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Guest Editorial

In 1811 William Wordsworth wrote a poem about being 'surprised by joy' and in 1955 the Christian writer C S Lewis published an account of his early life, taking the same phrase as his title. It is a lovely one and it lingers in the memory.

When were you last 'surprised by joy'?

When you read this, the chances are that Spring might have arrived, or at least, be on its way. I write this in early March on a day of intense cold and severe floods, caused by torrential rains and melt-water from recent snow. This week's blizzard was serious, big fat flakes, the real stuff. Not long before it, however, we had suddenly gone into summer clothing. That brief hot spell, in mid-February, was freakish.

But it did not surprise us, and neither have the storms and floods surprised us. We all knew they were coming because weather forecasts these days are pretty accurate. So, if we are planning a week away, we can go onto the internet and find out what the weather will be doing at our holiday destination. We can then pack accordingly. By and large we can rely on these long term forecasts. This is all very convenient but is it not, just ever so slightly, a wee bit boring?

The word 'virtual' is over-used at the moment and I am still not quite sure what it means. I think I understand that we can experience all sorts of wonders 'virtually', by never getting out of our chairs, so long as we have the necessary technology to connect us to what is going on in the world. All may come to us through a very flat, often very large, screen. And the screen not only entertains us, it will shop for us too. We can choose a present on line, pay to have it gift-wrapped, delivered, and bingo! Gone, for many, are the days of choosing wrapping paper, getting all stuck up with sellotape, sticking stamps on and queueing. With no queues, gone too are the little chats This morning I handed in a parcel at Hawes Post Office 'Nothing explosive, just some silly socks' I said, which raised an exchange of smiles.

Then there is the sat nav. Map reading, I have heard, is becoming a dying art. We simply

punch in a post-code and we're off. The OS maps of Great Britain were once regarded as one of the modern wonders of the world. Now I read that fewer and fewer are being produced as there is less and less 'call' for them. So, 'Good-o' I say wickedly, when the siren voice of the sat nav does a wobbly and someone ends up on the edge of a drop. Something like this once happened to me and it did teach me, I hope, not to put all my trust in the princes of technology.

I think what I'm minding these days is an increasing lack of spontaneity in modern life, the erosion of the genuine 'hands on' experience. A lot of us are addicted to our smart -phones, our tablets and our screens, but we need time for the real things too, to feel the wind on our faces, to smell new-cut grass, to steal out before bed to look at the stars.

D H Lawrence talked about 'the wonder of life' and to find it now we must look, perhaps, into the faces of the very young who are still fully open to that wonder. May we all, young and old, as Spring steals upon us here, in the loveliest of places, be surprised by joy.

Ann Pilling.

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was at the base of the Market Cross on the front cover and the winner of the £10 prize is Andy Carter from Burton in Lonsdale.

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

King's Club 2019

Good News. King's Club will take place from **Monday August 5th to Friday, August 9th** at Askrigg School (6-10 year olds) and Low Mill Outdoor Centre (11-16 year old). Full details plus application forms will be sent out via all Primary schools in mid-May and for those at Secondary school these can be obtained from www.nydalesmeth.org.uk (or from Heather). Any queries contact **Heather Sowerby** at heathersowerby77@gmail.com or telephone **01969 650412**

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April Competition

Sporting Cryptic clues. Each of the ten answers is a sporting term or expression. Ten answers – ten different sports.

- 1 Inflict correctly with a needle?
- 2 Intimidator goes away
- 3 Snap the neckpiece in reverse
- 4 Fine attempt
- 5 Tall Barriers
- 6 Move slowly forward
- 7 Protect the car journey
- 8 Sounds like a tea container
- 9 Remain in the hole
- 10 Wet the pullover...er no!!

Send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, April 23rd** for a chance to win the £20 prize which will be sent to your nominated charity.

Easter Art Exhibition

West Burton Artists

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Answers to the March Competition

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| 1 Roman God and hero | Hercules |
| 2 Baked in a dish with a filling and pastry | The Pie |
| 3. Official language of Bamar people | Burmese |
| 4. Battle fought on 14th June 1800 | Marengo |
| 5. Dry and brittle and firm | Crisp |
| 6. They assume lives of random people perceived as "nomads" | Traveller |
| 7. Wear this warm coat available in 46 stores across the U.K | Whistlejacket |
| 8. Home to the Amalienborg Palace | Copenhagen |
| 9. A man who cannot attract any girls - a chump | Palomo |
| 10. I am left after churning butter | Buttermilk |
| 11 A Spanish devil? | Diablo |
| 12. I can be drawn on Wednesday or Saturday. I take several forms | Lottery |
| 13 I was in the Battle of Little Big Horn and survived | Comanche |
| 14 A hard protective lightweight shell or bed cover | Topper |
| 15.A major city in Ohio. Settled in 1788 | Cincinnati |

And the connection between the answers is that they are all famous horses.

That was a tough quiz and there were no correct answers this month. The best score was 13 correct so there will be a £40 rollover prize available for this month's winning entry.

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Newsletter Annual Report

This year has been a year of consolidation with the committee remaining stable and the new roles and ways of working mentioned last year settling down nicely.

- The sharing of editorial duties between Barry and I, each preparing roughly alternate issues seems to work well though more cover is needed. This allows each editor a break every other issue. Barry has developed (and maintains) a spreadsheet which helps monitor the input as it comes in and calculate residual space in each issue as it is assembled allowing much better control of the assembly process.

- The elimination of the separate "jigsaw" stage of production has speeded the production of a draft newsletter after deadline day and incidentally reduced production costs by approximately £1,000 per year.

- Kevin the newest member of the committee is completely up to speed in formatting material as it is received to assist the monthly editor and could now assume responsibility for production of a full issue. This may be held up due to his other (income generating) activities.

- We are still on the lookout for someone with the time, aptitude and inclination to use or learn how to use Microsoft Publisher.

The committee are all on top of the roles which they have undertaken and everything runs like a remarkably well oiled machine! Numbers being printed are in line with last year's and run at about 1,600 in the winter and 1,750 in the summer.

There has been a significant change to distribution in Hawes since Mason's the Newsagents stopped deliveries and have since sold the business. It will take some time to establish how the distribution pattern in Hawes will rebalance and how the income from the boxes will be affected. It is possible that no payment was received for some of the Newsletters delivered by Mason's with the papers.

Advertising revenue is in line with last year with a small but constant turnover of old adverts dropping out and new coming in. With very sound finances (see page 15), well managed by

our treasurer Janet, helped by last year's donations, we have tried to generate more ways of distributing the money, still in line with our overall objectives. To that end the Book and Equipment Awards were increased to a maximum of £500 per applicant. This produced an increase in the number of applicants with eleven received this year, up from a total of four last year.

A Junior Writing Competition was established in memory of our founder, the late Alan Watkinson, with Ann Pilling, the local poet and author carrying out the judging and Shirley Watkinson presenting the prizes. It was well supported with many entries coming from across the Newsletter area, from Hawes to Preston under Scar. Prizes of trophies and book tokens were given to the winning entrants and to their schools. It is intended that this will become an annual event.

In memory of Alan Watkinson, the Newsletter will plant a tree at the side of the Pennine Way above Hardraw together with a plaque. All permissions have been obtained and the YDNPA will order the tree, construct the surround, obtain the plaque and supervise the planting for us at the appropriate time of year.

It only remains for me to thank the Committee, the distributors, the many contributors both regular and occasional and the dozens of others throughout the Dale who make the Newsletter what it is today.

