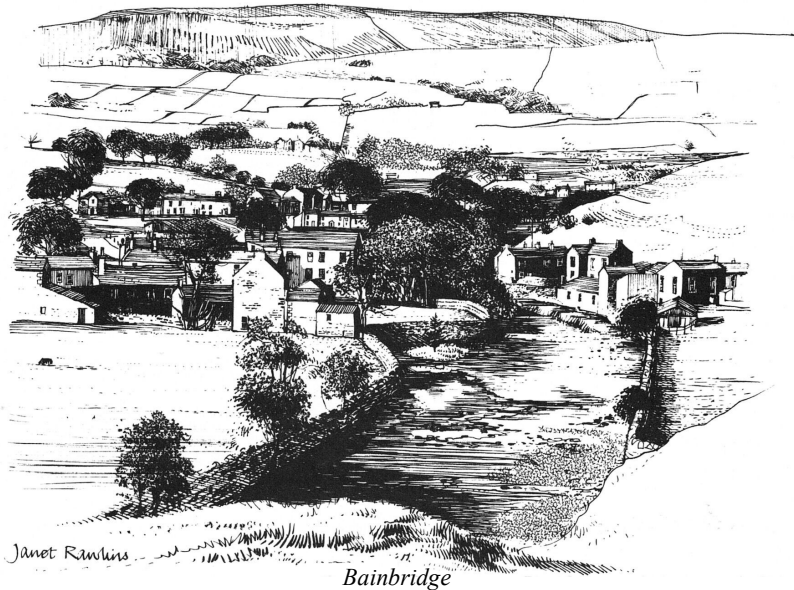


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and Bishopdale,  
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## Guest Editorial

Sadly, I am one of those people who has never learned how to ride a bicycle. I have always wanted to do so and tried several times as an adult, but never managed it. I think there must be an ideal moment to learn and, once that moment passes, one becomes too anxious about falling off. Growing up in Southern Europe nobody had bikes, and so I was never able to learn as a small child, but I made sure all my children did and take a cycling proficiency test too. The other day my son-in-law sent me a photo of my 8-year-old grand-daughter waving her arms in the air triumphantly after finishing her first 20 kilometre bike ride.

Cycling in some countries is part of a way of life. In Denmark, for example, you have to take care when crossing a road and remember to look at the dozens of bikes in the cycle lanes as well as at the rest of the traffic. Before the advent of so many cars, I am told that cycling was part of life in this country too, and have heard stories about teenagers in the 1950s cycling round England with groups of friends and camping equipment, something that with the volume of motorised traffic and the increased sense of parental anxiety is unlikely to happen today.

But traffic notwithstanding, there are many more bikes on the roads these days than there were a few years ago, and much more public interest in cycling in general. I counted six bikes and a tandem struggling up the Buttertubs Pass yesterday, a group of cyclists recovering from the climb at the top and a few more flying down the other side. One son-in-law has done a charity ride from John O'Groats to Land's End, and my eldest daughter has done 3 massive sponsored rides across Vietnam and Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Argentina. Such big rides are very well-organised and although gruelling, they are (I am told) hugely enjoyable and the sense of achievement at the finish is immense.

When the first Tour de Yorkshire happened in 2014 there was a degree of scepticism around, and doubts as to whether all the money spent would be worthwhile. When that Tour came through Hawes, several of my family came to watch the cyclists as they shot past. We didn't join the thousands up on the Buttertubs (a figure of some 30,000 was quoted later) but once the Tour had gone through, we went home and watched it again on television. Down the Dale there seemed to be yellow bikes everywhere,

hung outside houses and painted on walls. There was a tremendous sense of excitement and enthusiasm and huge support for the whole endeavour, as there has been for subsequent Yorkshire Tours.

Five years on, and the Dales are full of cyclists while interest in the Tour has continued to grow. I understand that there has been some considerable impact on tourism too, with people who were so impressed by the television images of the glorious Dales that more visitors decided to come to see Yorkshire for themselves. Not everyone is always best pleased by cyclists, especially when they ride in groups along narrow roads, but personally, I find them far less worrying than the big motorcycles which come out of nowhere and overtake on blind summits or bends. Rather, I admire their energy and stamina, and they always wear proper cycling gear and helmets, which shows a high regard for safety. They also have the courage to cycle up and down fell sides in all weathers, and given the exhortations to us all to exercise more and live more healthily, this is a very good thing.

And though I would never be fit enough to cycle to Kettlewell or over the Buttertubs, I do wish that I had learned to ride a bike.

**Susan Bassnett**

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## Wanted - cottage in Askrigg or surrounds

My wife and I are very much looking forward to basing ourselves in the Dales for a year from April 2020 from our usual home in Australia.

We are keen to rent a cottage, preferably furnished, in Askrigg (but would consider the surrounding area). If you can help then please contact me at [huw@huwkingston.com](mailto:huw@huwkingston.com).

**Huw Kingston**

## Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

### Melmerby in Coverdale - Glimpses of the Past

Middleham Key Centre, **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 2.00pm**

October's meeting will consist of three short presentations by Group members. These are:-

Early taxation records and what we can find out from them about the history of the village – concentrating on Hearth Tax of 1670s, by Isobel Jenkins.

The Melmerby Poor Book - accounts kept by the Overseers showing how the poor of Melmerby were assisted in the early 19th century, by Val Slater, and;

A picture of village occupation and ownership from the 1910 Land Tax, linked to some of the families in the 1911 Census, by Tony Keates.

There will be a range of documents, maps and photos of Melmerby on display. Please bring along any of your own photos or stories.

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

### Soup and Sweet at Thoraby

Due to a forthcoming local election the soup and sweet at Thoraby Village Hall is now on **Thursday, October 10th at noon**, and not 17th as printed in the last newsletter.

#### Submission of articles

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### Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was at the bottom of the J.R. Iveson advert on page 27 and the winner of the £10 prize is Ellie Fothergill of Gayle.

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

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## Little White Bus

The Little White Bus is a community transport life line to many in the Dales, which would not exist without our many volunteers. This is one driver's story.

Possibly due to my age, but whenever I proudly tell someone that I'm a volunteer driver on the Little White Bus they immediately break into singing the first verse of that never to be forgotten song by Tommy Steele 'Once upon a time there was a Little White Bus!'

Now I hear all the younger readers of this article asking 'Tommy who?'. Well just think of Harry Stiles singing the theme tune to 'Frozen'. Does it bother me, nope not in the least because it's always done with a smile on the face of the singer, which is exactly what I do when driving the LWB.

The question that follows the song outburst is usually 'so you don't get paid?' Well no, that's what voluntary means, closely followed by 'Why?' Well that's the easiest question to answer, I mean what could be better than driving all the back winding roads from Leyburn to Hawes passing through places on one side of the valley like Redmire, Castle Bolton, Carperby, Askrigg and Bainbridge, and on the other side, West Witton, West Burton, Thoraby, Aysgarth, Thornton Rust and Worton in a little bus that picks up and drops off so many different kinds of people who are always firstly, happy that there is a bus to take them where they're going, and secondly, happy to be able to tell you the

local gossip. My passengers – yes, my passengers because I'm very protective, range from the lovely little girl (with mum) from West Witton to what I like to affectionately think of as the 'gang' from Askrigg which consists of half a dozen ladies who are all an absolute delight.

The all-round friendliness of the Wensleydale people, and it has to be said the visitors to the Dale, make a long day in the saddle totally worthwhile, and although I know you shouldn't have favourites, my 11.45am pick up at Leyburn and drop off at West Burton – to be collected at 5.57pm and returned to Leyburn, is just one of those people that puts a smile on everybody's face as soon as she gets on the bus, so is for me an outright winner – thanks Madge.

Then there's the break times where a mid-morning Cappuccino from the Wobbly Dog at £1.25 is excellent value and always comes with a 10 minute chat. Lunchtime is a 40 minute break at Gayle getting tucked into a Coronation Baguette from Andy's of Leyburn, and as reward at the end of the shift I treat myself to fish and chips with a can of Cream Soda from the chippy in Leyburn and sit on the market square eating and reflecting on another chuffin' good day on the LWB. I'm only a part-timer, driving once a fortnight, but the moment I lock away the keys at the end of the day, I'm looking forward to the next time. - Fantastic!

