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'Summer in the Dales'

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







Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was on the blackboard outside the Barbon Inn in the picture on page 11 and the lucky winner of the ± 10 prize is Stella Swan of West Burton.

Where am I this month? To enter for the $\pounds 10$ prize, please include your postal address if replying by email.

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Do you live (or do you know anyone who lives) in Swaledale but regularly comes to Hawes to work or for any other reason. If so, perhaps you or they might be willing to help the Newsletter. Every month we take 15 copies of the Newsletter to the shop/tea room in Muker for Swaledale residents and visitors to access.

We need someone to be able to receive the copies in Hawes (usually the last Thursday/ Friday of the month) and leave them at the Muker shop. Nothing more, nothing less!

If you think you can help us please email us at <u>uwnlinput@gmail.com</u> or phone **01969 667458**

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Guest Editorial

I started work as a civil servant in London in 1966. My impression is that the civil service discovered training in the 1960s and perhaps went over the top in their early enthusiasm. In 1968 I spent seven months on a course with twenty or thirty other civil servants at a similar stage in their career.

Almost the strongest memory I have from that long training course was a visit to what we then called an old people's home in what we later called Greater Manchester. The building had been a workhouse and hadn't been noticeably improved since we stopped using the term. In the middle of the day when we were there a lot of chairs were pushed back against the walls. A resident was sitting in each chair. There was a television switched on with no-one paying it any attention. No-one seemed to be paying any attention to the residents and they didn't seem to be encouraged to talk to each other. We were there too briefly to reach any firm conclusions but it did seem a very depressing setting in which to end one's life.

Given that early experience and the much more recent experience of visiting a friend in Sycamore Hall it is impossible to argue that social care has remained much the same over the last 50 years. On admittedly limited contact I was impressed by the quality of the accommodation and the quality of the staff. There are also closer links between Sycamore Hall and the wider community of Upper Wensleydale than I believe is common in other places.

Despite that heartening contrast between the 1960s and the present day, social care has serious problems which governments of different political persuasions have failed to address. This copy of the Newsletter comes out close to the tenth anniversary of the publication of the report of a government appointed Commission on Social Care chaired by Andrew Dilnot and usually described as the Dilnot report.

It proposed a cap of £35,000 on the amount anyone would have to pay for residential care and on top of that an annual contribution from each person of between £7,000 and £10,000 for general living costs.

Those figures are now out of date but the broad approach still has support from most

people who have been forced to think about the issues either because of their own needs or the needs of an older generation in the family.

I can only speculate on why the Dilnot report is still gathering dust on a Whitehall shelf. It may be a combination of choosing to spend any money that is available on other priorities and perhaps the relative lack of political clout of those who suffer from the present arrangements which can involve the family home being sold and all the proceeds being used up paying for social care.

Those of us who need social care are almost certainly also going to need help from the NHS. Despite many efforts over decades there is still room for improvement in how well the social care and health care sectors work together.

Even without a pandemic to remind us most people have a high regard for the NHS and welcome more money being devoted to it. Sometimes the best way of helping the health service to do even better is to spend more money on social care. If this were better understood it might be less of a fight to get funding for social care.

Unless and until all the political parties are forced to pay more attention to social care because voters keep pressing the case, good ideas are likely to continue to gather dust and people will discover with surprise how much more needs to be done only when they or members of their family need support for the first time.

We are fortunate to have Sycamore Hall in Upper Wensleydale but the financial challenge of social care for an individual and for a family is exactly the same here as everywhere else. We have the same interest in a government tackling the issue as the rest of the country.

Joe Pilling

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July Competition

Here are clues to some boys' names. The number of letters in the answers are given. Here's a typical example: Brownish tin (6) = Duncan.

- 1. Personal assistant and a deception (7)
- 2. A barrage (4)
- 3. Book—, water—, or tide—(4)
- 4. Egg layer with unfinished grass (5)
- 5. Not out after a small market (5)
- 6. Praise in church (6)
- 7. Household animal precedes Queen (5)
- 9. Winner (6)
- 10.Latin queen with an old pound and penny (8)
- 11. Scottish hill preserve in here (8)
- 12. Bath is a biscuit

Send your answers to arrive no later than **Tuesday**, **July 20th** for a chance to win the $\pounds 20$ prize which will be sent to your nominated charity.