A.M.



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Grants Available for Community Projects

Grants of up to £1,500 are available to help community groups across the Yorkshire Dales deliver real benefits to local people. The Roger Stott Community Grant programme, launched by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) in March 2016 in memory of the charity's founding Chairman, is supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

So far, sixty six projects totalling close to £80,000 have been awarded to help groups make a difference in their local community. Grants of between £250 and £1,500 are available for voluntary organisations and community groups with an annual income of less than £30,000, and can be used to develop both new and existing initiatives.

Michaela Brennan, YDMT Project Officer, said: "The Yorkshire Dales are home to many vibrant community and voluntary groups who are making a difference to the lives of local people. "If your group has ideas that could make a big impact in this area then we can help you make them become a reality. I am really looking forward to receiving proposals that continue or

expand the excellent work community groups do in this region."

A recent successful applicant, The NASH, received £1,500 to hold world film nights and puppetry workshops with children at their community venue in Hawes. They also received a grant for equipment in 2016. Dales Community Pop Choir also received funding for transport to attend the UK Choir Festival 2019 and Hawes United Junior Football Club secured funds for equipment to increase their work with young people. Buddies, an organisation that offers outings to reduce social exclusion of vulnerable and disabled children, also received a grant to support their running costs.

Over the last decade YDMT has received more than £2 million, thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery, through Postcode Earth Trust, supporting this and many other projects that benefit the people, landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales.

Roger Stott Community Grants can cover revenue expenses such as staff costs, rent or training, or be used for capital investment in assets such as furniture, computers or catering equipment, to name just a few. No match-funding is required, so groups can apply for up to 100% of the total project costs.

The closing date for this round of applications is **5.00pm on Sunday, March 31st**. Please visit www.ydmt.org/community-grants to download the application form, guidance notes and map of the eligible area. For more information please contact the project officer **Michaela Brennan** on **015242 51002** or email info@ydmt.org

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Redmire Quoits

This story begins in the sunshine of last year. As a part of the Redmire Feast, an open Quoits competition was arranged by village Quoits guru Tom Hunter. Tom also arranged for some practice sessions before Feast day, and these sessions turned out to be very popular. As a result the competition went well and players old and new took part.

Following on from the Feast, during several get-togethers on sunny Sunday afternoons as well as a New Year's Day special, the idea that we could form a team and enjoy competing in the local league emerged and since then we have progressed to attending the league A.G.M and look forward to our first season.

However, we still have several hurdles to clear, we have a number of new players, and would certainly welcome anyone interested in joining us, male or female, young or old, player or supporter, please contact **Fred Pails on 07901500725**.

One of the other hurdles, because we are a new team, is getting the team equipped, and we would therefore like to ask if you have any unused Quoits in the shed or stowed away in the attic, then please consider helping us get up and running.

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Wensleydale Society

The speaker is Tracey Blackwell on 'A Waller's Odyssey' which is all about her experiences as a drystone waller in the Dales. The meeting is at West Burton Village Hall, on **Friday, April 5th at 7.30pm**. Visitors are welcome to all the talks for a small fee. For more information please ring **01969 624246**.

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'Discover Your Woods: Trees in the Dales' Book Launch

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, working to support the people, landscape and wildlife of the Dales, are delighted to announce the launch of their new book "Discover Your Woods: Trees in the Dales" by David Joy.

There are hundreds of books on woods and trees but this is the first one to set the subject in the context of the Yorkshire Dales. With its informative text and a superb selection of photographs, it provides both visual enjoyment and an absorbing read, giving the opportunity to discover much previously little known.

The wide-ranging content covers the many changes in Dales woodland down the centuries, takes a detailed look at six key woods and twenty-one of the best-known species of trees. Main chapters are also interspersed with spreads 'People behind the Trees', which reflect the personalities of those involved and the challenges they have met to help support this special area.

For further information please email media@ydmtd.org or call 015242 51002.

Mike Appleton, Marketing and Communications Officer,
Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust



The children in Dalesplay have been enjoying activities based around nursery rhymes. They thought the currant buns that they had made tasted delicious and some of the children made a Humpty Dumpty using modrock



to go on their big wall that they built in the role play area. Dalesplay has been full of music and the children have developed their counting skills through rhymes. We dressed up for world book day and shared some of our favourite stories from home and celebrated red nose day by wearing red. Pancake day was a huge success. The pancake chef was struggling to keep up with demand and we even learnt a rhyme about pancakes.

We have lots of fun activities planned for the Easter holiday for children aged 0-12 years. If you would like to join us please contact us at email dalesplay1@btconnect.com or 01969 667789 or contact us through our facebook page for more details. Booking is essential as places are limited so please book early to prevent disappointment. Dalesplay is open all year around to meet the needs of families in the dales. If you need care for your children, even if it is just in the holidays please contact us and we will be happy to help.

National Theatre Live

All about Eve, starring Gillian Anderson and Lily James, streamed live to Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, **Thursday, April 11th at 7.00pm**, tickets £12. A new West End production which asks why our fascination with celebrity, youth and identity never seems to get old.



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Flowers of the Dales Festival Underway

Flowers of the Dales Festival, the annual celebration of wildflowers and nature in the Yorkshire Dales, is now underway. Co-ordinated by Clapham-based charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) and supported by players of People’s Postcode Lottery, the Festival brings together 125 events from March to October, led by experts and enthusiasts across the region.

It aims to encourage people of all ages to discover the wonderful wildflowers of the Yorkshire Dales and to gain an understanding of the careful management required to ensure that this special place can be enjoyed by wildlife and people in years to come. To date more than 40,000 people have taken part in the Festival which is now in its 11th year.

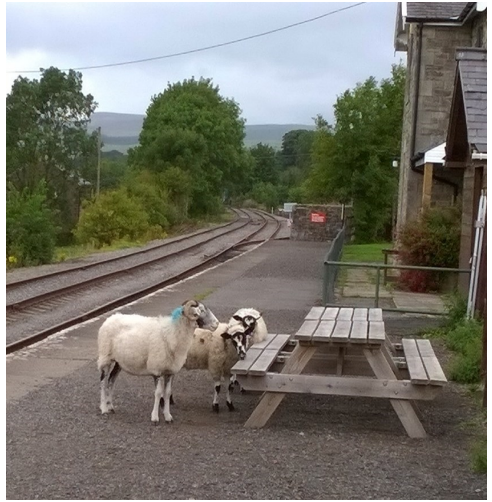
YDMT’s Flowers of the Dales festival co-ordinator, Sarah Hodgson, said: “The Yorkshire Dales is home to a fantastic array of native flora and fauna and the Festival celebrates this wide-ranging bio-diversity.”

YDMT would also like to pay special thanks to JT Atkinson builders merchant for supporting the event alongside Skipton Properties, Tennants Auctioneers, Swaledale Festival, John Chambers Wildflower Seed, Broadrake Bunk Barn and Country Hideaways.

The 2019 Festival programme is now being distributed across the region and can also be found here www.ydmt.org/flowers-festival. Alternatively, to receive a printed copy of the programme, please send an A5 stamped and self-addressed envelope to: Flowers of the Dales, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Main Street, Clapham, Via Lancaster, LA2 8DP.

Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal

This year, Hawes Street Collection is on **Tuesday, April 23rd**, and Leyburn’s on **Friday, April 26th**. If you’re able to spare an hour to help with either of these, please book online via: https://t.campaign.mariecurie.org.uk/webApp/mcc_supporterRegistration or phone: **01904 755260**.



