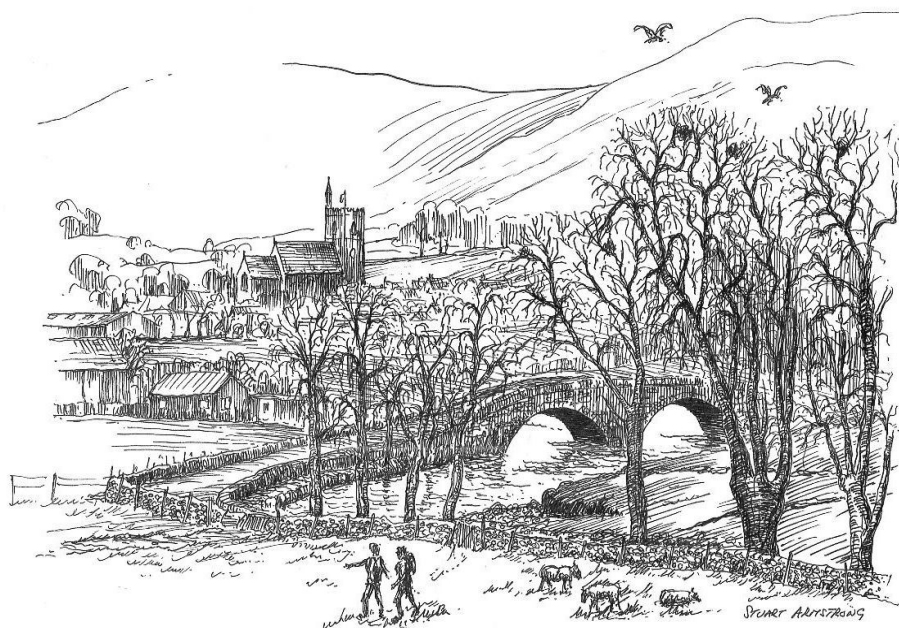


UPPER WENSLEYDALE NOTES

June 2020



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

Guest Editorial

What better place in England could there have been than Upper Wensleydale to live through the Covid-19 'lockdown'? The journalist W.R. Mitchell once wrote that the Dales had been 'loved to death' through tourism. For an eight-week period this spring a peace and quiet not known for many generations could be experienced here. Plus there was wall-to-wall sunshine.

On a walk to Burtersett, in that narrow field with the narrowest of stiles, the lambs raced again and again from side to side, the winner seizing the top step as a podium. Out on Abbotside near West Cote Shaw, I saw even ewes leaping for joy. The lambs have truly been bouncing and the backend sales should be a sight to see.

One evening I was so captivated by the calls of the curlew near Spillion Green that I sat for a long while as dusk fell, leaning against a footpath marker post. As a tawny owl began hooting, over brummed two lads on a quad bike who had spotted me and thought I might have had a heart attack.

Lockdown has brought the best and the worst out of people. The resilience of elderly people in the community has been inspiring. And that quality most admired locally – hard graft – has not been lacking among 'key workers'. In Hawes, the paper shop, Elijah's, Spar, Stephenson's and others have kept us well supplied.

On the other hand, some people have allowed fear of the virus to cloud rational thinking. The twitchy curtain brigade probably carried out an important role in the first few weeks of lockdown. But some took it too far. A friend was asked to stay out of the top end of his own village. Anonymous 'Stay At Home Idiot!' notes were put through letterboxes in Gayle. Even after restrictions on movement were eased in the middle of May, I saw a sign next to a public footpath which said, 'If you can read this, go home! LOCALS ONLY.'

Making visitors feel unloved is not in our interests. Almost all local farmers are dependent on public support, through taxpayer-funded payments, to make ends meet. And almost all other local businesses are dependent

on visitors to make a decent profit.

Who, though, missed the near constant loud droning of planes or motorbikes? In lockdown I cycled miles with two young children on the roads, but feel less inclined to do so now. Could limits be placed on the number of flights we can take each year, or on the amount of noise motorcycle engines can emit? No one wants a 'nanny state' but lockdown has helped us see the benefits that could come from limiting some freedoms.

While we can dream of a better future based on what we have learned during lockdown, the best of pre-lockdown life can't come back soon enough, such as school, football and Church. ('Lockdown makes me sad,' my daughter scribbled in chalk on a flag one day.) Perhaps more than anything else – as a certain cousin of mine would no doubt agree – we could all do with being able to once again hug our friends and family.