June Competition Answers

Around the world in 16 anagrams

- 1. United Kingdom
- 2. Belgium
- 3. Switzerland
- 4. Slovenia
- 5. Croatia
- 6. Serbia
- 7. Equatorial Guinea
- 8. South Africa
- 9. Bangladesh
- 10. Thailand
- 11. Singapore
- 12. United States of America
- 13. El Salvador
- 14. Suriname
- 15. Argentina
- 16. Iceland

Quite a few correct entries this month. The winner chosen at random was Diana Hartley of Askrigg. The chosen charity of Cancer and Leukemia in Children will receive the $\pounds 20$ prize.

In Your Words – Dialect and Heritage Project

Between 1946 and 1978, fieldworkers from the University of Leeds travelled to over 300 locations, including the Yorkshire Dales. They recorded the language and lifestyles of people, taking photographs, making sound recordings and filling notebooks with detailed drawings and notes. Leeds University Library's Special Collections now looks after the rich resources generated by this huge national study and subsequent important work carried out by students and staff at the Leeds Institute of Dialect and Folk Life Studies (1964-1983).



The University is now working with five partners, (Dales Countryside Museum, Ryedale Folk Museum, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Museum of East Anglian Life, and Weald and Downland Living Museum), to help share these amazing records.

Poppy Oldham has just been appointed as Engagement officer for the project in this area. We will be working with her to arrange a community event. A new website is being created and connections with collections are being made to enrich museum displays. New dialect research will also be carried out to capture a snap shot of dialect today and there'll be the chance for people to get involved in all sorts of ways.

Together we hope to celebrate language – past and present – and bring this archive collection, full of our dialect heritage, back to the Yorkshire Dales communities where it truly belongs. Watch out for updates in our e-news, on twitter and on our Facebook page. Email <u>dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk</u> if you'd like to get involved. The project is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Swaledale Festival News

Book now for events in July and August!

Thursday, July 15th - Lotte Betts Dean (mezzosoprano) and Sean Shibe (guitar). Two performances – **4.00pm and 7.30pm** at

St. Andrew's Church, Grinton.

A dynamic young Australian mezzo-soprano and an outstanding young guitarist perform Dowland, Schubert and Debussy alongside Spanish and Brazilian songs. Adult £12, Under 25 £3.

Saturday, July 17th - The Hut People.

Two performances – **2.00pm and 5.00pm** at Raygill House Farm, near Hawes.

Swaledale Festival's favourite duo are back again with their highly entertaining mix of folk music from around the world. Adult £12, Under 25 £3.

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Saturday, July 17th - Guided Walk: Barns, Walls and Bridges.

10.15am to 3.15pm. Starts at Hawes National Park Centre at Dales Countryside Museum.

Join the experienced National Park volunteer guides for a 4.5 mile walk in the 'Herriot Country' looking at traditional rural activities and structures. There will be an optional but recommended visit to Hardraw Force (\pounds 3.00 entry fee to be paid by each walker upon entry). Bring your lunch. No dogs please. Adult \pounds 7, Under 25 \pounds 3.

Tuesday, August 3rd – Solus Trumpet Ensemble.

Two performances – **4.00pm and 7.30pm** at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton.

The glorious sound of five brilliant young trumpeters will gladden the heart. Formed by international soloist Matilda Lloyd, Solus comprises young professional trumpeters who regularly perform with ensembles such as the Philharmonia and London Symphony



Orchestra. The group's delightfully varied programme will include works by Gabrieli, Brahms, Fauré, Debussy, Bartok and Nielsen. Adult £12, Under 25 £3.

Tuesday, August 3rd – Guided Walk: Foxglove Covert.

Two walks – 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Cambrai Lines Barracks, Catterick There is a choice of two start times for this short talk and 2.5 mile guided walk around a wonderful nature reserve hidden in Europe's largest military garrison. You will see a remarkable mix of species and habitats including flower-rich grasslands, streams, ponds, willow carr, coniferous woodlands, and wet meadows. Please arrive and park ten minutes before the start time, and bring photo ID which may be required. There is a £2 charge for the car park. No dogs please.

Adult £7, Under 25 £3.

More events are programmed in September and October. For further information and to book tickets, please visit: <u>www.swalefest.org</u>.

Paul, Pam, Sue and Jack wish to thank everyone for their cards, condolences and support on the death of Isabel. Special thanks to Rev. Dave for a very special service.

