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'Summer in the Dales'

We hope you enjoy the colour photos we have selected for our featured cover sheet this month. We would like to thank all of our readers who sent in a great collection of photos from which we could choose.

Wensleydale Society Dissolved

Following an Extraordinary General Meeting which considered the future of the Wensleydale Society held on July 5th a decision was reached to dissolve the Society with effect from the December 31st 2019.

The walks programme will cease following the planned walks for September and there will be no winter talks programme.

It was also agreed that the Society's assets be donated to the YDNP and to Marrick Priory to enable disadvantaged children to experience the Yorkshire Dales. The Society's AV equipment is given to West Burton Village Hall and the records and journals to the Dales Countryside Museum

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Ennice the Ewe

Last month I was just above the top boulder on the front cover drawing and the winner of the £10 prize is George Thornborrow of Thornton Rust.

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

John Blackie

The Newsletter Committee would like to join the many individuals and organisations who have expressed their gratitude for the immense public service undertaken by Councillor John Blackie who died on July 13th.

He will always be remembered as the man behind the community takeover of a number of services in Hawes, including the library, post office, the Little White Bus service and the petrol station.

His commitment and enthusiasm will be sorely missed by all in Upper Wensleydale.

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Guest Editorial

I remember gripping the railings at Hawes primary school in my last term there in the spring of 1992. The Milk Race, a cycling event, was about to swish down Main Street. The atmosphere was strangely quiet, not at all celebratory. People were lining the pavements holding placards. I didn't understand at the time, but this was the silent protest against the closure of the dairy by the then owners, Dairy Crest. Months later the dairy would be bought out by local business people. Upper Wensleydale would have "died" without their intervention, is how one retired farmer put it to me.

It was at an early age, then, that I learned how much Hawes depended on what is now the Wensleydale Creamery. The business remains critical to the town. So it is with some trepidation that I give an airing to some local concerns. There are grumbings on four subjects: milk supply, pollution incidents, co-operation with other local businesses and a rather tall building.

When the Creamery reopened for Christmas 1992, a total of fifty two farmers, most of them within just a few miles of the dairy, signed up to provide milk. The Creamery negotiated a milk price of 28.5 pence per litre. Times were good for local dairymen.

Nearly 30 years on, there are now forty four farmers in the milk producer group, most of them from well down Dale, and the standard price paid is 27.4 pence per litre. One farmer joked to me that the dairy should really be called the "Wensleydale Robbery".

Market forces and other factors have led to most of the original suppliers going out of milk. I do not wish to imply any blame to the Creamery for that. But the fact is there is now just one dairy farm left in Hawes parish, down from around twenty at the turn of the century. That's a sad job for those of us who can think of no finer sight than cows munching on August fag. Is it OK for the Creamery to continue to make such a play of its cheese being made from "local milk"?

Creamery Managing Director David Hartley told me that people must try to understand the

business environment that the firm is operating in. He said the Creamery was paying "an incredibly supportive milk price", with a premium paid for milk of the highest quality, with one supplier recently getting 31 pence per litre. The Creamery was paying more than most of its competitors, such as Dairy Crest, Meadow Foods and Paynes Dairies, even though its profitability was below the market average. Also, as a premium product, Wensleydale Cheese needed to be supported by marketing, back office and innovation, and the Creamery met those costs rather than suppliers, and in terms of local supply, the Creamery still had a relatively "tight milk field".

"It makes my blood boil when people question our integrity," he said. "We have a sound, strong, committed relationship with our producers and I've supported some of them to keep them in business."

That's milk, now for pollution. The Hawes and High Abbotside Angling Association says it has complained for fifty years about discharge of waste from the Creamery into Gayle Beck. The association says the latest pollution incident happened in June. It believes there's an overflow pipe which about five times a year spews waste into the sike that runs under the Gayle Lane children's play area and into the beck via Beulah Bank. The pipe was installed by Kit Calvert, a man who has been described to me as "the great polluter". There are no breeding wild trout in the beck anymore. The river is dead, one Gayle farmer told me earlier this year. No one knows why.

On this, Mr Hartley was incandescent. "We could have built the Creamery on the other side of the A1 and not employ one hundred and fifty people in Upper Wensleydale, and sometimes I wish we had," he said in response to the angling complaint. "I feel we've done everything within our powers on this. We've got a business to run."

He said the Creamery had paid for several surveys of its drainage systems. The outlet pipe was not for the overflow of waste, but simply to take surface rainwater off the site. Pollution accidents had happened in the past, including a fuel spill earlier this year, but he was doing everything possible to mitigate environmental

risk on site.

The tall building came up next. Planning permission was granted for the huge brown chill store at the east end of the site in 2010. At the time, people complained to the Parish Council, saying it spoilt the walk from Hawes to Gayle and that they were “gobsmacked” at its size. Mr Hartley was quoted in the local paper saying that trees would be planted to screen the building “if possible”. Such planting had not been possible, he said to me. Room was needed for a fork lift truck to go down that side of the building. If the Beulah Bank field owner was prepared to give up a small strip of land on the other side of the wall, he would “happily” plant the trees. Perhaps someone might like to try to make this happen?

Lastly, there’s the concern that all roads for tourists now appear to lead to the top of the Moorhills. It was put to me by a local businessman that the Creamery has got “too big for its boots”, sucking all the coaches away from Main Street. “The Creamery should concentrate on its core business of cheese production”, he said. As someone who worked for seven years part-time in the Visitor Centre, washing up and then working in the cheese shop, and having an enjoyable time doing so, I can’t say a word against it.

Mr Hartley, however, was bullish. He said, “Coaches come to us because we offer

something. We spend endlessly on our retail offer. What are the other businesses in Hawes doing to change and lift their offer?”

It was clear to me that David didn’t take kindly to being questioned (“Why should I have to justify myself to the newsletter?”) but I am grateful that he did give me some time, because there are always two sides to a story.

“Don’t have anyone doubt our commitment to the well being of Hawes,” he said, which may provide reassurance for people worried about whether the Creamery still cares about local farmers and the local area.

Andrew Fagg



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August Competition

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- 1 KNOW DRAB SAP COD
- 2 PLAIN PALM
- 3 OOOOTTTSMNBWR
- 4 HAWK PO DOLLAR
- 5 WILD BOA FELL
- 6 WORE FRESH DOODLE
- 7 SHELF TO HAMMER
- 8 STEALTH PEAS NOW
- 9 SAD TAB LINT
- 10 COTS MOB TAW
- 11 LOAD DROWNS CON
- 12 OH YOU SEER

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Answers to July Competition

The answer is that they are all places in North America. The odd one out being Blow Me Down which is the only one in Canada.