Andrew Fagg

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Back in the Days of Half-Crowns and Two Bobs

Back in the days of half-crowns and two bobs, when people had patience and parents had jobs.

When all younger siblings wore hand me down shoes and T.V. had only two channels to choose.

Back in the days of threepenny bits, when schools employed Nora to search for your nits.

When snowballs were harmless, ice slides were permitted, And all of your clothing was warm and hand knitted.

Back in the days of homemade ginger beers, when children remained kids for more than ten years.

When children respected what older folks said and pot was a thing you kept under your bed.

Back in the days of Listen with Mother, when neighbours were friendly and conversed with each other.

When cars were so sparse you could play in the street. When Doctors made house calls, and police walked the beat.

Back in the days of radio comedy like Goons, When music was music and songs all had tunes.

It was tripe and onions for dinner and jam bread for tea and your annual break was a day by the sea.

Back in the days of Dixon of Dock Green, Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream.

When children could all wear National Health glasses and qualified teachers took all of the classes.

Back in the days of hard work and achieving, when mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.

When woodwork and cooking got taught in all school and everyone dreamt of a win on the pools.

Back in the days when I was a lad, I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.

Hopscotch and roller skates, not acting like jobs. Back in the days of half-crowns and two bobs.



The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

At the Wensleydale school we are working very closely with the Local Authority and are currently planning for reopening to a select group of year 10s and all Year 12 from **June 15th**. More details will follow to our parents and on our website in early June. We are taking robust steps to ensure the safety of students, staff and parents. We are very grateful to all our families for their support and continuous good humour during lockdown.

Julia Polley, Headteacher

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June Competition

June is midway through the year. Each answer contains the letters 'MID'

1. Time for a dream
2. "_____ toil and tribulation"
3. Sticky
4. They troubled the Israelites
5. Calm down, soldier!
6. He had a touch
7. Played havoc after pregnancy use
8. The Black Country is in them
9. It has a heart
10. Very little amount
11. Swarmers and biters
12. Only reveal it if it's nice
13. Delivery lady
14. Richard's home for a while
15. Trouble spot (for about 3000 years)
16. Dunghill
17. Wanting courage
18. On the leg side

Mystery Picture

Last month's Mystery Picture was of Hardraw Bridge.

Here is a slightly harder one. Where was this shot of a blackthorn bush taken?



May Competition Answers

A trip down the North East coast: Tweed to Humber. Some were anagrams, some were not!

1. O SHE RAN
HORNSEA
2. INSIDE WALKING NIMBLY THROUGH
BLYTH
3. IMPERSONATOR JAN'S VEHICLE
RAVENSCAR
4. IN HER SWEAT
WITHERNSEA
5. ISITBADINTOHIERS; EVERY OTHER
ONE **STAITHES**
6. STROLL
AMBLE
7. UNDERSTAND? WITH L FOR T
SUNDERLAND
8. HUM, O NETTY!
TYNEMOUTH
9. CARRIED ME OUT!
REDCAR
10. DEER IN THE FRENCH WATER
HARTLEPOOL
11. NCL ON THE FIRE
SALTBURN
12. MISS OUT THE OCEAN
SKIPSEA

Ian Fowler

I would like to thank all our friends around Gayle and Hawes who have sent cards and messages containing warm words and lovely memories of Ian.

After a small family funeral service, we will have a celebration of Ian's life in the Methodist Church in Upper Poppleton in the future.

Ian and I had such wonderful memories of our time in Litherskew and Gayle. Now, in York, I will appreciate being closer to my family at this time.

Norma Fowler

Celebrating Success – Local Chef Wins Again

Way back in 2009, Tristan Prudden from Bainbridge was one of the recipients of our Newsletter Student Grant which he used to purchase knives and cookery equipment to help him during his studies at the Tante Marie Culinary Academy where he trained to be a chef.

Now, some ten years later, Tristan is a multi-award winning chef and is proud to say that he can practice his skills in the Yorkshire Dales where he has access to some of the best fresh, seasonal produce in the country.

During his many years in the catering business Tristan has worked at numerous places across Yorkshire and has honed his skills, deciding to specialize in game cookery. This has now become a real passion for Tristan who is currently Head Chef at the Constable Burton Hall Estate, just outside Leyburn, where he caters for guests from across the world (including British aristocracy and foreign royalty) who come along to enjoy the high class shooting available on the estate during the season.