**Ritchie Pringle**

With a daily service to Sedbergh during term time, it's possible to get a connecting bus with Woofs to Kendal and have 3 or 4 hours there before returning to Sedbergh and then to Hawes.

We are always seeking new volunteer mini bus drivers and if you would like to join our merry band please get in touch - we're a friendly and interesting bunch! Full training, along with vehicle and route familiarisation is given. Driving opportunities are available on the Hawes to Leyburn Voyager routes, and Swaledale. If you would like to learn more please call into the Community Office or call **Josie or Rob on 01969 667400**.

### Drop-off points and contacts

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

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<b>Gayle:</b>	Sarah Champion	
	23, Little Ings	667006
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	3, Bainside	650525
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	8 Mill Lane	650980
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	Margarets Cottage	663559
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## Police Report

Incidents of note from around the Dales this last month include;

Overnight August 14th, a red Honda TRX quad bike was stolen from a secure container near Muker. Please report any unusual activity involving quad bikes to the police.

Between August 14th and 16th, a lamb creep feeder was stolen from a field at Carperby.

Around August 19th, a locking yoke cattle crush device was stolen from a farm at Lunds above Hawes. No one was seen but the theft would have required considerable effort and a possibly some lifting gear.

About lunchtime on August 21st, a cement mixer was stolen from outside an address in Park Lane at Middleham. It was on hire from Simon Winstanleys of Leyburn.

Sometime between the middle of May and early September, 13 Swaledale shearing sheep were stolen from a field between Hawes and Hardraw. All were horn marked AK.

On August 25th, a large banner outside The Green Dragon pub (Hardraw) advertising a brass band contest, was taken.

On Saturday, September 14th, a door into the Dales Countryside Museum was forced open and the fire alarm system was damaged. Panels from the YDNPA workshop were also removed and appear to have then been set up as a 'bicycle ramp' outside. There also appears to have been an attempted entry into the train carriages on the platform. A number of youths, aged between 14

to 18 years, were seen around the carpark at this time and identification enquiries are underway to assist with our investigation. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact myself or '101' ASAP.

We continue to take reports of some off-road users misusing green lanes and bridleways. Please contact '101' with specific locations where such misuse is occurring so that we can target them alongside our Ranger colleagues in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Over the autumn and winter months we will be continuing with Operation Byway where we carry out spot checks on off-road enthusiasts in the Dales to ensure they are complying with Road Traffic Act legislation.

There have been several quad thefts in the Craven area recently. Please check and where possible, improve, your farm security, especially as the evenings are now getting darker! If you would like any security advice (home/farm or business), please contact me.

**PCSO Lucy Osborn 3744**  
**Dales Safer Neighbourhood Team**  
**North Yorkshire Police**



### **FOSTER'S COACHES** **Autumn Trips 2019**

**Windermere - Autumn Day in the Lakes**  
Wednesday 9th October - Adults £13  
Pick Up's Leyburn 9.am update Hawes 9.45am.

**Blackpool Illuminations - Half Term**  
Wednesday 30th October - Adults £13 / Child £9  
Pick Up's Leyburn 1pm update Hawes 1:45pm.  
(Return late after driving through the lights)

**Boundary Mill - Colne**  
Wednesday 13th November - Adults £12  
Pick Up's Leyburn 9.am update Hawes 9.45am.

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## Music at The Wensleydale School & Sixth Form

The Music Department at The Wensleydale School & Sixth Form is always an area that is buzzing with engagement, excitement and creativity. It has been just over two years since I joined as Teacher of Music and since then we have participated in six end of term concerts, six concerts within the community, competed in two Tournament of Songs competitions and held a concert in memory of our former music teacher, Kath Barker. This has resulted in us seeing well over 200 students participating in the performances, which is incredible! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents/carers, students, staff and the local community for your continued support with all the school's musical events. Without all of your support, we would not be able to offer these opportunities to our students and to continue to grow music in both the school and the local community.

Now that we have had a chance over summer to recover from our busy year of performing, both the students and I are eager to get back to rehearsing and preparing some fantastic music for our local community to enjoy. This year, we are gearing up ready to continue our hard work and to try and accomplish even more! We have already started this by introducing new ensembles to our existing lunchtime programme, which means we have at least one musical activity running every day of the week. Both the students and I are excited to share with you what we are working on in the run up to Christmas and we would like to formally invite everyone to our Winter Concert on **Thursday, December 19th at 7.00pm** in the school hall where we will be showcasing a range of wonderful and talented musical performances.

Since starting at The Wensleydale School & Sixth Form, one of my targets that I have set

myself is to increase the number of students learning and playing instruments. This can sometimes be a challenge as it can be hard for students to gain access to instruments for a number of reasons. Fortunately for us, this should become easier, thanks to the Wensleydale Rotary Club and the support of the local community. The Wensleydale Rotary Club started an instrument amnesty scheme throughout September to collect instruments for us. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Wensleydale Rotary Club for facilitating this as well as to the members of the local community who have kindly donated their unwanted instruments. With this opportunity, we are going to use these instruments to lend to students who want to learn to play them during school lessons, instrumental lessons and at home. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and will be a huge help in our efforts to increase the number of instrumental players in our school and around our community.

Finally, we would like to put a call out for a local volunteer pianist who might be interested in accompanying one of our school choirs that rehearse at lunchtime (1.00pm – 1.40pm). If you might be interested in helping out, please email [Joshua.hadfield@wensleydaleschool.net](mailto:Joshua.hadfield@wensleydaleschool.net) for more information.

**Joshua Hadfield – Teacher of Music**

## Grand Quiz Evening

**Saturday, October 26th at 7.30pm**

at Thornton Rust Institute

A supper will be served in the interval and prizes are to be won! The cost for this fun evening is £8.00 but please BOOK in advance as places are limited. Teams can be made up on the night.

To book your place, please telephone Sue on **01969 663504** ASAP.



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## Wensleydale Concert Series - Scordatura Trio

Our final concert of 2019 is on **Saturday, October 19th** in Carperby Village Institute at **7.30pm**. We have had a wonderful year of truly amazing visiting musicians and to round it off we welcome Scordatura - a trio of musicians celebrating the work of female composers.



This is a concert of some truly outstanding music by women, who have been traditionally neglected in the world of

classical music. They include Rebecca Clarke, Hildegard of Bingen, Hilary Tann, Amy Bryce and Phyllis Tate with music in various combinations for viola, cello and clarinet.

Hildegard wrote some of the earliest music that has survived since the 12th century, whilst

the other composers are very much from our time. I am particularly excited to have Rebecca Clarke included - her music was so impressive that when she won a competition with her viola sonata before the 2nd World War many of her peers thought it was impossible that a woman could have written such an amazing work. Her work is rich in melody and in some ways reminds me of Debussy.

Come along and experience music that is sadly rarely heard by three exceptional musicians in a lovely intimate setting. Further details and tickets are available from [www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk).

**Carol Haynes**

## Volunteer Vacancy – Music and Theatre Events Coordinator

Due to personal reasons our volunteer who dealt with our Music and Theatre events at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre has had to resign and we are now looking for a willing volunteer to take her place.

If you think you might be interested in this vital role within our organisation please get in contact. We can then arrange an informal chat for you to find out more. Tel. **01969 624510** or email [admin@leyburnartscentre.com](mailto:admin@leyburnartscentre.com).

**Jeannie Bishop**

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## October Competition

Below are anagrams of pubs names with the name of the village in which it is found. All are in the newsletter area but one is fictitious with strong links to the area.