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Prunings

The blackthorn was brilliant this year, probably the best I have ever seen it. The hawthorn has been heavenly, hanging in glorious garlands, and now the weigelia is covered in pink frothy blossom. It's as if everything that flowers has excelled, even the buttercups. There is a buttercup on the patio which escaped my notice earlier on, and now I can't get to it as I've had a new hip. It really is lovely, but the geranium dalmaticum that it is threatening to smother is now poking through. It will be interesting to see which of them triumphs before I get to sorting out the bed.



Geranium Dalmaticum

The sweet peas which spent weeks commuting between the porch windowsill and the garden table are at last in their big pots, largely thanks to my other half, and I am pleased to say they have taken off.

Last year no-one in the village could remember hearing the cuckoo. This year, at the end of May they sang their hearts out for days. The song came from all directions so there must have been more than one bird.



I have been intrigued by the different habits of the lilacs. The darkest, which flowered first held its heads proudly above the foliage, the paler variety which followed was languorous and louche with the blossom nestling among the foliage. The white specimen which made us wait the longest produced heads of wonderful creamy white and then grew lots of foliage to hide them.

Amazingly, some of the ash trees which really looked as if they had given up, have now burst into life. I don't remember them ever being so late. They have plenty of company:- the aralia which hardly has time to flower in a normal summer, will certainly struggle this year. Some of the roses are barely in bloom, but "canary bird" has put on an impressive show, even though it was cut back very late. Just a shame it doesn't flower for very long. One of the urgent jobs which I shall have to tackle soon is the winter flowering clematis which has burgeoned onto a huge excrescence on the front wall is now winging its way up the mains cable and needs a serious haircut before it pulls the cable clips out of the wall.

The box hedges have really thrived after the early cut and later trim they suffered last year. (Touch wood we have seen no blight or box moth caterpillars.) It seems to have benefited from harsher treatment than it has been accustomed to and has kept its shape well. Today, in the sun, it is positively glowing with health. Must charge up the mini clippers and start again.

I look at Monty Don's magnificent alliums and wonder where I go wrong. The only variety that seems to be reliable here is Allium Cernuum and you have to be careful weeding around it as its first leaves are very grassy and can easily be mistaken for weeds. I shall try some more large ones for next year and see what happens.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

Rose Rambler



The Joy of Celebrations

Hello from the Vicarage. We have recently received the news from the government that the date for the further easing of lockdown restrictions has been moved back a few weeks which is disappointing for many, but it's been more encouraging news for those couples whose wedding plans have been altered so many times over the last sixteen months, in that their special day *can* go ahead with a full invitation list. I'm delighted for the couples but also, quite selfishly, for me as we have a family wedding planned at the end of July and I can now look forward to a good meal courtesy of my brother!

It's so lovely to see our church buildings being

decorated and used once again for weddings and for the renewal of wedding vows. We have missed the joy of these celebrations and are rightly looking forward to their return. Unfortunately, the guidance has not got around to the removal of face coverings whilst attending the service, so I see a business opportunity for someone wanting to design suitable celebratory wedding face masks. If we have to wear them, we might as well have some fun whilst we do so!

Whatever you might be doing and wherever you might be going, may you know God's peace and presence beside you. My best wishes to you all for a happy summer season.

Rev Dave

Han Stalling	Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in July			
	St Mary & St John's, Hardraw 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2.30pm
July 4th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	
July 11th	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
July 18th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer 2.00pm BCP	
July 25th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	8.30am Holy Communion10.30am - Praise in the Pen Family Service*	Evening Prayer
Evening Prayer on Sundays at 4.00pm via our telephone conferencing service. For details go to <u>www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services</u> .				
*Please email <u>office@upperwenben.org</u> to book your "Pen"				

Notes from Thorney Mire Late Spring

In May a squirrel survey took place in our wood. This involves putting sticky pads near to the feeders to collect hairs from the squirrels, so it can be determined if grey squirrels are around, also a camera is set up to capture visitors to the feeders. We've not had the results of the survey yet, but in a neighbouring wood, two grey squirrels have been seen and disposed of. Last week traps were set in our wood to see if there are still greys around. It's only a couple of years ago that two female greys were caught in our wood, which only shows you have to remain vigilant as the greys will sneak back when they can.

