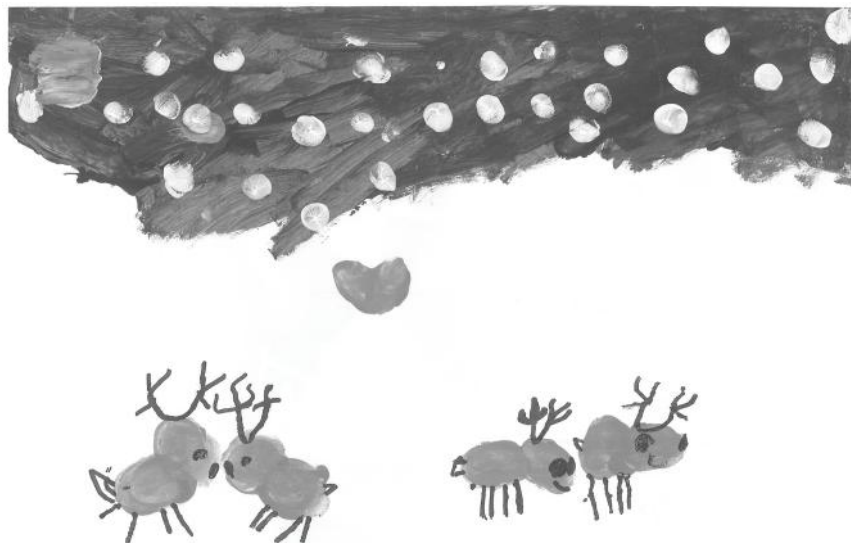


# THE UPPER WENSLEYDALE NEWSLETTER

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By Antoni Biros

Covering Upper Wensleydale from Wensley to Garsdale Head plus Walden  
and Bishopdale,  
Swaledale from Keld to Gunnerside plus Cowgill in Upper Dentdale.

### Let's Sing the Song of Christmas

Everyone suddenly bursting into song – that was the way the poet Sassoon captured the delight in 1918 when the Armistice was signed. The Centenary Remembrance weekend has been like a huge community party up and down Wensleydale: with bells and cakes, bands and singing, celebration mixed with the solemn silence of remembrance.

Now we are approaching Christmas, our greatest annual festival. In this one the focus is on the pure joy of being with the people we are closest to and love. We are busy buying the presents that will delight our children or bring a smile to the familiar faces round the fire. We put skill and flare into decorating our homes and shops, even the streets we walk on. The tastes and smells of Christmas cooking get the digestive juices flowing and stir up memories of Christmas dinners we enjoyed in the past. Above all there is a wealth of Christmas music. There will be plenty of opportunities to sip some mulled wine and join in the singing.

Much of it of course is sheer fun: jingling bells and a red-nosed reindeer, Santa falling down the chimney or kissing mother in the sitting room. But the core of the Christmas repertoire goes much deeper. Based on the ancient story, the songs speak of a baby born in a stable. His parents had been forced by officialdom to make a long journey. They could find no affordable accommodation when they arrived. We have songs about a mass slaughter released by a jealous, threatened absolute ruler against innocent infants: reminders of the all-too-familiar suffering still around in our world. The Herods of today drop bombs on schools or throw in some chemical weapons. Against that backdrop of darkness our carols speak of the sheer wonder we feel when we look into the face of a new-born baby: so small and helpless, yet so powerfully drawing out feelings of loving kindness. The desire to serve its every need renews our courage to live in hope.

Whether we are down-to-earth working people like shepherds, or scholars who study books and can chart the stars, Christmas carols call us to make a journey of the spirit. Come and follow

us to Bethlehem, they say, to gaze at a mystery which is the ultimate example of the love which is at the heart of the universe. Jesus the Christ child can be the lamp to light up your way through the darkness in the year to come. So let's teach these inheritance tracks to our children and sing them together. They understand these things much better than we imagine.

**Revd Vera Sinton**

### Upper Wensleydale Benefice Memorial Service

Benefice Memorial service on **December 9th at 4.00pm** at St Oswald's Askrigg.

As the festive season approaches the sense of emptiness and loss experienced through bereavement can feel all the more intensified. The memorial service on December 9th will create an opportunity for a quiet time of reflection and thanksgiving for our loved ones during which a wooden star with your special name upon it can be placed upon the memorial tree. This will stay in place in St Oswald's for the Christmas season. We hope that you might find this act of remembrance helpful. If you would like to attend please email: **office@upperwenben.org**, call **01969 667553**, text **07566 211168** or write to 'The Vicarage', Burtsett Road, Hawes. DL8 3NP in order that we might have the correct name of your loved one to be read out during our time together.

**Revd Dave Clark**

### Quaker Meetings

Quaker meeting for worship is held every **Sunday from 10.30 to 11.30am at Bainbridge Meeting House** except on the last Sunday of the month when it is held from **10.45 to 11.45am at Countersett Friends Meeting House**.

We welcome you to join us as we sit quietly together. During that time some of those present may be moved to stand and speak (we call that 'ministry').

After the meeting we all enjoy a very good cup of coffee - or tea if that is more to your

### Newsletter Christmas Greeting

We wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors, regular or occasional, a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2019.

We have in previous years distributed a number of Christmas cards but always worried about missing people who deserved them so this year we decided instead to make significant donations to the charities most often nominated as recipients of competition prize money. We will thus be giving £100 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and £100 to the Great North Air Ambulance both of which serve the Newsletter area.

### Hawes Christmas Lights

#### Saturday 1st December

Once again the **Children's Party** will be in the Market House **from 1.45pm**. There will be fun and games with Colin Bailey and members from the Leyburn Panto, Cinderella, will make a visit.

Free Admission. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is bring your own snacks for the Community Buffet.

**From 4.00pm**, in the Market Place there will be Community Carol Singing with Hawes Prize Silver Band until

**Father Christmas arrives at 4.30pm.**

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### Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was up the ladder with Mike Fothergill in his advert on Page 37 and the winner of the £10 prize is Joyce Binks of West Burton.

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

### Churches Together Advent Taizé Service

To mark the start of Advent, Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale are holding a Taizé Service at Gayle Chapel on **Monday, December 3rd. The event will start at noon** with a hearty soup and bread lunch followed by the service itself.

So make a start to the Advent season by joining us for the occasion. All are welcome to attend.

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### Swale Singers' Christmas Gig

Yes, I know the shops have had Christmas stuff in since September, which is way too early. But by the beginning of December you might be starting to feel a bit Christmassy. So to help in the build up to the festive season, the Swale Singers are strutting their stuff at St Andrew's in Aysgarth on **Saturday, December 1st at 7.30pm.**

We'll be performing a variety of Christmas music including pieces by Britten and Finzi. No need to get tickets in advance, just turn up and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you like what you hear and fancy singing with us, new choir members are always welcome. Just come along to the United Reformed Church in Low Row at **3.00pm** any Sunday afternoon. Best to email Jackie Pope first to make sure it isn't our "Christmas holiday" [swalesingers@swaledale.org](mailto:swalesingers@swaledale.org).

Elizabeth Bedford

### Churches Together Toy Service

This year the Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale Toy Service will be held at **2.00pm on Sunday, December 9th** at Gayle Chapel. Majors Colin and Debbie Stevens from The Salvation Army will be in attendance and will take the donated toys for distribution. All are welcome to attend this service. Donations of new toys will be gratefully received and help to make the Christmas of children who might not

#### Drop-off points and contacts

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

<b>Hawes:</b>	Community Office	667400
<b>Gayle:</b>	Sarah Champion	
	23, Little Ings	667006
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	3, Bainside	650525
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otherwise receive a present. Please leave the toys unwrapped so the distributors can choose the appropriate age and sex of the children who will receive them but you may wish to donate wrapping paper with the toys.

### Pop in to the Pop Up

The Pop-Up Craft Shop in Askrigg will be holding an end of season celebration on **Saturday, December 15th. Open 10.30am to 3pm.** This will be our last open day this year and is an ideal opportunity to buy those special hand-made Christmas presents.

We have thoroughly enjoyed being in Askrigg since June and would like to thank everyone in the village who has been so welcoming and the many who have supported us by buying some of our craft work. We hope to be open again in the spring – so watch this space for further details.

### Hawes Christmas Lights

Thank you to all those dedicated volunteers who helped with erecting the Christmas lights on November 14th. Even the weather was kind. The excellent number of volunteers made the work progress in a timely manner.

A really big thanks to you all.