1. WHO FANS AUNTIE
2. BRAINSTORM REMODEL
3. CAVIAR TINS TOMORROW
4. AUNT DOWNSHIFTS DETOX NOW
5. WHO REARRANGED GRAND
6. FRASER MUMS REMARK
7. RAT GORGE WHISKIES
8. UNORTHODOX FUN WANTS BEDS
9. ADVERBS WORRY RODS RAM
10. HES SHOWN EEYORE SHELTERS
11. WHATS HYPER BAREFACE
12. GROWING RACKS
13. RECONSIDER DROWNING ABBA
14. DIANE NUDGES GHERKINS
15. KOSHER MARGE ACCOLADED

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## Answers to September Competition

Famous Yorkshire people:-

1. Fred Trueman
2. Frederick Delius
3. Jonny Bairstow
4. Anne Bronte
5. Titus Salt
6. Percy Shaw
7. Thomas Chippendale
8. J. Arthur Rank
9. Brian Clough
10. Amy Johnson
11. Janet Baker
12. David Hockney
13. John Cockcroft
14. Betty Boothroyd
15. Leonard Hutton

There were no correct entries this month. The best score was 14 correct which two people managed. There will be a £40 rollover prize available for this month's winning entry.

## Last Call for Volunteers to Organise a 2020 Gala

At the AGM of the Hawes and District Gala Committee on September 4th, there were four people elected to the Committee, but this is three short of the seven people required in the Constitution to organise the Gala.

The new Committee are therefore inviting everyone in Hawes and District to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting at The Fountain on **Thursday, October 10th at 7.00pm** in the hope that three or more volunteers will come forward to pick up the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary of the Gala Committee, to enable organisation of a Gala for 2020 to start.

The EGM will also discuss and vote on changes to the Constitution, and details of the changes will be posted at Masons, Ivesons, The Fountain, The Market House, and The Community Office.

Please come along and join us to organise this long-standing Community event.

**Alison, Cayla, Di, Joyce**



## Story Writing Competition

Only 4 weeks left to enter our competition. Just a reminder that the closing date for the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Children's writing competition is **Thursday, October 31st**. We hope you have been thinking of great ideas and have a story that will make our judge 'sit up and take notice'. If you need any help, just ask in your primary school as your KS2 teachers are keen to support you. Remember there are great prizes to be won and our readers could be enjoying your story in our February issue. Entries must be type written and emailed to us at [uwnlinput@gmail.com](mailto:uwnlinput@gmail.com). Don't forget to include your name, age, name of your school, email and postal address. For more details see last month's newsletter which can be found at [www.upperwensleydalenewsletter.co.uk](http://www.upperwensleydalenewsletter.co.uk).

## Domino Drive – Muker

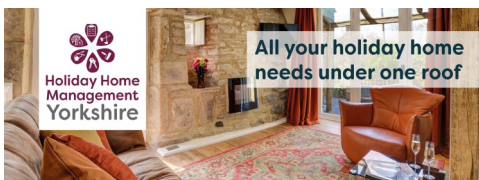
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## Events at Reeth Memorial Hall

**Friday, October 18th at 7.30pm** – Fell-Foss Theatre present Crusoe's Island – one man's story of shipwreck, solitude and salvation as told by himself. Adapted for the stage by Mark Cronfield, a former North Country Theatre stalwart. Tickets £10 (door £12).

**Friday, October 25th and Saturday, 26th at 8.00pm** - Tams & Coope. John is "one of the ultimate British songwriters" (Mojo). Performing with the Albion Band, Home Service, the National Theatre and the Sharpe TV series (Rifleman Hagman). With Barry Coope (keyboards, vocals), they are a superb duo. Tickets £15 (£17 door). Please note each concert will have a different programme. Please send any song requests for the Saturday concert to John Little by **October 18th**.

Tickets available from Reeth P.O. or phone **John Little on 01748 884759**, or visit [www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk). Tickets for the music events are half price for under 16s.

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## Best Foot Forward

### The Roof of Wensleydale – Part 2

In the last newsletter Best Foot Forward covered half of the fells featured in Stuart Lennie's book 'The Roof of Wensleydale'. In this edition we take up the challenge again and walk the other half. It is a bit longer than the first walk and goes over the three remaining summits: Wether Fell, Dodd Fell and Great Knoutberry Hill. The walk is at least sixteen miles and, despite what I said last time about preferring to start rather than finish with a bus ride, on this occasion I decided to start the walk in Hawes and finish at the Moorcock. There was a risk of missing the Little White Bus but I opted to take a chance on that.

Having chosen to walk this route clockwise, luckily on the day it was not very windy. I was aware that walking into a westerly wind at high level for long periods can be exhausting, so I picked out the best day of a week early in September when the weather forecast was reasonably OK. The weather had been quite unsettled recently so finding fine days wasn't easy. As I parked the car in Hawes there still looked to be lots of cloud on the hills but the forecast had said that it would quickly dissipate. Feeling optimistic as I set off, everything seemed right with the world and all the people I met were cheerful and obviously enjoying a fine morning. Going up Bealah Bank there were some I met who looked as though they were going to work; even they looked cheerful. My theory is that dry days in Hawes are so rare that they cheer people up.

Passing through a sleepy Gayle (it was only 8.00am) I was soon in the fields heading southwards uphill. There were still several cattle out in the fields (including a splendid but docile bull), a reminder that summer was not yet over. After crossing Blackburn Sike the land gets rougher and steeper but there is a good path. Eventually this joins the track from Burtsett and levels out. At the gate near the collapsed corrugated barn I was careful to keep right, ascending the shoulder of Wether Fell. By this time I had been in cloud for ten minutes with no view at all, which was rather disappointing. Suddenly the clouds parted and I was able to see across to Yorburch. There are few more uplifting moments when walking than an emerging view, almost as though a curtain is being drawn back to reveal the landscape.

Unfortunately, on this occasion it didn't last very long so by the time I reached the Roman Road I was back in the fog again: no views across Raydale or Wensleydale. My thoughts wandered to the plight of the Romans and their slaves. I wondered how often they had slogged up this road in driving rain and howling gales.

It needed a careful eye to spot the little path leading up to the summit of Wether Fell, which for some reason is known as Drumaldrace. According to Stuart Lennie it is probably Celtic and relates to someone's name, meaning Aldrace's ridge. At 2015 feet Wether Fell is the lowest of the 2000 foot summits surrounding the head of Wensleydale and it is the one nearest Hawes. On this occasion, with no view at all, there was no point in hanging around so it was down from the cairn on another little path to rejoin the Roman Road a bit further west. This leads to the Fleet Moss road from Hawes to Oughtershaw, which is also known as Beggarman's Road. It is the highest road in Yorkshire, reaching 1936 feet (590 metres) and one of the highest in Britain. My route followed this road for half a mile, again with no views but accompanied by a pair of croaking ravens.

For this half mile or so I was also following the Cam High Road which has the straight alignment of a typical Roman Road. Leaving the Fleet Moss Road I was still following the Cam High Road, now with a Tarmac surface. The trickles in the little culverts I crossed drain into Duerley Beck and eventually flow through Gayle and Hawes. They set me wondering how long that journey took – an hour...all day? It probably depends on water levels. Well, when

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it's thick mist you have to think about something!

Walking along this Tarmac road was easy work, smooth terrain, no gradient and not much wind. Leaving it after about a mile was a sudden contrast. To get to Dodd Fell required a wall crossing. Climbing walls in the 'open access' areas is permissible (although you are responsible for any damage to the wall) but I always feel it is better to look for an alternative option and on this occasion I found a fenced section over a narrow stream. That was just the beginning. With no view a compass bearing was needed over some very rough ground, crossing the grain of several headstreams. Compasses are a bit old fashioned these days but that suits me fine and it was a pleasure to practise the navigation skills without relying on some battery-charged gadget. After a while I found I was following a bit of a trod and realised this had probably been created by the hundreds of people doing the Fellsman Hike each year. It brought back a few memories but there was no path evident when I last did it in 2005.

It was exactly 10.00am at Dodd Fell trig point. Still no view so another compass bearing was needed to get off the summit, which is flat-topped and featureless – no walls or helpful landmarks. As usual the ground was very wet but things improved on reaching Cam West Road and eventually the junction at Kidhow Gate. This is the mighty Pennine Way which



heads off down into Ribblesdale, so after a short while I turned right and followed the much newer Pennine Bridleway. For a mile

or more it follows a lovely grassy limestone plateau before dropping down to Newby Head, with a good path all the way. On this section at about 11.00am I met my first walker, one of only a handful all day.