I had to wait until June 13th before I heard a cuckoo at Thorney Mire but I've heard one everyday since. Has anyone else noticed how aggressive the birds seem to have been this year? The swallows arrived in May and began nesting in the eaves on the front of the house. All was fine until the house martins arrived several days later and found that the swallows had beaten them to their nesting place. Last year, swallows nested on the back of the house, house martins on the front, the swallows had upset the status quo. You can imagine the indignation of the house martins having flown all the way back from their winter quarters to find that the swallows had thrown their proverbial beach towels on the sun loungers first. At one point there were six birds having a dog fight trying to re- assert their rights to their nesting spots. There were four mistle thrushes in the garden one afternoon and two were so aggressive. One tried to fly out of the way to safety but was constantly pursued by the other and the fight was so intense I thought they were going to fight to the death, all we needed was tumble weed to complete the scene.

A male reed bunting has visited the feeders several times, also a siskin, a grey wagtail was seen in the garden and a brimstone butterfly. A greater spotted woodpecker was trying to create a hole for a nest in the electricity pole, but gave up as the metal ringing sound probably gave him a headache. Thrushes and blackbirds have nested in the garden. Goldfinches have successfully bred in the cypress tree and in the same tree the collared doves have produced two young. The young doves do like their afternoon nap and can be seen resting on the garden wall, but in the evening they prefer the satellite dish and interrupt our television viewing.

Evidently it has not been a good year for blue tits. This is partly due to it being a late spring and their usual food supply not being available to feed their young. Unlike some birds who can raise more than one brood a year, blue tits usually can raise just one. They only live for about three years, so every year counts. They have to time their egg laying and hatching to coincide with buds opening on trees, which in turn brings the caterpillars to feed on the buds. The blue tits are dependent on the caterpillars to feed their young. Blue tits can lay a clutch of up to fourteen eggs. Each egg weighs one gram which is one tenth of its mother's body weight. They lay one egg a day and don't start to incubate the eggs until the last one has been laid. Rearing a large brood must take it out of the birds and this is probably why blue tits more than other birds looked so bedraggled after the nesting season. There also seems to be fewer chaffinches this year.

After having several visits from long tailed tits to the feeders I noticed that a pair seemed to be nesting, so curious to know where, I sat on the garden wall under a small beech tree and waited. It wasn't long before a long tailed tit landed on a branch about two feet above my head. I had such a lovely view of it and regretted not having my camera with me. It didn't seem to know I was there, but its more observant partner also landed in the tree and starting giving out alarm calls and they both flew away. I never did find out where they were nesting. There are some behavioural similarities between long tailed tits and humans. When they are young they hang around in groups, going from feeding station to feeding station. With humans it's Pizza Hut or KFC. (Other fast food outlets are available). Then a male long tailed tit looks at a female long tailed tit and thinks, "She's a bit of alright" so they leave the group and pair up to embark on the demanding job of bringing up their young. Their life is now devoted to housing, sheltering, protecting and feeding their offspring. Even when the birds have fledged the parents are still involved in protecting and feeding them until they are independent and fly off into the big wide world. The adults can then rejoin their group. The humans do something similar, when their young have fledged the nest, they can meet up with their friends again, go out to the pub or to a restaurant for dinner. Assuming they have any money left.

Sylvia Turner

Church Services in Penhill Benefice

There will be a Telephone Service each **Sunday** at **9.30am**. Dial **0333 0110 946** and enter room number 61337190# and PIN 7450#.

Please note that as restrictions lift there may be changes to services. Before making any journey please check our website penhillbenefice.co.uk/services for updates.

Sunday, July 4th

9.30am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's, Redmire.

9.30am Holy Communion, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

11.00am Morning Prayer, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

11.00am Holy Communion, St. Batholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, July 11th

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, July 18th

9.30am Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Redmire.

9.30am Songs of Praise, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

11.00am Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

11.00am Morning Prayer, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, July 25th

9.30am Holy Communion, St. Batholomew's, West Witton.

11.00am Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

6.00pm Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

July Mid-Week Services

Thursday 8th and 22nd at 9.30am. Holy Communion, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Our church buildings at Aysgarth, Castle Bolton, Preston under Scar, Redmire, Wensley

and West Witton are open for private prayer every day, morning and afternoon.

We have sought to make our church buildings as safe as possible. Please remember to wear a face covering, use the test and trace facility and use the hand sanitiser. We close the premises for two days before services, to allow time for virus degradation.