See you on **Saturday, December 1st to welcome Father Christmas.**

Peter Wood

Chairman, Christmas Lights Committee



## HAWES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2018

### SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

### *Children's Party*

#### In the Market House

1.45pm:  
Fun and games with Colin Bailey  
Visit from members of Cinderella Panto  
Community Buffet  
Bring your own snacks ~ Free Admission



4.00pm: Market Place:  
Community Carol Singing  
with Hawes Prize Silver Band  
4.30pm: Father Christmas arrives

## Police Report

As winter sets in, we urge all drivers to please take extra care on our roads. Make sure that you regularly check your lights/screen washer etc and make sure that you have a mobile phone, shovel, drinks, blanket and appropriate footwear if travelling in inclement weather. Of course, whilst we understand that travel can sometimes be a necessity, please think about whether any journey is really essential if the weather takes a turn for the worse..... driving over the Buttertubs, in a blizzard in January this year, attempting to find a stranded driver still ranks as one of the most harrowing jobs I have had yet in my police career.

The following incidents of note have happened around the Dales this month - anyone with any information on the below, please contact myself or call '101'.

Sometime in early October, 30 untagged Texel lambs were stolen from a field near Redmire. We are seeing this type of crime happening more frequently, so please be vigilant.

On 13th October (Scott Trial day), a car parked near Marske was broken into in order to steal a wallet. This occurred with hundreds of people in the vicinity during the middle of the day!

Overnight on 22nd October a collie bitch and her 7 two-week old pups were sadly stolen from a farm in Widdale - the mother is microchipped.

On the afternoon of 28th October thieves entered Middleham Church and stole cash from the secure donations box within. In the run up to Christmas, we may see more of these types of thefts so please make sure donation boxes are emptied as often as possible.

The next drop-in surgeries at **Hawes (11.00am)** and **Burtersett (10.00am)** are on **December 12th**. A great way to keep up to date with local police events, incidents and information appeals is to sign up to Community Messenger which is a free alerts system in a media of your choosing. Go online at **www.nycm.co.uk** – it only takes 5 mins or see me in person to sign up.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to all you lovely residents of the Upper Dales for making me so welcome and helping me find my feet in what was a big career change at the beginning of 2018. It's been wonderful to meet so many new people (along with those I haven't seen in a while) and hopefully to have done some good along the way. I wish you all the merriest of Christmases and a very happy (and safe) New Year.

(If you are reporting an incident or crime, please report this to the **Force Control Room on '101'**; always call **'999'** in an emergency.)

**PCSO 3744 Lucy Osborn**

**Lucy.Osborn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk**

**North Yorkshire Police**

## Gayle Village Institute

Gayle Village Institute is in the process of refurbishment. We have purchased comfortable upholstered folding chairs to replace the old plastic variety and in the new year the kitchen facility is to be upgraded.

In the meantime the Gayle Village Institute is still available for community and private hire at very competitive rates which have remained the same for five years.

Please note that **Emma Guy** is now responsible for bookings. Her contact number is **01969 667396** ; **mobile 07712605110** ; **email: k.spink295@btinternet.com**.

## Wensleydale Society

December's talk is by Jennie White from White Rose Candles in Wensley, entitled "A Life in the Light." This is a quirky look at running a business in the Dales for over 40 years. It will be held on **Friday 7th at West Burton Village Hall at 7.30pm**.

January's speaker on **Friday, January 4th** is Tony Keates on 'Wensleydale, an Industrial Landscape? A look through the eyes of an industrial historian.' All are welcome to the talks for a small charge. If you wish to know more about the Society, and its regular walks programme, please tel the Secretary on **01969 624246**. Membership is £5 per year.

## News from the Vets

Christmas is approaching fast. Just a reminder of some of the foods that are poisonous to dogs, that are fed around this time. Anything that contains raisins, grapes and sultanas is potentially poisonous and can cause kidney failure. Chocolate can obviously cause serious health issues for dogs if ingested and is probably the most common cause of poisonings around this time. Onions and garlic have to be watched as well as these can cause problems with the red blood cells. If you have any questions please contact us at the surgery **01969 650263** and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Bainbridge Vets.

**Davinia Hinde**

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## Vintage Pantograph Passes Test

The Taylor-Hobson pantograph which is used to make every fingerpost and public right of way sign in the Yorkshire Dales National Park has once again passed its in-service inspection test.

Bought for £1,000 in 1974 by the National Park committee of North Yorkshire County Council, and despite the advent of computer-controlled engraving machines, it has been kept in service because of its quality and ease of use when dealing with bespoke items. The pantograph makes around 200 finger posts and a further 400 signs a year and has been used to make all of the 3,775 fingerposts and signs in the National Park.



The first step for a new sign is to select the letters, or 'brass blanks'. Both hands are needed to operate the pantograph. The right hand moves a metal stylus along the brass blanks which in turn moves the routing blade arm. The left hand, meanwhile, raises and lowers the cutter by turning a knurled hand wheel. It is then used to keep the routing arm steady as it cuts the letters into the wooden sign. Brass is the best quality material for the blanks. It is naturally slippery, meaning that the stylus can be moved smoothly in the grooves.

The last part of the process is to saw a length of post and rout a rectangular hole near the top for the finger to slot in. The condition of every fingerpost is assessed annually. They do not last long as the section of post near the ground rots and signs completed ten or twelve years ago are now being replaced using the same machine.

## UPPER WENSLEYDALE BENEFICE

Part-time administrator to supply secretarial and administrative support for the Vicar and the four churches – Askrigg, Hardraw, Hawes and Stalling Busk.

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Firstly we would like to send a huge thank you to the following businesses for their kind donations of treats on our annual Halloween walk; The Chippie, The Board, The Spar, The Old Sweet shop, The White Hart, The Fountain, The Crown Inn and FringeZ and Freckles. We had over 80 children turn out for the walk and we were spoilt by the generosity of our local businesses. We would also like to send a huge thank you to the Crown Inn who raised money for Dalesplay from their Halloween Haunted House to help us purchase some new computers for the setting, it was an amazing experience for both adults and children to explore and we look forward to upgrading our IT resources.

The children have been busy this month celebrating Diwali, remembering those who fought for us in the war, exploring the colours and sounds of bonfire night and investigating the animals of autumn. In the month ahead we have lots of Christmas themed activities planned and Father Christmas will be calling in on our party afternoon. Dalesplay caters for children from birth up to 12 years providing day care, before and after school care and holiday clubs. For more information please contact us on **01969 667789**, email: [dalesplay1@btconnect.com](mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com) and take a look at our website: [dalesplay.co.uk](http://dalesplay.co.uk) and Facebook page. We also provide 2,3 and 4 year old government funded provision for those eligible.

Dalesplay would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joanne Fothergill

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## Grand Family Christmas Competition

The first ten questions are slightly more difficult (for the adults) while the next ten are much easier for some of the younger folk.

1. Before being associated with Christmas what was Yule?
2. Which Roman holiday from December 17 - 23 had an influence on how Christmas was celebrated?
3. When was Christmas celebrated for Christians who live in the East?
4. What political cartoonist is largely responsible for defining what the modern Santa Claus looks like?
5. In what year did Coke Cola start using Santa Claus in advertisements?
6. With whom did the German Nazi Regime replace Santa Claus?
7. What popular holiday song was written during the Cuban Missile crisis - making a plea for peace?
8. What animal parts were the first artificial Christmas Trees made from?
9. Servants in Victorian England popularized what tradition?
10. What US state holds the record for the largest snowman?
11. What is the most popular meal for Christmas in Japan?
12. What is the other name for ILEX?
13. Traditionally what colour are candy canes white and ?
14. Who are the four ghosts in Dickens Christmas Carol?
15. What is the name of the little boy in the film "The Snowman"?
16. "Christmas Tree" is a term associated with which sport and player formation?
17. St. Nicholas was born in which country?
18. In the north of England what is often eaten with Christmas Cake?
19. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary and Jesus travel?
20. What 2 words will you almost always find on a Christmas Gift Card?

Please send in your answers and don't forget to give us your details as well as the name of the charity for your prize of £20, should you win.

## Answers to November's Competition

We must have found our readers' level with last month's quiz—Nursery Rhymes! We had a record response and the winner of the £20 prize was Denise Mason. A cheque for £20 has been sent to Hawes Christmas Lights.

The answers are

1. Jack Spratt could eat no fat
2. One, two, buckle my shoe
3. Little Jack Horner sat in a corner
4. To market, to market, to buy a fat pig
5. Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet
6. Ride-a-cock horse to Banbury Cross
7. Jack and Jill went up the hill
8. Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man
9. Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?
10. Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard
11. There was an old woman who lived in a shoe
12. Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town
13. Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle
14. The Queen of Hearts she baked some tarts
15. Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep
16. Little Tommy Tucker sang for his supper
17. The Grand Old Duke of York
18. Little Boy Blue, come blow up your horn
19. Lavender's blue, diddle, diddle, Lavender's Green
20. Polly put the kettle on.