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| 1 Ding Dong | Texas |
| 2 Nibley | Utah |
| 3 Mosquitoville | Vermont |
| 4 Fries | Virginia |
| 5 Big Bottom | Washington
& South Dakota |
| 6 Booger Hole | West Virginia |
| 7 Chili | Wisconsin
& New York |
| 8 Chugwater | Wyoming |
| 9 Intercourse | Pennsylvania |
| 10 Toad Suck | Arkansas |
| 11 Cut and Shoot | Texas |
| 12 Nowhere | Oklahoma |
| 13 Idiotville | Oregon |
| 14 Blow Me Down | Newfoundland |
| 15 Eighty Eight | Kentucky |

Only two correct answers this month and the winner drawn from the hat is Shell Lewis of Thornton Rust whose nominated charity is Hawes United Juniors Football Club.

Stalling Busk Flower Festival

As summer slowly comes to an end join us to celebrate this wonderful season at St Matthews Church Flower Festival over the August Bank Holiday Weekend. This year's theme is 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'.

The Festival will begin with a Preview Concert on **Friday, August 23rd at 7.30pm** with the Ladies who Sing for Pleasure. The Church will be open **Saturday, August 24th until Monday, August 26th between 10.30am and 4.30pm** for refreshments and gentle perusal of the beautiful displays. On **Sunday, August 25th at 3.00pm** there will be the Semerwater Lakeside Service with Hawes Silver Band and the Church in the Dales. Hopefully the weekend will offer a bit of something for everyone.

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The annual Bainbridge Bash will be taking place on Bainbridge Village Green on **Saturday, August 10th** and everyone is welcome! The popular 'Jack & Jill' slide and Wensleydale Inflatables and Soft Play will be on the green from **3.00pm** and from **6.30pm** there will be live music provided by Broken Biscuit. The barbecue will be serving food from **5.00pm** and there will be a bar available from **3.00pm until 10.00pm**.

Entry costs just £3.00 per person (excluding the barbecue). Come along for a lovely family event.

Book and Equipment Awards

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

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

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

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Barn Conversions

You may have heard about a recent decision to turn down an application to convert a barn just north of Hawes, the one in the former gala field on the way to the cricket pitch. I sat in the Planning Committee which considered the application. As well as feeling hugely sympathetic to the personal circumstances of the applicants, I also got a horrible sense of déjà vu. The Planning Committee has now been in this same position on a number of occasions.

In the past four years, we have approved one hundred and twenty four barn conversions for local occupancy or holiday let dwellings in the National Park, against just ten refusals (93% approval rate), of which four were in Upper Wensleydale. The thing that has struck me with each of these four cases is that none of the applicants sought any advice from us before submitting the application. This is startling. A barn conversion can cost hundreds of thousands of pounds and also requires a significant emotional investment for those putting in the application. Pre-application advice can give clear guidance on a development proposal before any great hopes are raised or money spent on professional fees.

Although the policy is much more flexible than it used to be, some barns simply do not meet the criteria for conversion into a dwelling, such as the barn in the former gala field. But

there have been some instances where pre-planning advice, such as on landscaping and design, has helped applicants to get approval for a scheme that might otherwise have been refused. An example is the approval given for a barn conversion over the road from the Methodist cemetery at the east end of town. It had a pre-existing track leading to it, but it also benefitted from the applicants receiving, and taking on board, pre-planning advice.

The National Park Authority's barn conversion policy is intended to help secure the long term future of traditional buildings in ways that conserve their intrinsic value and support communities and the local economy. But we can't have a policy that says: 'Anybody who is young or has a family can build a house wherever they like'. That's why our policy tries to apply some reasonably straightforward criteria to help make sensible judgements.

I can see how much heartache the four refusals in Upper Wensleydale have caused. Members of the Authority are not immune to that. We all want to be approving conversions, as well as seeing brand new housing being built (land has been allocated for twenty three new homes in Hawes). So, I would strongly urge anyone thinking of putting in a barn conversion application to contact us first to discuss the matter. The pre-planning application service we provide is there to try to get applications over the line wherever possible. If you are receiving advice not to use this service, then you are being very badly advised. Please get in touch. You can contact us at: <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/living-and-working/planning/planning-advice-service>.

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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.

The next meeting is on **August 15th** where there will be a talk on the history of Tetley Tea.

There is a forthcoming visit to Dunham Massey Gardens on **August 14th**. Further information from **Margaret Thompstone 01969 650755**.

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Swale Singers News

On **Sunday, August 18th** the Swale Singers are singing their way down Swaledale to celebrate our 30th anniversary – we'd love you to join us at any of the following locations:

3.45pm Keld; 4.30pm Muker; 5.10pm Gunnerside; 5.50pm Low Row; 6.30pm Reeth Green; 7.10pm The Bridge Grinton.

On **Sunday, September 1st** our weekly practices start again at Reeth Memorial Hall from **3.00pm to 5.00pm**. New singers are always welcome - you don't need to read music, or to have sung in a choir before. Just come along and give it a try. If you're a tenor, or a soprano who can reach the high notes, you'll be doubly welcome.

In the autumn term we'll start working on Bach's Magnificat and a selection of seasonal works ready for our almost Christmas concert on **Saturday, November 30th** in Reeth Memorial Hall, where festive food and drink will accompany the music.

Before then we are having a Come and Sing Day on **Saturday, November 9th**. From **9.30am to 4.30pm** at Reeth Memorial Hall we shall

be working on choruses from Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor. We'll all be starting from scratch on the pieces, so you don't need any previous knowledge of the music. Even if you can't join us as a permanent member of the choir, do come and have a jolly good sing on the day – and bring your friends, neighbours, family, the more the merrier. If you don't sing at all, just come and listen at **3.30pm** and be blown away by the magnificence of Mozart's music.

Need any more info? Contact **Jackie Pope** on **07885 498676** or swalesingers@swaledale.org.

Letters

What a delight it has been to pass the Market House and see the work of the yarn bombers. The colour and variety of the craft work has delighted both locals and visitors of all ages. Thank you to all who worked so imaginatively to bring so much fun and pleasure.

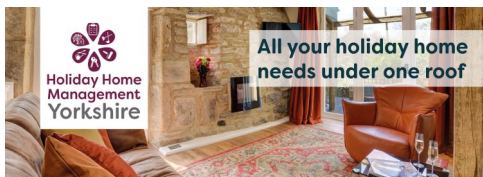
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Notes from Thorney Mire

Summer

I have mentioned ash die back before but this year it seems more noticeable than ever. You can see its effect on the mature trees and also the young saplings, which haven't had much chance of a start in life, are dead. The ironical thing is that I'm constantly pulling out ash saplings which have taken root in our garden and it doesn't feel right.