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Police Report

Good news first! The John Deere gator stolen from Lunds on February 11th was recovered from the wood at Langstrothdale a few days after the theft – the thieves appear to have hidden the gator to test for presence of a tracker, fortunately, we found it before it could be retrieved!

With such a lot to fit in, we are going straight into incidences of note for the last month, which is basically a theme on different kinds of theft.

On the evening of February 25th a Honda quad bike was stolen from a farm in Raydale. Our eagle-eyed members of the Upper Dales Volunteer Rural Watch reported seeing a quad without lights, in company with a Ford Focus car, being ridden towards Worton. Police patrols, (already in the area) along with the Rural Watch team, searched for a considerable amount of time but the thieves went to ground. In the early hours the quad was then spotted and pursued by police in Wharfedale until it was lost heading into West Yorkshire. A big thank you to the continued work of our Rural Watch teams – they do an amazing job for the good of the local and wider community.

Between about 10.00pm and 11.00pm on February 28th, J.T. Atkinsons Builders Merchants on Hawes Business Park was broken into. CCTV shows two suspect males breaking through outer fencing and then knocking a hole through the outer wall of the warehouse, before entering and stealing a large amount of copper piping. They then made off in a hatchback car. If anyone has any information relating to this or remembers seeing/hearing anything around this time, please do let us know.

In Leyburn, on the afternoon of March 8th, a group of suspect shoplifters were reported by the CO-OP and Campbell's, having stolen a large quantity of alcohol, while sunglasses were also stolen from the Opticians. The group had also swept through supermarkets in Catterick, Richmond and Northallerton the same day! With updates and reports from staff and the public, three men have now been arrested and have since been charged with a number of theft offences.

In the early hours of March 4th two Honda

quad bikes were stolen from a farm in Bishopdale, both of which were later sighted in lower Wharfedale. One was pursued by police and sadly lost track of in West Yorkshire, the other was found abandoned in Addingham. A silver Ford Mondeo was believed to be linked to the theft and it turns out that it had in fact been sighted in the area a few days before.

Although the Dales remains a low crime area, incidents such as these are a gentle reminder to take a look at our own property security; CCTV, security warning signage, fitting quality locks, chains and locking posts, tracker and alarm systems are all great ways of preventing crime in the first place and are not as expensive as you might think. We have stepped up marked and unmarked patrols especially in the Upper Dales and Bishopdale areas but as ever we rely on your eyes and ears too – '101' - you know the drill!

As most of you know, I carry out regular drop-in sessions at the Community Office and Burtersett Institute but due to the nature of my job, sometimes I have been unable to make it or have had to change the times last minute. I am more than happy to make home visits in addition to the monthly surgeries, so please get in touch if you would like to make an appointment for a chat. The Community messenger website is – ; www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org . please sign up.

PCSO 3744 Lucy Osborn

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North Yorkshire Police

Hawes Cricket Club

Another exciting season of cricket in Hawes will commence in April. Home games begin on **Sunday, April 28th (1.30pm start time)** with practices underway every Thursday from **April 18th (6.00pm - 6.30pm start)** at Hawes cricket field. Evening T20s will be upcoming in the summer months.

Anyone, of any age, who would like to participate in any way, whether it be playing, umpiring, scoring or just watching would be extremely welcome.

James Raw

Notes from Thorney Mire

Spring

Due to the pressure of work (decorating) we completely missed taking part in the R.S.P.B. bird count in January. I tried to overcome my guilt and hoped that we had not upset the national figures. The count was started forty years ago in conjunction with the children's programme Blue Peter and was designed for school children to count the birds in their gardens. It was so popular the Blue Peter programme received thirty six mail bags of post and the count has continued ever since. Comparing figures from forty years ago might give some indication of which species have increased in numbers and which have declined. One thing which will have changed, forty years ago, children would have been peering through their windows recording birds with a pen and paper, now it's mostly done online. What will happen in the next forty years? Will Artificial Intelligence be programmed to identify and count different species? Alexa, how many birds are in the garden please?

The bird count would have been more interesting if it had taken place a week later when snow was on the ground. As well as the usual chaffinches, blue, great and coal tits, there were three robins instead of the usual one, three male blackbirds, the dominant one using his energy trying to scare away the other two. Siskins and bramblings visited the feeders along with the woodpecker and a tree creeper was seen on the beech tree. Even two nuthatches were seen feeding together. A flock of eight starlings descended on the feeders scaring away the other birds. They could have been winter visitors as starlings fly in from northern Europe in the autumn and leave again in the spring, but having not checked their passports I can't be sure.

On 26th February I saw and heard a curlew for the first time this year. On a morning's walk I saw mallards taking advantage of the puddles left in the flooded fields, cock pheasants strutting across the grass and the jackdaws and rooks protesting nosily as we walked under their trees. Three curlews were flying overhead and calling with their distinctive cry, competing with a flock of a dozen or more lapwings heading south west and more than a hundred fieldfares

rose from the field and flew in front of us displaying their pale undersides in the spring sunshine.

Having not seen the lonely deer for some time, on a snowy morning at the end of January, two deer were seen running down the field towards the wood. They would stop by the wall, turn round and run to the top of the field before turning round again and running back the other way. They did this several times. Nothing was chasing them, they just seemed to be full of the joys of spring, or in this case winter. They eventually finished their morning work-out and began to graze. On two further occasions I have seen three deer grazing in the field near to the house.

To continue with my New Year's resolution of noting the plants on the verges of the lane, for February and March, coltsfoot, dog's mercury, lesser celandine and a primula with a tiny yellow flower just emerging.

A red squirrel has built a drey in the fork of a tree at the edge of the wood. This, on the squirrel's part has not been very well thought out. The branch overhangs the lane and the drey is immediately above the verge. I look up at the tangle of sticks every time I pass the tree. I have not seen any young (called kittens) yet, but hope they will be sure footed. To misquote from the film Casablanca, "In all the trees, in all the wood, why did you chose to build in this one?"

Sylvia Turner

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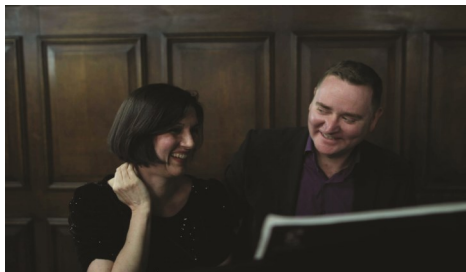
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2019 Season starts on April 13th

As we launch our 4th Season I am really excited at the varied programme and amazing performers we are attracting to Wensleydale. We have three piano recitals in St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Notable Ukrainian pianist Dinara Klinton, who has won many international prizes, visits us in June. In August we welcome British pianist Mark Viner who shot to attention in the national and international press with his CD of Alkan's music. He was, as a result, the cover artist of BBC Music Magazine. Both Dinara and Mark are extremely versatile pianists and dazzling virtuosi.

The season starts with a 4 hand piano duet concert on **April 13th at 7.30pm** in Aysgarth by Robert Hunter and Zoe Mather who are performing Holst's The Planets in Holst's original piano version. Robert, now a well established pianist, discovered this version of the Planets as a student through his teacher John York who found it gathering dust in a school cupboard where Holst had been the director of music! They are also performing an unusual arrangement of the ever popular Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens.



From May to October we have an Elizabethan group in costume, playing period instruments in a presentation entitled "This Merry Pleasant Spring", a flute and guitar recital, a cello recital and a chamber concert (all in Carperby Village Hall or Bainbridge Friends Meeting House).

