirrel viewing area and access footpath in Snaizholme. James spent most of last month sitting in a digger levelling aggregate and excavating drainage channels on the BOAT project mentioned earlier.

If you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or open access land, please contact either **Access Rangers Paul Sheehan (Lower Wensleydale & Coverdale) on 01969 666226 or James Firth (Upper Wensleydale) on 01969 666225, or myself on 01969 662912.**

Nigel Metcalfe

Area Ranger – Wensleydale & Coverdale

Charity Open Day at the Vets

We wanted to take the opportunity to remind everyone about our open day and charity pet show at Bainbridge Vets Ltd, Station Surgery, Askrigg on **Saturday, September 1st from 11.00am-2.30pm**, everyone is welcome. We will be having guided tours of the facilities, tombola, a raffle and a cake stand with tea and coffee. There will be other fun competitions on the day.

The pet categories (from noon) are:

1. Best Pup (under 12 months)
2. Best Veteran (over 10 years)
3. Prettiest Bitch
4. Handsomest Dog
5. Waggiest Tail
6. Fancy Dress
7. Best Trick
8. Sausage retrieve
9. Open class (any pet)
10. Dog of the day

There will be an agility class and a dog race. We are doing it as a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Care. We would love to see as many as possible.

Davinia Hinde

Hawes Christmas Lights
are doing the refreshments
for **Hopper's Auction Sale on**
Saturday 1st September.
Any offers of help will be
much appreciated

Heavens Above

Autumn arrives this month with the nights getting longer than the days after the Equinox on **September 23**. There's a seasonal change in the evening sky too, with the summer star groups beginning to slip westwards away from easy view. The three bright Summer Triangle stars are still conspicuous in the south-west but by mid-evening towards the middle of the month the main constellation of autumn, the Great Square of Pegasus is very prominent high in the south-east. The Plough languishes low in the north which means the 'W' of Cassiopeia (on the opposite side of the Pole Star) lies almost overhead. Nearby flying along the line of the Milky Way is Cygnus the Swan. Often called the Northern Cross due to its large cruciform shape, it's one of the finest constellations in the sky, well worth exploring with binoculars. Later on in the evening the lovely Pleiades star cluster climbs into view lying well above the north-eastern horizon by midnight – a sure sign of chillier nights to come.

Filling a large sector of the southern sky you'll find a raft of dim star patterns often dubbed the 'Celestial Water' because of their aquatic associations – Pisces the Fishes, Aquarius the Water Carrier, Cetus the Whale, and Capricornus the Sea-goat. None of them are particularly distinctive. If you've a really clear horizon to the south you might just catch sight of Fomalhaut, the southernmost of the first-magnitude stars, very low in the constellation of the Southern Fishes.

Venus' lengthy stint as an Evening Star comes to an end this month. You can still catch it at the beginning of September low in the west after sunset, but by the month's end it's disappeared into the twilight. To the upper left of Venus you'll find the largest planet, Jupiter, a striking object still at magnitude minus 1.9. It stays with us until early November. Much dimmer Saturn is down in the south-west where it sets around 11pm. The Red Planet, Mars, a brilliant orange spark at its closest back in July, fades rapidly this month from magnitude minus 2.1 to minus 1.7. You'll find it low in the south amongst the stars of Capricornus the Sea-Goat.

It's the Harvest Moon this month.

Traditionally it's the Full Moon closest to the Autumn Equinox so it falls on **September 25** this year. Its huge golden-yellow disc is always a beautiful sight as it slowly heaves above the eastern horizon at sunset just before 7.30 pm. Well worth taking a look at. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Reeth Memorial Hall Events

Thursday, September 13th – RANT – Scotland's top chamber-folk quartet. Bethany & Jenna Reid, Lauren MacColl and Anna Massie - 4 of Scotland's finest fiddle players and entertainers, two from the Shetland Islands and two from the Highlands. "Sheer class" (The Herald). Tickets £15 (£17 door).

Friday, September 28th - Emily Smith & Jamie McClennan. Emily is twice Scots Singer of the Year and has one of the most gorgeous and distinctive voices you will ever hear. TV appearances include Transatlantic Sessions, Songs of Praise, Hogmanay Live and Santer, "Bursting with joy & talent" (The Telegraph). "Beautiful country-folk" (Americana UK). Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Tickets available from Reeth Post Office or phone **John Little (01748 884759)** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk - tickets half price for under 16s.

Gregorian Chant Workshop

A day of Gregorian Chant is taking place at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg on **Saturday, September 15th**. This will be the seventh time this very popular event has taken place in Askrigg and, once again the tutor is Philip Duffy, Associate Director of The Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge and former Choir Master of Liverpool Roman Catholic Cathedral.

The cost for the day is £15, which includes tuition and music, and the day will end with a service of Vespers, open to everyone. This workshop is the only time you are likely to hear the Chant in Askrigg, despite the fact it was a regular feature of services in the past. This is a day full of fun and no experience is necessary. If you would like to take part, please contact **MaryRose Kearney on 01969 650880**.

September Competition

This month's competition shows a list of words from which the first and last letters are missing. The same letter starts and ends the word.

Find the letters and identify the words.

As a tie breaker, using as many of the letters identified as possible, make a boy's or girl's name.

As there are many invented or hybrid names around, the judges' decision on the winner will be final!

- 1 -ERO-
- 2 -ENDE-
- 3 -HROA-
- 4 -REGAN-
- 5 -UMM-
- 6 -OILE-
- 7 -OMI-
- 8 -ABE-
- 9 -LINI-
- 10 -WIS-

Send in your answers to arrive no later than the deadline of **September 18th** for a chance to win £20 for the charity of your choice. Don't forget to tell us what it is.

August Competition Answers

Find the linking words

- | | | | |
|----|----------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Top | HEAVY | Weight |
| 2 | Hang | ON/UP | Set |
| 3 | Radio | TIMES | Tables |
| 4 | Candle | WAX | Works |
| 5 | Football | PITCH | Perfect |
| 6 | Heavy | METAL | Fatigue |
| 7 | Top | MARKS | Man |
| 8 | Bus | PASS/STOP | Over |
| 9 | Fair | GROUND | Floor |
| 10 | Dinner | JACKET | Potato |
| 11 | Up | FRONT | Wheel |
| 12 | Down | UNDER | Study |

We judged two entries to have 11 out of 12. The lucky winner is Linda Luffman of Sedbergh and her chosen charity is Diabetes UK which will be receiving a cheque for £20.