By this time the mist had lifted. Even the summit of Whernside was clear. Only Ingleborough held on to a lingering cloud cap. Soon it was uphill again, following the same Pennine Bridleway along the side of Wold Fell. The grassy path made for easy walking with views down Widdale and up to Great Knoutberry, our third summit. At the top of Arden Gill the bridleway contours left around the hill but my route followed the wall to the

top. It was disappointing to see the effects of trail bikes churning up the peat on the ascent as there is no general right of access for motor bikes. It is a steep, wet slope anyway without having to contend with additional mud and water.



Great Knoutberry is renowned for its panoramic views. It looks down Garsdale to Sedbergh and down Dentdale and Widdale. Furthermore, every single peak over 2000 feet is visible from its summit. It's a good test of local knowledge to see if you can name them all.

When I did this route on the original round in 2006, I went straight down due northwards to the Moorcock Inn. It was rough and tiring work (albeit rewarded by a short-eared owl sighting). Not relishing a repeat of this I headed down to the Coal Road and simply followed the road down to Garsdale Station. From there, back on the Pennine Bridleway, there is a good path to the Moorcock where the first part of this walk began. It is a good place to put your feet up and have a refreshing pint. However, having made good progress, I was far too early for any Little White Buses, so as the weather was now fine, I decided to walk back to Hawes via Mossdale; but that isn't part of the original circuit.

Stuart Lennie's book 'The Roof of Wensleydale' was the inspiration for this walk. I doubt if it has become popular but it is an example of the delights of route planning and subsequent execution on the ground. When Wainwright devised the Coast to Coast walk, he was really saying 'Don't just follow the usual routes, go out and plan your own route; here's an example' So what do people do? They just walk his Coast to Coast. We have a wonderful Rights of Way network in our country and the potential for planning a route is tremendous. Why not try exploring a bit more?

N. P.

## **The Upper Dales Health Watch**

### **The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales GP Practice**

#### **Synopsis of the meeting held on September 9th 2019**

The Central Dales Practice raised £4,775.01 for The Alzheimer's Society from their sponsored walk.

The Future of the Friarage consultation is due to start on Friday, September 13th and will last for 3 months. 'Consultation' is the term used by the NHS but it does not mean asking the public what people want. It is an exercise in explaining what is possible and the reasons for possible options.

Dr. Brown is retiring on December 31st. A GP is moving into the area who is willing to act as a locum when needed. Joy is now working part time as the Practice Nurse. Jane Martin started in August and works on Mondays & Tuesdays. Her speciality is Diabetes. Laura Dunn works 3 days as a Receptionist across both surgeries. Joanne Hammond is training to be the new phlebotomist and will also work in both surgeries. Dolly is coming back to the Aysgarth Surgery 2/3 days a week as the Health Care Assistant.

'Flu Clinics – Bookings have started. Patients need to phone or call in to make an appointment. Vaccine for the over 65s is due to arrive at the end of September. Patients with a BMI of over 40 will be allowed a dose this year.

Repeat prescriptions – Due to national difficulties in obtaining medication from suppliers, 3 days' notice is now required. Medicines can now be ordered 14 days in advance to try and prevent patients running out of their medication.

Siobhan McArdle has resigned as Chief Executive of the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Funding for the proposed Catterick Garrison Health Hub (CICC) will not be confirmed before March 2020 so no further information is likely until after that date.

The merger plans for the 3 North Yorkshire CCGs are progressing. It is not yet clear how Communication & Public Engagement will be managed across such a wide geographical area.

**Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary**

## **Vacancy for a Secretary / Treasurer**

The Hawes and High Abbotside Fishing Association is one of the oldest in the country, offering high quality river fishing on the River Ure for both trout and grayling.

The Association now has a vacancy for a Secretary/Treasurer to support them. The role will involve attending meetings (maximum of four in a year), taking minutes, dealing with correspondence and handling financial matters for the Association. This is a paid role.

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**Monday, 28th** - Members' Workshop – Open session to help each other tackle challenges with anything photography-related: techniques, equipment, software etc.

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## Mystery Picture

Last month's mystery picture was Cragdale, south of Stalling Busk. We received the following from Peter Hare.

*The picture was taken from Stake Road which starts just above Stalling Busk and joins the Skipton Road. The moor is the Low Moor belonging to Mr Matthew Cunningham of Raydale. I with a few friends and Mr Cunningham's Gamekeeper, Mr Julian Hammond who was in charge, spent a few happy days building the bridge spanning Raydale Beck, which is shown in the picture, approximately 10 years ago. Happy memories*



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## Upper Dales Family History Group

Meetings continue on **Wednesday, October 23rd**, in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth. The speaker is Anthony Atkinson on 'Ada Lovelace and her family'.

The daughter of a disastrous marriage between Anna Milbanke of Seaham Hall and the poet Lord Byron, Ada became a highly competent mathematician, forming a close association with Charles Babbage, "father of the computer"; mother to Lady Anne Blunt, traveller and founder of an Arabian horse stud.

The meeting starts at **2.00pm**. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. For more information phone **07432 677783**, email [tracy@swaledale.org](mailto:tracy@swaledale.org) or see the website <https://upperdales.weebly.com>.

## Christmas Bus Trip

There will be a Christmas bus trip to Newcastle on **Thursday, November 21st**. Pick up points are Thoraby at **8.15am** and then Aysgarth Falls Hotel, West Witton and Leyburn.

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## Dales Quoits League

Another season over, all games played and little problems with weather to spoil our enjoyment. The last League games were played on August 12th and resulted in the final league positions for the top teams.

Division 1. Winners with 101 points – Middleham Quoits Club.  
Second with 91 points – Kirby Malzard 'A'.

Division 2.  
Winners with 97 points – The Bridge Grinton.  
Second with 80 points – Dalesman Club 'B'.

This means the top two teams from Division 2 will go up into the First Division for the 2020 season. The teams being relegated from the bottom of Division 1 are Kirby Malzard 'B' and George and Dragon, Aysgarth.

For the first season the League Cup was run using a handicap system based on 2018 league finishing positions. When the Dalesman Club 'A' (handicap +21 points) met The Fountain, Hawes (handicap +30 points) in the final on Thursday, August 12th on the village green West Burton, the Fountain started the match with +9 handicap advantage. The evening was unfortunately very autumnal with a fine drizzle persisting throughout the match. This made conditions for both teams a little uncomfortable with very sticky clay and that gradual feeling of dampness. In the end The Fountain, Hawes came out as winners with 158 points from a 4 game win v Dalesman's 139 points and 3 matches won.

Congratulations to The Fountain, Hawes and many thanks to various league team members who came to referee, score and spectate. Thanks also to the Fox and Hounds, West Burton for their hospitality by providing a place to dry out and a much needed and enjoyed supper.

That's the last report for the 2019 season and I would like to extend my thanks to all the committee, team captains and players who help make the Dales Quoits League successful and enjoyable. Here's looking forward to the 2020 season. The 2020 AGM will be held in early March so for information on entering a team or for joining a club for the 2020 season please contact **Stephen Mason** (League Chairman) **01969 662743 / 07826 716146** who can explain what you need to do to take part.

**Stephen Mason**

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People will notice that there is scaffolding up around the school as we are having a new roof. Work will start once the swifts have all left for warmer climes and the bats have been rehoused.

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**Saturday, October 26th to Thursday, October 31st - An Evening of Ghostly Tales.**

Come and enjoy a medieval themed evening and find out about the ghosts of Bolton Castle. The evening includes a two course Medieval themed banquet of curry and fruit pie and a drink of mulled wine in the Great Chamber. There will also be optional additional tours of the Castle and dancing to enjoy up to 10.00pm.