It has just been announced that for the second year running, Tristan has been successful in the Eat Game Awards 2019 competition. In the first year of the competition he was awarded ‘Champion of Champions 2018’ and for 2019 has been awarded ‘Winner of Winners 2018’. He was also thrilled to learn that he was runner-up to Michelin star chef Tom Kitchen in the ‘Best Chef Regularly Cooking Game’ category.

Tristan is delighted that his hard work and passion has been acknowledged once again and is grateful to everyone who has supported him in this competition. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, there was no award ceremony this year but winners were celebrated via a virtual ceremony on May 6th

Tristan is also delighted to have been asked to be a Social Media Brand Ambassador for The Country Food Trust’s Coronavirus Appeal.

The Trust supports 1,800 charities to provide meals to those in food poverty, but from the outset of this appeal, expanded their work to include the incredibly brave workers at NHS hospitals, and so far have delivered 15,000 meals to them. Most recently, they have been

working with Hospitality for Heroes ([@hospitalityforheroes](https://www.hospitalityforheroes.com)), providing high quality meat to their restaurant chefs who then make delicious meals for NHS staff who are working so hard through this crisis. They have supplied free range duck, lamb rump, turkey and venison haunch and have committed to help them in the coming weeks with whatever they need. Please support Hospitality for Heroes – a brilliant young team who are doing such an amazing job. You can support them by donating at www.gofundme.com/f/hospitality-for-heroes.

Thanks to the many generous donors, since launching the Coronavirus Appeal on 29th March, sufficient donations have been received allow [@thecountryfoodtrust](https://www.thecountryfoodtrust.org) to deliver over 1,000,000 meals to charities helping people in food poverty, and NHS workers, across the UK. The pandemic has meant that many people are finding themselves in difficulty and there is still much to be done. A donation of just £5 will allow the Country Food Trust to provide meat for a meal for up to 25 people. Please visit [@thecountryfoodtrust](https://www.thecountryfoodtrust.org) page to see how you can help!

Your help has never been so important! If you are able, please consider making a donation by visiting the website (www.thecountryfoodtrust.org). Thank you.

It just goes to show that by applying for one of our Student Grants, you too could be launching yourself onto the world platform of your chosen career! Applications will open shortly for this year’s grants and we look forward to receiving those in due course. In the meantime, we would like to add our congratulations to Tristan for his recent achievements.

K.P.



DALES SURVEYING

Dales Surveying Ltd, based in Hawes, have some exciting new career opportunities. We are currently looking for TWO Apprentice Drone Pilots, as well as a Trainee Acquisition and Estates Surveyor, to join our team.

For more information on the roles, along with information on how to apply, please visit our website – www.dalesurveying.co.uk

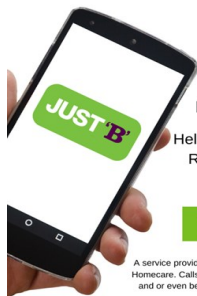
North Yorkshire Community Support Line to Help with Anxiety Around COVID-19

A community support line has been launched to help with anxiety around COVID-19, and is available to adults, children and young people across the Harrogate District, Hambleton and Richmondshire. Just 'B', part of Saint Michael's Hospice and Herriot Hospice Homecare, has launched the Hear to Help helpline to provide support and advice to those who are feeling anxious or struggling with their emotional wellbeing as a result of COVID-19.

Hear to Help is available between **8.00am-8.00pm**, seven days a week, and is staffed by specialist support workers. Anyone needing a moment to talk should call Just 'B' on **01423 856799**. Calls are charged at local rates and may vary dependent on the time of day or even be included within call packages.

Chief Executive Tony Collins said: "We know the current, ever-changing situation is very stressful and emotionally draining for many of us. As a charity committed to helping local people with their emotional wellbeing and mental health, we will be here seven days a week, to give people space and time to talk through their anxieties and be listened to. This service has been set up to help our local community and we hope it may also relieve some of the pressures on our colleagues in the NHS."

North Yorkshire Hospice Care is a registered charity in England and Wales (518905) with a family of services operating as Herriot Hospice Homecare, Just 'B', Saint Michael's Hospice and Talking Spaces.



Hear to Help

Anxiety around Coronavirus?
Do you need a moment to talk?