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What next for Hawes Community Fields?

The Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreation Association charity, which owns and is responsible for Hawes Community Fields, held an open meeting at the NASH on 5 July, in order to gauge the public's views on the Fields. About 25 people attended and there was a lot of enthusiasm for improving facilities at the Fields. A 10-member working committee was set up to investigate the possibilities, with the main aspiration being to build a 'Community Pavilion' with changing rooms, toilets, kitchen and function room – and make the area around it attractive. The pavilion would be for use for all the community, for events and meetings, as well as for Hawes football club men and juniors and the annual events such as the bash and the gala.

The idea would be to site a pavilion roughly where the BMX hardstanding is, so that it looked west onto the main field, east to the football pitch and north to Stag's Fell. This area is already allocated in the Local Plan for a "Community Sports and Recreation Facility". However, the idea hinges on changing the main access point to the Fields from Brunt Acres Road to Old Station Yard. Negotiations are underway with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, which owns the Old Station Yard car park as well as the embankment beyond the gate at the bottom of the car park, regarding formal access and a parking agreement.

What else has happened? The working committee has met once for a general discussion; the committee has also gone on a Little White Bus evening excursion to Harmby

sports pavilion and Wensley Village Hall to learn lessons; an on-site pre-application planning advice meeting has been held with YDNPA planners; a local architect has generously donated an indicative zonal plan of the Fields and is working on an indicative sketch of what the pavilion could look like; and a Facebook page has been set up for the publication of information and minutes and drawings, as well as an email address.

As soon as an outline agreement can be reached with the YDNPA on access and parking, the Uwsra will kick off a public consultation exercise. So look out for a questionnaire coming through your door in the backend. After the consultation, proper plans can be drawn up and fundraising can begin.

Re-walling the boundaries of the Fields is another main aspiration.

For background information and photos, and minutes of meetings, please visit the Uwsra Facebook page (if you are on social media): <https://www.facebook.com/uwsra/>.

The new email address is

uw-sportsrec@outlook.com.

Andrew Fagg

Uwsra working committee

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Down on the Farm

The 2018 lambing season was difficult on many levels for our farmers. The cold, exceptionally wet autumn and winter was followed by snow and bitter easterly winds. The “Beast from the East” aptly named, blew in resulting in unusually deep snow drifts. If at all possible, farmers brought their sheep due to give birth into sheds to protect them from the severe conditions. Once the lambs arrived safely they were moved into individual pens where hay, sheep nuts and water are provided for a few days. Then, when the lambs are stronger and feeding well they are able to go out into the fields to allow space for new arrivals. The icy cold weather continued into March which stopped the new grass growing. This meant that extra feed was needed to keep sheep in good condition so they are able to produce sufficient milk for their lambs. We were lucky, we had silage, some of which was four years old, and hay to feed to our sheep but we had to buy extra sugar beet and sheep nuts. Many farmers have had to deal with greater losses of sheep and lambs this spring due to the severe wintry weather. We heard that one farmer found some of his sheep had died because they had been frozen to the ground, poor things!

It's now mid July, such a different year for

weather. We have now experienced the longest dry spell since the 1972 summer. Recently the dale has completely changed. Every farm has been able to gather silage and more importantly good quality hay this month. We literally went from “soggy” to “parched” in a matter of weeks. Yields are down due to the poor grass growth in March/April and early mowing to take advantage of the good weather, but quality hay and silage are now stored and second cuts may be possible in late summer, again dependant on the weather.

It's so noisy outside my kitchen and it's just 7.00am. The contract shearers are coming today. Sheep with their lambs are in all the fields surrounding the house ready for their annual clip. Sheep are separated from their lambs temporarily and when shorn the lambs don't always recognise their mothers. During this hot spell sheep have been taking advantage of any shade during the heat of the day, so I'm sure they will feel much better without their coats on! We've had some unexpected rain overnight so now shearing has been slightly delayed to allow the sheep to be blown dry again by the convenient breezy conditions. It would take so much longer with a hair drier! The first rain for weeks is very welcome for farmers, gardeners and water companies, but more is needed to really make a difference. I've really enjoyed a summer with unlimited sunshine, the best one for over 40 years. I think we all deserve one after the winter we've experienced.

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Wensleydale Concert Series - busy September!

In September we have two concerts. The first is at 3pm on **Sunday, September 9th in Carperby Village Hall**. This is our first Sunday afternoon concert and we plan to have tea and cakes for the interval. We were supposed to have a first afternoon concert last March but the snow caused a cancellation (that concert is now on **Nov 4th**).

We are really pleased to welcome

back the New World String Trio who, in 2016, gave a wonderful concert in Bainbridge. Andy Long is a superb violinist but also brings a ready Yorkshire wit to the proceedings, his wife Zoe plays cello and the viola comes from local Ripon based musician Katie Stables. This will be a wonderful afternoon of string music from three brilliant musicians who also perform at Opera North.



The second concert is on **Saturday, September 29th at St Andrew's Church Aysgarth at 7.30pm**. This is a fund raising concert and we are very grateful to welcome back Daniel

Grimwood, piano, and Fenella Humphreys, violin. Both have generously agreed to support the concert by playing without a fee. Daniel needs no introduction - this will be the fourth time he has played for us in various roles and Fenella's third time. They first appeared in Wensleydale together in an astonishing and brilliant concert. Since her last visit Fenella's "Bach to the Future" Recordings were awarded 2018 Instrumental Recording of the Year by BBC Music Magazine. In this concert they are also joined by flautist Michael Cave and on cello Carol Haynes (my debut concert). The concert includes Hummel's chamber arrangement of Mozart's popular Piano Concerto in D Minor plus a lot more.

Tickets for both concerts are available by phone **0333 666 3366** or via the website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

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Prunings

I am writing on the "Glorious Twelfth". This year it falls on Sunday and so will be held on the thirteenth, except that locals tell me many moors have less birds, and it may not be a very glorious start to the season. Grouse of course are not artificially reared and so if the few that have survived this strange time are shot, there will be even less next year.