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The school holidays are over, children are back to school and Dalesplay is busy with all our new starters. We will be welcoming three more children into the setting in October and we are pleased to report that all the children who joined us in September have settled in really well and have made lots of new friends. If you need childcare or would like to use government funded places, please do let us know in advance so we can ensure we have a space available. We also ask everyone to return the booking forms as early as possible, and no later than the 15th of each month to ensure a place is available. It is wonderful to have a setting full of little learners and this month we have been reading all about owls, we made owl pictures, baked owl bread, read stories and we have been learning to write in sand using feathers. To see more of the activities we have been doing, please take a look at our facebook page.

We will be holding our annual Halloween walk on **Thursday, October 31st**, starting from outside Dalesplay's main entrance at **6.30pm** and travelling through the town collecting treats as we go. We will have apple bobbing, colouring and juice on a table outside Dalesplay for the children to access free of charge but this year we will not be able to invite everyone back inside Dalesplay for refreshments like we have done in the past. This is because we have to ensure the room is set up and ready for the following day's activities for the children in our care and we have data we must protect within

the setting. Don't worry though, we have a big bag of treats at the end for you all!

If your child is eligible for a funded place after Christmas, please do call into Dalesplay for a pack if you would like to do some or all of their hours with us. We also advise you to be applying now for the 30 hours through [www.childcarechoices.co.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.co.uk) to ensure you receive your funding. If you only want the universal 15 hours you do not need to apply for this. For more information please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do our best to help you. Ring **01969 667789** or email [dalesplay1@btconnect.com](mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com).

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- 29 World Cycling Men's Elite Race.
- 29 Family Fun Day. Community Field, Hawes. 10.00am-6.00pm.
- 29 Hardraw Harvest Festival. 3.00pm. Hardraw Church and Green Dragon.
- 29 Penhill Praise Family Service. 10.30am. St Margaret's, Preston under Scar.
- 30 Soup and Sweet. Bainbridge Village Hall.

**October**

- 1 Men's Shed. Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. 4.00pm.
- 1 National Theatre Live - Placido Domingo. See p. 19
- 5 Men's Breakfast at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. 8.30am. See p. 37
- 5-6 Medieval Weekend at Bolton Castle. See p. 17
- 6 Holy Communion Harvest Service, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton. 9.30am
- 6 Holy Communion Harvest Service, St. Oswald's, Castle Bolton. 11.00am
- 7 Harvest Supper at Redmire Village Hall. 6.00pm. See p. 37
- 8 Arts Society Lecture. 2.00pm. See p. 36
- 10 Gala EGM, Fountain Hawes. 7.00pm. See p. 8
- 10 Soup and Sweet. Thoralby Village Hall. Noon. See p. 3
- 10 National Theatre Live - Billy Connolly. See p. 19
- 11 Harvest Service, Holy Trinity Church, Wensley. 6.00pm
- 11 Wensleydale Filling Station, Newton le Willows Village Hall. 7.00pm. See p. 35
- 11 - 13 Preston under Scar Art and Craft Exhibition. 10.00am - 4.00pm Village Hall. See p. 16
- 12 Pie and Ale Train, Wensleydale Railway. 7.00pm. See p. 32
- 13 Harvest Festival, St Margaret's Hawes. 10.30am
- 13 Holy Communion Service at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. 10.30am. See p. 37

- 15 Local History Group Talks at Middleham Key Centre. 2.00pm. See p. 3
- 16 Wednesday Club Afternoon Tea at Redmire Village Hall. 2.00pm
- 16 Penhill Ladies. Ken Day - Seasonal Singers. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm
- 17 Bainbridge WI Meeting. 7.30pm. See p. 39
- 17 National Theatre Live - A Midsummer's Night Dream. See p. 19
- 18 Crusoe's Island. 7.30pm Reeth Memorial Hall. See p. 9
- 18 U3A Talk. Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. 10.00am. See p. 26
- 19 Scordatura Trio Concert at Carperby Village Institute. 7.30pm.
- 19 Fourum. Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. 7.30pm. See p. 40
- 20 Afternoon Tea Train, Wensleydale Railway. 2.15pm. See p. 32
- 23 Family History Group at Fremington Sunday School. 2.00pm. See p. 14
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- 25 - 26 Designer Makers Market. Garden Rooms Tennants. 10.00am - 4.00pm See p. 2
- 26 -31 Evening of Ghostly Tales. Bolton Castle. See p. 17
- 26 Quiz Evening, Thornton Rust Institute. 7.30pm. See p. 6
- 26 Jake Thackray Evening. Thoralby Village Hall. 7.00pm. See p. 17
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- 26 Mobile Recycling collection, Brunt Acres Ind. Park, Hawes. 9.00am-1.00pm.
- 28 Prayer Fellowship at The Priory, Worton. 7.30pm
- 28 Bainbridge WI Soup and Sweet lunch. See p. 39
- 29 Domino Drive. Stalling Busk Village Hall. 7.30pm
- 31 Children's Activities at Pop-up Craft Shop, Askrigg. 11.00am, 1.00 and 2.00pm. See p. 21
- 31 Deadline for entries to the Story Writing Competition. See p. 9
- 31 Halloween Funday, Freeholders Woods. 11.00am. See p. 30

**November**

- 1 Domino Drive, Muker Public Hall. 7.30pm.

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

## Exhibition

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## October Events

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18 Melmerby Griff Mill. **7.30pm.**

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## Community Fields – A Full Update

Nine new trustees have been appointed to the Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreation Association (UWSRA) charity, which runs and (it is thought) owns Hawes Community Fields.

At the AGM of the charity held on June 27th at the NASH, retiring chairman of trustees, the late John Blackie, said it was time for a “fresh injection” of people to take forward a proposal to build a pavilion on the fields. Mr Blackie stood down, as did the two other trustees, Bob Tunstall and Stuart Dinsdale. Their last act before retiring was to appoint the new trustees. These were Ben Adams, Emma Blades (subsequently appointed treasurer), Steph Bland, Nigel Chapman, Andrew Fagg (Secretary), Katie Iveson, Donna Peacock, Gordon Sleightholm (Chairman) and Lindsey Whaley. Before becoming trustees, the group of nine was operating as a ‘working committee’ of UWSRA, investigating the possibilities of improving facilities on the fields.

Mr Blackie told the AGM that it was important to outline the history of the fields, given the “major change” of trustees. What follows is a combination of what he said and some facts gleaned from archived planning papers held by the National Park Authority.

John said the story began in 1994, when Alec Dinsdale, Gordon Sleightholm and Stuart Dinsdale began a search for a new football pitch for Hawes United. Aspirations grew in the community to find a space large enough for a swimming pool and sports hall, too. Two fields owned by Mr Myles Metcalfe, to the north and east of Old Station yard, were identified. They added up to 4.3 acres (1.74 hectares).

On December 19th 1995, a hugely ambitious planning application was submitted. UWSRA applied for full planning permission for the construction of a football pitch, a picnic area and informal children’s playing area. It also applied for outline planning permission for vehicular access and parking provision, and erection of buildings to house a swimming pool, gym and other indoor sports facilities, and also construction of tennis courts, bowling green and all-weather surface. These facilities were to be sited on what some people now call the ‘middle field’ which is used for the annual bonfire.

In the meantime, concerns were raised about access to the fields. Access had to be through

Old Station Yard car park, owned by the National Park Authority (then simply a National Park Committee of the County Council). As a result, two more fields totalling 3.35 acres (1.35 ha.), belonging to Mr Thomas Dinsdale, were identified for purchase. These fields, which are today used by Hawes Juniors and by events such as the Midsummer Bash, gave vehicular access directly off the public highway – i.e Brunt Acres Road – and were intended to provide space for car parking.

On April 16th 1996, the National Park Committee granted full planning permission for the football pitch. It also granted outline planning permission for the swimming pool and sports hall.

At this stage, however, the four fields had still to be acquired. The purchase took more than a year to complete. A grant from Sport England Lottery Fund (now no longer in existence) was successful, meaning that the fields could be bought for a total of £109,039 on June 10th 1997 (although the property deeds are still to be tracked down). The very next day a legal agreement (‘section 106’) was signed by the planning authority and UWSRA, meaning that the planning permission came into effect. UWSRA became incorporated at Companies House on October 22nd 1996. On the same day it became a registered charity.