We have season tickets available at £75 (a saving of £30 on the 7 concerts) or individual tickets for £15. Under 18 and full time student tickets are £1. For full details and tickets please check out our website at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

Heavens Above

April is the best time of the year to view the largest and longest of all the constellations – Hydra the Water Serpent. You'll find it sprawling low in the south just below the main springtime constellations of Libra, Virgo, Leo and Cancer. It stretches more than a quarter of the way around the sky but for such a large and ancient constellation it's not particularly distinctive. Most of its stars are fairly dim apart from its reddish-coloured leader, Alphard, and its most prominent feature is the compact circlet of 5 stars forming the snakes head which lies just below and to the right of Leo's Sickle.

Hydra might not be one of the sky's more exciting constellations but in the old Greek myths, it was a different kettle of fish - a fierce multi-headed monster which was eventually slain after an almighty scrap by the hero, Hercules, as the second of his twelve labours – no mean feat as every time he cut off one of its heads another 2 grew in its place.

Just above Hydra, almost riding on its back, you'll find two other obscure constellations – Corvus the Crow and Crater the Cup. They're associated with another ancient legend featuring Hydra. The god Apollo feeling a bit thirsty sent the crow with a cup to fetch him some water from a nearby well. The bird loitered by a fig tree laden with fruit, waiting for them to ripen, and after a good blow-out eventually came back to Apollo with a water-snake claiming it had been blocking the well. Apollo was having none of this and throwing a wobbler flung the crow, beaker and snake amongst the stars as an everlasting warning that trying to fib your way out of trouble isn't always the best course of action. Have clear skies and a Happy Easter!

Al Bireo

National Park Guided Walks in April

Sunday 14th – ‘Secret Squirrel’. 10.30am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Meet at the DCM when our experienced Dales volunteers will take you for a gentle 1.5 mile stroll through Snaizeholme looking for red squirrels. Adults £6.00, under 18’s £2.00 (includes transport to Snaizeholme).

Tuesday 23rd – ‘Barns, walls and bridges’. 1.30pm to 4.00pm. Join our experienced Dales volunteers at the DCM on this 4 mile guided walk to see an old packhorse bridge and part of the route used by Lady Anne Clifford. Adult £5.00 Child free to age 18 and under.

Tuesday 30th – ‘Hawes Town Trail’. 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Meet at the DCM and join this easy 2 mile walk through Hawes and Gayle exploring the history of the area. Free event, donations welcome. Limited places, booking essential.

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James' musical background has spanned over many years. He was with the Band of HM Coldstream Guards as principle Saxophone player and Guitarist for over fourteen years. His career has taken him all over the world, performing on the finest of world stages including the Royal Albert Hall and many concert halls in Japan. He has had two classical number one hits and has performed to thousands including the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate and billions in the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games in London 2012.

He has recorded at many legendary studios including Abbey Road and has performed with many artists such as Jools Holland, Rod Stewart and Katherine Jenkins. James continues to get his music and name heard globally and is currently working on a number of new film scores.

Although based with his wife Caroline and young daughter Jemima in a peaceful village where he has his studio, he travels widely including frequent visits to London and Los Angeles. For more information on James' career and future films scores please visit his website. www.jamesgriffithsfilmmusic.com

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Income

Balances b/f [includes £140 of unclaimed cheques from 2017/18]	<u>18611.22</u>
Donations & postal subs	1207.00
Collection boxes	3261.30
Adverts	9865.00
Interest (Skipton BS)	<u>75.77</u>
	<u>14409.07</u>
	33020.29

Expenditure

Production costs	9690.00
Distribution costs	950.33
Donations	1570.00
Committee expenses & honoraria	100.00
Room rental	8.00
Prizes	724.45
Book grant scheme for students	4613.23
Equipment	0.00
Refund to advertiser	125.00
Computer services & hardware	945.48
	<u>18726.49</u>
Balance c/f	14293.80
	<u>33020.29</u>

The accounts were audited and approved on March 15th 2019 by Barry Wilcox, MCMI.

Following the receipt of two large donations during 2017/18 we were able to increase the amount we grant to students entering tertiary education and we have also created a new writing competition for primary school pupils, giving significant prizes to the winners and their schools.

We supported 11 local students with book and equipment grants this year, amounting to £4613.23, and we donated to several charities on behalf of our monthly competition winners: Central Dales Practice, Cats Protection, Diabetes UK, Hawes Christmas Lights, Parkinson's UK, Starlight Children's Foundation, and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Larger donations all supported local organizations:

£350	The Songbirds
£200	Askrigg Handbell Ringers
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£150	Wensleydale Concert Series
£100	Wensleydale Philharmonic Society
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£100	Great North Air Ambulance
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Middleham Key Centre, **Tuesday, April 16th, 2.00pm.**

Waterloo is a defining moment in the history of Britain. The men who fought there are commemorated across the land and this talk, with artefacts from the period, will show what some of those with Yorkshire connections experienced over those momentous weeks.

Paul Brunyee is a writer, a Waterloo tour guide and the editor of The Waterloo Journal. He has acted as an educational advisor to several museums and heritage groups and is a member of the national Waterloo200 legacy group.

Annual membership of Middleham and the Dales Local History Group is still only £10, visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Tony Keates 01969 640436** and dotandtonyk@btinternet.com



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Big Bridge, Little Bridge

Dent Head Viaduct is one of 20 viaducts on the Settle to Carlisle railway line. It forms a very striking feature at the head of Dentdale.

When you think about the Settle to Carlisle railway line the most known viaduct is the one at Ribbleshead – the Batty Moss viaduct. After crossing this viaduct, the line enters Blea Moor Tunnel (about 2,400m long and 150m below the moor) before emerging onto Dent Head Viaduct. This carries the line over Fell End Gill. Arnold Pacey suggests that a tramway existed prior to the railway which ran from Batty Moss to Dent Head Viaduct. The tramway would have been built to transport bricks directly from the brickworks to the construction site at Dent.

About a mile down the line is Arten Gill Viaduct. This was one of the most difficult viaducts to build and is set into the limestone bedrock through shafts 50ft long which had to be driven through unstable shales. It is also one of the few viaducts that did not use bricks in its arch construction. The construction of the Settle to Carlisle was a massive project undertaken by Midland Railway which took over 6 years. One contractor had to give up during construction as a result of underestimating the terrain and the weather – Dent Head has almost four times the rainfall of London.

The Dent Head Viaduct was built between 1869 and 1875. It follows a slightly curved line on a north-south (west) axis. It is constructed from massive blocks of rock-faced sandstone, which is mostly coursed but some is **snecked**. It has 10 tall round-headed arches on battered rectangular piers – the ones in the centre being broader than the others. There are brick **soffits** to the arches, with **rusticated** sandstone **voussoirs**. There are now 3 tie-plates to each arch to help reinforce the structure. The parapet has a moulded **string course** and rounded coping.

In the shadow of the viaduct is an 18th century packhorse bridge. It is named Dale Head Bridge on the 1st edition OS map. It is constructed from sandstone rubble. It has a low segmental arch with one ring of narrow rubble **voussoir** stones. There is a grassy track over it. Packhorse



Dent Head Viaduct towers over the earlier packhorse bridge

bridges were constructed to carry horses loaded with side-bags or panniers (a packhorse) across a river or stream. In this case Fell End Gill. Packhorse routes were the trade routes that formed the major transport arteries of Great Britain until the coming of the turnpike roads and canals (and railways!).