I had always fancied having a raised bed, and my other half has excelled himself and constructed one. He has used 8"x4" tanalised timbers which look very much like sleepers, without the creosote which is not helpful to plants. We shall cover the surrounding area with gravel on a membrane and hopefully the whole thing will be fairly low maintenance. I now have to decide how to fill it! I have a couple of Monkey Puzzle trees in pots and the other half suggested we might use one of those. I think perhaps he does not realize how big they can grow if planted in the ground. Araucaria Araucana, or the Chilean Pine is an unusual and handsome tree, but it can reach more than a metre in girth and 30 to 40 metres high. I wouldn't want to leave that for my descendants to deal with. I need to put him off gently.

It's not the most appropriate time to be planting up a new bed. I shall want some bulbs in it for the Spring, but that is a job for late September. In the meanwhile I'd like some colour for the rest of the year. I think it best not to attempt a permanent planting for now.

In the Sunday Times Anna Pavord had some interesting suggestions on the bulb front and I must try to get hold of a few. I had imagined Agapanthus would be impressive, but they like their roots to be congested, and so work better in a pot. Ms Pavord recommends a Tritelia which sounds as if it may give a similar splash of colour. Garden News has its first big spread on bulbs to plant soon this week, so there are lots to choose from. The main thing for me to be aware of is the wind. The horizontal weather that is the norm up in the dales means that whatever I plant in this raised bed will need to be tough, and not too tall. I have earmarked a few shrubs to put in along the side of the south wall. These will break up the wind and provide

a little privacy. It can be a bit intrusive when the footpath runs almost straight past the front door.

One of the amazing bonuses of this hot dry summer has been the absence of midges, which usually attack me unmercifully, and the non appearance of the greenfly which are normally eating my roses. My favourite climber "Compassion" has been, and still is glorious. I have bought two new ones for the house wall - "Pink Perpetue" and "Penny Lane". I hope they are as successful.

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

Rose Rambler

Wensleydale Society

The Society meets again in October, until then the monthly walk programme continues and the Secretary is taking bookings for a trip to the Mouseman Museum, Kilburn & Ampleforth Abbey on **Wednesday, September 19th**. Guided tours of both the museum and Abbey Church are included. The coach leaves Leyburn at **9.30am** and the cost is £22. The trip is open to non-members, please telephone the Secretary on **01969 624246**. Membership of the Society is £5 per year.



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Graham Di Duca

Quoits News

The middle of August sees the Dales Quoits League nearing the end of the season with only one game fixture left to play.

I am pleased to say the season has run smoothly with, I think, all players enjoying their Monday evenings stood around with a drink in their hand, the sun on their faces and beautiful views of the Dales at every location. At this point the leader board for each division is:

Division 1 1st with 76 points are Kirkby Malzeard "A"; 2nd with 65 points are Middleham Quoits Club who have a postponed game to play before the end of the season. It looks as though it will be a closely fought finish for the top position.

Division 2 1st with 88 points are the Dalesman Club Leyburn; 2nd with 66 points are The Fox & Hounds "A" team, West Witton. This could be a close finish for second place as they are only 5 points ahead of the 5th placed

team.

We will give the final results in the last report of the season in September.

As always anyone interested in playing for a team or putting a team together for the 2019 season please contact **Steve Mason (League Chairman)** on **01969 662743; 07826716146; 07803519848** or email: Stephen.mason@william-rowland.co.uk

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Ash Dieback Hits the Park

Ash dieback disease has spread “phenomenally quickly” right across the Yorkshire Dales National Park, hitting its most treasured and ancient woodlands, the Park Authority’s Senior Trees and Woodlands Officer, Geoff Garrett, has said.

Infected young ash trees – with branches bare against the summer sky – can be seen on roadside verges all around the Park, as well as in woodlands, only six years after the first case of ash dieback was confirmed in the UK. The Garsdale road west of Hawes has been particularly badly affected. Ancient semi-natural woodland covers about 1% of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. About 80% of this woodland is made up of ash, making it the iconic tree of the Dales. The National Park Authority has responded to the spread of ash dieback by removing ash from all tree-planting schemes. There is currently no cure for the disease.

Geoff Garrett said: “The confirmed arrival of ash dieback disease in 2012 prompted a spate of news coverage but many people won’t have heard much about it since then. I think it’s important to raise awareness of how quickly the disease has spread. Ash is the dominant tree in the Park’s ancient woodlands, supporting a very special cohort of plants and animals. Over the next 20 years the disease is going to have a devastating impact, so much so that ash will likely become relatively minor in the landscape. Mature trees will take decades to die, but young trees are being killed off very quickly. There is little we can do to tackle the disease itself, but there is a lot we can do to manage the decline of ash trees by making sure that the spaces they leave are filled by other native trees. “My expectation is that some ash trees will be resistant to the disease. Important research is being carried out, not least by the Forestry Commission, to try to identify and develop ash trees that are most tolerant to the disease.”

For further information and photos see the blog: <https://blog.yorkshiredales.org.uk/so-quick-the-unstoppable-spread-of-ash-dieback-disease/>

Gilbert Haygarth and Family

would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards, gifts and good wishes on **Gilbert’s 80th birthday**. Special thanks to the White Hart for a lovely meal.

Bainbridge Women’s Institute

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

At the meeting on the **20th September** Lynn Hobson will be coming to tell us about “Women in Parliament”.

Bainbridge WI has a number of other activities such as a book club, lunch club and various craft workshops.

Why not come along and join us and find out more?

Gill Flowers

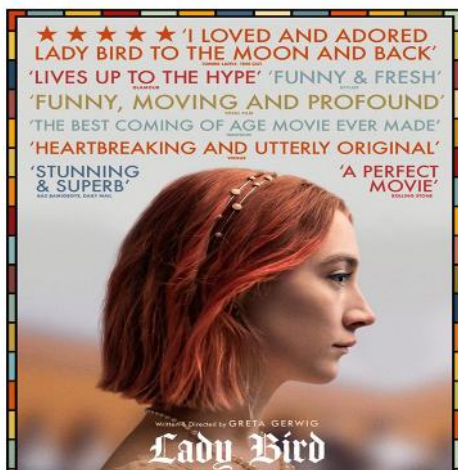
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Wensleydale School and Sixth Form News

This month, we are delighted to share the news of the achievements of three of our past Sixth Form students.