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## Wensleydale School News

### Developing Character and Culture

Our greatest asset at the Wensleydale School and Sixth Form are our students. The school has hard working, respectful students that visitors always praise. I want to develop that further. Starting this September, I have introduced a new programme that looks to develop the character of our students and the culture of the school. Students are taking part in self-chosen activities which develop their skills in Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication - or as we call them LORIC. The students have to plan, monitor and evaluate their activities which are then verified by their tutors. After completing ten of these tasks they gain a certificate which is recognised by many employers and educational institutions. The majority of students have started at least one task and some are now finishing their first and going on to their second. The range of activities available to them is extensive and includes things such as organising a charity event, helping support younger children in class, leading a group in an activity, presenting in an assembly through to more advanced tasks such as organising the school prom. The tasks are age and ability rated. In parallel, we are running a series of assemblies and tutor time activities based on developing the culture of the school through three main strands: Showing Respect, Doing no Harm and Being Kind. The presentations and workshops will develop the students' understanding of why these three strands are so important and the positive impact it can have on ourselves, our school and our community.



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Finally, I am creating a strong student leadership identity in the school with the establishment of a senior student leadership team that will work with staff and governors, oversee our student council and organise other student ambassadors around the school. I am pleased to announce that James Ashcroft in Year 13 is our Headboy, Emily Scott in Year 12 is our Headgirl and Lizzie Simpson in Year 12 and Liss Semons in Year 10 are their Deputies. More to follow from our new student leadership team in 2019.

**Mark Ashcroft- Assistant Headteacher  
(Character and Culture)**

### British Legion Poppy Appeal – Hawes & Gayle

Stan & Jen would like to say a huge thankyou to all local businesses and pubs who were kind enough to display a collecting box for this year's poppy appeal. A special thanks to Audrey, Jean, Woody, Doug, Sue and Gerry for their usual door to door collecting. We would also like to thank St. Margaret's Church for their donation and also for the beautiful service. This year we raised a whopping £1,914.20. Thank you all.



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## **Pax and Shalom - Two Kinds of Peace**

As the centenary of the Armistice was marked throughout the nation in November, the Revd Vera Sinton drew a thought-provoking distinction between two meanings of the word 'peace' in a sermon in St Oswald's Church, Askrigg.

One, the Roman 'Pax,' was "the absence of war based on physical force, coercion, deterrence and negotiating skill," she said.

"When the Romans used to control the land and especially the mines in Wensleydale they kept the peace, the Pax Romana, so that they could trade goods all the way across Europe to Rome. They did it by fortifying Hadrian's Wall to keep out the raiders from Scotland. They did it by having the largest army, the most disciplined soldiers, by making treaties with enemies on their borders and fighting battles against people who stirred up trouble."

"On Remembrance Day we . . . honour and support the armed forces that have been given the job of Pax, defending and securing our country from attack and of helping our allies maintain peace and justice throughout the world. We remember and give thanks for the courage with which they risk their lives and we express our sadness at the price they paid."

"So 100 years ago the Armistice was signed and there was Pax. It ended the war on the Western Front and allowed those many volunteers to return home and rebuild their lives."

But the other meaning of peace was the Hebrew word 'Shalom,' which was "the complete well-being of body, mind and spirit:" and the service of remembrance was also intended "to keep alive a vision of Shalom. To remember that every human being is loved by God and worthy of our respect and care."

There may be nothing we could do to stop the wars in Syria or Yemen, but Revd Sinton urged people to "speak kindly about the people of other nations, and other ethnic groups at home," and had a stark warning about turning the "fears and prejudices" we all have into stories that breed disrespect and hatred.

"That is what Hitler did with horrific effect," she said. "In the last section of our service, we pledge ourselves to keep the vision of Shalom alive and be active in working towards it."

**Betsy Everett**

## **Wheels 2 Work**

Affordable moped hire is enabling people living in rural areas to access work, apprenticeships and training across North Yorkshire.

The Wheels 2 Work scheme, managed by Hambleton Community Action, has a fleet of 35 mopeds which are available on loan to local people who are unable to access other public or private transport.

Last year Wheels 2 Work received £8000 from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT). It was one of 20 awards totalling £91,000 given by YDMT to celebrate the charity's 20th anniversary.

Wheels 2 Work used their award to buy a new van to transport and deliver mopeds to customers living in remote rural areas, helping local people to stay in their home village or town rather than being forced to move out of the area to access training or employment.

People who join the scheme are mainly, but not exclusively, young. In return for a small weekly contribution, customers have access to a moped for 6 months, during which time they are encouraged to budget and save for their own transport to maintain access to the workplace. One-to-one mentoring and support (for example, with CVs and job applications) is also provided.

Wheels 2 Work also provide free protective clothing and a helmet along with training opportunities, including the Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) before taking the moped out onto the road. Insurance, tax, servicing and 24/7 emergency rescue are also arranged and paid for by the scheme.

For more information about Wheels 2 Work and to apply, visit [hambletoncommunityaction.org/our-services/wheels-2-work](http://hambletoncommunityaction.org/our-services/wheels-2-work).

## Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg

### Fit for Life

Do you want to rebuild and maintain strength, stability and overall fitness in your body and for life? Come to our tailored, instructor led gym session using the up to date cardiovascular and resistance equipment in the gym. It will be at your pace and will build strength and stability to enable you to continue with daily life and address the ageing effect on your body. Feel stronger, fitter and re-energised for life! This session is suitable for the 50 plus age group.

There will be two trial sessions on **Monday, 3rd and Monday, December 10th from 10.00 to 11.00am** with a view to continuing them on a regular weekly basis from January 2019. The cost of each session is £5. Join us for a cuppa afterwards.

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Over £300 was donated towards transport and Operation Christmas Child will be able to claim back at least £50 from Gift Aid. Many other donations were given on line. Many thanks to individuals, churches and school groups who packed boxes and contributed financially and also to those who knitted hats and mittens for inclusion in the boxes. We are grateful to Hawes Community staff for receiving the boxes.

**Heather and Nelson Caplin  
667625**

### 'Good time' to apply for SDF grants

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is inviting applications to its Sustainable Development Fund (SDF), which still has nearly £90,000 in the pot for this financial year.

The SDF provides a simple and accessible source of money for a wide range of initiatives.

Recent projects in our area to receive support include Garsdale Village Hall efficiency

improvements, the restoration of the 19th century 'Book of Bridges' and restoration of the interior of the Market House in Hawes.

"It's a good time to apply to the fund. So far this financial year we have been able to allocate £85,907 to 15 projects. We would really welcome more applications and would support projects that look to provide multiple benefits and a good legacy."

Enquirers can get in touch by phone - **01969 652337** or by using the SDF email address – **SDF@yorkshiredales.org.uk**.

### A Good Life Project – Vision 2028

We are very grateful for the incredible response we have had from our communities with regards to A Good Life Project.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time and trouble to let us know their views on life in Upper Wensleydale and Swaledale and to give us information as to what works and what can be improved.

There is still a little time to complete a survey and the online version can be completed by typing the following into your search engine **[https://eSurv.org?s=MNNEMM\\_a5e73279](https://eSurv.org?s=MNNEMM_a5e73279)**.

If you would prefer a paper copy please call **Julie on 01969 663878** and if you already have a paper copy that you still need to return we would be very grateful if you could return to the freepost address by **December 10th** at the latest.

**Julie Greenslade**

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A short time after the AGM for Askrigg Temperance Village Hall, back in September, Alison Niklewicz from Sykes Shop very kindly agreed to be our secretary. Alison has taken over from Mary Hibberd after her illness, we thank Mary for her work and welcome Alison knowing there is work to be done.

We have finally secured a plumber to do the upgrade of the Public Convenience. We have also made an application to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund. Hopefully and fingers crossed the work will be carried out this year.

In the new year we need to look at renovating the Village Hall, pointing, windows at the front and decorating being the obvious immediate work but now comes the big question. Is there any person out there with a burning desire to be a project manager? We have a good committee with energy to do fund raising and offer help, but someone to hold it all together would be more than welcome.

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## Heavens Above

If you can brave the icy blasts there's a whole sackful of celestial treats in store this winter – a Christmas comet, two spectacular meteor showers, Venus as a dazzling Morning Star, and the best total eclipse of the Moon we'll see from the UK this coming year.