Glossary of Terms:

Snecked – Snecked walling is the term given to a wall constructed of stones, usually (roughly) squared, of three distinct bed heights and follows a consistent bonding arrangement.

Soffits – They are generally the underside of any construction element, in this context the underside of the arch.

Rusticated – Rustication is a type of decorative masonry achieved by cutting back the edge of stones to a plane surface while leaving the central portion of the face rough or projecting. It often contrasts to the finish of the other stone used in the construction. In this case they are quite weathered.

Voussoirs– A voussoir is a wedge-shaped or tapered stone used to construct an arch (they are visible on the face of the arch).

String course – This is a horizontal band or course that projects or is flush with the wall and often moulded. It is often used as a line of demarcation, in this case between the viaduct and the parapet.

Hannah Kingsbury, YDNPA

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March

- 31 Wensleydale Railway's Afternoon Tea. See page 27
- 31 Deadline for submissions for Community Grants. See page 6
- 31 Mothering Sunday celebrations. 10.30am. Askrigg and Hawes

April

- 1 Rotary Club Recruitment Meeting. 7.00pm Bolton Arms, Leyburn.
- 2 Coffee Morning. 10.00am Machell View, Thoralby
- 2 Lent Lunches. Noon See page 29
- 3 Coffee Morning. 10.30am. The Old Police House, Redmire
- 4,5,6 Settle Amateur Operatic Society. "Joseph". See page 25
- 5 Wensleydale Society lecture. 7.30pm. West Burton. See page 7
- 5 Lent Lunches. Thoralby Village Hall Noon.
- 6 Men's Breakfast. . Sycamore Hall. 8.30am
- 6 Coffee Morning for Parkinson's UK. Thornton Rust. 10.30am. See page 6
- 7 Training Day for Bird Watching Volunteers. See page 23
- 9 Lent Lunch. Noon. See page 29
- 9 Arts Society Lecture. Eduard Manet. Middleham. 2.00pm. See page 33
- 11 National Theatre Live, 'All About Eve'. Leyburn. 7.00pm. See page 8
- 12 Chris Bannister (John Denver tribute) at Reeth. 8.00pm. See page 16
- 12 Lent Lunches. Noon. Aysgarth Institute
- 12 East Witton Choir concert. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 7.30pm. See page 2
- 13 Piano Concert at Aysgarth Church. 7.30pm. See page 12
- 13 Miss Saigon Film. Leyburn. 7.00pm. See page 7
- 14 National Parks Guided Walk. Hawes DCM. See page 13
- 15,16,17 Evening Lent Reflections. 7.00pm. See page 37
- 16 Local History Group talk. Middleham. 2.00pm See page 17

- 17 Penhill Ladies. Tony Keats 'Aspects of Water Mills'. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm
- 17 Afternoon Tea. 2.00pm. Redmire Village Hall
- 18 Leyburn U3A meeting. 10.00am. Leyburn. See page 34
- 18 Maundy Thursday. Holy Communion. Thornton Rust Mission Room. 7.00pm
- 18 Bainbridge W.I. Talk 7.30pm. Bainbridge Village Hall. See page 25
- 19 Walk of Witness. Starts Gayle Chapel. 10.15am. See page 29
- 19 Penhill Benfice. Witness of the Cross. See page 39
- 19,22 Penhill Benefice Easter Church Services. See page 19
- 21 Afternoon Tea Wensleydale Railway. See page 27
- 21,22 Art Exhibition. West Burton. 10.00am to 4.00pm. See page 4
- 22 Easter Monday Bank Holiday
- 22 Plant Sale, St Oswald's, Castle Bolton. See page 13
- 23 National Parks Guided Walk, Hawes DCM. See page 13
- 23 Marie Curie Daffodil Collection, Hawes. See page 9
- 23 LASS meeting. Thornborough Hall 7.15pm.
- 24 Family History Group Talk. Harmby. See page 28
- 26 Baldy Holly Band at Reeth. 8.00pm. See page 16
- 26 Marie Curie Daffodil Collection, Leyburn. See page 9
- 27 Gin Train, Wensleydale Railway. See page 27
- 27 Thoralby Quiz Night. 6.30pm. See page 24
- 29 Prayer Fellowship. 7.30pm. Thornton Rust Mission Room
- 29 Soup and sweet lunch. Askrigg Village Hall. See page 25
- 30 National Parks Guided Walk, Hawes DCM. See page 13

May

- 1 Swaledale Churches Open Day. See page 28

All events and exhibitions are included in museum admission unless stated. £4.80 Adults, £4.30 concession, free U16.

Exhibition

Colour and Comfort - a collaborative exhibition with the Quilters Guild exploring rural quilts and quilting. Until May 8th

An exhibition of 19th and 20th century rural quilts and quilted clothing from the Yorkshire Dales, including examples of frame, mosaic, applique, wholecloth, patchwork, recycled and repaired quilts. See those made for richer households alongside those created and used in traditional Dales cottages.

Events

- 2, 9, 14, 23, 30. **Printmaker at Work.** Watch artist Hester Cox making prints from the stunning woodblocks created to illustrate her many books, by historian and founder of the museum, Marie Hartley. The prints created will be placed in the Museum archive and Hester, inspired by her experience and on-going research into the career of Marie Hartley as an artist, printmaker and historian, will create a new body of work to be exhibited at the Museum in 2020.
- 12 **Conservation of the Midlands Railway book of Bridges. 7.30pm.** Conservator Stephen Allen describes his work restoring the 1890s Midland Railway Book of Bridges. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free - donations welcome.
- 12 **In the Kitchen. 11.00am to 3.00pm** Join us in our traditional farmhouse kitchen where Mrs H will explain the hard work that went on there.
- 13 **Quilting through the Ages. 1.00pm to 4.00pm.** Join Kate Trusson for a demonstration of quilting. A chance to look at some of the quilts in the

collection and to see various quilt making methods.

- 16, 23 **Drystone Walling Demonstration. 11.00am to 3.00pm.** Join our Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling and explain the construction of this iconic feature of the National Park landscape, from the foundations to the top stones. In 4 short drop in sessions they talk through the process of turning a pile of stones into something that will last for centuries.
- 17, 24 **Textiles Techniques. 2.00pm to 4.00pm.** In the museums textile gallery there will be volunteers working on their own textile projects.
- 27 **3D Birds. 10.00am to 4.00pm.** Come and make a 3D bird with artist Gill Kirk. Using templates to create your own birds and decorate them. £3 per child,

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A training day for volunteers will be held in Wensleydale, on **Sunday, April 7th**. The survey work itself will involve three visits to each farm, the first between **April 17th and May 8th**, the second between **May 9th and May 29th**, and the third between **May 30th and June 19th**. Prospective volunteers are invited to contact YDNPA Wildlife Conservation Officer **Ian Court** on **01756 751602** or ian.court@yorkshiredales.org.uk for full details, including the venue and time of the training day.

Ian Court said: “We have a priority list of farms to survey, where current agri-environment scheme agreements are coming up for renewal. The more volunteers we have, the



more farms we can survey. And ultimately the more farms we can survey, the more land will end up being managed to benefit these birds. People can make a real difference to wildlife

conservation by becoming a volunteer.” He added: “A number of breeding wader species are undergoing significant population declines in both the UK and elsewhere in Europe. This makes the relatively stable populations in the Dales nationally important.”