I heard a cuckoo on June 4th at Thorney Mire and on two more occasions. Two pairs of house martins and a pair of swallows have nested under the eaves of our house. The swallows successfully reared five young. Five fluffy balls sat on a ledge above the window at an equal distance apart, as though the parents had been with a tape measure and told them where to sit. Each time the adults approached with their beaks full of insects, there was a chorus of tweeting and five little beaks lifted skywards and opened simultaneously. I saw two small heads peering over the top of one house martin's nest and although there was some activity at the second nest I've not seen any sign of young birds. Goldfinches have been disappearing into the cypress tree in the front garden for about three months. Either they are on their second brood or they have taken up residence there. I saw two long tailed tits disappearing into a berberis bush, (not the most comfortable place to nest I would have thought) but as this bush is not in a place I can easily observe, I don't know what the outcome was.

We have seen several painted lady butterflies along the lane this year. These butterflies migrate from North Africa and can be seen in Britain between May and October and their numbers vary from year to year. The squirrels are keeping a low profile as there is plenty for them to eat in the wood, but there is evidence of where they have been by the discarded empty peanut shells.

Flowers found on the verge for June and July were; lesser stitchwort, plantain, red clover, Welsh poppies, bird's foot trefoil, sorrel, cinquefoil, woods cranesbill, herb robert, silverweed, ragged robin, orchids, meadowsweet, St. John's wort, wound wort,

rose bay willow herb and dog rose.

Spend a few days in an urban environment and you notice how devoid of wildlife it is. Gardening must be easy there, whereas I have had to buy what can only be described as a mesh tent covering four square metres of ground. It's designed to keep out birds, butterflies, rabbits, squirrels, deer and slugs. The copper strip around the bottom skirting of the tent is to prevent slugs from climbing up, so the slugs don't bother wasting their energy trying, they find a miniscule hole at the base and crawl in. I put old carpet down on the floor of the tent, not because I'm posh, but to keep the grass down. The tent covered an existing raised bed, I added growbags, seeds were sown, plants planted and I was pleased with my mini allotment.

The following morning when I went to check on my plants, there, much to my annoyance in a small gap between the carpet and the wall of the tent was a molehill. Repairs were needed, more carpet was added and the soil removed, surely now the mole would take the hint and emerge elsewhere. Evidently the mole couldn't take a hint as the following day a second mole hill was in the tent between the growbags. Now it was war! Once again I removed the soil. I found some cobbles and plugged all the gaps where a mole could surface. It would take a Herculean mole to move those. Day three, There was a third molehill, but this time it was immediately outside the tent, but I didn't mind because I had won, or so I thought. Day four, a mound of earth had been left half inside and half outside the tent which lifted the skirting and gave the slugs easy access, like going through an unmanned check point. Once again I removed the soil.

Day five, no more piles of soil inside the tent. I had won the battle, but not the war. The mole had changed tactics. It had moved, thirty yards away and left a long line of mini mountains in the grass. It was no doubt chuckling to itself as all this soil had to be cleared away before we could trim the grass. Sometimes, just sometimes for a brief moment, I find myself fantasizing about living in a second floor flat with a balcony and a couple of window boxes.

Sylvia Turner

Wensleydale Rotary Club Welcomes First Female President.

At the recent Charter night and handover dinner at The Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes, David Spashett (past president) handed over to Susan Rogers, their first female president. Before



Susan Rogers, Alan Hinkes and David Spashett

when they've actually been welcome for twenty years. "My dad was a member of Hartlepool Rotary Club, and as they had no female members I just assumed that it was men only. However, as soon as I found out women were welcome I joined the Wensleydale club. I would love to see more female members join the organisation. Our motto is "service before self" and we do lots of good work locally and internationally, from the young people's enterprise challenge and technology tournament as examples, through to working with Bill Gates to eradicate polio. It's a great organisation to help you "give something back", so if there any ladies out there who would like to know more, please feel free to contact me at susan@susanrogers.me.uk." Susan also wants to focus on helping the local community this year, so if you have any ideas on how Rotary could help, just let her know.

The evening included a witty and informative talk from guest speaker Alan Hinkes OBE. Alan is a Himalayan high-altitude mountaineer from Northallerton. He is the first and remains the only, British mountaineer to claim all 14 Himalayan eight-thousanders (mountains above 8,000m in height), and still with all his fingers and toes intact. The food, as ever, was excellent, and it was lovely to welcome fellow Rotarians from around the region. There was a lot of laughter and fun around the room, and basically a great evening all round.

proposing the toast to Rotary International, Susan explained that despite her late father being a Rotarian, she wasn't aware that the organisation accepted women until 3 years ago,

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Wensleydale Concert Series

Mark Viner, Piano Recital, **Saturday, August 31st at 7.30pm** at St. Andrew's Church Aysgarth. Tickets £15 (£1 for under 18 and full time students).

We are very pleased to welcome Mark Viner to play works by Liszt, Alkan and Thalberg. The three composers represented were contemporaries and rivals both as composers and performers. Arguably at the time Thalberg was even more famous than Liszt as he performed not only in Europe but travelled to America and South America in his worldwide tours. All three composers were Romantics and their works fiercely difficult but also beautiful.

We are incredibly lucky to have Mark Viner visit and play for us. He plays beautifully with apparent easy and supreme musicality and is a considered a true rising star - indeed on the day tickets went on sale people from other parts of the UK booked hotels to come to the concert.



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This is a recital not to be missed!! Full details and tickets are available at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk. Tickets can also be purchased by phone via **0333 666 3366** (please address any other enquiries to **Carol Haynes on 01969 663026**).

There is a large pay and display car park adjacent to the church and the standard evening rate is £1.50 pay and display. If you have limited mobility there is some parking adjacent to the church.

Exhibition at Yoredale

The National Park Offices at Yoredale, Bainbridge are hosting an exhibition of paintings by Heather Burton entitled 'Wild Yorkshire' until **August 16th**.

Heather is a Yorkshire-based artist from a family of painters. She specialises in palette knife work, inspired by the dramatic moods and changing seasons of North Yorkshire's extraordinary landscapes. Now combining painting with her journalistic career, Heather's work sells through exhibitions and galleries throughout the north of England. www.heatherburtonyorkshireartist.co.uk

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The standings at the half way point are:

Division 1:- 1st place Middleham Quoits Club with 51 points; 2nd place Kirby Malzeard "A" with 48 points.

Division 2:- 1st place The Bridge Grinton with 45 points; 2nd place Bolton Arms, Downholme with 41 points.

The second half of the season now starts, so we continue to hope for fine Monday evenings and enjoyable matches. With the close competition at the top of each division, the league divisions 1 and 2 are still very open to win.