Negotiations to buy an additional 15 metre strip of land to the north of the football field had not been successful. So, the decision was taken to flatten the embankment of the former Wensleydale Railway to create a space big enough for a pitch. It cost around £25,000 to construct the pitch. A further £5,000 was spent turning a former cattle creep under a remaining part of the embankment (owned by the National Park Authority) into changing rooms.

After the football pitch work, UWSRA then moved onto the swimming pool and sports hall. Mr Blackie told the AGM that there had been a “tremendous amount” of community fundraising at the time, including an event for VE Day and regular discos. A total of £30,000 was raised. However, a second major grant application to Sport England Lottery Fund, submitted in June 2000, was unsuccessful. The swimming pool and sports hall project ground to a halt, although as John was keen to remind everyone – the outline planning permission still stands.



The funds raised by the community were spent by UWSRA between 2000 and 2019 on maintenance of the fields and other recreation projects in Upper Wensleydale, such as a zip wire in the play park on Gayle Lane. Remaining funds at the time of the AGM stood at £6,677.

The AGM then heard about the progress made by the UWSRA Working Committee which was set up to investigate suggestions made at an UWSRA open public meeting on July 6th 2018. People at the public meeting said they wanted club facilities for Hawes United Men and Juniors (the cattle creep having succumbed to damp), better access and signage, and a bike pump track.

The committee visited nearby playing fields facilities, including pavilions at Reeth, Spennithorne and Wensley. After two evening jaunts on the Little White Bus in the summer sunshine, it was resolved to pursue the idea of a 'Community Pavilion'.

The committee asked the community to shape the project. In the backend of 2018, UWSRA published a leaflet called 'What Next For The Community Fields?', funded by a donation from this newsletter. The leaflet used images of a 'Hawes Community Pavilion' drawn by a volunteer from Hawes. UWSRA engaged with more than 20 community groups and organisations, including all the current users of the community fields. There were also dozens of individual responses, either through the leaflet or through word of mouth via committee members.

In December 2018, retired British Army Lieutenant Colonel John Walker MBE offered to donate £50,000 towards a pavilion. Mr Walker grew up in Hawes and regularly visits his hometown. The pavilion will be named the 'Johnny Walker Community Pavilion' after his late father, who used to run the Chippie, in acknowledgement of the donation.

UWSRA then won the support of the Richmondshire District Council Area Partnership Fund, the Council's Locality Fund, and Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council to help pay for an architect to come up with planning drawings for the pavilion. Meanwhile, pre-application planning advice for a pavilion was bought from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

The committee also invited the YDNPA - as neighbouring landowner - to work in partnership

with UWSRA to create better parking and access from the Old Station Yard. Meetings have taken place with YDNPA officers and an agreement has been reached, subject to the drawing up of a formal legal document.

In March, the committee consulted again with local groups and organisations such as Hawes United, Hawes United Juniors, the Cubs, Brownies, Hawes and District Youth Club, Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council, the Midsummer Bash and other potential user groups such as Wensleydale Young Farmers. A detailed 'Statement of Use' was drawn up to show how the pavilion would be used. The Upper Wensleydale Railway group has been consulted, as have tree and biodiversity experts. A Hawes architect was instructed in March 2019 and plans have emerged for a building based on what the community has said it wants, needs and would use.

A key partner in the project is the North Riding Football Association. Two site meetings have been held with FA representatives. The FA has given technical guidance on specifications for changing rooms and other design factors and this is all reflected in the architect's plans. It is likely that a bid for a grant to cover about 50% of the cost of the pavilion will be made to the Football Foundation charity.

It is hoped that other funders can give further support. An initial approach has been made to the National Lottery. There is local fundraising too, not least a 'Family Fun Day' on the fields on Sunday, September 29th to celebrating the World Cycling Championship race going through Hawes.

The planning application for the Johnny Walker Community Pavilion is now ready to submit. However, at the time of writing, paperwork and new bank account mandates are still being sorted out to allow the new trustees access to the charity's funds. The new trustees plan to use existing funds to pay the planning application fee of £1,848.

In closing the AGM, Mr Blackie said that Hawes Community Fields were very much 'owned by the community'. He wished the new trustees well as they led efforts to build the pavilion, re-wall the boundaries and make the fields a well-signposted and welcoming place for sport and recreation.

**Andrew Fagg**

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Recent awards include £1,300 for Reeth and Community Transport to provide residents of rural Swaledale with low-cost transport and Skipton Juniors Football Club granted £600 towards coaching for their girl's football teams.

Michaela Brennan, Roger Stott Community Grants Officer, said: "We're looking forward to receiving many more exciting proposals for

projects that will have a big impact for communities in or near the Yorkshire Dales National Park and in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It's a quick and easy application process and the grant can be used for capital items or revenue costs."

Will Humpington, Climate Change and Environmental Programmes Advisor at People's Postcode Lottery, added: "It's brilliant that we are continuing to support voluntary organisations and community groups through YDMT's grants programme. These groups have a huge impact on the local people and the Yorkshire Dales, and it's important that they are given the opportunity to deliver valuable projects and initiatives that make a real difference in their communities."

The Roger Stott Community Grants programme was launched in March 2016 in memory of the charity's founding Chairman. Grants can cover revenue expenses such as staff costs, rent or training, or be used for capital 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 Monday, October 28th**. Please visit [www.ydmt.org/community-grants](http://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](mailto:info@ydmt.org).

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## Leyburn and District U3A

The next meeting is on **Friday, October 18th** from **10.00am** at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre The speaker is Carol Tetlow, and is entitled 'Doctor to Author' and will begin at **10.30am**. The talk is free to members, but visitors or prospective new members are welcome for a small charge.

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## Upland Farmers Need More Help

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) has expressed concern about a fall in the number of Dales farm holdings in agri-environment scheme agreements. Latest figures from Defra suggest that around 200 Dales farms – nearly one in five – have decided not to put land into the Countryside Stewardship scheme after their previous five-year Environmental Stewardship agreements expired.

The Authority believes the impacts on the local economy and on the environment are significant. Senior Farm Conservation Adviser at the YDNPA, Helen Keep, said: “The problem has been predominantly with those farmers who had an Upland Entry Level Environmental Stewardship agreement. They have generally not been interested in the replacement five-year mid-tier Countryside Stewardship scheme as, at the time of its launch four years ago, it had few attractive options for upland farmers.

“The difficulties with Countryside Stewardship have pushed some of those farmers, who were already struggling to make a living, towards more intensive land management in order to fill the financial gap – typically £10,000 per year. This is starting to have an impact on both the landscape and wildlife of the National Park. Although the land of highest biodiversity value is continuing to be managed under higher tier Countryside Stewardship, the low uptake of mid-tier agreements means that, if we are not careful, we could be left with islands of biodiversity rather than a connected network.

“Natural England has made significant changes to the Countryside Stewardship mid-tier, which is a much better offer now. But there is still work to do to help farmers get into the five-year mid-tier scheme.”

Chris Clark, farmer and YDNPA Member

said: “The difficulties with Countryside Stewardship have encouraged some farmers to switch to more intensive production – something that industry leaders have told them for years will lead to an increase in profitability. However, the economic reality is that reducing stocking rates (to the 'sweet-spot', the naturally sustainable level) produces the maximum profit. Reducing the number of stock would not only improve the core farm business viability, it would naturally start to generate significant environmental improvements. So the farm business would then also be eligible for the highest level of payments under the 'payment for public benefits' policy currently being developed by government. A financial win-win.”

Neil Heseltine, farmer and YDNPA Deputy Chairman, said: “It’s a fact that the current agri-environment scheme, Countryside Stewardship, which replaced Environmental Stewardship in 2015, has not been attractive to Dales farmers. The options available for the uplands haven’t been great. But each year Countryside Stewardship is getting better, and I would urge farmers and landowners to look at it again when the next application window opens early next year.