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“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat” Arrives in Settle

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The story of Joseph’s journey through Egypt from being sold into slavery by his cruel and jealous brothers, to serving as Pharaoh’s right-hand man is told entirely through song. With choreography and direction from a young and dynamic team of assistant producers, supported by the society’s long standing director and musical director team, this show promises to entertain the whole family. Join us **Thursday, April 4th at 7.00pm, Friday, April 5th at 7.00pm or for a matinee Saturday, April 6th at 1.00pm**; tickets will be available from Settle Victoria Hall from March. You can keep updated on the show via the societies Facebook page.

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Bainbridge Women’s Institute

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

At the next meeting on **April 18th** there will be a talk by Geoffrey Pawson on the “Land of the Snow Tiger”. Soup and Sweet lunch will be on the **April 29th** at Askrigg Village Hall. All are welcome

We look forward to seeing you.

Art Exhibition at Leyburn

From **March 18th to April 14th**, Christopher Mainprize - showing intriguing photos created by capturing multiple images of an object or scene and layering them to form a picture. The result is an impressionistic image that combines snippets of space and time. Free entry at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre (occasionally the Studio is in use and exhibition unavailable, please telephone **01969 624510** to check.)

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Hawes School News

Class 4 Hockey Tournament

On Friday, March 8th some children from class 4 went to the Wensleydale School to participate in a hockey tournament. There were two teams; team A and team B. Abigail said "We all had a great day and we were all friendly towards each other". Other schools that went were : BAWB, Reeth and Gunnerside and Leyburn. Team A came second and Team B came third. George S, Evie, George T, Marri, Tia and Lola were in Team A and Abigail, Macy, Anne, Bradley and Fausta were in team B. Overall they had a great day and would like to say thank you to Reeth and Gunnerside for making it happen and to Mrs Guy for taking us.

By George S and Evie

Class 2 – Work on religious buildings

On Wednesday, March 6th as part of their learning on religious buildings Y2 created their own Mosque in school and then pretended to go on a school visit. We planned what was needed in the mosque and created our own simple payer mats. We created a shoe rack for our shoes and



used some PE equipment for the minbar (the raised platform for the Imam to talk from). To show respect and to imagine what it might feel like the girls covered their head with a head scarf.

We listened to the Islamic call to prayer which would be called from the minarets outside the mosque.

"I really enjoyed pretending."

"It was really calm and I thought that the music was good."

The children learnt that Muslims pray five times a day and that when they pray in the mosque the males and females are separated. Muslims also face the direction of Mecca and this is indicated by the mihrab. In the afternoon, the children wrote really good reports on the key

features of a mosque and included all the features we created in the pretend mosque.

World Book Day – Thursday, March 7th

The theme of our World Book Day was 'share a story'. We dressed in our pyjamas and onesies and shared our favourite bedtime stories. At the end of the day some family members came into school and read stories with the children. It was



such a lovely atmosphere. Children all over the school were sharing stories with each other in small and large groups. They were sharing stories with different adults. It was a real celebration of reading which is very much at the heart of the curriculum at our school. We were very grateful to the 4 parents/family members who came and joined in the fun! Thank you for coming and supporting our children.

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Tickets are: Adult £32.50 and Child (14 years and under) £17.50.

Gin Train with Durham Distillery - Join us on **April 27th** on our first gin train of the New Year! A selection of three gin based drinks from our guest distiller Durham Distillery, will be served during the journey for £29.50pp which includes return train travel from Bedale station. A gin expert from Durham Distillery will be on board offering samples and answering all your gin related questions. If G&Ts are not to your taste instead you can receive three prosecco/ale/cider tokens with train travel for £25.00. We also have a train ride only ticket available for £15.

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Upper Dales Family History Group

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Unsurprisingly the census and 1939 register were favourite sources of information but many other archives had proved useful, from public archives to private memoirs and passing mentions in local history books. In earlier centuries occupations were sometimes mentioned in property deeds in relation to witnesses and trustees, and in more recent times newspaper archives can shed light on what was going on in a particular area and give context to an occupation.

Some family members had moved widely around the country, either by choice or through the decision of their employer and the discussions ranged equally widely, covering ancestors who had worked in everything from farming to cotton mills, from clergymen to sheep drovers, and researching Methodist Circuit Riders in 19th century America!

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday, April 24th, at 2.00pm** in Harmby village hall near Leyburn. The speakers are Penelope Hemingway and David Hunt on 'The Women's Land Army in Yorkshire'. Penelope works at the Yorkshire Museum of Farming near York, which holds a large collection of documents relating to the Land Army. The speakers will bring along items from the museum there and explain what documents they have in their archives. Please do bring along any photographs of land girls and lumberjills (female lumberjacks) from your family collections.

Non-members very welcome; £2. For more details contact: **07432 677783** or see the website: <https://upperdales.weebly.com>

Swaledale Parish Churches Open Day and Walks

Following the success of our churches open day in 2017 we have decided to do it again. So if you have ever wondered about the heritage and history of our four parish churches, or the architecture, or the renovations and restorations, both old and more recent, there's another chance for you to find out on **Saturday, May 4th**.

You'll also be able to do a self-guided walk from church to church with maps and instructions provided. Drop into any of the parish churches in Grinton, Low Row, Arkengarthdale or Muker and you'll find coffee, tea and home-baked goodies waiting for you, together with people who'll happily show you the more interesting bits of the building and tell you, for example, about the new bells at Grinton, or the restored windows at Holy Trinity, Low Row.

Then you can pick up a walk leaflet and follow the instructions and map to make your way to the next church you'd like to visit. You can go to as many as you like and if you need transport back to your starting church, we can sort that out for you. And if you want to make a whole day of it, you can pop into one of the local hosteleries for a more substantial meal. All our churches have the benefit of a village pub close by!

The churches will be open from **10.00am to 4.00pm**. Everyone is welcome – Dales' residents, visitors, holiday-makers, walkers (boots and waterproofs definitely needed), non-walkers, bikers and car drivers. We look forward to seeing you. **May the 4th** be with you!

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As our winter season draws to an end, we look forward to planning the club's annual August exhibition and will release details closer to the time. Anyone interested in joining this small, friendly club can find all our details on the web site.

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The Good Friday Walk of Witness will gather at Gayle Chapel from **10.15am on Good Friday, April 19th for a 10.30am start**, walking into and around Hawes and concluding with a service at St Margaret's Church at **11.30am**. All are welcome either on the walk, the service at St Margaret's or (best of all) to both.

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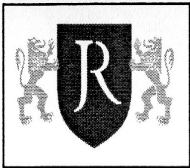
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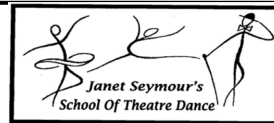
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In Search of Mr. Woodiwiss

Saturday, July 27th is the confirmed date for the Woodiwiss Family Reunion, to be held in Hawes this summer. The outline programme will be given in the next newsletter, with more detailed information available at pick-up points in Hawes and upper Wensleydale from mid-May onwards.

Benton and Woodiwiss were the Midland Railway's contractors who built the six mile branch line from Garsdale station to Hawes between 1876 and 1878. At one point they had a railway office in Hawes - perhaps someone reading this knows where it was? The passenger service between Garsdale and Hawes ended on March 16th, 1959 - 60 years ago.

April is quite a month for local railway anniversaries, both sad and glad. The most notable, 30 years ago, and which caused national rejoicing, was the Reprieve of the renowned Settle-Carlisle line from a long-running threat of closure on April 11th, 1989. Many people in this area (as elsewhere), all the parish councils, and most local businesses, were active participants and supporters of the campaign to save the Settle-Carlisle. Publicity was dramatic, especially after Garsdale station (which had been closed 16 years earlier) re-opened in 1986, with the first of the minibus links between Hawes and the station. Rail history was happening on our doorstep and the benefits are with us today!