Bolton cum Redmire Coffee Morning: 10.30am-Noon on Wednesday, July 7th at Redmire Village Hall.

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Life at The Wensleydale school, post lockdown, is better than 'normal'. The long Covid year and 'on-off' lockdown has made us pause and re -evaluate everything that is important to our school community. Academic teaching is our core purpose but in the post lockdown world, we have invested and establish a wide range of enrichment opportunities, below are snippets of the last few weeks :

CCF - a two night camp in the school grounds in which our cadets were put through their paces with intruders, drone pilots and the mysterious group the 'Leyburn Freedom Fighters' who were trying to infiltrate our camp.



Sailing - Y8 students have been going to Catterick Garrison Sailing Club weekly to learn how to sail. Five students have now demonstrated the basics of sailing and have been awarded an RYA stage 1 in sailing. We are looking forward to continuing teaching them towards stage 2 and beyond.

Astronomy - Kallie Lawrence Yr8 wrote this short piece about Mr Ashcroft's astronomy group as they viewed the solar eclipse last week. 'Today was the partial solar eclipse where the moon came across the sun from 10.05am to 12.20pm. With the moon being over 400 times

smaller than the sun and 400 times closer to the earth it can only cover the sun in a total eclipse. The next predicted full solar eclipse is in 2090 on September 23rd. In the photo you can see our astronomy team with our teacher and photographer Mr Ashcroft. To see this on the laptop we used a camera with a telephoto lens and a special solar filter. This was mounted on a star tracker which followed the sun. To see the sun directly we used special eclipse view glasses as seen in the photo. Remember a safety message NEVER look at the sun without special equipment to protect your eyes.'



Finally- geography field trips are back on. Yr10 enjoyed a fabulous day at Redcar examining coastal defences. Ms Huitson- who has been taking students to Redcar for more years than she cares to remember said "They were the best group I have taken for fieldwork. They listened attentively and without exception every single one recorded measurements and results accurately and confidently. They made me very proud to be a part of The Wensleydale school."

> Julia Polley, Headteacher, The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

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Autumn events planning

It has been an uplifting month. Our marketing volunteers held their first face-to-face meeting at the Falls Café and Gift Shop, Aysgarth (formerly, The Motel) hosted by owners Liz and Nicky. We had an opportunity

to see the changes they have implemented in the last year and finalize details for our 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance which will be held on **Saturday**, **November 27th**. Tickets cost £30 which includes welcome drink, three course meal with tea and coffee. Tables will seat up to eight people. Entertainment will be provided by the Colin Bailey Band with special guests and members of the Play>Record>Perform project. Proceeds from the event will support our performing arts activities for young people in Wensleydale and Swaledale.

We are delighted to announce an extra date has been confirmed for Holmes and Watson: The Farewell Tour by Stuart Fortey. This hilarious live theatre experience by Pyramus and Thisbe Productions will be performed at Leyburn Arts Centre on **Thursday 23rd and West Burton Village Hall on Friday, September 24th.** Tickets are £12 available from Leyburn Arts Centre reception or online at www.blueboxt.co.uk/boxoffice.

Next month we will look forward to reporting on our first live performance in over 15 months, The Little Theatre Project developments and our Kickstart marketing and music production placements (see <u>www.blueboxt.co.uk/kickstart</u>).

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Please help us to Give Nature a Home. Thank you.



UK National Parks Want You to #LookWild

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, alongside National Park Authorities across the UK, has established 'Look Wild', a new project encouraging anyone visiting a National Park to map and record the different species of plants and animals they see on an easy-to-use app.

Once established, this growing database will help National Park Authorities in their collective effort to enhance the country's precious landscapes and support strong bio-diverse ecosystems.

The Look Wild project is fun and accessible for all, from someone new to identifying plants and animals to the keen naturalist keeping an eye out for rare or unusual species. And the app can be used anywhere so people can enjoy learning about the natural world around them, whether they're walking to the corner shop or through Muker's hay meadows. To get involved and to download the app, visit www.nationalparks.uk/look-wild.

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Hawes in Bloom

I do hope you will all enjoy the baskets and troughs as the flowers fill out and begin to bring a bit of colour to the Town. Sincere thanks to my wonderful band of loyal helpers and of course a big thank you to Griff and Tracy Thomas for allowing us the use of their car park at GTEC once again.