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Heavens Above

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August's a great month for viewing the Summer Milky Way. It's a beautiful sight from a really dark location streaming right across the sky from Sagittarius in the south-east to Perseus low in the north-east. It's particularly rich high overhead where it flows through the constellation of Cygnus the Swan. Cygnus is often called the Northern Cross because of the large cruciform shape formed by its brightest stars. It's one of the finest constellations in the sky with a wealth of open star clusters and gaseous nebulae - well worth exploring with low powered binoculars. Deneb, its main star, is a real celestial searchlight thousands of times

brighter than our own Sun. Together with Vega in the Lyre and Altair in the constellation of the Eagle, it forms the famous Summer Triangle asterism prominent in the high southern sky well on into Autumn.

On the planetary front this month, Jupiter is still on view low in the south-west before midnight. At magnitude minus 2.3 the giant planet is the brightest object in the night sky after the Moon. The ringed planet, Saturn lies slightly higher in the sky to the left of Jupiter but at magnitude +0.2 it's very much dimmer. Saturn sets around 2.30am.

Mars and Venus are too close to the Sun to be visible this month but the innermost planet, Mercury, puts on the first of two outstanding early morning shows this year (the other one is in November). Look very low in the east between **5.00am and 6.00am from August 9th** onwards to catch a glimpse of this elusive little world. Have clear skies!

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What a busy month we have had. The children starting at Hawes Nursery in September have enjoyed visiting the school and getting to know their new teachers. We have had children settling in at Bainbridge nursery and we have welcomed some new children to our setting. The children have been enjoying all the different activities we put on to help them learn new skills and grow. To see some of the activities we have been doing please take a look at our Facebook page; we have lots planned over the summer holidays to entertain all ages. The children have enjoyed eating our home grown raspberries and strawberries for snacks and we are hoping to have some tomatoes over the summer.

Sarah Reynoldson our play-worker will be moving to our bank staff list rather than being with us each week to give her more time with her family and we will be welcoming a new member to the team at the end of August. Dalesplay offers childcare for children aged 3 months up to 12 years. We are open all year around to cater for all the family's needs. We also offer 2, 3 and 4 year funded places, to find out more visit childcarechoices.gov.uk to see if you are eligible and apply. If you need funded provision in September please do speak to us now before the cut-off date to ensure you don't miss out on a term of funding and ensure we have a space for you in September.

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Because of a shortage of Volunteers to organise the Gala in 2019 we've had to skip a year, but the existing Committee are hopeful that several more people will volunteer at the AGM so that the Gala can return in 2020. We'd particularly appreciate Volunteers for the roles of Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

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'Yorkshire Day' Celebrations

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Caroline Griffiths

As some of you may remember we recently featured an article on James Griffiths and his musical career. Just as interesting is his wife Caroline who has also been a professional musician for over twenty years. Apart from studying flute and piano at the London College of Music, she has worked as a teacher, before embarking on a career in the Army as a principal flautist of H.M. Band of the Welsh Guards. Based at Catterick she is also vocalist with the REME Band. She has, like her husband, James, performed all over the UK, Europe, Canada, North Africa and the Middle East.

She has performed at the Royal Albert Hall, Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Olympic Games, London 2012 and the wedding of Prince William and Katherine Middleton and finally, but not least, for Barack Obama's Presidential visit to Westminster.

While continuing her teaching she provides a stable foundation of musical knowledge and technique to all genres of music which includes musical workshops and lessons. She has completed her dissertation on the effect of music and sound on emotions and thought processes, thus leading her to studying sound as a therapy with a particular interest in sound on the brain and wellbeing.

Her current particular interest is on Parkinson's Disease, pain and other mental health challenges. For more information, or to contact Caroline, please visit her website at c.griffiths500@hotmail.co.uk.

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Farming Update from Mrs Farmer

Where has this year gone!? I know it's an age thing but it seems to have flown by. Looking back at the farming year early 2019 was cold but predominantly dry. We didn't have a repeat of the previous year's "Beast from the East" thankfully & therefore there was no need to buy additional loads of winter feed for our sheep. Spring was late arriving but we had a dry April, no snow, therefore a good crop of lambs were born and survived. In fact, we didn't have a single lamb requiring extra warmth indoors to ensure its survival.

Rain came in May, ensuring the meadows flourished which in turn has provided lots of good quality grass for silage and hay. There was a very convenient window of sunny dry days at the beginning of July which every farmer took advantage of. The upper dale was a hive of activity with mowing machines working everywhere. Three days of warm sunshine, turning and dashing out, changes grass into hay.

Now we are looking for dry days again to allow all our sheep their annual shearing session. The sheep and their lambs have enjoyed a peaceful existence together since April. The lambs are now protesting loudly having been separated, all be it temporarily from their mothers, while the sheep are clipped. It can take a while for them to be re-united because the lambs don't always recognise their own mothers without their thick coats. The

forecast is showery, so it's a rush to get the sheep under cover and dry. It's very difficult to shear a wet sheep. Also the new fleece must have grown at least one inch on the sheep to enable the shearers to remove it easily. The fleeces are rolled up, packed into large bags ready to be collected by a haulier in due course. We have predominantly Swaledale sheep and receive approximately 20 pence per fleece but pay £1 per sheep to contractors to have the fleece removed!

Once August arrives the pressure is off. It's the time for repairing gaps in dry stone walls and other essential maintenance around the farm. The lambs are separated from their mothers this month to allow the sheep time to recuperate. September is the month for selling mule lambs and all the preparation this entails. October and November the rams are released with the sheep and the whole process for our shepherds of breeding and rearing a flock begins again.