Helpline available to all across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Harrogate District.
8am-8pm. Seven days a week.

(01423) 856 799

A service provided by Just 'B', part of Saint Michael's Hospice and Herriot Hospice Homecare. Calls are charged at local rates and may vary dependent on time of day and or even be included within your call package. Please visit Ofcom for further details <https://bit.ly/localcallcharges>

Ramsay's Fish and Chip Van

As I am sure you are aware we made the decision to re-open as of May 19th. However to do this safely and minimising the risk of spreading coronavirus we have had to make some changes to our rounds. The changes have been made in order to achieve:

- Serving our customers in the safest way possible - By spreading out our stops as much as possible.

- Minimising the amount of physical contact and therefore risk of infection.

- Staying close to our base where possible.

To order please phone **07943 054838 Tuesday to Friday 9.00am -3.00pm**. Please try to place your order via a phone call to ensure you get a slot. If you can't get through or really can't call in those hours then leave a voicemail or text and we will get back try to you. Orders must be in by **3.00pm** to ensure we get enough stock onto the van.

We understand these changes means some villages have moved days and times and some usual villages are not included in these plans. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope you understand why we feel these steps are necessary. The new times for villages in the Newsletter circulation area are as below.

Tuesday

Bainbridge 4.30pm - 6.10pm

Aysgarth 6.30pm -7.00pm

Thoralby 7.20pm -7.30pm

West Burton 7.40pm – 8.30pm

Wednesday

Askrigg 4.30pm – 6.20pm

Carperby 6.40pm – 7.10pm

Redmire 7.30pm – 8.00pm

Preston-under-Scar 8.10pm – 8.30pm

Thursday

West Witton 7.50pm – 8.30pm

Heavens Above

If you look low in the north late in the evening this month, you might just be lucky enough to spot a display of rare Noctilucent ('Night-shining') Clouds. They're the highest clouds in the atmosphere forming above the Earth's poles in a region called the mesosphere around 80km up – right on the edge of space. As a result, even though the Sun is well below the horizon, they stay lit long after ordinary clouds have faded into the darkness.



A bright display of NCLs, as they're often called for short, can be a dramatic sight especially when they're set against a really dark sky. Their ghostly strands and streamers are very distinctive, often glowing with an eerie electric-blue or silvery-white tint and are well worth trying to photograph. You'll need a sturdy tripod to steady your camera, however, as exposures will be on the longish side - a couple of seconds at least. 'Bracketing' your shots is also a good idea.

There's general agreement that NCLs are formed from minute particles of dust coated with ice, but where this originates is a bit of a mystery. Some scientists think it comes from debris left behind by comets which is slowly drifting down into the high atmosphere, others feel the particles could be volcanic in origin as the first observations of NCLs were made in 1885 a couple of years after the catastrophic eruption on the island of Krakatoa. Another theory is that it's the result of atmospheric pollution which has been steadily increasing since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

From our latitudes, Noctilucent Clouds are usually only visible for a few weeks either side of the Summer Solstice - June 20th this year - so you need to make the most of any clear nights to try and catch a display.

If you are out and about late in the evening,

the bright 'star' low in the south-east is the giant planet Jupiter which rises around 11.00pm. The ringed-planet, Saturn, lies slightly to its left. Mars, the Red Planet, rises about 1.30 in the morning and brightens considerably towards the end of the month as the Earth speeds towards it. Come October it outshines everything else in the night-sky (apart from the Moon of course) as it reaches its closest point to the Earth this coming October. Our nearest planetary neighbour, Venus, which put on a terrific show during the first half of the year returns mid-month as a beautiful Morning Star. You won't be able to miss it blazing away low in the north-east just before dawn. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

UDCP Ltd Regional Community Support Organisation

The Community Office in Hawes through our Good Life Project led by our Project Co-Ordinator, Julie Greenslade is still offering support in the COVID-19 Crisis.

The CSOs are working with local voluntary groups to arrange:

- * Collection and delivery of shopping using local volunteering resources. Shopping will be delivered in line with the safety guidelines and left on the doorstep or in a safe place, in order to avoid close physical contact.

- * Collection and delivery of prescriptions using local volunteers. Prescriptions will be collected by a nominated person or organisation with the agreement of the GP or pharmacist.

- * Caring for pets, for example walking a dog.

- * Regular social contact via telephone, facetime, skype or other methods that avoid physical contact with an individual in self-isolation.