This summer I am hopeful that more people will come forward to help water some of the containers near them. It has always been an arduous task to keep up with watering throughout the whole town especially in sunny and windy periods. Already several local residents have agreed to do their bit and I would be happy to show anyone else a few handy containers they could 'adopt'. Sharing it like this would hugely lighten my workload and mean that I can get away for a break or two without things drying up!

Whilst on the subject of watering I must just mention that a shower of rain or a dull day really doesn't mean that baskets (in particular) don't need watering. They really do, especially in windy conditions and all the more so as the baskets get fuller with leaf cover which acts like an umbrella. Once a day is a must, and twice during very hot spells. Once a week feed with a tomato fertilizer will give really good results.

It just remains for me to wish you all a healthy, warm and sunny summer! Best wishes.

Richard Noble, Your Resident Plant Pest



Dales Discovery Talks 2021

We are very much hoping that, subject to Covid regulations, a series of audio-visual shows and talks for visitors and residents will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes on Wednesdays at 8.00pm as follows;-

August 4th. Making a Village Book. Betsy Everett.

August 11th.Walls, Barns and Bridges in Upper Wensleydale. Stuart Armstrong.

August 18th. Insects and a Village Show. Jonathan Woolley.

August 25th. Red Squirrels in the National Park. Ian Court.

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Leyburn and District U3a

Members of the local U3a will be in attendance at the Leyburn Market on Friday, July 9th in the morning to promote their sessions which are now resuming gradually after Covid restrictions. There are a variety of groups now meeting and new members can join on the market day or at the monthly meeting the following Friday (16th) at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre from 10.00am. This is an open session to have a chat and obtain information. A speaker has been booked for the August 20th meeting.

Leyburn's 1940's Weekend. Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled this year but fans of the popular Jayne Darling can still enjoy a live concert on Saturday, July 31st at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Numbers will be limited if Covid restrictions are still in place so please book your seat early! Tel 01969 624510 or email admin@leyburnartscentre.com.



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Mystery Picture

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Swale Singers Starting in September

Yes, at last. The plan is for our weekly Sunday afternoon singing sessions to start again on **September 5th**. Like all choirs, we have missed making music together and enjoying each others' company.

We welcome new members and hope to see all our old friends re-convening at **3.00pm** for a couple of hours each Sunday. Put the date in your diary and there'll be an update on our meeting place nearer the time.

In the run up to Christmas, we'll be practising Faure's Requiem, Cantique de Jean Racine and John Rutter's Feel the Spirit, a cycle of seven spirituals. We have a concert date of December 4th planned.

After Christmas, we'll start work on Handel's Messiah, in preparation for the Swale Singers with Richmondshire Choral Society opening the 2022 Swaledale Festival. It is the Festival's 50th anniversary so all sorts of wonderful events are being arranged and the choirs are thrilled to have the opportunity of being the opening act.

Our plans are, of course, all subject to the continued easing of lockdown restrictions. Let's hope everything goes in the right direction and we can creak back to some sort of normality.

Jackie Pope 07885 498676

Thornbough Lodge of Freemasons

We are a member of the United Grand Lodge of England and we meet at the Top Floor Town Hall Leyburn each month except July and August. We cover Wensleydale and the surrounding areas.

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- 4 Dales Discovery talk. 8.00pm. Hawes. See p.15.

News From the Vets

This month we have been seeing quite a few more than normal kennel cough cases. There is a vaccine available against this disease complex. Whilst not a perfect vaccine it does offer protection especially if the dog is old or has underlying conditions. If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to contact us at the surgery on **01969 650263**.

Bainbridge Vets

Railway Meeting

The AGM of the Campaign for Borders Rail will be held in Carlisle on **Saturday, October 30th**. I would be pleased to hear from any readers of the Newsletter who are also members of CBR. Carlisle is only 1 hour 10 minutes by direct train from Garsdale so this is a meeting within our reach!

Ruth Annison tel 01969 650349.

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Exhibition

Story of Schools, till July 18th

An exhibition delving into the development of Upper Dales schools in which you can hear stories from those who attended Dales schools from the 1930s onwards.

See the giant photo mosaic created by digital artist, Helen Marshall of the People's Picture that celebrates the dynamic youth of the Dales past and present.

Funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and its players, and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund.

Events

Thursday, July 8th. 10.00am to 3.00pm. A Woolly Wander Experience.