Steph Mudd (Cubeck) graduated this summer with a first class honours degree in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Sheffield. She was the winner of the Armourers and Brasiers' Medal and Premium for the top student in her graduating class. She has also been nominated for the Royal Charter Prize for the best materials student in the whole country (decision on award in November). Steph is going to work at Saint-Gobain Glass, a multinational high-tech glass manufacturing firm.

Tom Readshaw (Horsehouse) graduated this summer with a first class honours degree in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College London. Tom was the Winner of the Bramwell Medal and Henry Ford II Scholar Award in Mechanical Engineering for finishing as top student in his graduating class. Tom is now going on to do a PhD at Imperial College London in the application of artificial intelligence to combustion modelling.

Finally, George Utley (West Scafton), another ex-Wensleydale student, has graduated with a first-class honours degree in Mechanical

Engineering at the University of Liverpool. George was the head of the University of Liverpool Formula 1 student team, responsible for designing, building and racing a Formula 1 style car around Silverstone race track and also starred in several plays and productions! George is now going to work as a manufacturing engineer.

As a school, we would like to congratulate all three students in their fantastic achievements and wish them well as they begin their exciting new careers.

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There will be special cheese and Yorkshire-produce-based menus, forest school and bushcraft experiences, cheese and wine tasting, visits into the depths of caves, cheese and butter making courses and chef demonstrations – as well as a “Westmorland Wedge” cycle ride, children’s cycle rides, runs and guided walks with a dairying twist to help work up your appetite.

As part of this event there will also be 2 exciting larger festivals taking place; the Cheese Festival at the Wensleydale Creamery on **September the 15th and 16th**. A 2 day celebration of the Dales’ rich cheese making heritage, there will be the opportunity to meet 25 local suppliers, experience butter making, cheese tasting, pairing and grading – there will also be live music, children’s entertainment, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and tempting street food each day. See wensleydale.co.uk.

On **September 22nd** there will be the North’s very first Beer and Beef Festival hosted by the

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I was in a café in Hawes a few weeks ago and someone kindly said to me, "You're not an offcumden now. You are a native". Cheered by this piece of good news I later visited a business along the Neukin and said "Am I a native now?" "No" was the reply "you've got to be here for 30 years". Deflated! But not for long.

In the news recently there were several articles and items lauding the benefits of rural living. They said that living in a village is good for the brain and the body. That is one of the reasons I like living in Hawes. Within a few minutes I can find myself surrounded by green fields and lofty fells where noise and pollution seem a world away.

I enjoy cycling to the small towns and villages to be found within a twelve mile radius. I have enjoyed visits to Grisedale, Cotterdale, Burtersett, Sedbusk and the river scenes around Aysgarth. During my travels one thing has especially struck me - the number of redundant non-conformist chapels, most of which have now been converted to private dwellings.

I shall give you a couple of examples. In Hawes there are two large redundant buildings. Near town foot stands the large empty Methodist church and over the beck there is the art gallery that once was a Congregational church. The problem is - what

to do with them? It would be difficult to make them into private dwellings.

In Gayle there is a small community building that was once a Sandemanian chapel. This small denomination is historically well-known because one of its members was Michael Faraday the noted physicist.

I asked myself 'why are there so many well-constructed stone chapels in the area?' I spoke to Basil Allen and to a lady in the National Park office in Reeth and I soon learned why. In the nineteenth century there were numerous quarries and coal and lead mines in the area which attracted many working-class labourers from other parts of the country. Many of these men were devout Methodists who wanted a proper place to worship. In addition there were many more farm labourers a hundred years ago. Hence the number of non-conformist chapels, starting from about 1835.

Another reason was the enormous changes in agricultural life during the past hundred years. Sixty years ago harvest time lasted weeks and many more folk worked full time in agriculture. On Tuesdays, outside the Market House, numbers of Irish labourers could be seen, hoping to get work in summer months on the local farms. Some of them even slept in a doss house in the Neukin. Many of these seasonal labourers were accustomed to Sunday worship.

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But there is a far more serious reason for all these empty churches and chapels. This is the dramatic decrease of Christian belief and

practice in the United Kingdom. An essay in the The Spectator stated that both Anglicanism and Methodism will hit the buffers by 2065! This will pose massive constitutional and social problems in the future. There is a cultural and existential vacuum in Europe. As Aristotle said - "Nature abhors a vacuum".

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September

- 1 Jazz at Greystones. See p.14
- 1 Charity Open Day at the Vet's See p.4
- 2 Swale Singers autumn term begins. See p.3
- 2 National Park Guided Walk from Hawes. See p.37
- 2 Piers Browne exhibition at The Old School Gallery & Craft Shop, Muker all month. Meet the artist today.
- 5 Muker Show. For info. See, <http://www.farmersarmsmuker.co.uk/muker-show>
- 6 4.30pm to 8.30pm. Arashikage Martial Arts every Thursday in term-time at the NASH
- 7-9 Dancing Down the Dale. See p.25
- 8 Hawes Junction Chapel Harvest thanksgiving. See p.39
- 8 8.30 to 10.45am Ballet with Janet Seymour every Saturday in term-time at the NASH
- 9 Hardraw Brass Band Festival. For info. See <http://www.yhbba.org.uk/hardraw1.html>
- 9 Wensleydale Concert in Carperby Village Hall. See p.9
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- 17 U3A meeting. See p.37
- 19 Penhill Ladies. The Story of a School In the Himalayas. Carperby Institute, 7.30pm.
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October

- 7 Hardraw Church Harvest Festival 3.00pm

Archaeological Dig

The Community Heritage Officer will be leading a 2 week excavation this September as part of the Dairy Days project. The excavation of a stack stand will take place near Hawes between the 10th and 21st of September. No experience is needed as training will be provided in excavation and recording.