- * Delivery of books, magazines, jigsaws or materials to support hobbies, such as wool for knitting, art materials or gardening.

If you need support but don't have any family or neighbours nearby who can help, you should contact the County Council's customer service centre on **01609 780780**, which will direct you to the contact point in your area. Alternatively contact the community office direct on **01969 667400**.

Low Mill Receives Crucial Grant Boost

Low Mill Outdoor Centre in Askrigg is one of the first organisations to receive a vital grant from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's Coronavirus Community Fund. The support will help to ensure the outdoor education centre survives the current crisis as it is unable to open its doors. Low Mill Outdoor Centre is a charity that offers adventurous outdoor education courses to help reinforce positive attitudes in young people aged 9 to 25.

Terry Hailwood from Low Mill said: "We are desperately trying to react to the current crisis and support staff and customers, while safeguarding the charity that will be so deeply needed in the months and years to come when communities start to re-connect and re-build. Following government guidelines, we are temporarily closed and that has put a major stress on us. The centre continues to consume overhead costs with no income to support it, as schools, youth and social groups are closed. The grant from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust will allow us to cover running costs and the overheads of the residential centre. It also means we will be in a strong position to carry on delivering outdoor education to young people after this crisis. The need for personal development, robustness and resilience in young people will be needed more than ever after the return to the new normal."

The Coronavirus Community Fund is delivered in partnership by YDMT and Two Ridings Community Foundation and provides grants of up to £2,000 for groups across Craven and Richmondshire. Its focus is to help people through this unprecedented time and to deal with emergency issues as a result of the continuing threat of coronavirus. Support is available for groups and organisations who are responding to emerging issues in the community arising due to coronavirus, the development of initiatives to fill gaps where there are no current suitable services, and groups that provide vital community support to maintain some level of viability whilst they are experiencing a significant loss of income. Priority will be given groups supporting those most vulnerable including older people, people with long term health conditions, people with mental health difficulties, people affected by

homelessness and other groups who are particularly vulnerable at this time.

Michaela Brennan, project officer at YDMT said: "We're really pleased to have been able to expand our existing grants programme to help those providing vital services to the community at this time. Supporting organisations like Low Mill is a core part of the programme. They are a hub in the community, are a local employer and offer Askrigg and beyond an important service."

Applications for the grants are continuing. Open and quick decisions are made on a weekly basis. For more information please contact Michaela on **015242 51002**, email michaela.brennan@ydmtd.org or visit ydmtd.org where forms and application notes can be found.



WELCOME BACK!!

We are thrilled to be open! But restrictions still apply. We politely request customers

to:

observe Social Distancing read advisory signs and follow guidance from staff

We are prioritising customer and staff safety and appreciate your understanding and patience

LOCAL DELIVERIES FOR KEY WORKERS AND SELF-ISOLATORS

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**wensleydalegardencentre2015@gmail.com
www.wensleydalegardencentre.co.uk**

Police Report

One positive from the lockdown has been a reduction in crimes such as theft and burglary. We have, however, taken numerous reports of anti-social behaviour and breaches linked to the coronavirus rules. We have also received many enquiries regarding our enforcement of the regulations relating to the coronavirus legislation. Here is what we can do.

In all situations we will engage with people, explain the regulations, and encourage them to follow the rules. We will only use enforcement as a last resort.

Upon writing this report at the end of May the regulations state that you must have a reasonable excuse to leave your home. This includes travel to a public open space to promote physical or mental health or emotional wellbeing, either alone, with members of your household or with one member of another household.

You cannot gather with more than two people unless you are from the same household or the reason is permitted under the regulations, for example to attend a funeral.

The police can fine you if you breach the regulations, but we would prefer not to and hope that you will do what is right to protect your family, your loved ones and other people.

We cannot enforce the Government guidelines, for example the 2 metre rule or the wearing of face masks.

Please stay safe and help us to stop the spread of the virus. For more information, please visit Gov.uk/coronavirus.

As we move into summer we are seeing an increase in day tripper numbers turning up at our rural towns and beauty spots. This is allowed, as long as the above rules are adhered to. We have stepped up patrols and are working closely with the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Richmondshire District Council to monitor this and keep everyone safe.

Julian Sutcliffe PC558

Northern Dales Neighbourhood Police Team

Hawes in Bloom

I am pleased to report that we will be going ahead with the scheme as usual this year.