“I also hope colleagues at Defra will consider closely the request being made by National Parks England for a review of Countryside Stewardship. We know that the proposed Environmental Land Management scheme (ELMs), which will replace Countryside Stewardship after the UK exits the EU, could be a huge opportunity for farmers in the Dales. But we must not forget the here and now. It’s vital for the environment and for the long-term viability of farm businesses here that we get as many upland farmers as possible into Countryside Stewardship agreements.”

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## Notes From Thorney Mire

### Late Summer

It's been pleasant walking along our lane this summer with the gentle perfume from the last of the meadowsweet filling the air and the unmistakable smell of aniseed coming from the sweet cicely which has now gone to seed, and being accompanied by painted lady butterflies. They danced around me, going from verge to verge before landing on the yarrow. They were joined by red admirals, peacock, meadow brown and small white. Evidently, it's been a good year for butterflies. There is a field near Burterset which supports a lovely crop of thistles and knapweed. On one hot summer's day this year, (yes, there was at least one) dozens of butterflies were hovering around and landing on the thistles. I have never seen so many butterflies in one place in this country before. It reminded me of when we were in Slovenia in the 1990s and you were surrounded by these colourful insects and it wasn't unusual to see three or more butterflies on one single flower head.

To continue with my list of flowers for August and September, pink and white yarrow, yellow pea, white clover, meadow cranesbill, lady's bedstraw, enchanter's nightshade, marjoram, knapweed, burdock and a frustratingly small white one which we couldn't identify, but probably belongs to the chickweed family. So far this year that makes a total of forty-nine different species of flowers found on the verges of our lane.

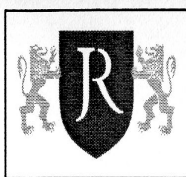
For several days, at the same time each morning, a flock of starlings landed on our barn roof. There must have been about thirty or forty of them and they pecked at the roof as though their life depended on it. Something would startle them and they would fly as one body into the beech tree before flying down again and resuming their pecking. I can only assume it was the beech mast they were after as there has been a lot about this year.

Although I've not seen any, some grey squirrels have been seen further along the valley, so a trapping programme is going to take place in our wood in the next few weeks. Meanwhile the red ones continue to come to the feeders, hoping to get there before the jackdaws devour everything and the poor nuthatch gets so frustrated at seeing the food, but not able to access it, he, to use the vernacular, "does his nut" trying to peck through the perspex cover.

We have a lot of visitors walking along our lane and it is interesting to watch their reactions to wildlife they don't normally see. Two couples were ecstatic at seeing a woodpecker and another couple excited because they had spotted a nuthatch. When I walk round the corner by our house I often trip over tourists with their mobile phone cameras at the ready photographing the red squirrels. The squirrels are not shy, they don't run away in fact they quite seem to enjoy the limelight. They sit on the feeders, nonchalantly chewing their food, thirty-two times, or whatever the squirrel equivalent is, like little divas. They will be wanting an appearance fee next.

A hedgehog was caught in the headlights of our car along our lane. It ran to the side of the road and survived. If it had curled into a ball then the outcome may have been different. Curling into a ball is not always the best means of defence for a hedgehog as badgers can unroll and kill them, so this is the theory. A hedgehog which runs away in the face of danger will survive long enough to breed and pass on its "run away" genes to its offspring, a curl in a ball hedgehog will not. Put aside the fact that hedgehogs are an endangered species and their numbers are falling and consider that in the course of evolution, will hedgehogs with the "make a run for it" genes survive and will the hedgehogs with "curl into a ball" genes eventually die out? Well it's a thought and it makes a change from thinking about Brexit.

Sylvia Turner



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Coming up is 'Come and Sing Day' on **Saturday, November 9th**. We shall be working on choruses from Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor, from **9.30am to 4.30pm** at Reeth Memorial Hall. We'll all be starting from scratch on the pieces, so you don't need any previous knowledge of the music, and if you prefer not to sing, we love a good audience so come along with lots of friends at **3.30pm** to listen (and applaud).

Cost is £10 for the whole Come and Sing day, and donations for coming along to listen at the end of the day.

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The witches that live in the woods have had their frogs stolen by some naughty woodland elves. How will they make their spells? Can you help find the frogs? Do the spooky scavenger hunt, find some skeleton leaves and traces of midnight hunters - but be careful, you might get spooked! The trail runs from **Saturday, October 19th to Sunday, November 3rd**.

### Wensleydale Cycle Trail

Richmondshire District Council has given an £8,000 grant towards the cost of a feasibility study in the creation of a multi-user cycle route as part of the reinstatement of the Hawes to Garsdale railway route. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority aims to increase family friendly routes in the Dales by 2023.

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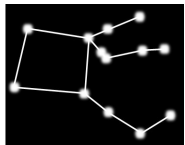
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## Heavens Above

Pegasus, the Winged Horse of ancient Greece, dominates the evening sky on a clear autumn night. You'll find it flying high in the south soon after proper darkness - around 9.00pm by the middle of October. Although it's the main autumn constellation, Pegasus isn't particularly distinctive and to be honest it doesn't bear much



resemblance to a horse. For some reason only the beast's front half appears in the sky and this is always seen upside down from our part of the world.

Pegasus' chief claim to fame is its famous Square - a large rectangle formed by four stars roughly equal in brightness. It's easy to identify as it lies in a pretty barren part of the sky. The inside of the Square is surprisingly lacking in stars and as a result it's often used as a test of local sky quality. If you can see 4 or 5 stars with just your naked eye the 'seeing' is average, 7 is good, 13 is very good, and anything over 35 really excellent.

According to the old Greek myths Pegasus

sprang from the blood of Medusa the Gorgon when her head was cut off by the hero, Perseus. He later became the steed of another gallant paladin, Bellerophon, famous for slaying the Chimaera - a fire-breathing monster with the head of a lion, the body of a goat, and the tail of a snake. It died from suffocation after Bellerophon stuffed lead down its throat which was instantly melted by the creature's fiery breath. I wonder if this is where we get the story of St. George and the dragon from?

Next month we have a rare astronomical event when we're treated to the rare sight of Mercury, the innermost planet, crossing the face of the Sun on November 11th. Transits of Mercury only happen 13 or 14 times in every 100 years and for obvious reasons are only seen in the daytime. The fine weather covering much of the country gave us a great view of the last transit in 2016, so let's hope we have clear skies this year otherwise you'll have to wait around until 2032 for the next one.

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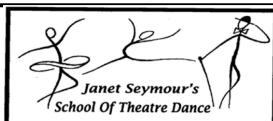
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Join us on **Saturday, October 26th** at **6.30pm** for a spooktacular murder mystery event like no other! One thing is for certain, not everyone will survive! Come aboard if you dare. Gladys and Frank Lee are celebrating their lottery win with their new neighbours – a Halloween masked ball on The Wensleydale Railway which will give everyone the chance to get to know them! But behind the scary masks it's easier to get away with murder. Dress up, don your Halloween masks and see if you can work out whodunit. Tickets are £25 which includes: return rail ticket, welcome drink and an evening of 5 star entertainment from the cast at Tall Tale Mysteries.

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## Prunings

Sadly the summer is over, such as it was, the fizz lies unopened in the fridge and the sweet peas are looking battered. On the positive front, we have had lots of runner beans in our two large pots, and the rose “Absolutely Fabulous” has been exactly that and still has lots of buds to come. The rose “Celebration Time” has also put on a good show, but “Kent” has been less than spectacular despite the fact that Which Gardening recommended it as long flowering. The climbers I bought last year have done well and I recommend “Penny Lane” for both flowers and scent. Today is September 5th and walking down the road this afternoon the harbingers of autumn were abundant: brambles; hips and haws; sloes; hazel nuts, and all manner of seed heads. As usual, the Aralia near the footpath has produced flowers just as its leaves start to colour. Happily the butterflies are still around.