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- 2 Blacksmith Demonstration. 10.30am to 4.30pm. Join Stuart Lawrence for a Demonstration in blacksmithing
- 9 Quilting Demonstration. 1.30 to 4.30pm
Join Kate Trusson for a demonstration on quilting. Look at some of the quilts in the collection and to see the methods of making quilts
- 15 1.00 to 4.00pm. Starting at the famous Wensleydale Creamery, will visit the historic milking exhibits at the Dales Countryside Museum, before heading along the Pennine Way on a guided walk to Hardraw. We'll call in at a farm to learn about the history of milking in the National Park and providing milk to the Creamery. Adults £3, under 16s free
- 16 1.00 to 3.30pm. This is a gentle 1½ mile (2.4km) guided walk in search of the Red Squirrels. Join our Rangers searching for signs of

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- 18,20 Taste in Time- Farmhouse Food. 1.30 to 4.30pm. Taste old fashioned Farmhouse food and hear how cheese, butter and oatcakes were made.
- 21 In the Kitchen-Preserves: 11.00am 3.00pm. Join Mrs H who will explain about making and marketing cheese in Victorian times
- 21 Big Dig at Bainbridge: 7.30pm. An illustrated talk by the YDNPA community archaeologist Rebecca Cadbury Simmons about the results from 2017 community big dig at Bainbridge. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free-Donations Welcome

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Police Report

There have been some quite high profile crimes throughout the dale in the last month and so I have detailed below some of the bigger incidences as a reminder to "Call It In!" – any information or suspicions you may have could hold vital information, so please do not think you are wasting police time by reporting suspicious behaviour.

In Hawes overnight on 27th July, the Three Peaks shop was broken into, thankfully the alarm frightened the intruders and nothing was taken.

Leyburn Recycling Depot has been broken into four times in the last four weeks, with several unknown males entering and taking various items, including metal and clothing.

The batteries from the temporary traffic lights at Carperby were stolen overnight on 27th July and a large amount of lead flashing was taken from a roof just outside Wensley sometime between 30th – 31st July.

Overnight on 21st July, two long stretches of stone wall were pushed or knocked down at both Swinnithwaite and West Witton.

The Bolton Arms in Leyburn was forcibly entered overnight on 27th July and a large amount of cash was taken. In a similar incident just the night before this, Keld Lodge was

broken into overnight and the safe was taken, also containing a substantial amount of cash.

There have been two drivers arrested in Wensleydale in the last four weeks for being over the drink drive limit – one was arrested at 9:00am in the morning. Both will be losing their driving licences for a considerable length of time... Just Don't Do It!

Dates for drop-in surgeries throughout September and October are available at Hawes Community Office and Burtersett Institute with the next being **Monday, September 3rd** in Hawes and **Tuesday, September 4th** in Burtersett. Please do feel free to stop by and say hello or to discuss any issues of concern you may have. Many thanks to those of you who completed the 'Tell Julia' online survey on Neighbourhood Policing in the area, I appreciate you taking the time to do this.

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If you are reporting suspicious vehicles/behaviour/incidents, please report this to the Force Control Room on '101'.

PCSO 3744 Lucy Osborn
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Art and Craft Exhibition

The annual Preston under Scar Art & Craft Exhibition will be held on **Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th October from 10.00 am until 5.00 pm** each day in **Preston under Scar Village Hall, DL8 4AJ**. The exhibition will include original paintings and crafts and photography. Entry is free but donations will be welcome for our charity this year which is Marie Curie Cancer Care. Refreshments will be available.

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A Sun Dial for Hawes

Along with most local residents of Hawes I could not help but see one of the black no parking bollards outside the Penny Garth Café looking somewhat forlorn resulting from an altercation with a lorry.

My interest would normally have stopped there, but for my friend Jeannette from East Sussex who mentioned that some bright spark posted a message on the Café's Web forum suggesting that it is in fact the 'Hawes sun dial'!

Perhaps that is not as daft as it seems, after all it is on the sunny side of the street.

Barry Wilcox



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The Parish Office

The Parish Office in Askrigg has now closed, pending the re-development of the property owned by The Askrigg Foundation. Until such time as alternative arrangements are put in place, please contact either Revd Dave Clark (**01969 667553**) or Karen Prudden, Benefice Administrator (**01969 650706**) with church related enquiries.

Hawes and District Gala

We hope that as many of you as possible will join us for our AGM on **Thursday, September 13th at The Fountain Hotel at 7.00pm** where the key points will be changes to the constitution and election of committee.

The full AGM notice will appear on the noticeboard outside The Market House and be available at Hawes Community Office, who will also have a copy of the proposed constitution changes to view.

Lewis Pannell

Book and Equipment Awards

As usual the Newsletter is able to offer an award, this year increased to £500, for the first year at University or equivalent for students following post A level studies. Please note that this award is not limited to books and we have helped fund such diverse items as a sewing machine and professional cook's knives.

Please apply in writing or by email with your postal address which must lie within the Newsletter area (see bottom of the front cover).

Give details of the University or degree-equivalent establishment and say what the course is. If the application is accepted, receipts for relevant books or equipment must be sent in and then the grant will be forthcoming.

Penhill Together Holy Communion Service

Sunday, September 9th at 10.30am

St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar with Revd Canon Barry Pyke, Canon Chancellor of Ripon Cathedral

Dancing Down the Dale

It is 40 years since Wath Morris danced their first tour of Wensleydale and although not strictly an annual event, they have returned to dance on dozens of occasions since. This year they will, for the second time, be based at Bainbridge and will dance down the dale on Saturday and up the dale on Sunday.

Wath Morris who are based in South Yorkshire, are one of the foremost exponents of traditional Cotswold Morris Dances and have danced all across Europe and the UK in their 46 year history but have always loved bringing Morris Dancing to the small and beautiful villages of the dales. They are a voluntary organisation and make annual donations to charities.

This year's tour also includes two evenings of traditional folk music and songs in the Rose and Crown, Bainbridge (**Friday 7th and Saturday 8th September**). Entry is free and local performers are encouraged to come and join in.

The Morris Dances which will be performed over the weekend are ancient dances passed down through families and villages for centuries

and ultimately passed on to Wath Morris over 40 years ago. There will also be the performance of the Flamborough Sword Dance at some of the venues over the weekend.

All events are free and the team are hoping for a good turn-out of visitors at each of the performance venues.