Our Christmas comet is Comet Wirtanen which should be visible to the naked eye right through December. It's at its closest to the Earth (about 12 million kilometres away) between December 15/18 but you'll get the best view on the night of December 16 when it tracks just 3 degrees east of the Pleiades star cluster. Look midway up the southern sky around 10 in the evening. It should be a great sight with good binoculars.

The two best meteor displays this winter are the Geminids, active around the middle of December, and the Quadrantids, which come to a peak in early January. The Geminids reach maximum on the night of December 13/14 when you can expect to see dozens of these multi-coloured meteors every hour. The Quadrantids, could be even more spectacular with over 100 meteors an hour streaking across the sky on the night of January 3/4. Both showers are best viewed from a dark location after midnight when the turning Earth meets the meteors head on.

Venus is a 'Morning Star' this winter, low in the south-east just before dawn. At magnitude 4.5 it's a dazzling sight in an almost totally dark sky. During the middle part of December look out for Mercury and Jupiter just below and to the left of Venus. On the morning of 21/22 of December the pair are less than a degree apart.

On Jan 20/21 we're treated to a total eclipse of an unusually large and bright Supermoon. You'll need to be up bright and early to catch it however, as it doesn't get underway until the early hours. Just after 3.30 am the Earth's shadow will start creeping across the lunar disc until it's fully immersed around 4.40am. By then the Moon will have turned a deep rusty red or an eerie brownish-purple colour depending on atmospheric conditions. Totality lasts for just over an hour until roughly 5.43am when the Moon begins to leave the Earth's shadow again. By 7.45am the show's over and you can take yourself indoors for a well-earned cuppa.

Finally, this month (and year!) - if you're out and about on a crisp winter's night don't forget to take a look at the starry sky. By mid-evening the view south is filled with a host of brilliant star patterns centred around Orion the Mighty Hunter - Taurus the Bull, Castor and Pollux the Heavenly Twins, Auriga the Charioteer, and the Dog Star, Sirius, flashing like a great diamond low over the horizon – a glorious sight. Best wishes and clear skies for 2019!

**Al Bireo**

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### Herriots Hospice Homecare

The fundraiser which was held in Askrigg village Hall on November 9th raised £600. Barbara would like to thank neighbours and friends and Colin Bailey and Vocalist who worked very hard supporting the event. To all the stall holders a big thankyou for coming out on such a bad night, it was much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and supported the event: Humble Pie, Askrigg; Chocolate Factory, Leyburn; Kings Arms, Askrigg; Campbells, Leyburn; Askrigg Brewery; Ropemakers, Hawes; Judith Bromley, Askrigg; Katian, Hawes; Cafe Curva, Hawes; Herdy Shop, Hawes; Sheena Allen; Ivesons, Hawes; Sue Airey; Sycamore Hairdressers; Richard Coates; Chemist, Hawes; Lidl, Catterick; The Sweet Shop, Hawes; Tesco, Catterick; Ingrid Flute Cottages, Hawes; Pets at Home, Catterick; Hawes Doctors' Surgery; Floral Elegance, Bedale; Rock & Gem Shop, Hawes; Bear Interior's, Hawes; Dovetail Interior's, Bedale; Bay Tree, Hawes; Mulberry Bush, Hawes; Flairs & Graces, Hawes; Piers Browne, Askrigg; Country Hideaways, West Burton; Chippy, Hawes; Masons Gin, Bedale; Whites of Wensleydale, Hawes; Teapot Factory, Leyburn.

Herriots Hospice Homecare

### Goodbye Revd. Lynn

Penhill Together Holy Communion Advent Service at **10.30am on Sunday, December 2nd** at St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

Join us as we say thank you and goodbye to our vicar Lynn and Alan and afterwards for a farewell lunch.

### LASS - Leyburn Arts & Social Society

The monthly social meeting and usually a screening of a classic film, are normally held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. Please phone the Secretary Brian on **01969 623257** for information. December's meeting is the Christmas 'do' and is a week earlier on **Tuesday, December 18th; January's** will be on **24th** at the regular time of **7.15pm**.

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Jack, his sweetheart, Jill, his silly brother Simon, his resourceful mother Betty, a singing harp, a golden goose, a giant, his wife, a beanstalk and much, much more. This is your pantomime. So come along and clap, cheer, shout, sing along, hiss and boo. Bring the family and enjoy a great traditional panto.

Performances are at **Hawes Market House, 7.30 pm Wednesday, November 28th to Saturday, December 1st** with a matinee at **2.00 pm on Sunday, December 2nd**. Doors open a half hour before each performance. Tickets are £9.00 for adults and £6.50 for U12s, available at Hawes Community Office and Library tel. 667400 open from **Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am to 12.30pm**. You can also book on-line at [www.wensleydalemtg.co.uk](http://www.wensleydalemtg.co.uk).

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Closing date for entries is **January 31st 2019** so plenty of time for budding musicians, poets, thespians to get their entries in – loads of great classes for drama groups, ensembles etc.

**Julie Greenslade**

### Reeth Memorial Hall

**Friday, February 1st** – Symbio – Swedish duo on hurdy-gurdy and accordion – Best New Artist of the Year at the Swedish Folk & World Music Awards 2016. Tickets £12 (£14 door).

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### YDMG response to October's Guest Editorial

Yorkshire grouse moors embrace the most modern land management practices under the strict guidance of Natural England, working within the law to ensure healthy populations of birds of prey and estates in the Dales are committed to a representative assemblage of raptors. We believe the best chance of eradicating all forms of wildlife crime is widespread collaboration from all relevant people and organisations.

Based on RSPB data, confirmed incidents of persecution across the UK have declined 15% from last year and we have seen a decrease of 25% in North Yorkshire which is particularly encouraging. We look forward to this trend continuing due to on the ground cooperation.

There is further cause for optimism given the success earlier this year of the hen harrier breeding season in England which was the best in over a decade. 34 chicks fledged from 9 nests with 60% of successful fledging occurring on land managed for grouse shooting.

One of the successful hen harrier nests was in fact in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and local gamekeepers played an integral role in monitoring and the provision of diversionary food sources for the nest.

It's important to keep in mind that these

'billionaires' as Mr Fagg refers to them, do not just come here for large bags of grouse. They own a large percentage of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and invest a lot of money into it. The revenue made from the grouse shooting goes back into the estates generally for conservation purposes such as tree planting, track maintenance, grip blocking which reduces lowland flooding and maintenance of our iconic drystone walls. The dales are a beautiful place that attracts thousands of tourists each year and a great part of the way it looks is down to the fact that it is managed.

I would invite readers to follow the work we do by searching Yorkshire Dales Moorland Group on Facebook, Instagram and online.

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### Mabel is Missing

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'Mabel' was one of four hen harrier chicks to fledge in July. It was a big moment, as the heavily persecuted hen harrier had not nested successfully in the Yorkshire Dales for 11 years. The bird was fitted with a satellite tag by Natural England and was tracked flying as far north as Allenheads. The transmitter functioned up until the 2nd of October, with the last signal being received from the Little Smale Gill area on the North Yorkshire-Cumbria border. A search was conducted by Natural England staff but no tag or body was found.

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### Hawes School News

This week is anti-bullying- we have been learning all about what bullying is and what to do if we see it. We have learnt the difference between falling out and bullying. The children know that respect is one of our school's core values and talked really well in assemblies and Squirrel Time about how to show it and why it's important.

(Squirrel Time is where the whole school sits down in a circle) but it's really more like a square and talk about problems and issues in school. We also talk about what's going well and say Thank You to different people.)



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## Prunings

Oh dear! There must be a fair number of firms with spring bulbs left over. More catalogues have arrived and it seems that any supplier I have used has sent me an email with an even better special offer. It is as if they know I can't resist temptation. Yes, I have ordered more. On the delivery front, Parkers have been fairly efficient, Sara Raven arrived quite soon although the order came in different batches. The star performers were Larch Cottage in Cumbria who managed to get my order here by courier in 4 days. They had the Algerian Iris, which I had been looking for, in stock, and one of the roses I had chosen from Gardening Which (supposedly one of the best for repeat flowering). The poorest performer so far has been Peter Beales Roses, from whom I have ordered another from the Which recommended list. They have sent an invoice with a carefully worded note that all orders will be dealt with "in rotation". That sounds to me like a "get out". It must be three weeks since I ordered and nothing has arrived yet.