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August

- 1 Yorkshire Day event at Aysgarth Falls N.P. Centre 11.00am onwards. See p.16.
- 3 Men's Breakfast. 8.30am. Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge.
- 3,5 Freya—A Musical Love Story of the Dales. Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. 7.30pm.
- 4 Hawes Junction Chapel. 3.00pm. Sankey Hymns with Irene & Andrew plus tea.
- 5 -9 Kings Club event. See p.19.
- 6 Aysgarth Coffee and 'Bring and Buy Sale'. 10.00am to noon. St Andrew's Church.
- 7 Church Coffee Club. 10.00am to noon. Polly Millers Cottage, Redmire.
- 7 Talk - History of Local Buildings in the Hawes Area. St Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p.31.
- 8 Freya. West Burton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- 10 Freya. Askrigg Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- 10 Penhill Poachers concert. Leyburn Arts Centre. 7.30pm. Tel: **624510** to book.
- 10 Thoraby Fete, 2.00pm. Barbecue at 6.00pm. See p.19.
- 10 Bainbridge Bash. 3.00pm onwards. See p.7.
- 11 Penhill Together Holy Communion Service. 10.30am. St Andrew's Church.
- 11 Gayle Chapel Anniversary Service. 2.00pm. See p.21.
- 14 Bainbridge W.I. trip to Dunham Massey Gardens. See p.8.
- 14 Talk – Hawes pictured through the Seasons. St Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p.31.
- 15 Bainbridge W.I. talk on 'Tetley's Tea'. 7.30pm. See p.8.
- 16 Leyburn U3A talk. 10.00am. See p.31.
- 16-18 Wensleydale Camera Club exhibition, Leyburn. See p.26.
- 17 Coffee Morning. Craveholme, Bainbridge. 10.30am to noon. In aid of St. Oswald's Church Tower Fund.
- 18 Bainbridge District Motor Club 'MotorFest'. See p.37.
- 18 Stalling Busk Summer Fayre. 3.00pm. See p.34.
- 18 Swale Singers singing down Swaledale. See p.9.
- 19 Prayer Fellowship. 7.30pm. Thornton Rust Mission Room.
- 21 Afternoon Tea. 2.00pm. Redmire Village Hall.
- 21 Talk - Ingleborough Nature Reserve. St Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p.31.
- 23-26 Stalling Busk Flower Festival. Various events. See p.6.
- 24 Wensleydale Show, Leyburn. 9.30am to 5.00pm. See p.27.
- 24 Classical Concert at St Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.32.
- 24 Mobile Recycling collection, Brunt Acres Ind. Park, Hawes. 9.00am-1.00pm.
- 24 Ayrton Family Concert. St Margaret's, Hawes. 7.30pm. See p.14.
- 24,25 West Witton Feast Weekend. See p.34.
- 25 Askrigg & District Produce Show, 2.30pm.
- 25 Hawes Fire Brigade Barbecue.
- 25 Antiques and Collectors Fair. Key Centre, Middleham. 10.00am – 4.00pm.
- 26 Bank Holiday Monday.
- 26 Quoits Competition. Fox and Hounds, West Witton. Registration from 1.30pm. See p.34.
- 28 Talk - The Three Yorkshire Peaks. St Margaret's Church, Hawes 8.00pm. See p.31.
- 29 The 3hattrio in concert at Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm.
- 30 Hawes Cubs. Odd-Job Day. See p.26.
- 31 Piano Recital. 7.30pm. St Andrew's, Aysgarth. See p.12.

September

- 1 Moorcock Show, 10.00am. See p.25.
- 1 Swale Singers Practice Session. Reeth Memorial Hall. 3.00pm-5.00pm. See p.9.
- 4 Muker Show.

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August Events

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- 6,13,20,27** Drystone Walling Demo. Join our Dales Volunteers in 4 short drop in sessions as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling.
- 6** Hands-on History - Roman Mosaics. **2.00pm to 4.00pm.** In this children's activity we will have a go at making your own Roman mosaics coaster.
- 7,14,21,28** Textiles Techniques . In the textile gallery volunteers sharing their own textile projects.
- 9** Fun Fridays - Bushcraft. **1.00pm to 4.00pm.** A drop-in children's activity whittling a stick to cook treats such as damper bread over an open fire.
- 13** Hands-on History - Viking brooches. **2.00pm to 4.00pm.** In this children's activity we will have a go at making Viking brooches.
- 16** Fun Fridays – Leaf Art. **1.00pm to 4.00pm.** A drop-in children's activity collecting beautiful leaves and using them to print pictures and cards.
- 18** Rag-Rug Making workshops. Learn about the traditional craft of rag-rug making and create your own rug or wall hanging. Materials and lunch included. £50.
- 20** Hands-on History - Victorian Childhood. **2.00pm to 4.00pm.** In this children' activity we will have a go at making traditional toys like a thaumatrope and a peg doll.

- 23** Fun Frdays – Close up with Creepy Crawlies.. **1.00pm to 4.00pm.** A drop-in children's activity looking at creepy crawlies up close using microscopes and magnifiers with colouring and badge making activity.
- 25** Traditional Rugmaking Demonstration. **11.00am to 4.00pm.** A demonstration of traditional rugmaking including both proddy and hooked techniques in the textile gallery.
- 27** Hands-on History - Prehistoric Rock Art. **2.00pm to 4.00pm.** In this children's activity we will have a go at rock art taking inspiration from the prehistoric rock art found on the moorlands.
- 30** Fun Fridays – Butterflies, Leaves and Flowers. **1.00pm to 4.00pm.** A drop-in children's activity celebrating the summer by making your own art using unusual techniques.
- 31** Besom Making, **10.30am to 4.30pm.** Join crafts specialist Lorna Singleman for a demonstration in besom (broom) making.

Gayle Chapel Anniversary Service

Gayle Chapel is hosting its Anniversary Service at **2.00pm Sunday, August 11th.** All are welcome. Rev. Les Nevin will be leading the service which will be followed by a traditional Dales tea. Come along and help us celebrate. We hope you can join us.

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Where was this one taken?

Gayle Mill Trust – Still in Business

Whilst neither Gayle Mill Trust (GMT), nor the Parish Council or any other local group know what is happening to Gayle Mill, the GMT volunteer woodworking team remains focussed on and committed to its founding objectives and are pleased to report “business as usual”. In addition to their heritage woodworking courses, they continue to provide a wide range of timber-processing and product-manufacturing services from a local barn. Timber conversion is available at the barn or on-site, and they are able to supply local timbers to suit individual requirements. Manufacture and installation of gates, doors, and fencing remains a mainstay of their activities, but they will turn their accomplished hands to almost anything wood-related.

GMT remains a Registered Charity. Once outgoing costs have been met, they distribute all proceeds to local charities and events. Since the Mill was closed in April 2018, over £4,000 has already been donated and, with continued public support there can be much more. You can telephone the team on **01969 667320** or e-mail admin@gavlemill.org.uk to discuss requirements. Alternatively browsers are welcome to visit the shop at the barn, which is located two miles between Bainbridge and Hawes at Raygill and is open when the red “Woodcraft Studio” signs are out at the gate.

Also, do look out for them at Reeth Show (**August 26th**), Moorcock Show (**September 1st**) and Muker Show (**September 4th**). And make a note in your diaries for the Annual GMT Christmas Fayre on **Saturday, November 23rd** at Gayle Institute. **Michael Thomson**



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As the academic year draws to a close, I thought it was the right time to stop, reflect and let you know about some of the changes we are planning for the future.

As you will all be aware, the last year has had its challenges. Just like any school, we have had to make some tough decisions based on funding. We had the disruption of a bomb scare and, most importantly, we came together to say a very sad farewell to James Ashcroft.

Throughout all of this, I have been so proud to be part of this school. The strength of character displayed by our students has been impressive, and the care that has been expressed by our wider community has been overwhelming. We cannot, however, shy away from the reality that some of what has happened will shape us as a school. In fact, I think it is healthy that it does.

That is why we have been looking at how we can respond to recent events and evolve further over the coming year. While we are a very strong community, we are doing well academically and our finances are now stable – we are more determined than ever and continue to strive for the very best for our students.