The tour will take in the following:

Friday, September 7th

8.00pm onwards Rose and Crown,
Bainbridge, Informal music and songs

Saturday, September 8th

10.15am Dancing on the Green, West
Burton; **11.00am** Dancing at Middleham
Castle; **Noon** The Foresters Arms, Carlton;
1.30pm Dancing outside the Black Swan
Hotel, Leyburn followed by music and
songs inside; **3.00pm** Dancing at Aysgarth
Visitor Centre; **8.00pm** Rose and
Crown, Bainbridge, Informal music and songs.

Sunday, September 9th

11.00am Dancing at Sycamore Hall,
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Call of Nature Yorkshire - Raydale

The Call of Nature Yorkshire work in the Raydale catchment, run by the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, is nearing completion. Raydale was chosen as an example catchment for the Call of Nature Yorkshire project, due to the predicted widespread use of off-line sewage treatment systems (septic tanks). The aim of the project was to provide a more accurate estimation of the number of households using off-line sewage treatment systems, and their general practices and maintenance, as well as providing guidance and information about septic tanks to residents. As part of the project water quality tests were taken and residents filled out questionnaires regarding the use of off-line sewage treatment systems. Thank you to those who helped us with that.

We received survey responses from 46% of residents in Raydale. Unsurprisingly 96.4% of reporting residents use off-line sewage treatment systems, the majority being septic tanks (71%) though some residents have package treatment plants. Like septic tanks, package treatment plants additionally mix and aerate the effluent, making them more effective

at breaking down waste, allowing outputs to be discharged into watercourses, unlike septic tanks. When asked if they would consider being connected to mains sewage 50% of reporting residents were not interested, with cost being the main prohibiting factor, closely followed by having no issues with current off-line treatment systems. On average households in the area empty their septic tanks every 4.6 years. Although the general advice is for septic tanks to be emptied every couple of years, this will vary with number of residents, water usage and number of household appliances.

The results from the water quality tests were very positive, with the nitrate and phosphate concentrations not exceeding the minimum measurable (0.2 and 0.02 mg/L respectively). This shows that septic tank use in the catchment is not having an effect on the water quality. These water quality results are really good news for the catchment providing evidence that overall septic tanks are well managed at this moment in time so I would like to thank everyone for looking after their tanks so well. Further to this it shows that catchment sensitive farming is successful in minimising the entry of nutrients in the water courses.

I hope that these positive results will raise awareness of the effectiveness and safety of septic tanks, when managed correctly, and the important role they play in rural communities. Further information on septic tanks can be found online at: <http://callofnatureyorkshire.info/> and if you have any further questions about the project and/or our results please contact me emily.brown@ydrdt.co.uk.

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The second concert of the series, on **October 13th**, is by the great pianist Joanna MacGregor. A fine speaker and a fine performer, she'll play a bravura programme of pieces which show off her own technical skills and the capabilities of the Steinway Concert Grand piano.

The rest of the six-concert series is just as

mouth-watering. Details are online at www.rsconcerts.org. or you can request a printed programme at **01748 822640** (answerphone). The season closes in April 2019.

Concerts are at **7.30pm** on **Saturday** evenings. Refreshments are available. Single tickets, mostly at £15, can be bought on line, or at Castle Hill Bookshop in Richmond, or at the door, subject to availability. There's also a money-saving Season Ticket from just £45.

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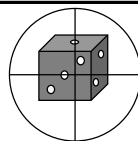
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Burtersett Show Report

Many, many thanks to all those who braved the downpours to come to this year's show on the **29th July**.

We had an unprecedented number of entries in every class this year and the standard was very high making the Judges' task very difficult. Thank you to Heather and Nelson Caplin for opening the Show, judging the classes and presenting all the prizes.

The Under 7's Winner was Olivia Blades, 7 – 10 years Winner was Ellie Fothergill and the 11 – 16 years old Winner was Jack Baldwin. The Overall Children's Cup winner was Olivia Blades and The Adult Cup was awarded to Margaret Bell.

Fell Race winners were George Adams (Under 10 year's boys), Ryan Campbell (Over 10 year's boys) and Anne Halliwell (girls).

The Dog show was won by Charlie (Owned by Pam from Burtersett). Many thanks to Mick from The Pet Shop for donating the Dog Show prizes.

The Egg Throwing Competition was as popular as ever and this year we also had 'Wang a Welly' which was great fun and will be definitely happening again next year.

The Show would not be complete without The Hawes Silver Band to entertain us and as ever they played magnificently.

Thanks to all for your support. Despite the weather it was great to see so many smiling faces.

Annie Sikorska

St Margaret's Summer Fayre, Saturday, July 28th

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a success despite the weather. Especial thanks to all the individuals and businesses who donated raffle and tombola prizes, to residents and visitors who came on the day and to all the workers who helped set it up, man stalls and slaved in the kitchen.

Jane Macintosh

New Owners at the Falls Coffee House and Gift Shop Aysgarth Falls

Welcome to Nicky, Liz and Caleb Tooley who have recently taken over the running of the Falls Coffee House and shop, at Church Bank, Aysgarth.

The family recently moved from Leeds and started trading on May Bank Holiday. The shop which sells local crafts and other interesting items is situated at the rear of the cafe. The cafe and coffee shop has a range of delicious looking homemade cakes, sandwiches and quiches as well as serving coffee, tea and other refreshments.

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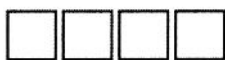
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You'll need to be well-organised, good at working to deadlines and happy to go the extra mile. It goes without saying that you are computer literate (and can help others who are less so), and numerate.

The Festival has a reputation for its informal and friendly style but that has to be underpinned by good organisation and administration on the part of the handful of paid staff and the strong team of volunteers.

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A Familiar New Face at Lodge Yard

Di Horner started in March as the new manager at Holiday Property Bond's Lodge Yard and King's Arms in Askrigg. I caught up with Di in the gardens to see how she is getting to grips with her new post.

Di is a local who many may know from her time working in HSBC in Hawes or as a previous lease holder of the White Hart. Her background is in retail banking, a job that has taken her all over the UK working on projects including PPI and complaint handling.