Obviously there will need to be some careful consideration given to social distancing but I am so pleased that my usual team of dedicated volunteers have stepped forward and offered their services. I have also had several offers from others kindly offering help. However, owing to the obvious restrictions this year I am hoping to keep the team as small as possible.

I am very grateful too that Messrs. G Tech are also allowing the use of their car park as usual. Without this facility we would certainly struggle to receive deliveries and plant up the many containers.

The plants should have arrived on Friday May 29th and we will begin planting up straight away. The large baskets will be a week or so later than usual because (understandably in the circumstances) of the change in logistics.

There will be the usual sale of plants that are surplus to requirements and this will take place on **Friday, June 5th at 6.00pm** up in the top Car Park opposite the recycling compound. There will be a number of baskets and individual plants for sale on a first-come first-served basis. I am sure you will understand that I am unable to take orders or reserve items. It is an enormous task to allocate plants for all the many premises and various sites around the Town and it is impossible to add to this.

We are really looking forward especially this year to bringing a touch of colour and (dare I say it?) a touch of normality in these extraordinary times.

Best Wishes and keep well.

Your Resident Plant Pest.

Richard Noble

Corn Mill Tea Room, Bainbridge

We have decided to re-open for Take Aways from **Saturday May 23rd, 7 days a week 10.00am till 3.00pm.**

Social distancing measures are in place.

Help Conserve Swifts in the National Park

People in the Dales are being asked to help the conservation of swifts by recording nest sites or where they see a ‘screaming party’ this summer.

Swifts are currently returning from Africa to breed and can be seen in many Dales villages and towns, although populations are in steep decline across the UK. Groups of screaming swifts flying fast and low are a sure sign that birds are nesting locally.



The forms for recording a nest site or a screaming party can be found at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/wildlife-conservation/swift-conservation-project/ while the background to this ‘citizen science’ project can be found at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/stay-alert-look-up-and-help-save-swifts/.

The project is being run by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in partnership with the Sedbergh Swift Community Group. Tanya Hoare, a member of the Sedbergh Swift Community Group, said: “Knowing where swifts nest will mean we can better protect these endangered birds. So why not help by sending your swift sightings in. Unless we act now, we are in danger of losing them forever.”

Member Champion for the Natural

Environment at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Ian McPherson, said: “Screaming parties of swifts are the sound of summer in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. As more birds return over the next few weeks, the parties will get bigger and louder. Please do take a minute or two to submit a record if you see swifts flying near you. The more we know about where swifts are spending their time in the Dales, and particularly where they are nesting, the more we can do to protect this truly wonderful species. Being a birder myself I have had a great interest in swifts for many years and, being a resident of Sedbergh, have been involved with the Sedbergh Swift Group since its inception.”

Wensleydale Camera Club’s ANNUal Exhibition

The Wensleydale Camera Club’s first online annual exhibition – the “ANNual EXhibition” – will be hosted in an “AnnEx” to the Club’s website. The exhibition which launched on **May 15th will run to June 30th**. The exhibition will feature over a hundred images, all the work of its members. In another first, the Club is collaborating with the Wensleydale Railway to help raise funds for the charity’s work.

The Club usually meets at the Leyburn Bolton Arms, but in March it was forced by the lockdown announcement to begin meeting virtually, and some of its events have had to be postponed until the restrictions are eased.

The ANNual EXhibition is, as ever, is free to visitors but donations to the Railway charity will be invited. Visit <http://wensleydalecameraclub.co.uk/ann-ex>.

Quotes from the Club Chairman Andrew Fletcher: “We use the site mainly to communicate with members, and we thought why not open it up to a bigger audience? We heard they were really struggling financially with not getting any visitors. All our members wanted to help. So the exhibition welcomes visitors to Wensleydale, virtually, and invites them to make a donation if they can to the charity. For such a small club, we boast an amazing diversity of interests and talents. We’ll certainly have beautiful Dales landscapes, also cityscapes, natural history studies, fine art and abstract, travel and street photography. And, of course, a few locomotives.”

Prunings

Funny how staying at home makes you lose track. When there is no going out for lunch and few shopping expeditions the week has no punctuation and I have to work out what day it is! Wednesday 20th was glorious and resulted in a glass of fizzy on the patio – the first this year. However the forecast is “iffy” and although my sweet peas have arrived and look very healthy I have risked only one pot so far. They were grown much further south and may not take kindly to the conditions just yet. They can wait a few more days.