In September, we shall be pleased to bring in a number of changes as part of our focus on student wellbeing. More details will be available on our website over the coming weeks. The changes include:-

A new caterer P&A Food Management has been brought in to enhance the school dinner

offer. We are already trialling the new dinners, and the number of students eating school food has significantly increased.

Thanks to a grant from the NHS Suicide prevention scheme, our students are working hard to develop a wellbeing garden in the school. This is an area where students will be able to take time to reflect and appreciate the world around them.

We are proud that we will be a recognised centre to give students the opportunity to be part of the Combined Cadet Forces (CCF). The aim is to provide challenging and enjoyable activities for our students and to better prepare them for their role in the community. Cadets will have the opportunity to learn new skills, engage in adventurous activities and benefit from being part of a more disciplined and focused structure.

Our students have led on the development of a No See, No Hear policy on mobile phones. This does not mean that they are banned from school, but I think there is a strong desire that their use is not detrimental to our sense of community and education standards. We want to focus on socialising and supporting one another, not on the screens in front of us.

The Sixth Form centre will be going through some redevelopments. There will be a new quiet space for learning and an enhanced IT suite. We are improving and refining our work with the Lower Wensleydale Business Network, who have been 100% supportive of our venture and work tirelessly to support us.

Our uniform consultation is also continuing. Please do give us your feedback.

We have also made an interim appointment to the Senior Leadership Team to allow Mr Ashcroft the time he needs to return to work. Mr Lundie will be joining the SLT from September.

Finally, I am also delighted that one of our largest Year 7 cohorts in recent memory will be joining us in the new term. This is testament to all that our students and staff have achieved.

I would like to thank you once again for all your support this year.

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News from the Pharmacy

I am your local Pharmacist - Sachin, and I and my team in the Pharmacy are committed to helping the community of Hawes and the surrounding areas.

As the heat wave is looming I couldn't think of any other topic other than sharing a few tips on how to cope in hot weather. Most of us welcome hot weather, but when it's too hot for too long, there are health risks. Make sure the hot weather does not harm you or anyone you know. Make sure you're storing your medicines correctly. Don't just assume that because the medicines can survive the heat that they will. When administering/taking medicines, be sure to check carefully for any signs of deterioration (for example a different colour: if tablets are white, they may turn yellow). If any signs are found contact your local pharmacist for specific advice. If you use the MDS blister system, the shelf life of these medicines is only 2 months as they are out of their original packaging.

Forecasters are predicting temperatures will reach as high as 30°C which, without adequate protection, could cause sunburn and heatstroke. Chronic respiratory conditions, such as asthma and hay fever, are often made

worse by the heat and high pollen count.

You can reduce your risk of sunburn by following the advice below:

Avoid exposure to sunlight when the sun is strongest 11.00am - 3.00pm – stay in the shade as much as possible, cover up with loose clothing and a hat, and use sunscreen.

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen 15-30 minutes before going out in the sun, choose one that has a high sun protection factor (SPF) – sunscreen with an SPF of 50 offers the best level of protection.

Babies less than six months old should be kept out of direct sunlight.

Don't get dehydrated.

The symptoms of heatstroke can develop over several days in vulnerable people, such as the elderly and those with long-term health problems. Symptoms can develop more quickly when associated with physical activity; this type of heatstroke usually affects young, active people.

Finally enjoy the sun! And I will speak to you very soon on another topic. Please share your comments and thoughts, email to sachin.tammewar@nhs.net.

Moorcock Show

It does not seem a year since we were celebrating the 102nd Moorcock Show, but time passes very quickly and on **Sunday, September 1st** the 103rd Moorcock Show will take place at Mossdale Farm, Hawes, which is on the A684 Hawes/Sedbergh Road approximately 2½ miles Sedbergh side of Hawes. The gate opens at **10.30 am** and judging begins at **noon**.

The show is a traditional Dales sheep show where you can see the best of the local breeds - Swaledale, Blue Faced Leicester, Mules, Rough Fells, and Texel - with the addition this year of Herdwick sheep.

At lunchtime the popular Young Handlers competition will take place, followed by music from the Hawes Town Band. In addition Gayle Mill Trust will be giving a demonstration of woodworking machinery.

Apart from the sheep, there will be a Craft Tent selling a range of both local produce and crafts and for the children there will be a bouncy castle and other games.

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Wensleydale Camera Club

Wensleydale Camera Club annual Photography Exhibition will be hosted for the second year running by the Leyburn Bolton Arms.

The exhibition displays a diverse range of members' images, many of which will be available to purchase to raise funds for the Club.

A popular feature of the Club's exhibitions is Retrospective View, a projected display of images of life in the Dales from the Club's archive, dating back to the beginning of the last century. It will be of interest to anyone curious about the area's history.

For visitors with questions about photography, members will be on hand to offer practical guidance.

The exhibition runs from **August 16th to 18th, noon – 6.00pm**, in the upstairs function room at the Leyburn Bolton Arms. Entry is free.

The Wensleydale Camera Club was established in 1957 and meets Monday evenings from **September 16th to early April**. The Club has been generously supported by the Leyburn Bolton Arms since 2018.

For more information about the Club visit wensleydalecameraclub.co.uk.

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The atmosphere is light and welcoming with friendly and attentive staff. The day to day manager is Taj who has known Rus for over seven years and has lived in Cumbria for 25 years during which time he was a manager at Centre Parks, Penrith for four years.

The menu is very wide ranging catering for vegetarians and vegans and is based on Indian and Bangladeshi fare which is generally milder than the Indian equivalents. Just to whet your appetite we started with Onion Bhajee, Chicken Pakora and Samosas with Poppadoms with a tray of pickles, all of which were excellent. Our main courses were again varied and included Chicken Tikka Dhansac, Lamb Mauri, and Chicken Korai which is cooked in a cast iron Korai or Pot. We shared two portions of Pilau rice and some extremely tasty Peshwari Nan Bread.

I can recommend a visit having sampled the food and service. Voujon is open seven days a week from **5.30pm to 11.00pm**. Please book before going as the restaurant does get very busy. **Tel 01969 667314**.

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Wensleydale Show

Having being on the go since 1892 the Wensleydale Show has seen it all. Although a traditional agricultural show it always features up-to-date family entertainment. The main entertainment this year is Broke FMX stunt motorcycles with gun dog slurry.

This year the show is on **Saturday, August 24th, 9.30am - 5.30pm**; it is well signposted with free parking and a free shuttle bus for those travelling from Leyburn or by rail. Please support this local agricultural institution.

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Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group

We are delighted to announce that one of our very own, Alana Teasdale has been nominated for a NODA award in the Best Junior Performance category as Jill in our 2018 production of Jack and the Beanstalk. Not only that, the panto itself has also been nominated as best panto!