She now lives in Gunnerside, has a new partner and has recently become a grandmother, so she wanted to find a challenging role based nearer to home. She couldn't believe her fortune therefore when she saw the HPB Manager's job in Askrigg. Until her interview she had never visited Lodge Yard, so getting to know the large site in depth and the Holiday Property Bond Business has been a steep learning curve. Already knowing most of the staff has made the transition easier and Di wants to thank everyone for being amazingly supportive. She is really enjoying working with such a dedicated team who have an excellent reputation for a high standard of customer service, maintenance and cleanliness, regularly being at the top or very



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Lodge Yard is one of the most popular HPB properties so the pressure is on Di to maintain the high occupancy rates and standards whilst constantly improving facilities and services. Di particularly wants to work on developing closer HPB/Village relations. If she can work with local businesses to offer bond holders more activities and ensure they spend their time using local services then everyone wins. If you have a local event or services you would like to promote to bond holders then simply email details to lymanager@HPB.co.uk in plenty of time so information can be put up on the website prior to people's visit and events/courses can be highlighted on notice-boards and at welcome meetings.

The large gardens at Lodge Yard are certainly a wonderful asset, but Di explained "at the moment we are struggling just to maintain them, so we are looking for an experienced gardener to join the team to help develop the gardens further. If anyone is interested then please get in touch". Di hopes that in the future they can open to the public again with carols around the tree at Christmas and perhaps even hold an open garden event next year.

HPB is continually adding to its UK and overseas portfolio which includes the sites at Merlewood in Grange-Over-Sands and at Braithwaite near Keswick. If you want to find out more about HPB and want to have a look around Lodge Yard you are very welcome at the open days coming up on **August 11th, September 18th and October 13th** or call in to reception.

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Great North Air Ambulance Clothes Collection

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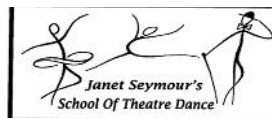
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Hawes School PTFA 2017/2018

What a year it has been for the PTFA!

Once again we been extremely busy fundraising for the children at Hawes Primary School and we thought it would be nice for you all to have a summary of our activities and the benefits to the children this has had.

Fundraising events this year including:

- 2 discos
- silver smarties challenge
- Christmas fayre and raffle
- 100 club
- refreshments at Hopper's sale
- Bags2school.

Because of the hard work of parents and helpers at each of these events it has allowed the PTFA to spend money on:

- KS2 residential coach
- Pantomime snacks
- Christmas sweets
- Easter eggs
- All school trips for each class (normally we can only make a donation towards the trip but this year we have managed to fully fund them all)
- ZOOLAB visit for whole school
- Puppet theatre visit with the Nash
- Year 6 leavers trip

The PTFA also applied for and won Tesco's Bags of Help Grant and 9 new computers have been bought and are being used by children in the school.

We realise that there are more and more groups asking for your support and we are very grateful for the support you have given us this year.

The AGM for the PTFA will be held in September and we welcome all to attend.

If you wish to take a more active role in the PTFA please get in touch with Jemma Hogg, Jane Barrett or Helen Pollard.

Thank you all for your hard work and support of the PTFA, your contributions are greatly appreciated and as you can see the rewards for the children are extensive and hopefully help towards a more diverse learning experience at Hawes Primary School.

Jemma Hogg (secretary)

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We have welcomed a new member of staff to our team; Rachel is a fully qualified play worker with lots of experience working alongside children from 2 years up to 11 years old, including supporting children with additional needs. Many will already know Rachel as her son has been at Dalesplay and she previously worked in Hawes Primary as a teaching assistant. She has settled in really well and the children love her.

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Upper Dales Family History Group

June's speaker was Gill Parkes, an archivist at Durham County Record Office, who had scoured their archive to bring us a vast array of wedding photographs, dating from the 1860s to the 1940s, illustrating all levels of society. As some of the photographs were accompanied by newspaper reports of the ceremonies, it was possible to imagine the colours and fabrics of the clothes and zooming in on the scanned pictures showed trimmings and jewellery in great detail.

Some of the earliest examples were of Quaker weddings, some from well known families, showing their distinctive style of dress and in at least one case accompanied by a later picture of the couple with their children.

The Durham Light Infantry collection had produced a number of photographs of military weddings, many from the times of the two world wars, and many with fascinating, often poignant, stories to go with them.

Moving forward through the decades and with cameras becoming more widely available, as well as grand society weddings, we began to see ordinary working class families, pictured outside terraced cottages or in back yards, dressed in their best for their big day. The

photographs traced the changing fashions for wedding dresses, some of which were grand enough to now be in the Bowes Museum, as well as the bouquets, and the clothes and hats of the guests.

Gill ended her presentation with advice on what to do with our own collections of photographs, stressing the importance of clearly labelling everything with date, place and subject if known (but absolutely not writing on the pictures themselves!) and adding clear instructions as to what should be done with them.

Meetings recommence at **2.00pm** on **Wednesday, September 26**, at Harmby village hall near Leyburn, when the speaker is David Turner on 'Quakers, radicals and mill owners', his research into the Baynes family of Sedbergh, Middleham and Skipton. Non-members very welcome. For more information contact **07432677783**, email: tracy@swaledale.org or see the group's website at: www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk.

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features such as window styles – which will help to inform our own observations of the buildings around us in the Dales.

David Cook is a prominent member of the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group. During his 30 years of membership he has been involved in recording around 80 vernacular buildings in Yorkshire many of them in the Dales.

Subsequent sessions will cover **Recording and Interpreting Vernacular Buildings in the Dales** by Alison Armstrong (**October 2nd**) and **Maps for local history studies** (**October 16th**).

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A Walk on the Wild Side

The last Best Foot Forward was a very short affair, not much over three miles on a bird recording survey. I did promise more of a leg stretch next time, so this is a walk of over a dozen miles, of which the majority is in wild, trackless moorland, far from the crowds of the popular areas. Mid July seemed a good time for such a walk, especially as this summer has been so dry, which makes bog-hopping a lot easier. The day I chose was a sort of tribute to our esteemed former editor, Alan Watkinson, whose funeral was exactly a year before. Alan loved to walk in wild and isolated hills, often on his own, and several times during this walk it occurred to me that this was his sort of terrain.