I am pleased to discover how many gardeners recommend growing all manner of plants in pots. I have now started looking at what can be nurtured to replace the bulbs when they have finished their display. There are quite a lot of roses that will thrive in containers and my research suggests that a fifteen litre pot is big enough. It appears that you need a minimum of a cubic foot of compost to make it work. So – we shall see what happens. I am constantly tempted by large elegant terra-cotta pots, but I'm not sure about their longevity. A neighbour had some beauties with exotic greek-style decoration. She put pieces of wood into the

compost so that if they froze the expansion would crush the wood and save the pot. It worked! However, terra-cotta is porous, and although the pots remained whole the gloriously patterned surfaces gradually shelled off until they looked awful. They have now been replaced and are providing my tulip displays with drainage! I have some old glazed pots which were a gift many years ago, and they have survived, so I think I'll stick to shiny ones.

We had one really cold night and it made a mess of dahlias, fuchsias and the geraniums in the wooden planters. As these already have a selection of iris and Tête à Tête underplanted in them I shall be on the look-out for some pretty violas to fill them during the worst of the winter. I think that violas are less affected by the bad weather than pansies and many of them are scented, although it must be said that when the wind is howling down from the west we might be hard pressed to smell them!

Please do enjoy the Festive Season and I hope that the New Year will bring health and happiness to all.

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

**Rose Rambler**



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## **Hawes Community Fields**

Thank you to every group and individual who has helped to shape plans to improve facilities at Hawes community fields, by responding to our 4-page leaflet, A 'community pavilion' for Hawes Community Fields?

Quite a number of people said they wanted to be kept updated through the pages of this newsletter, so here goes...

### **Summary of overall response**

A total of 20 organisations, representing hundreds of people in Hawes, used the leaflets to give their responses. They include 7 current users of the field and 13 prospective users who expressed an interest.

Verbal responses were received from the Wensleydale Bike Club, which uses the fields, and also Yorebridge Sports and Leisure. The response of Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council was also given verbally. It fully supported the proposal for a community pavilion and would like to be closely involved in the project, including financially. It would use the facility for all its meetings. A further 26 written responses were submitted by individuals.

Hawes United F.C said it was a great idea for the whole community, young and old alike. Hawes United J.F.C said, 'We are so excited as a football club about the community pavilion.' Hawes Cubs said, 'IT BETTER BE BUILT!'

St. Margaret's Church said a community pavilion was a 'wonderful idea'. Dales Countryside Museum said the pavilion could be 'a positive addition, bringing more local people to the site and town foot area'. Wensleydale Young Farmers said the pavilion as proposed would suit their needs perfectly.

Some of the individual responses were equally positive: 'I think it is a great idea for all to use and give young adults somewhere to exercise and all generations to benefit'. 'The pavilion could be used for family parties. The proposed pavilion would be a great asset to the community fields'. 'It's a good idea, long overdue, and would give people a place to go'.

Some reservations were expressed. One

individual said, 'We have doubts as to the ongoing viability of a barless pavilion'. Another said, 'Yes, but maybe a little adventurous for our community?'

**Summary of responses to Question 1, 'Would you potentially use a 'community pavilion' at Hawes Community Fields?**

All of the groups that currently use the fields said 'Yes'. Nine of the 13 other groups which responded answered 'Yes', as did 22 out of the 25 individuals who responded.

**Summary of responses to Question 2, 'If YES to question 1, what facilities would you like to see in a community pavilion?'**

Toilets were the most frequently cited facility which groups and individuals wanted to see. Changing rooms were also well supported.

Most said they wanted to see a function room and kitchen. These included five of the eight current field users: Hawes United F.C, Hawes United J.F.C, Midsummer Bash, Cubs and Gala. Several of these groups, as well as three individuals, said the function room needed to be bigger than proposed in the indicative drawings on the leaflet.

However, some groups and individuals said they did not want to see another function room/ kitchen facility in the town. The Upper Dales Bonfire and Fireworks committee, the Wensleydale Bike Club, Hawes Christmas Lights, Hawes PTFA, as well as six individuals, said a function room and kitchen would i. potentially pull activity away from existing community meeting places ii. potentially be underused and iii. not be a good use of money when compared with other facilities, such as floodlights, bike track or outdoor gym.

A range of other facilities were suggested for a community pavilion. Hawes United Juniors were keen to see a 'match hatch' built into the kitchen, so that the club could serve food and drink on match and tournament days. The Gala Committee requested first aid facilities and a lost children point. Hawes Cubs said they'd like to see a pool table, ping pong and table football. Dales Business Women said they would like to see a 'breakfast area' with good wifi and sockets so people could use a laptop



and check emails.

**Responses to Question 3,** 'If YES to question 1, how regularly might you use the community pavilion'

Hawes Cubs: 'Roughly twice a week and extra for birthday parties'. Hawes United F.C: 'Once or twice a week during the football season (July to May) and also for club meetings, functions and fundraising.' Hawes United Juniors: 'Every Wednesday night for training in season, if floodlights were installed, and on Sat/Sun for home matches. 50+ children are signed up to the club. We would hold our meetings there and any fundraising/functions'. Gala: 'Annually on Gala Day'. Midsummer Bash said they would use the pavilion on the day of the Bash and the days running up to the Bash when things were being set up. Hawes Primary School said they would use a community pavilion 'one or twice a year for sporting events i.e our 'race for life'. Upper Dales Fireworks said they would use the pavilion annually on bonfire night.

Dales Business Women said: 'Potential for weekly or fortnightly use for meetings.' Dales Countryside Museum said: 'Occasionally to tie in with other events or activities taking place at the museum.' Dalesplay said they would use it perhaps a couple of times a year, for general meetings and fundraisers. North Yorkshire County Council Prevention Service said that if it was to deliver its early years sessions from the community pavilion, this would most likely be for a couple of hours once a week, term time only. Wensleydale Young Farmers said: 'Roughly 4-8 times per year depending on hire fees'. Rev Dave Clark for St Margaret's Church said: 'I would like to voice our support for the project and can see potential use with different age groups in the future.'

**Responses to Question 4,** 'Do you like the indicative design of the community pavilion and its materials?'

Six of the groups which currently use the fields said 'yes'. The other two users, Bonfire and Bike Club, did not say either yes or no. Eleven of the 13 other groups said 'yes' (two of them did not circle yes or no). Of the 25 responses from individuals, 20 individuals said

'yes', two said neither yes or no, while 3 said 'no'.

Midsummer Bash said it was a 'great layout' and that they 'loved the exterior design'. Dales Countryside Museum said the indicative design used traditional materials but had a contemporary feel – and that the glazing should make it light and airy.

District Councillor Yvonne Peacock said: "I think this is a good design for the community fields. Hawes lacks a good community building and this will be used for many events."

Some other individuals said: 'Love the design and the materials used, a good balance of materials that fit in well with the surrounding area'. 'A great mix of agricultural design and modern building'. 'Too much glazing'. 'I like the glazing – for views and light'.

**Responses to Question 5,** 'An open general question: are there other facilities you would like to see at Hawes Community Fields?'

Benches and a picnic area were suggested by several groups. An all weather court ('MUGA') was suggested, however, Yorebridge Sport and Leisure – which was keen to work in partnership – said that if a MUGA was built in Hawes, it would be the "death" of the MUGA in Askrigg.

Other facilities suggested were: floodlights; a swimming pool; access for dogs; rugby goals; an outdoor gym; mini-golf; a bowling green; outside taps; a bike 'pump track'. A 'well drained football pitch' was the request of Hawes Drama Group + Gayle Ladies.

#### **What next?**

We met in November to discuss all the responses (the minutes of all our meetings are published on our Facebook page – search Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreation Association). We will meet again on **December 3rd** to take the project forward. Instructing an architect and fundraising are two of the next jobs. Thank you again for taking part in the 'public engagement' phase. This is a community-led project and the more people are involved, the better.

**Andrew Fagg, UWSRA working committee**

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This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going down the pub with me?"

But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation.

The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's box and shouted,

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During the project, over 30 test pits (each 1m square) were dug around the village by YDNPA Historic Environment staff, members of the Young Archaeologists Club, children from the local schools and 70 eager volunteers. Each pit was dug in 10cm depths, with finds logged for each level. In all, there were 12,000 finds obtained, all of which had to be washed, sorted, recorded and sent to specialists for analysis. Over 300 volunteer days were logged during the project which resulted, not only in more information about the village, but also in five new members of the YAC together with a new leader.

Although it is well known that there was a Roman Fort on the top of Brough Hill, there were very few Roman finds unearthed during this project. In fact, the only real Roman evidence came in the form of an entire pot,

crushed in situ, found in the cemetery. It is therefore believed that although during Roman occupation there would have been many hundreds of people living in and around the fort, they are likely never to have crossed the river into what is now the main part of the village.