We will get to know the outcome at the Noda (North) Regional Performance Evening, on **September 14th.**

You may have already heard that our next production, Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs will not be performed until December 2020. That means there will not be a production this year. This decision was taken for a number of reasons including our need to reorganise as a group and because of other commitments among members of the production team. Do not worry because as a group we are still alive and kicking and following our recent AGM our timetable is already set to make Snow White a spectacular panto.

Thank you for all your support. We endeavour to keep you updated over the year with all our news and information regarding future events.

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In the shadows of Brooklyn Bridge, the *American Dream* is but a shimmering mirage in Arthur Miller's Tony Award-winning masterpiece *A View from the Bridge*. In 1950s New York, respected long-shoreman Eddie Carbone lives with his wife and niece in a tight knit, immigrant community bound by moral codes of justice and honour. The surprise arrival of her Sicilian cousins unravels all that they have built together as the young men search out work, wealth and love. This matinee performance is on Saturday, **September 28th**, cost £39 for coach and ticket. Bookings are needed before **September 6th**.

The coach starts from Middleham and will pick up at Leyburn, Crakehall and Bedale. Please ring **01969 663259** to book.

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Police Report

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Overnight on June 28th, The Blue Lion Inn at East Witton was broken into and a large number of high value food items were taken.

Overnight on July 7th a trailer and large amount of feed was stolen from a farm in Lower Wensleydale near Thornton Steward. During daylight hours on July 14th, a mobile sheep pen has been stolen from the Constable Burton area.

Around the beginning of June a large commercial waste bin (worth approx. £240) was taken from outside a property in West Burton.

In all of the above incidents we have had no witnesses come forward as yet; if you have any information regarding any of them, please do call 101.

Further to above, we have had a fantastic number of you phoning in reporting suspicious vehicles in the last month - please keep it up as this information is invaluable to us. Even if we do not locate the vehicle there and then, it helps build intelligence as to who is in the area, where they are coming from and what areas they are looking at. Thank you!

Reeth and lower Swaledale has seen several door to door sellers in the area over the last few weeks - we are not aware of any such sellers in or around Hawes/Upper Dales, but please do phone in if you get a knock at the door. In some of the incidences, residents have been spoken to in an aggressive manner when the seller is told 'No' or asked to leave their premises so we will always attend where possible to locate these individuals.

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Twenty three Team GB dogs travelled to Switzerland with their junior handlers and competed against other European countries and the USA. Lucy and Ziggy, from Bainbridge, were one of four partnerships in 'Team GB Blue' who ran in the Team Agility round.



A clear round by Lucy and Ziggy helped the GB team to the gold medal. There were 56 teams competing in their category, with the USA taking second place and France third.



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Sunday 11th – ‘By Castle and Byway’
11.00am to 4.30pm. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre for a 7 mile walk. Bring your lunch. Booking advised, Adult £5.00 Child free age 18 and under.

Tuesday 13th – ‘Secret Squirrel’.
10.30am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Meet at the DCM for a 1.5 mile stroll around Snaizeholme including the Red Squirrel view point. Adults £6.00, children £2.00 (includes transport from the DCM).

Sunday 18th – ‘Hawes Rural Heritage’
11.00am to 4.00pm. Meet at the DCM for a 5.5 mile walk in the ‘Herriot Country’ passing through Burtersett and Gayle. Bring your lunch. Booking advised, Adult £5.00 Child free age 18 and under.

Sunday 25th – ‘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.

It is recommended that you book these walks by visiting or phoning the appropriate National Park Centre:- **Hawes 666210; Aysgarth Falls 662910.** Assistance dogs welcome, other dogs not allowed on the walks.



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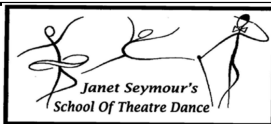
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- August 28 The Three Yorkshire Peaks
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Leyburn & District U3A

The monthly meeting is on **Friday, August 16th** when the speaker is Jim Wight talking about his Father James Herriot. Free to members and visitors welcome for a small fee. Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, **from 10.00am.**



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The conductor is Xenophon Kelsey and the soloists Layla Kohler (oboe) and Ben Finlay (Cello).

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Hawes School News

KS2 Production: Cinderella Rockerfella

The KS2 production of Cinderella Rockerfella this term showed that Hawes Primary School has some really talented children. Our twin Y5 boys made a beautiful pair of ugly sisters. The fairy brigade finally swapped their wellies for wings and Rocky and Cinders finally got together. All their hard work and practise paid off as the audience were very impressed.



A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped with the production, creating props, making costumes etc. Also thank you to Mrs Marion Lloyd who did a great job on the backdrop. A special thank you goes to the parents who provided wonderful costumes.



What will the next production be? Who knows, but we're sure it will be great as Hawes School has TALENT!



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The Painted Lady butterflies arrived before the end of June! - I thought this was spectacularly early given a complicated life-cycle which begins in North Africa. I had a look at the Yorkshire butterfly conservation site and discovered that someone had seen them several days before I had - so, not a great revelation, but there have been years when I haven't seen them at all, and one year a kind reader sent me a picture of them in his Leyburn garden in September. Well, they came, and went, and I assumed they had moved on. The Red Admirals took over, - then the Painted Ladies came back, or maybe another batch had arrived.

The plant they all home into is *Phuopsis Stylosa* which, at the moment, is a glorious



confection of pink froth with the tiny tubular flowers clustered at the end of the stems. It has turned into a bit of a “thug” this year and is spilling over the wall, down the steps and across the flags. It's a relative of Goose Grass and it must have benefited from the earlier wet weather. I have had it a few years so it has had ample opportunity to get away, but for butterflies, at this time of year before the Buddleias open, it is perfect.

On the Roses front, I am thrilled with the new

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ones. When the first bud opened on “Absolutely Fabulous” the petals were the colour of ripe peach flesh – it looked good enough to eat! They grow paler as they age, but I am pleased to say it is covered in buds, and seems quite happy in a very large tub.

I have a mystery: Two Hydrangeas from the same source, and both were flowering when I got them. They have had exactly the same treatment and both are sited in the sun outside the porch door. One is covered in flowers which will be open by the time this is in print. The other is green and healthy, with lots of leaves but not a flower in sight. No-one can give me any reasoned explanation.

With my detective hat on I thought about the exhibitors at the big shows who manipulate plants so that they flower early, late, or out of season, and I wonder if the plant that is flowering has by chance had less water when it mattered as stress can be used to bring plants into flower. Certainly it wasn't deliberate, but it is a possibility.

When I took the Violas out of the bulb planters ready for a bit of colour, I had intended to fill them with Geraniums as last year. However, on the day I didn't find any really good Geraniums but came across some very attractive deep purple Calibrachoa which is a relative of the Petunia but less messy when the flowers are over. In the event I mixed the purple with a bright pink and the tubs are now brimming with colour. They are supposedly long flowering and don't need dead-heading. I think they might be a better choice than Geraniums if we are going to have a wet summer.