The blossom is wonderful, the cherries have been super and there will be a bumper crop of apples if the cold nights don't get to them. We have white Lilac and purple Lilac and down the side of the pasture the Hawthorns are putting on a magnificent display. They make me think of ladies in crinolines. There is a deep magenta Rhododendron in a tub looking majestic outside the kitchen window and beyond it the buds on the peony are cracking open. The Phuopsis which spills over the wall and down the steps was completely green on Tuesday and by



Thursday it was covered in flowers. My other half complains as it grows huge and a bit untidy later in the season. I shall cut it back if need be, but I love to have it where it can be seen, because if the Painted Ladies arrive it is one of their favourites. My sister has already seen a couple on the wing in East Sussex, but it is a long way from North Africa to the Yorkshire Dales.

I moved the runner beans under cover to keep the birds off them, but now they are beginning to wind around each other. They should go out into the tubs, but I am wary of a forecast that threatens high winds. I put in some dwarf French Beans and they have begun to emerge. We had a lovely crop last year, so here's hoping.

One of the gardening gurus once said, “If in doubt – plant a Geranium.” I planted a pink one in the raised bed last year and it flowered all season. This year the ground is warm and the rain has come, the plant has erupted like a huge carbuncle. It will be glorious I'm sure, but if I don't cut it back there will be room for precious little else, and even the Rudbeckia will struggle.

The one shining beacon in all this is that the garden centres are opening. What joy! I have been disappointed with some of the plants that have been delivered. I know that it has been difficult for everyone, so full marks for making the effort, but I look forward to being able to visit those that I know will have good strong plants when I want to fill up the gaps.

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

Rose Rambler

News from the Vets

We are trying our best to keep going through the COVID-19 pandemic. We've still been offering a high level of customer service to our clients during this difficult time. We would like to thank all our clients for being so understanding and helping us keep safe by respecting social distancing. There have been many challenges during a busy calving and lambing season but we are now the other side of that and we hope that changes to livestock sales won't impact our clients too much for the successful sale of their animals.

On the small animal side we are doing our best to deliver the services that your pets need. If you have any particular areas that we can help with and help your animal obtain Veterinary attention please don't hesitate to contact us on **01969 650263**. As always telephone consults for both large and small animals are free of charge.

Hope everyone is staying safe and well. Best wishes Bainbridge Vets.

Computer Corner

The current situation is not just a hacker's dream, but also a boom for marketing companies harvesting data in order to profile people for targeted marketing. As we are now using the internet in new and unfamiliar ways, we can very easily be trapped into giving permissions to websites, allowing them to download malicious applications and hijack our internet connections.

An obvious route for this is the video calling sites - but at least Zoom has improved their client application to make it much simpler to not use the host web browser. There is one place on the internet to get this simplified version: "[HTTPS://zoom.us/support/download](https://zoom.us/support/download)". It automatically downloads the video client software, and you do not even have to click on any links or buttons on the screen. Type the address into the browser 'address bar' - located at the top of the screen. DO NOT USE THE SEARCH BOX. If the web page does not open, or you are offered a list of possible variations - you have put it in the wrong box on the screen. Once you install the software you can then use it to join a video call by accepting an invitation from another person who has initiated the call - without having to register for an account yourself. What a difference a month makes

However, when you get a computer that has been compromised you usually get the comment that "I haven't been on any dodgy sites". I have just been working on a computer that was used to download a set of pictures of items to be identified in a family video quiz. The site offering them said it need permission to download them - and described itself as a 'file converter add-on app'.

The result was catastrophic, the first sign there was a problem was the replacement of the home page and search-engine in the Chrome browser. This was actually a very relaxing and attractive looking 'fish tank' scene. As soon as I started to try and clear this the full scale of changes started to become apparent. A message appeared stating that the computer was now 'administered by an organisation' and that I did not have the authority to make changes. This indicates the 'Windows 10 Security Policy had been changed and re-created with a new administrative password that was set by the website. I also found that about 10 million

characters of data had already been stolen and probably uploaded by cookies installed by the website.

Having disabled the Wi-Fi connection to prevent internet access while I examined the system - I found that it was automatically reconnecting itself. The 'shutdown' option on the start menu was disabled as was the power button, so the only way to turn off the computer was to remove the battery.