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The question of broadband performance is one I often have to deal with, so that is the subject for today.

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You may also find information about your current service speed by accessing the configuration page of your router, I’m not going into this as every router is different, but info on how to access it should be available on your broadband provider’s website. Be careful what you change here, changing some settings will cut you off!

With fixed line broadband in Upper Wensleydale and Swaledale, regardless of who you pay your broadband bill to, the local part of your connection is provided by Openreach which is part of BT. There are 3 types of fixed line broadband available: Ultrafast Fibre to the Premises (FttP), available in Thornton Rust, Carperby and parts of Coverdale; Superfast Fibre to the Cabinet (FttC, VDSL), available in most larger villages; Standard Broadband (ADSL).

To find out what should be available, BT have a useful website. Point your browser to [“dslchecker.bt.com”](http://dslchecker.bt.com) and enter your phone number including the area code without any spaces. If you haven’t got a phone line, select “address checker” at the bottom of the page and enter your postcode to find your address.

The results are presented in a table, the first section details the fastest services available. If the first row under the heading shows WBC FTTP, then Ultrafast FttP is available. Currently your choice of supplier is limited to BT and Zen, and if you’re with somebody else you’ll likely need to switch to upgrade. The fastest packages currently available are 300Mb/s download, 50Mb/s upload. If a row says FttP on-demand is available, this refers to a different product which costs several thousands of pounds to install.

FttC is available when the first 2 rows refer to VDSL, this is where your copper telephone line connects to equipment located in the local green street cabinet. The speed available with this type of service is related to the length of the copper wire to the cabinet. The second row marked Range B Impacted is most likely to apply to you, it lists the expected speeds for download and upload in the form of a range, and you should expect to receive something in between. To qualify as “superfast” the download speed needs to be at least 25Mb/s. The handback threshold is the maximum download speed at which your provider can get Openreach to investigate a line fault.

There is also a section showing the speeds to be expected from ADSL services, which are provided directly from the exchange. This is the slowest of the 3 options and is the only service available on longer lines and exchange only lines.

The other useful section is “Observed Speeds” which shows the actual speed of the connection between the router and the cabinet or exchange, the date it was tested, and the type of connection you have (VDSL or ADSL). If the observed download speed is less than the handback threshold then it’s worth complaining to your provider about.

It’s also worth noting that as the faster technologies become available you are not

automatically upgraded, so if you have a standard broadband service in an area where FttC or FttP are available, you have to order it to get it.

As a rough guide the minimum download speed required to watch SDTV is about 3Mb/s, HDTV is about 8Mb/s and UHDTV (4K) is about 25Mb/s. Speeds advertised by providers now have to be average speeds, which is why adverts now quote lower speeds than they used, whereas the speeds in the table all refer to maximum speeds. Cheaper packages often have slow upload speeds, which is probably more noticeable in day to day usage than slower download speed.

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The Arts Society, Wensleydale

Edouard Manet and Music

Edouard Manet was a leading opponent of the French Salon in the 1850-60's contrasting the 'stews and gravy' of the academic style with the fresh brush strokes of the Old Masters such as Velazquez. His celebration of modern life and his bold technique inspired the Impressionists. Dr Lois Oliver, a gifted violinist and Associate Professor of the History of Art, is an expert on French 19th century painting. She explores the role of music in Manet's work for The Arts Society Wensleydale on **Tuesday, April 9th at 2.00pm** in the Middleham Key Centre.

Music was a constant theme in Edouard Manet's life and art. His wife Suzanne Leenhoff was a gifted pianist, and musical soirées were held at their home. His pictures of musicians and their audiences range from early canvases of gypsy musicians and Spanish dancers, to paintings of street entertainment, café concerts and the Paris Opera. This lecture brings together Manet's art and the rich range of music that inspired him, from Spanish flamenco, to Haydn string quartets, Wagner piano transcriptions and café songs.

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

From the Archives - March 1997

Dear Newsletter

I must protest at the feminist slant of the UWNL I reckon now to all this searching for Eunice the Ewe. You Yorkshire folk could learn a lot from the farmer in Gloucestershire who has the following poem framed on his wall.

I'm a well-endowed ram
And I got where I am
By performing my act right on cue
When it's time for a tup
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Some Thoughts on Lent

'Keep Calm and carry on ... making Pancakes!'. 'Say 'No' to hate and 'Yes' to Pancakes!' Just two captions I came across on Shrove Tuesday. Another Pancake festival has come and gone, and the season of Lent is now well underway. It's a time in the churches calendar when we are encouraged to contemplate and reflect upon the ministry of Jesus and his journey towards his sacrifice on the cross. It's also a time that is traditionally associated with fasting. The idea being that the discipline of doing without something in Lent makes the feasting of Easter even more enjoyable when it arrives.

The idea of giving something up for Lent is an ancient one and comes from Jesus fasting for 40 days in the wilderness. Jesus fasted from food and human companionship to make more time for prayer, to prepare for his ministry, to stay calm and say 'Yes' to all that he was to face and do. I like the idea of fasting to 'feast' on something else. If you find the idea of giving something up for Lent attractive, I wonder what it might be? Chocolate? Caffeine? Alcohol? If going 'cold turkey' is too much of a challenge, perhaps you might use the season to try and change your lifestyle just a *little* – a little more exercise? A little less time on screens? Wow ... there's a challenge. Whatever these next few weeks might bring for you, I hope you might know calm and a 'Yes' spirit to doing something new and different so that the joy of Easter may mean even more to you.

Rev. Dave.

Leyburn and District U3A

Please note the April meeting is **Thursday, April 18th** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre and will be an Easter social gathering instead of the usual regular members' get-together which normally includes a talk. **From 10.00am.**

Puzzle Answer

The answer to the puzzle on page 30 is

I foresee I owe you £4 for tea for you four and I at a quarter to five.

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Yet even though both contain immense beauty, very few people visit these places. The combination of poems and images encourages us to pass through, to notice and explore whatever is right there on our own doorsteps, wherever we may be."



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This is because there are many dog-owners or dog-walkers who are too lazy or unconcerned about leaving their dog's poo. They leave it for the poo fairy – and not just in her own village. Of course! Every town and village have a poo fairy! That's what she is there for, isn't it? These people obviously DO believe in fairies, if not at the bottom of their gardens – at least in the fields, footpaths and streets of Askrigg and other villages in the Dales.

The poo fairy would like to emphasise to these people that footpaths, all be they through lovely fields and grazing land, actually belong to someone. They are not like a municipal park which is cleaned up by council employees, paid for by local tax-payers. So ...think on this: if someone allowed their dog to poo in your own privately-owned garden, did not pick it up and dispose of it correctly – how would you feel? Farmers whose land is being fouled by irresponsible dog-owners are understandably angry. Further: dog fouling is taken seriously to the extent that it is illegal. Not only is this practice downright unpleasant and anti-social but also potentially hazardous to farm animals and humans.