Along with the Roman pot, there were some other significant and exciting finds, including an Elizabethan coin, a bone domino, a sickle, a Civil Defence Button, a bullet from a Lee Enfield Rifle, a flint arrowhead and numerous clay pipes. In the main, finds originated from the post-Mediaeval period when it is believed the population grew significantly, as did their wealth. It has become clear that Bainbridge was a very well-connected village and was influenced by world events.

All those involved in the project thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learned an awful lot about the skills involved in archaeology, not to mention the history of the local area. It is hoped that with all the evidence uncovered and the willingness of volunteers, future digs can be organised with the aid of funding, to get a better idea of the life of those who have lived in Bainbridge in the past.

In the meantime, thanks must go to Rebecca Cadbury-Simmons from the YDNPA Historic Environment team who co-ordinated the project, those who funded it, those who allowed test pits to be dug on their property and all those who took part in the hard work of excavating and analysing. A booklet has now been produced about the project and is available from the YDNPA office in Bainbridge.

**K.P.**

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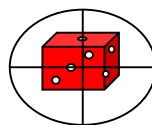
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Ticket price £10 (£5 U16s). Tickets available to buy at the museum.

**From 5.00pm** onwards there will be late night shopping and food tasting in the shop. Refreshments, mulled wine, mince pies and ice cream available from the Firebox Café.

**The museum is closed Christmas Eve to Boxing Day, and throughout January.**

### Leyburn and District U3A

There will be no speaker at the December meeting, just a free mince pie extravaganza with lots of Christmas chat and cheer and news from the groups.... **Friday 21st at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, 10.30am.** New members welcome.

The speaker for January is Professor Chris Gerrard of Durham University who will talk about the 'Scottish Soldiers Project.' This sheds new light on a centuries old mystery surrounding the last resting place of soldiers who died after being captured and imprisoned in Durham Cathedral and Castle during the 17th century civil wars. He is the main author of a book entitled *Lost Lives, New Voices* at the Battle of Dunbar 1650. He is known as an excellent speaker and will be at the meeting on **Friday, January 18th at 10.30am** at the usual venue. Visitors welcome.

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Two hundred years after John Ruskin's birth, art historian Dr David Cross examines his life and major achievements in a talk for The Arts Society Wensleydale on **Tuesday, December 11th at 2.00pm in the Middleham Key Centre**. Ruskin (1819-1900), was the leading art critic of his era and a prominent social thinker, draughtsman, and philanthropist who wrote on subjects as varied as architecture, geology, literature, education, and political economy.

Ruskin was the first to give critical support to Turner and, on the artist's death, catalogued

over 19,000 works on paper that formed part of the Turner Bequest to the nation. Ruskin's view that art should convey 'truth to nature' was a major influence on the Pre-Raphaelites. His contention that the factory system undermined the creativity of workers shaped the thinking of William Morris and the Arts and Crafts movement. In addition, he was instrumental in the development of adult education for working men and women and inspired the setting up of the National Trust.

Ruskin's standing waned after the First World War but re-emerged in the 1960's and he is now seen as having influenced current perspectives on environmentalism, sustainability, conservation and craft.

New members will receive a very warm welcome. Visitors pay £8 a lecture, which will be refunded if they join. Contact Ros Higson on **01765 635244** [wensleydale@theartsociety.org](mailto:wensleydale@theartsociety.org) for more details.

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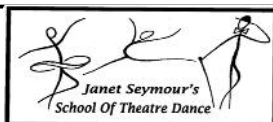
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I am a potter living and working in Worton. In 2019 I intend to complete an art project using only clay dug from areas in Upper Wensleydale.

This clay will be used to make bottles, inspired by those found between Bainbridge and Hawes by local families.

I am appealing to anyone willing to let me dig clay from their garden or land. This will make very little mess. I will dig the clay myself in a very low tech manner (spade and bucket). Anyone willing and completing building work at the moment or living near a stream would be particularly welcome.

I will process the clay myself and then create the items and fire them. I would like to get a varied selection of locations and clays. Once the items are finished I hope to find a place to display them with the origins of the clay for each item.

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### Mystery Picture

Last months' picture was of the little pack horse bridge under Dent Viaduct, once again spotted by eagle eyed Mason Scarr. Where is this wintry scene?

### Christmas Artwork Trophy

The Reg Fagg Christmas Artwork Trophy competition was held at the Hawes Primary School. Entries were received from each class. Although the entries were down on last year the quality was of a high standard. Each class winner went forward to compete for the trophy. The winners were:-

Class 1. Antoni Biros aged 4

Class 2. Olivia Blades aged 7

Class 3. Tommy Fagg aged 8

Class 4. Lola Fagg aged 11.

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### Upper Dales Family History Group

October's speaker was Jennifer Deadman who talked about her work as a surveyor of historic buildings and the importance of observing and recording them before the remains are lost. She began with records made by 18th and 19th century travellers showing typical pastoral scenes of the time, including very basic dwellings and people going about their daily work. Other important sources were old maps which showed how settlements had changed over the years. Jennifer had many photographs of buildings which externally show little signs of their former use.

Three buildings in New Forest were all that remained of Hallgate where the last house was abandoned in the late 20th century. Trade directories and census records had enabled Jennifer to trace its decline and to learn about the families who had lived there, while surveying the properties inside had revealed details of daily life and showed how the houses and farm buildings had been altered over the years.

Even field barns had stories to tell. Very steep gable ends revealed that the building had originally been thatched, extensions showed how farming enterprises grew or changed focus over the years and from the outside some concealed evidence of having been houses before being turned over to farm use.

Meetings recommence on **Wednesday, February 27th at 2.00pm** in the village hall at Harmby. For further details **phone 0743 2677 783**, email **moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com** or see the website **https://upperdales.weebly.com** for details of all events and the worldwide email discussion group.

**Tracy Little**

### Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

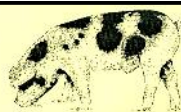
Middleham Key Centre, **Tuesday, January 15th at 2.00pm.**

The topics covered in the 2019 programme will include Wensleydale Dairy Days, Yorkshire Heroes of Waterloo, the Wyvill family and Constable Burton Hall, and Sister Dora. In the summer we arrange a visit for our Members' Day.

Join us at our AGM which will be followed by a talk by Val Slater on her 'eccentric' 4 x great grand-father, Revd. James Law - a Coverdale Clergyman. Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is still only £10 for 8 meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting.

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It all happened just before Christmas a long time ago. Santa Claus was not having a good start to the Christmas rush. Four of his senior elves had fallen sick and the trainee elves were not producing toys as fast as the regular ones. This was making him begin to feel the pre-Christmas pressure. On top of this Mrs. Claus had, with great pleasure, announced that her mother was coming for Christmas, which stressed him even more.

When he went outside to harness the reindeer, he discovered that two of them were away on maternity leave and another one had, for some unknown reason, jumped over the fence and escaped. Even worse, his lead reindeer, Rudolph, had a cold and his red nose no longer glowed enough to guide them in the dark.

On top of all that, when checking the loading of the sleigh he discovered that snow was getting into the sacks of toys because the trainee elves had not tied them up properly. On jumping onto the sleigh to correct this, a by now somewhat annoyed Santa, got even more annoyed as he managed to break a floorboard, spilling a sack and scattering the toys onto the snow covered ground under the sleigh.

Having cleared this up, a very frustrated Santa went back into the house for his favourite tippie, which was a large glass of whisky and ginger ale. He opened the drinks cupboard and got out his special cut-glass whisky glass, only to then find that the elves had drunk all the ginger ale and hidden the whisky bottle. In his mounting frustration, he accidentally knocked the whisky glass off the table and it broke into hundreds of small pieces all over the kitchen floor. An angry Santa proceeded to get the dustpan and brush, only to discover that the trainee elves had used them to sweep up a sticky mess and the dustpan and brush were now firmly stuck together.

Just then the doorbell rang, and a by now more than irate Santa marched to the door and yanked it open. There on the door step stood a pretty little fairy pulling a very large Christmas tree behind her. The fairy, with a big smile on her face, said very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely time of

year? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to put it?" So he told her, precisely, and slammed the door shut.

And so began the tradition of the little fairy on top of the Christmas tree. **C Peter Bunnage**

## Classic Christmas at Thornton Rust

A performance of a "CLASSIC CHRISTMAS " is being staged at Thornton Rust Institute on **Wednesday, December 19th**. Doors open at **7pm** for performance at **7.30pm**.

The evening features a selection of festive favourites with vocalists Amy Fudali and Colin Bailey with "Tales from the Tree" told by Mark Cronfield as Saint Nicholas.

The cost for the evening is £12.00 for adults (£7.00 for under 16's) this will include light refreshments. This will be a very festive start to Christmas!