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

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West Witton Feast Weekend

West Witton is gearing up for the annual Feast Weekend with a wide variety of activities planned.

Saturday, August 24th:

West Witton Cottage Show in the Village Hall

Schedules are available from the village shop. Classes include Baking, Flowers, Preserves, Fruit and Veg., Handicraft, Art and Photography plus many children's classes. Trophies will be awarded in each section. Viewing from **1.30 pm to 3.30 pm**.

Bartle Mosaics Walk.

Meet at the Fox and Hounds at **11.00am** and enjoy a ramble on the lower slopes of Pen Hill learning about the legend of 'Old Bartle' and the terrible fate that became him. Dogs welcome.

St Bartholomew's Church is open all day. Come along and see the exhibition, 'The Village in Flowers' created by different groups from the village. Refreshments available.

West Witton Pen Hill Fell Race.

Well, we're off again! The 2019 Pen Hill Fell Race will start at **6.00pm**. We will meet up prior to this to register runners on the playing fields at the east end of the village, before moving to the start point at Kagram Lane for a **6.00pm** start. As usual we can provide parking, loos, refreshments, a newly refurbished playground for the children together with warm, friendly support from the folk of West Witton. We are happy to host all types of runner; junior and senior, experienced and novice. Everyone will leave with a memory of the event and there are trophies and cash prizes for our winners.

Wonderful views, a really steep climb and friendly atmosphere... what more could you ask? Why not make a night of it and stay for the Burning of Bartle parade at **9.00pm**?

The Burning of Bartle **9.00pm**.

Join the crowds for this rowdy, traditional parade through the village following Bartle from Kagram to Grassgill. (n.b. road closures will be in place for the duration of the parade.)

Sunday, August 25th:

Sunday Fun Day, West Witton Playing Fields from **1.00pm**.

Live Music from Leyburn Band, Games, Entertainment, Teas, Bar, BBQ, Books and Bric-a-Brac stall, Plants, Boules, Wallops, Fun Dog Show, Raffle, Children's Fancy Dress and Sports, Tug o' War and many more attractions.

Monday August 26th:

Quoits Competition for the Robert Dent Memorial Trophy at the Fox and Hounds at **2.00pm** (Registration from **1.30pm**.)

Joy Baggaley, Feast Committee

Stalling Busk Summer Fayre

Sunday, August 18th at **3.00pm**.

Afternoon teas, side stalls, games, raffle.

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The Good Friends project, run by Age UK North Yorkshire and Darlington, helps connect communities by matching lonely and isolated people with volunteers in their local area who can give them a little extra support. Ways that Good Friends volunteers can help include; helping people to get out and do their shopping or engage in community activities, meeting someone for a cup of tea and a chat or simply keeping in touch with someone to make sure that they are okay. They can also suggest other services offered by Age UK NYD that may be of help, including a free Information and Advice service, general benefits checks and support with housing and care.

Since it started in October 2018, the project has successfully brought together individuals who have been in need of support and advice with Good Friends volunteers matched to them based on shared interests and experiences.

People in Richmondshire have already started to see the benefits of the service with Jane (90) from Upper Wensleydale saying about her Good Friend. “She is marvellous, perfect really. I enjoy her company because we enjoy the same things. She is considerate, reliable and nice to be with. I deeply appreciate her coming to see me.”

Good Friends is looking for volunteers to meet continued demand in Richmondshire, offering a flexible and rewarding way to get involved and help others in the community. You can give as little as an hour a week and still make a big difference in someone’s life. You can find out more about Good Friends by visiting www.goodfriends.org.uk or by calling **Kate Marriott** at our Age UK Richmond office on 01748 327155.

Alderson

Les and Valerie wish to thank all their family, relatives and friends for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts they received on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and Val’s birthday. Thank you to all the family for making it such a special time and also a thank you to the Corn Mill Tea Room.



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Bainbridge Motorcycle Hill Climb

Many Dales' villages have summer village sporting events, but in days gone by, none were as big as Bainbridge Sports. These started in 1926 with horse events held on the village green. Long-time village resident, Hugh Gregson, tells of his involvement with the village sports which began when he joined the committee in 1946. He remembers taking part and winning the Walk, Trot and Gallop race one year which involved one lap of each style of riding. Alongside the horse races, there were other activities associated with the sports, including athletic events and motorcycling. The event used to take place on a weekend on Mr W Lambert's field and involved many local people in planning and running it.

From a 1967 programme I have recently acquired, there is a full page list of names of all those who helped with the event, many of which are familiar to this day and of course predecessors of many who still live in the community. The programme also carries rules and safety warnings as well as lists of all those entered into each race. It seems that the horse events took place in the afternoon with some pretty impressive cash prizes for the time and included the Local Pony Gallop, Open Trotting Handicap, Open Gallop Handicap and the Consolation Trotting Handicap.

In the early evening the Motorcycle events took over the field with seven races, each including numerous qualifying heats culminating in a final. The final Knock-out Hill Climb in 1967 had 101 entries and must have been quite a sight to see! Although that sounds exciting, the Sidecar Racing must have been pretty thrilling too! On the Saturday night, there was a Sports Night Dance which in 1967 featured 'Ray and the Teenbeats' and admission was just 3/-.

On the Monday evening, the Children's Sports were held on the Village Green, starting as they do now at 6.00 pm and culminating in a Fancy Dress Parade at 7.30 pm.

Over the years, the event decreased in size and Hugh believes the horse and motorcycle events ceased in the 1980's. In recent years Bainbridge Sports has only consisted of the

Children's Sports and Fancy Dress on a Monday evening in late June. However, in 2013 the Hill Climb returned to the original site in Bainbridge, organised by the Bainbridge and District Motor Club and proved so successful that cars were parked alongside the A684 and in the village. After that initial event on the original site, the Hill Climb moved to Sorrel Sykes Farm near West Burton which allows spectators a safe viewing area to watch the excitement.

The current race has a very simple format. Entries of around 100 motorcycles are split into classes and two bikes line up at the elastic start gate which is released allowing the bikes to make the short sprint up the steep hill to the top. The winner progresses to the next round and eventually this reduces numbers to a final for each class.

Each year, the event seems to become more popular with not only huge entries but huge spectator numbers too. This year, the event took place at Sorrel Sykes Farm on Wednesday, July 24th with a top prize of £150 to the winner. The Bainbridge & District Motor Club organises the event each year and runs it with a small number of volunteers. With good weather this is a fabulous evening out with not only the racing, but music, refreshments and trade stands. The event is free to attend but donations are very welcome to offset the costs of staging the event.

The next event for the Motor Club will be its annual MotorFest on Bainbridge Village Green which takes place on **Sunday, August 18th**. The event is free and refreshments will be provided.

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