We went down to Sussex in August, and whilst there we visited the “Sussex Prairie Garden”. It was spectacular: huge swathes of perennials inter-planted with grasses, and with paths through the beds so we could get up close. Some of the grasses were brilliant as they swayed on the breeze, but the plant which caught our attention was Eupatorium, (common name Sneezeweed) in glorious spreads of purplish pink. Coincidentally on last week’s Gardeners World, Adam Frost introduced the same plant at the back of a border. If it puts on a show like the ones we saw in Sussex it will be worth having.

This week (September 10th) offers plenty of jobs to do. I have tried to keep up with the dead-heading and it really does work. There is another flush on the sweet peas, although I have left more seed pods than I intended. In Garden News there is an article on planting meadows. They differentiate between a perennial and annual meadow. To me a meadow is a hayfield, essentially cut for fodder, and is not normally ploughed and replanted. Anything sown each year is a patch of wild flowers and many of the ones listed in the article are cornfield plants. The Yellow Rattle which is important when trying to establish a meadow takes years to thrive. So one might argue about what is actually meant by “meadow”. Having said that both types of planting are beautiful and will provide sustenance for pollinators.

Talking of sustenance, I saw a hedgehog on the roadside the other day. He froze when he sensed me, and as I had no gloves I could not put him in a safer place. I thought he seemed small and I wonder if he has time to put on enough weight before he hibernates.

I’ve been investigating last year’s bulb pots. I have tried to keep them watered and the gravel I topped them with seems to have been quite effective at deterring weeds. I have no idea if the bulbs have survived but if I dig carefully round the edges I should find the labels to tell me which is which. With luck, next spring’s display is half done!

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

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## News from the Pharmacy

### Flu vaccination: Mythbuster- “Having the flu vaccine gives you flu”

It is the time for Flu Jab, hence I thought I would try to uncover some myths around Flu Jab and the importance of getting Flu Jab this year.

**The myth:** The seasonal influenza vaccination does not protect against the flu virus and can cause flu symptoms.

**The reality:** The seasonal flu vaccination is not live and therefore cannot cause any flu symptoms. It is, however, the only protection against flu.

Vaccines generally come in two different forms: attenuated and inactivated. Attenuated vaccines are ‘live’ and contain weakened strains of the viruses they are protecting from. Examples include the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), and the more recent flu nasal spray vaccination for children. However, the adult seasonal flu vaccination is an inactivated vaccine. Inactivated vaccines are made from viruses or bacteria that have been killed and therefore, cannot spread any form of the disease or virus they protect from. Yet this common myth continues to be believed by many patients. There are three possible reasons for this.

Firstly, once any vaccination is administered, the body should start to develop an immune response. In some people, this can present as mild ‘cold-like’ symptoms that will only last for a couple of days and can be easily treated with paracetamol. It is important to remember that these symptoms are a sign that the body is responding to the vaccine and are different to flu symptoms, which can make the body ill very quickly with a fever, body aches and rigor.

Secondly, the seasonal flu vaccination is

administered between September and March, which is the same time of year as the virus is in circulation. The vaccine can take up to 14 days to become effective once received, meaning it is possible to contract the flu during this period. It is therefore important to receive the flu vaccination at the start of the programme.

Thirdly, every year the World Health Organization recommends which virus strains vaccine manufacturers should include. The vaccine can take up to eight months to produce. Occasionally, a different strain of influenza will emerge that cannot be added to the vaccine in time. This can make the vaccine less effective against that strain. However, when the vaccine is well-matched to the circulating strain it is 50-70% effective.

It is vital that the myths and common misconceptions about the flu vaccine are debunked and the magnitude of the flu virus is recognised. Patients in ‘at risk’ groups – as defined by the Department of Health – receive a free vaccination every year either from their GP or Pharmacy.

For those who have suffered flu, the vaccination is an essential element of ‘winter wellness’ to ensure patients, staff, visitors and family are protected. For those who have been fortunate enough not to have had the flu, it is important to remember that people can also be a carrier of flu and yet be asymptomatic themselves. This can result in the person unknowingly spreading the virus to susceptible people around them.

Hope I manage to uncover some myths around Flu vaccination, if you need further information please visit your GP or Pharmacy for further advice.

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Topics will cover a diverse range including: the Art of Ancient Afghanistan; Street Art; Architect Zaha Hadid; and Artists Illness and Creativity. In May 2020, Lee Miller's son, Antony Penrose, will lecture on his mother's photographs: Witnessing Women at War. This will coincide with the release of a Hollywood biopic starring Kate Winslet as Lee Miller.

The new season starts at Tennants Garden Rooms, on **Tuesday, October 8th at 2.00pm** with;

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Architectural Historian Caroline Knight's lecture explores the work and life of the famous wood carver Grinling Gibbons (1648 -1721).

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connections. The 'King David Panel', his earliest-known surviving work, is now in Fairfax House York, returning to the city where it was made. Following the disastrous 1986 fire at Hampton Court retired woodcarver Trevor Ellis, formerly of Coverdale, played a major role in the restoration of Gibbons carvings. His late wife, Ellie, colour blended the new and restored carvings. Their work is discussed in Michael Fishlock's book "The Great Fire at Hampton Court."

Caroline is an expert on 16th to 18th century British architecture, and is a lecturer at the V&A. Her publications include London's Country Houses (2009) and a history of Kensington Palace.

Tickets are £10 (refunded if you join TASW). Contact [wensleydale@theartsociety.org](mailto:wensleydale@theartsociety.org) or **01845 567489** for tickets, which are also available prior to the lecture. TASW website – <https://theartsociety.org/wensleydale> has full details of the 2019 - 2020 programme.

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Men's Breakfast at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge.

**Sunday, 6th October**

Holy Communion Harvest Service,  
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton at **9.30am**.

Holy Communion Harvest Service,  
St. Oswald's, Castle Bolton at **11.00am**.

**Monday, October 7th at 6.00 for 6.30pm**

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**Friday, 11th October at 6.00pm**

Harvest Service, Holy Trinity Church, Wensley.

**Sunday, October 13th at 10.30am**

Penhill Together Holy Communion Service at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, with Archdeacon Jonathan Gough.

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### Little Theatre Project

We will be offering a series of workshops in partnership with Leyburn Arts and Community Centre during half-term on **Monday, October 28th, Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st** from **10.00am - 4.00pm**. The sessions aimed at 6 to 19 year olds will cover drama, dance and music and present a showcase performance from **3.00pm** on the **Thursday, October 31st** (all welcome). Full details available on request.

### Emerging Artists Concert

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Visit [www.blueboxt.co.uk](http://www.blueboxt.co.uk) for further information on these events, or email [info@blueboxt.co.uk](mailto:info@blueboxt.co.uk) or contact Colin Bailey **07711 211169**.

Colin Bailey

## Bainbridge Women's Institute

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

The meeting on **Thursday, October 17th** will be a visual tour of Ripon Cathedral with Godfrey Wilson. This is hoped to be a precursor for a guided tour of the actual Cathedral next year.

The next Soup and Sweet lunch will be on **Monday, October 28th** at Askrigg Village Hall. Cost £5.

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## Methodists Take New Approach to Closed Chapels

The National Park Authority's Planning Committee today unanimously approved plans to convert Bainbridge chapel into two affordable flats for rent in perpetuity for local people – in a 'national pilot' for the Methodist Church. The community-led housing project brought by the North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit will see the Church retaining ownership of the property. The circuit will allocate the accommodation to those in affordable housing need in partnership with Richmondshire District Council.

Bainbridge chapel, a handsome two-storey building in the centre of the village, closed for worship in 2017 because there were too few members to keep it going. Previous circuit policy has been to sell-off redundant chapels.

Rural Housing Enabler at Richmondshire District Council, Amanda Madden, who has worked closely with the Methodist Church on the scheme, said: "This is a national pilot for the Methodist Church in Great Britain. The scheme in Bainbridge is being delivered and driven by the local community, following a feasibility study in the parish."

Member Champion for Development Management at the National Park Authority, Jim Munday, said: "The lovely thing here is that the Church will be managing the scheme in the future. It shows an enlightened approach to surplus chapel buildings and is a socially responsible thing to do. We'd like to see more such applications come forward in future. The scheme will deliver much needed affordable housing in Bainbridge."



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