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### News from Gayle Mill Trust

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Gayle Mill Trust held their Annual Christmas Fayre in Gayle Institute on Saturday 24th November where profits from the Fayre will also be donated to other local charities.

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### A Classic Christmas

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and the most wonderful time of the year to remember loved ones and share the miracle of Christmas with family and friends. Let it snow and take a sleighride in a winter wonderland and listen out for those silver bells in the distance.

If it's cold outside stay in doors, gather round the Christmas tree and share some tales of yesteryear. Discover some of the origins,

traditions and legends which continue to spread the spirit of Christmas around the globe today. But most of all, be sure to have yourself a merry little Christmas.

See [www.blueboxt.co.uk](http://www.blueboxt.co.uk) for full list of December 2018 performance dates, event information and how to book tickets or contact Colin Bailey on **07711 211169** or **info@blueboxt.co.uk**.

Many of these event notifications are repeated in individual village entries but the full list for the Newsletter Area follows

**Monday 10th** - Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, **1.30pm** (Matinee performance) - **0300 790 1716**.

**Wednesday 12th** - Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, **7.30pm** - **01969 666210**, DCM or Community Office.

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**Friday 14th** - West Burton Village Hall, **7.30pm** - Sally Stone **01969 663373** or Audrey Bailey **01969 663319**.

**Saturday 15th** - Reeth Memorial Hall, **8.00pm** - John Little **01748 884759**, Reeth Post Office.

**Wednesday 19th** - Thornton Rust Institute, **7.30pm** - Martyn Donno **01969 662649**.

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### Notes from a Cycling Offcumden

I went to the Memorial Service at St Margaret's church on Sunday. I almost went straight back home because it was so packed, but I did manage to find a seat in the end. As I thought about the vast slaughter on the Western Front old memories flooded into my mind. I was brought up in and near the East End and my mother often took me back there to see relatives. There was often a sing-song around the piano, an event rare these days. One sentimental tune stuck in my mind for several years to come. The opening words were as follows:

Roses are shining in Picardy

And there's never a rose like you.

I didn't know what the words meant, but I knew that it was some sort of lament. Years later I was on a cycling trip around Calais and came across an old newspaper in French. It was published for readers in 'Picardy'. Now I knew where it was. I knew that my Uncle Bill was killed at that time. Later still I learned that he was killed in July, 1916, during the Battle of the Somme.

I found an old booklet published by the War Graves Commission and found out the town where he was buried. As no one in my family had visited the site I decided to go France to find the spot. I was seventeen at the time and had very little cash, but I learnt that Southend Airport would fly me and my bike to Calais for under a pound!

I could not miss such a bargain!

Once in Calais I decided to cycle on to Paris. But those 200 miles were tedious. Those long tree-lined roads, and the constant blaring of horns as cars passed me, became so boring that I gave up and caught the train. From Paris, partly by bike and partly by train, I ended up near the

town of Armentieres in northern France. Once again memory came to my aid. A tune from the war came to me: 'Mademoiselle from Armentieres parlez vous?' Suddenly I knew I was near the battlefields of the Western Front. Within an hour or two I had crossed the Belgian frontier and had found the military cemetery in the small town of Dranoutre. I was impressed when I found where he was buried. The grass surrounding his grave was neatly cut and each uniform gravestone was in an orderly row. Everything I saw was well maintained. It was a peaceful spot.

Many years later I did a tour of the area around Ypres, or 'wipers' as it was known to British soldiers of the time. During the tour, as I sat outside a pleasant café in Passchendaele, drinking a nice coffee, I enjoyed the quiet and tranquillity of the town. It was difficult to realise that this insignificant town was the centre of a bloodily ferocious battle in 1917. In the glutinous mud of this part of Flanders there were half a million casualties on both sides, and 90,000 bodies have never been found. Militarily the battle was a failure.

On Sunday it was good to honour all those from this area who never returned.

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### **Notes from Thorney Mire Autumn**

There are several sites in the Yorkshire Dales that are used for the monitoring of red squirrels and Thorney Mire is one of them. Traps are set in the wood at various times of the year for a two week period, to see if there are any grey squirrels in the area. These traps are checked everyday and any creature caught is released without harm. Except grey squirrels, which are dealt with, and for those of you with a nervous disposition, I will not elaborate any further. In 2015, six red squirrels wandered into the traps and no greys. In 2016, four red and four grey squirrels were caught. In 2017, there were two grey squirrels and eleven reds along with five hedgehogs and a rat. As these traps are set everyday for several days the chances are, the same squirrels are getting caught more than once, but with the figures this year of seventeen red squirrels and no greys, it would suggest that the red squirrel population is increasing. There were also three hedgehogs, two rats and a stoat for good measure. The red squirrels have been staying in the wood, but recently one has ventured into the courtyard, finding food below the bird feeders and one has run along the front garden wall.

Noticeable by their absence this year are the goldfinches. Last year there were large flocks following me along the lane, flying from one food source to another. (The goldfinches that is, not me.) This year I have only seen one flock of about a dozen, but large numbers of fieldfares.

Nuthatches do not like to feed together at the bird table, and usually you only see one at a time on the feeders with maybe a second one waiting in the wings, but in a shrub, in our front garden, three nuthatches were feeding happily together. The woodpecker has returned.

There are two schools of thought about feeding birds in the summer. The first is, once you start to feed birds, you should continue to do so because it may take them a long time to find another food source. The second one is not to feed them in summer because there is enough natural food about. The latter was applied to our establishment this year. I'm pleased to report

that the birds survived but, it did take them about a day to return once the food was put out again and I did miss them, (but not their mess and the strange plants which grow below the bird feeder).

On a recent radio programme, someone who knows about these things, said that all birds had descended from dinosaurs. If this is true, then you have to be thankful that evolution has reduced them in size, otherwise, imagine how big your bird table would have to be.

**Sylvia Turner**

### **Wartime Sacrifice in the Yorkshire Dales**

'Wartime Sacrifice in the Yorkshire Dales' completes the picture painted by the author in his two previous books on the subject: 'Wensleydale Remembered' and 'Swaledale and Wharfedale Remembered' This covers the outlying areas from Bedale to Settle, Sedburgh, Dentsdale and more.

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**Your pull-out pages of December and New Year events and greetings**

**SPECIAL CHURCH, SCHOOL AND CAROL-SINGING EVENTS (HC=Holy Communion)**

**ASKRIGG AND BAINBRIDGE AREA**

St Oswald's, Askrigg	Sunday	Dec	2	10.30am	Advent Sunday Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Dec	9	10.30am	Café-style Service
				1.30pm	BCP Communion Service
				4.00pm	Memorial Service
	Friday	Dec	14	7.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival Concert
	Sunday	Dec	16	10.30am	HC
				4.00pm	Candlelight Carol Service
	Sunday	Dec	23	10.30am	HC
	Christmas Eve			4.00pm	Christingle Service
				11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist (HC)
	Christmas Day			10.30am	Christmas Day Family Communion
	Sunday	Jan	13	10.30am	United Communion Service
St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	Christmas Eve			7.15pm	HC
				8.00pm	Celebration of music and readings
	Sunday	Jan	6	2.30pm	Epiphany HC
Bainbridge Meeting House	Sunday	Dec	23	10.30am	Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting
Countersett Meeting House	Sunday	Dec	30	10.45am	Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting
Marsett Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec	2	7.30pm	Singalong
Sycamore Hall	Saturday	Dec	1	8.30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast

**HAWES AREA**

Hawes Market Place	Saturday	Dec	1	4.00pm	Carol Singing with Hawes Band
	Monday	Dec	3	Noon	Soup Lunch and 1.00pm Taize Service
Gayle Methodist Chapel	Tuesday	Dec	4	7.30pm	Askrigg Bell Ringers
	Sunday	Dec	9	2.00pm	Toy Service
St Margaret's, Hawes	Tuesday	Jan	1	6.30pm	New Year Gathering
	Sunday	Dec	2	10.30am	Advent Sunday HC
				4.00pm	Advent Sunday School Making Lanterns
	Sunday	Dec	16	10.30am	Carols and Lessons Service
	Sunday	Dec	23	10.30am	HC
	Christmas Eve			11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist (HC)
	Christmas Day			10.30am	Christmas Day Service (HC)
	Sunday	Jan	6	4.00pm	Sunday School New Year Party
	Saturday	Dec	22	4.00pm	Christingle Service
	Sunday	Dec	23	9.00am	HC
St Mary & St John, Hardraw	Christmas Eve			10.00pm	Christmas Eve Service (HC)
	Sunday	Jan	13	10.30am	HC
Hawes Junction Chapel	Saturday	Dec	15	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight and supper

**AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA**

St Andrew's, Aysgarth	Sunday	Dec	2	10.30am	Advent Sunday HC and farewell lunch for Lynn and Alan
	Sunday	Dec	16	11.00am	Lessons with Carols
	Christmas Day			11.00am	Family Service (HC)
Aysgarth Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec	9	6.00pm	Nativity Service
Thornton Rust Mission Room	Sunday	Dec	16	3.00pm	Carol Service
Thoralby Village Hall	Saturday	Dec	15	4.00pm	Carol Service
West Burton Chapel	Mon, Tues	Dec	17,18	6.00pm	Carol Singing around village for Action for Children
	Christmas Eve			8.00pm	Christmas Eve Service (HC)

## AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA (continued)

St Bartholomew's, West Witton	Monday	Dec 10, 17	2.30pm	Short Reflection and Service
	Sunday	Dec 16	6.00pm	Carols at Pond Park (In church if wet)
	Christmas Eve		4.00pm	Crib Service
	Sunday	Jan 13	10.30am	HC

## CARPERBY, REDMIRE, CASTLE BOLTON, PRESTON AREA AND BEYOND

St Oswald's, Castle Bolton	Sunday	Dec 9	10.30am	Family Christingle Service
	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	Midnight Communion HC
St Margaret's, Preston-under-Scar	Sunday	Dec 16	6.00pm	Carol service
	Sunday	Dec 30	10.30am	HC
St Mary's, Redmire	Sunday	Dec 16	4.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		3.30pm	Crib service
Redmire Village Green	Wednesday	Dec 19	6.00pm	Carol singing around the Christmas Tree
Holy Trinity, Wensley	Friday	Dec 14	6.00pm	Carol service
	Christmas Day		10.00am	HC
Wensley Village Hall	Sunday	Jan 27	9.30am	Children's Church

## GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING

(Telephone area codes are 01969 unless stated)

### November

28 - Dec 2 Jack and the Beanstalk, Hawes Market House, 7.30pm. See p. 16

### December

- 1-24 Weekends Santa Specials on the Wensleydale Railway. See p. 31
- 1 Swale Singers Concert at St Andrew's, Aysgarth, 7.30pm. See p. 4
- 3 Advent Taize Service in Gayle Chapel. See p. 3
- 3 Fit for Life at the Wensleydale Centre, 10-11.00am. See p. 11
- 5 Church Coffee Club. Redmire Village Hall. 10.30am - noon
- 7 Wensleydale Society Meeting, West Burton Village Hall, 7.30pm. See p. 5
- 7 Low Mill Christmas Quiz. See p. 13
- 8 Sycamore Hall Christmas Extravaganza, Bainbridge
- 8 Classic Christmas performance, Leyburn Arts Centre, 7.30pm. **624510** for information
- 8 Christmas themed folk weekend at the Green Dragon, Hardraw with a special pre-booked menu and live music from Don Muldownie and James Hereford
- 9 Jr Football Christmas Fair, Hawes

- 9 Toy Service at Gayle Chapel, 2.00pm. See p. 4
- 9 Benefice Memorial Service at St Oswald's, Askrigg. See p. 2
- 10 Wensleydale Camera Club meets. See p. 20
- 10 Classic Christmas matinee performance, Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge 1.30pm. **0300 790 1716** for tickets
- 10 Fit for Life at the Wensleydale Centre, 10-11.00am. See p. 11
- 11 Arts Society Wensleydale. See p. 30
- 12 Classic Christmas performance at the DCM, Hawes, 7.30pm. Late shopping from 5.00pm. See p. 29
- 14 Christmas Tree Festival at St Oswald's, Askrigg, 7.00pm
- 14 Classic Christmas performance, West Burton Village Hall, 7.30pm. **663373** or **663319** for information
- 15 Pop-up Shop Celebration. See p. 4
- 15 Classic Christmas performance, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8.00pm. **01748 884759** for information
- 17 Christmas Dominoes, Thoraby Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Christmas Whist, Thoraby Village Hall, 7.30pm



### GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING (continued)

- 19 Classic Christmas performance at Thornton Rust Institute, 7.30pm. **662649** for information. See p.34.  
 19 Wednesday Club Afternoon Tea, Redmire Village Hall, 2.00pm  
 19 Carol singing, Redmire Village Green, 6.00pm. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in village hall.  
 20 Bainbridge WI members Christmas Party. **650095** for details.  
 21 Christmas Charity Concert, 7.30pm at Hawes Market House. See p. 19  
 22 Christmas Domino Drive at Carperby Village Institute, 7.30pm

#### January

- 2 Bolton cum Redmire Church Coffee Club with mulled wine, Gordon Lodge Redmire, 10.30am. See P 12  
 4 Wensleydale Society. See p. 5  
 15 Local History Group Meeting. See p. 33  
 17 Bainbridge WI Meeting, Bainbridge Village Hall, 7.30pm  
 19 Mobile skip at Brunt Acres Industrial Estate, Hawes  
 31 Closing date for entries to Wensleydale Tournament of Speech and Song. See p.17

#### December Events for Children

#### Hawes

- 1 Children's Bring and Share Party in Market Hall from 1.45pm  
 1 Community carol singing in Hawes Market Place with the Hawes Silver Band 4.00pm  
 1 Father Christmas in Market Place and Christmas Lights switch on 4.30pm

#### Hawes Pub and Club Events

#### December

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| 2 Christmas Lunch        | Fountain   |
| 2 Christmas Lunch        | White Hart |
| 8 Live Band              | Fountain   |
| 9 Christmas Lunch        | Fountain   |
| 9 Christmas Lunch        | White Hart |
| 12 Christmas Bingo       | Club       |
| 14 Ladies Darts Knockout | Club       |
| 16 Ladies Darts Knockout | White Hart |
| 16 Christmas Lunch       | Fountain   |

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| 16 Christmas Lunch | White Hart |
| 18 Domino Drive    | Club       |
| 23 Christmas Lunch | Fountain   |
| 23 Christmas Lunch | White Hart |

#### Christmas Day Opening Hours

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| The Board           | 11am - 1pm |
| The Crown           | All Day    |
| The Fountain        | 2pm - 4pm  |
| The White Hart Club | 11am - 1pm |
| Moorcock            | Closed     |
| Green Dragon        | Closed     |
|                     | 12 - 3pm   |

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| 28 Christmas Quiz | Board      |
| 31 Live Music     | Fountain   |
| 31 Live Music     | White Hart |

#### January 2019

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| 5 Pairs Darts Knockout | Fountain |
| 26 Domino Drive        | Fountain |

#### February

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| 2 Individual Darts Knockout | Fountain |
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The above events may alter slightly. Please check with each house concerned for times and more details of each event.

**Kathleen Martin** would like to wish all her friends and relations a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Instead of sending local cards I am giving a donation to Cancer Research.



**James Atkinson** would like to wish his friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year











**Allen Sharples and family** wish everyone a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year



**John Pritchard** of Gayle would like to wish all his friends and family a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2019



 <p><b>Mary Sumner</b> wishes all her friends in Hawes and district a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year</p>	 <p><b>Mary Grainger</b> Best wishes to all her friends and neighbours. A Happy Christmas and New Year</p>
 <p><b>Doreen Ford</b> Wishes all her friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and New Year. Not doing cards this year</p>	<p><b>Margaret Newton</b> Wishes all her friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and New Year. Not doing cards again this year</p> 
<p><b>Ann Peacock</b> would like to wish relatives, friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year</p> 	 <p>Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year <b>Judy Fawcett</b></p>
<p><b>Thomas and Doreen Raw</b> would like to wish all their relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.</p> 	 <p><b>Betty Thornborrow</b> would like to wish family and friends A merry Christmas and a happy New Year</p>
<p><b>Audrey Heasman</b> of Askrigg would like to wish all her family and friends a very happy Christmas and New Year and thank all those who visit her at The Terrace, Richmond.</p> 	 <p><b>Jean and Stuart</b> wish their friends in Aysgarth a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year</p>
 <p><b>Audrey Stringer</b> wishes all her friends and family Happy Christmas and very best wishes for 2019.</p>	 <p><b>Anne Dinsdale</b> would like to wish all her family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</p>
 <p><b>Hugh Gregson</b> of Bainbridge wishes all family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019</p>	<p><b>Fringe n Freckles Jack's Feet</b> would like to wish all her clients and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</p> 
<p><b>Jean Airey</b> wishes her friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</p> 	 <p><b>Margaret Dinsdale</b> would like to wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</p>
	<p><b>Chris, Hazel, Josh and Ella (Thwaite)</b> would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019</p> 