The only way to recover this computer has been to use our Data Recovery System to safely regain access to the documents and photos etc. then to erase the hard disk before doing a full reinstall of Windows 10 and the relevant software.

The 'dodgy websites' tend to be the ones offering the best content for free, hence the ones likely to attract the most visitors. As with most free sites, they have to be paid for in some way, which is often done by selling advertising space. Unfortunately they are often installing cookies to harvest browsing data to sell profiles to marketing companies for the purpose of targeting adverts. This is pervasive - Amazon, Google and Facebook do this on a global scale with our consent. If you carry out a Google search on a number of different computers, the results are rarely the same - but will be based on the browsing habits of the people who use each computer, and depends on what their profiles indicate they will be most likely to respond to.

Popular sites become a target for hackers who then insert code that is designed to modify the behaviour of the browser - or may even take remote control of the computers visiting the site. If the user is looking for something specific to download, it is easy to obtain agreement by making them think it is what they are looking for. As in the case of the Corona Virus, the only way you can be sure of avoiding infection is complete isolation! However, just like in real life - this is not necessarily an attractive option.

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Upper Dales Community Partnership

Our services have continued in May very much as they did in April and we expect the same to be true in June for the most part.

For some years our library has been the focus locally for the nation-wide Children's Summer Reading Challenge. That is being launched earlier than usual this year and it will begin online on **June 5th**. As restrictions continue for most of us we hope that families will encourage children to accept this challenge. We are sure that those who take part will find it as rewarding as children have done in previous years.

We don't yet have a date for the library to open though we are sure that it won't be open in June. Across North Yorkshire local libraries, led by the county, are working on plans to make re-opening as safe as it can be and we are fully engaged in that work.

During May it has been possible for people to travel further but many of the facilities used by visitors have continued to be closed. That has affected the garage amongst other services in Hawes. It has made us re-examine the way we provide information to visitors particularly when we have no member of staff on duty. We will be providing clearer signage that should make it easier for visitors to stop, get their fuel and continue their journey. We are also making a renewed effort to help our local account holders to use a card specifically to give access to our fuel out of hours.

The Board have decided to take the opportunity of everything being thrown up into the air to launch an exercise to look at ways of improving the way we work. Lots of companies and organisations are doing this. In our case we are involving all our staff. Our aim is to make things better for our customers and for our staff and to make sure we continue to balance the books so we remain in business. We expect that any changes that are suggested and approved will begin to take effect in September.

Joe Pilling (Chairman)

Yorkshire Dales Themed Garden Crowned Garden of the Decade in BBC People's Choice Poll

The great British public have chosen the 2018 Welcome to Yorkshire garden, designed by Mark Gregory, as the BBC RHS People's Choice Award from the Last Decade!

The garden was a realistic representation of a Wensleydale cheese maker's cottage garden set in the Yorkshire Dales. Showcasing a buttercup meadow, woodland edge with native trees, vegetable patch, herbaceous perennials and wildflowers, it celebrated Yorkshire's artisan food production, traditional crafts and natural materials, with stone sourced from the Bolton Estate. The garden famously featured cow pats and scraps of wool left by passing sheep.

Carl Lis, Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority said: "We were delighted to support the stunning Welcome to Yorkshire RHS Chelsea Garden back in 2018 and are thrilled that Wensleydale was the inspiration for the BBC RHS People's Choice Award from the Last Decade. Huge congratulations to the very talented Mark Gregory, his team, and all at Welcome to Yorkshire. This shows the value of promoting Yorkshire on the biggest stages, showcasing to the world what we have to offer. And at the Yorkshire Dales National Park we will play our part in the recovery of the County and the Country as we move on from the effects of coronavirus to build a better place for us all."

The Chelsea Flower Show's Garden of the Decade award is drawn from a shortlist of the past 10 winning Show Gardens at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, also voted for by the public.

OPEN PANTRY

A very BIG ‘Thank You’ to everyone who has made donations to the Open Pantry over the last few weeks. You have all been so generous.

The gifts continue to be delivered across the Dale and those receiving them have really appreciated the help at this time. The situation is a changing one as the restrictions on the ‘lockdown’ begin to ease, but it’s clear that there are folks who will still welcome and value this support in the weeks ahead.

Donations can continue to be made in the usual way in the sealed box at the end of the Vicarage drive in Hawes.

Thank You

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