The walk starts at Garsdale Station and heads off up Baugh Fell. This is a great whaleback of a mountain, stretching almost the whole length of the north side of Garsdale. A glance at a map shows that it occupies a lot more space than a pointed peak such as Scafell in the Lake District or even the Matterhorn in the Alps and it is even

more flat-topped than most other dales hills. At 678 metres (2220 feet) it is just outside the top ten peaks in the dales and it must be one of the least climbed of all the summits.

Leaving Garsdale Station I was soon onto rough moorland. Almost immediately I put up a woodcock out of the long grass and reeds. It got me thinking about whether it was appropriate to cross open moor in July. The general guidance on areas of open access is to avoid the nesting season from March to July but I reckoned that it was unlikely that there would be any eggs or nestlings around this late. In fact I hardly saw any other birds throughout the walk. Nevertheless I was careful where I trod. Writing in the Yorkshire Dales Review, Lynn Leadbetter urges us to avoid open access disturbance to help slow the decline of birds like the curlew. So when can we walk the hilltops? We need to be aware of heather burning as well as grouse shooting and of course the risks increase during the winter months when the tops can be really bleak. Choosing the right time can be tricky.

My route took me across Grisedale Beck and up the east ridge of the hill. The bed of the beck was almost dry, although some of the surrounding ground was still quite boggy despite the lack of recent rain. Up the gentle slope the variety of plants was huge. Forget-me-nots and tormentil were easily recognised but there were other tiny white and pink flowers and I wished I knew more about the various grasses and sedges

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which covered the hillside. Hundreds of tiny white moths fluttered about in an aerial dance above the vegetation. Climbing higher, Whernside came into view, showing its best profile. By now silence prevailed, broken only by the RAF occasionally and faintly by a train, the 9.21am to Carlisle. The view back to Dandrymire Viaduct and down towards Hawes is quite remarkable. Baugh Fell commands the head of Wensleydale like no other hill, its bulk foursquare across the dale.

After a fairly long slog I eventually reached the extensive plateau. A group of tarns, known as the East Tarns, lies at over 2000feet. Such tarns are not that uncommon on dales tops. There are others on Whernside, Birks Fell and elsewhere. They are largely supported by peat but in some cases the erosion of the peat has allowed the tarns to drain away. To avoid disturbing wildlife I kept away from the tarn edges but the tarns were all deserted. In fact the plateau seemed entirely deserted – no people, no animals, no birds. The only man-made feature is a wall. After following it for some while it brought me to a trig point, although this is actually not quite the highest point. In spite of that there were splendid views of the Howgills, the Three Peaks and down to Sedbergh.

Leaving the wall and heading north the plateau continues to West Baugh Fell Tarn, the biggest tarn of all. Just to the east of this is a deep ravine where the headwaters of the River Rawthey rise and I headed down steeply into this. There are rock outcrops near the bottom so care is needed but this is a wonderful place. The sense of remoteness is colossal, so it's not a place to sustain an injury. With no mobile signal and no passing walkers it could be a long wait for help.

On reaching the summit ridge wall the sense of isolation was suddenly shattered by several



people walking the familiar path. The magic of being a solo traveller, which Alan certainly appreciated, had now gone and it only remained to follow the trade route back to the valley.

My return took me into Grisedale. Once a busy valley with farming and mining employment, it was a lively community. By the late twentieth century there was virtually no-one living there and the story of how this happened can be read in a book by Barry Cockcroft called "The Dale that Died". Today there are people living there but nothing like the numbers there were over a hundred years ago.

Back at Garsdale Station I reflected that this was certainly a walk with a difference. Not everyone's cup of tea, perhaps because it is rough and wild so it is hard work; but for those who like to get away from the crowds it has a lot to offer. Wandering at will across wild areas gives a great sense of freedom but it must be remembered that the land, the wildlife and the whole environment always needs to be respected.

N.P.

National Park Guided Walks

Sunday, September 2nd – "From Hawes to Hardraw" **1.30pm to 3.30pm**. Meet at the Dales Countryside Museum for an easy 3.5 mile walk up to Hardraw and Simonstone appreciating the beautiful scenery and wonderful views.

Booking advised, Adult £3.00 Child free to age 18.

Leyburn & District U3A

September's speaker is John Butterwick who is a wine educator which sounds intriguing! Talk begins at **10.30am** at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre on **Friday, September 17th**. Committee and café available from **10.00am**. Talk free to members, small charge for visitors and guests.



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The 'Hawes Club' would like to thank all shopkeepers and individuals for their generous donations towards the raffle held during the latest quiz night. The evening was a great success and we were able to raise £455. This will be split between the Hawes Cricket Club and Hawes Junior Football Club.

Claudia and Mike Watts

Gayle Mill Trust

Following Gayle Mill Trust's departure from Gayle Mill this Spring, the income from the last Demonstration Day tours held on 4th February has been donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. A total of £468 was sent towards the Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre which is being built at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton. In their thank-you letter to GMT, Macmillan quoted the appreciation felt by one person whose life has been touched by cancer:

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Gayle Mill Trust will be having their usual stand **at Reeth and Muker Shows on 27th August and 5th September respectively** and surplus profit from these events will hopefully be distributed to other local charities close to the hearts of the Gayle Mill Trust board. I hope that we are able to give further updates following the attendance at the shows through the Newsletter and in the meantime we welcome your readers to our stand whilst attending these shows.

Claire Lambert
Manager, Gayle Mill Trust

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Payment by Results – an Update

The Environment Secretary has announced that a 'Payment by Results' project being piloted in Wensleydale (see issue 248) will be the first agri-environment scheme directly funded by the UK.

Michael Gove said such schemes were "the future".

Nineteen farmers are in the Wensleydale scheme, which is being delivered by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, with Natural England doing the overall project management.

The pilot was originally funded by the EU until this September; Defra's decision means it will be extended for at least two years.

Secretary of State for Defra Michael Gove said: "Under the Common Agricultural Policy, agri-environment schemes have been overly bureaucratic and inflexible. This has impeded innovation for farmers who are passionate about the environment and want to see real change.

The Payment by Results pilot marks a shift in how we think about rewarding farmers for their work. This approach signals how we see the future of farm payments, where farmers deliver public goods for the environment which we all enjoy.

I am delighted to extend this scheme and look forward to seeing further evidence of its success as we plan for our future outside the EU."

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