We are not talking about the occasional "dump" either. The poo fairy has been monitoring the most popular doggie-do fields and paths in Askrigg on a regular basis. Here are some numbers and statistics to consider so far this year:

In ONE field alone, from after the first fall of snow to February 7th: 32 bag-fulls; February 10th: 10 bags; February 18th: Another 10 bags; February 28th: 12 bags and on March 9th: 22 bags, which makes a total of 86 in just over a month, all in the same field! An average of 20 a week!. And that's not counting sundry ones

along other paths, fields and grass verges. The poo fairy is running out of bags! BUT ... she shouldn't have to be using her own! Every dog owner should carry at least two bags per dog – just in case! If you need some, Sykes, the village shop in Askrigg sells them, so there is no excuse.

Most dog owners will recognise the preliminary behaviour prior to a dog squatting and relieving itself. WATCH YOUR DOG like a hawk! And mark the spot! Or keep him on a lead until he has performed. Use a torch when it is dark.

If you have picked up your dog's poo but you can't find a designated poo bin – PLEASE DO NOT just leave it on the ground for the poo fairy to pick up. Nor chuck it in someone's garden; over a wall; tucked in a niche in a dry-stone wall; in a resident's wheelie-bin or hang it from a tree. Simply double-wrap and place in an ordinary litter bin.

If you don't pick up and are challenged by a passer-by, please don't give them a load of lip and/or deny everything. It is YOU who are in the wrong.

In Askrigg, designated poo bins are at the following locations: Two in the church car-park, behind the cross; One at the bottom of Moor Road, next to the post box (near The Crown Inn); One towards the end of Mill Lane (near the last house).

Please do the right thing. Do your bit to help keep our villages clean and respect the environment. Be a responsible dog owner and don't let the poo fairy do all your dirty work for you.

And while we are on the subject of dogs, it is lambing time. PLEASE do NOT let your dog worry the ewes. Always check whether the field has stock in before entering and, if it has, put your dog on the lead. YOU may know that your dog is safe with sheep – but the farmer doesn't. Further, your dog may suddenly and without warning think this is a good game. How often have we heard the shocked owner say, "He has never done that before"? Take due care and avoid the chance of there being a "first time", with a sad and unfortunate ending.

Jill Leslie

Student Leadership at The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

The student leadership programme at our school is led by Head Boy, James Ashcroft and Head Girl, Emily Scott who are both in Year 13. This month we asked James and Emily to introduce themselves and to explain what they hope to achieve in the role.

As part of our responsibilities as head boy and head girl we have been attempting to form a representative and active school council within the school. We wanted our school council to include views from all years and therefore all aspects of the school. We wanted it to be a group that would actively change the Wensleydale school environment for the better. This presented quite a challenge to organise and set up alongside both of our busy study schedules within school. We set about doing this by sending out a survey to students to allow them to tell us what they would like from their new student council and how they wanted their views to be represented. The survey, as part of Emily and I's general idea that we are here to represent students and be their voice, allowed us to tailor a student council as best we could to suit all students. To allow us to get an active and keen student council we asked prospective students to formally apply as we know previously students have felt pressured into being in the council which creates friction and an unproductive student body. We are happy to say that this has been a successful process and we hope to gradually increase the profile and responsibility of the student council in the near future. The first of the tasks for the newly formed school council will be to organise a day each week during which no mobile phones will be allowed in the school. We are hoping that this will promote more social interactions between students and create a better school environment!

I applied to be head girl of the Wensleydale school and Sixth Form as throughout my five years of study I have been passionate and personally committed to making a contribution to the future success of the school. I feel the school offers a fantastic community environment with many enriching opportunities for all of its students. I have many aims to fulfil during my next two years in Sixth Form and I

look to support the voice of the students as they play an important role in the development of the school. As this is a smaller than average rural comprehensive school our relationship with the community is very important to us and this can continue to be a focus for us. I look to be a role model for the students and be someone they can come to with any questions, ideas or worries they might have. Not only will this benefit them but it will create stronger communications between students, staff and the senior leadership team. By setting up the student council alongside the head boy James Ashcroft, the school now has a base for student discussion and decision making as we aim to look into new and exciting ideas and events such as 'Mobile Free Monday' and Comic Relief 2019. I have always enjoyed public speaking and presentation opportunities outside of school hours and my role as head girl has given me the position to inspire students through these skills.

James Ashcroft and Emily Scott

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Preston under Scar

Tuesday, April 16th, St. Bartholomew's,
West Witton

Wednesday, April 17th, St. Oswald's,
Castle Bolton

From the Archives - March 1997

Whose it it?

When an application to sell the "Old Fire Station" at Hawes appeared a few weeks ago from the District Council, some locals said "Eh, hang on a minute, it isn't theirs to sell! - it belongs to the Parish Council."

Several people have had to be let into the secret of where the building actually is - it is a small structure near to Steppe Haugh at Town Head and in times past, built by public subscription in 1825 for the Vestry Committee, it housed the HEARSE.

It passed into Parish Council ownership in 1895 and had been used for a hand - cart and trailer pump, fire-fighting equipment and ladders until 1950, when the fire station (Doctors' surgery site) was built. It seems that the key simply got passed in error to the old Rural District Council though ownership was investigated in 1922.

The present position is that the Parish Council has submitted an ownership claim to the District Council and the matter is "pending "

A.S.W.

Footnote:- Does anyone know of the current status of this building?

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Prunings

What a strange time it has been. After spring sunshine and almost summer temperatures which brought the plants on early, we have had just about everything the sky could throw at us. The Irises were gorgeous but are now over. Aconites too are past their best. The Crocuses were looking wonderful but the wind and rain has got to them. At least the primulas which went in with the bulbs in the autumn are now beginning their display. The only flowers which seem to be enjoying the current conditions are the Tête à Tête daffs which nod in the wind as if to defy everything.

It seems (from my inbox) that everyone who has ever sold me anything that grows, now has lots of extra-special offers to show me. Sara Raven sends a couple of emails per week, - or more! At the moment they say it is time to order Dahlias. My sister has already ordered hers, but she, in company with the Raven nursery, is now resident in East Sussex. They may have had horrendous wind and rain recently, but at least it is a coat warmer. I might wait until into April. Who knows what will be happening by the time this is in print?

Along the roadsides there are festoons of yellow Hazel catkins and I am always disappointed that they don't translate into lots of nuts. The female flower is tiny and red, and there seem to be plenty, but Hazel is not self pollinating and so separate bushes are needed for nuts to develop. If the bushes have been cut or coppiced as often happens in hedges, then quite a long stretch could all be from one root. That might explain the shortfall. Driving down the valley there are lots of catkins with a pinkish tinge. These are Alder and can be up to 6 cms long. The female flowers are about 1 cm, red, and will eventually produce the cones which carry the seeds. In fact Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Silver Birch (*Betula pedula*), White Willow (*Salix alba*) and Oak (*Quercus robur*) all produce catkins.

I noticed last week that the large Laurel that hangs over the wall by the gates at Leyburn Hall is covered in spikes of white buds and will no doubt burst into flower as soon as the temperature is high enough for its favourite

pollinators to work their magic.

On the roses front, all of the bare roots I acquired in the Autumn have come through and are showing lots of healthy growth. Full marks to the Rootgrow powder which may have helped them establish. To add to the display I have been given a lovely 'Rosa Nozomi' which is a favourite. I found some 20 litre pots on the internet which were cheaper than those from the Raven nursery and I think they will be large enough.

Heigh – Ho, mole hills and compost required!

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

Rose Rambler

Good Friday, April 19th

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9.25am Redmire Upper Green

9.55am Castle Bolton Village Green

10.25am Carperby Cross

11.00am Thornton Rust Village Hall

11.30am Thoraby Upper Green

11.55am Newbiggin Waterfall

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