Meet at the Dales Countryside Museum. Visit a local alpaca farm on Raydaleside, meet the animals and take them for a gentle stroll through the spectacular landscape of the Yorkshire Dales, with stunning views of the Dales second largest natural lake, Semerwater. Guided by a local crafter, explore the museum textile gallery and learn the techniques and processes to create your own felted picture using wool from the alpacas you have met! Lunch is included, provided by the Firebox Cafe. Booking essential. £50.

Saturday, July 10th and 24th. 10.00am to 11.00am. Art Online: Marie Hartley's Swaledale.

Artist Anji Timlin will be live on Instagram <u>(2)anjitimlin</u> using beloved Dales authors Marie Hartley and Ella Pontefract's book 'Swaledale' as inspiration to make paintings and drawings in her sketchbook in response to quotes from the books. Join her and learn some techniques as you work on your own sketches. Afterwards, you can post your work to the <u>#dalesmuseumartclub.</u> We will publish more details on how to join online on our website. £5 suggested donation.

Sunday, July 11th. 11.00am to 4.00pm. Traditional Rugmaking Demonstration.

A demonstration of traditional rug making, including both proddy and hooked techniques.

Saturday, July 17th and 31st. 10.30am to 12.30pm. Art Online - Marie Hartley's Swaledale.

Join Artist Anji Timlin from home in a 2 hour online Zoom group workshop using Marie Hartley and Ella Pontefract's book 'Swaledale' as inspiration to make a painting or drawing in ink in response to quotes from this inspiring book. We will publish more details of materials needed, and on how to join online on our website. £10 suggested donation.

Thursday, July 22nd. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. In the Kitchen – Bread Making.

See Mrs H in our traditional Dales Farmhouse Kitchen and discover the history of bread making and how it has changed from Roman times to now.

Tuesday, July 27th. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Hands-on History Kit: Viking Bracelets. Get creative at home with this activity bag and make a prehistoric coil pot with clay. Covid permitting, activities will be able to be completed on site.

Tuesday, July 27th. 11.00am to 3.00pm. Drystone Walling Demonstration. Join our Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling and explain the construction of this iconic feature of the National Park landscape, from the foundations to the top stones. In 4 drop-in sessions they talk through the process of turning a pile of stones into something that will last for centuries.

Wednesday, July 28th. 1.00pm to 4.30pm. Print a Meadow.

Join artist Hester Cox for one of her half hour sessions. Hester will demonstrate how to create simple stamps of the flowers, grasses, insects and birds that you find in the beautiful hay meadows of the Yorkshire Dales. You can then print a card to take home as well as print onto a collaborative piece. This fun activity is suitable for children and adults alike.

Wednesday, July 28th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Textile Techniques Afternoons.

In the Museum's textile gallery, volunteers will demonstrate different textile techniques.

Thursday, July 29th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. In the Kitchen – Dairy Days.

See Mrs H in our traditional Dales Farmhouse Kitchen and discover the history of dairying and how making cheese and butter have changed through the ages.

Saturday, July 31st. 10.30am to 4.00pm. An Introduction to Collagraph Printmaking.

Join printmaker Hester Cox and take the landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales as your inspiration as you explore this exciting printmaking method. In the morning, Hester will demonstrate some simple and effective techniques for making collagraph plates using card, textured papers and pastes before working one-to-one with participants to help them develop their own design. The printing plates will then be printed in the afternoon using her portable press. The workshop is suitable for complete beginners or artists wanting an introduction to a new technique. Lunch and materials included. Booking essential. £50.

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From the Archives

This article appeared in issue 111 in February 2006.

Childhood memories from High Hall

I have had some quite interesting discussions about games children played years ago. One memory seemed to spark off another. Marbles; how many names there were for them: pop alleys, glass alleys, agates, and toes were just a few of the names we came up with. Conkers was another game; they were even put in the oven to bake to make them really hard, or soaked in vinegar. Whip and Top; George said he nearly got a good hiding for playing with his in the middle of the road.

This was in the days of the horse and carriage and seemingly the horse shied at the sound of his whip and top which quite upset the carriage driver. Nora, 94, said she remembered playing Punch and Judy with her younger brother who, to make it more authentic, hung her up on a cupboard. Mary, 98, said hopscotch, skipping and rounders. I said, "What about Tennis? "No" she said, "Tennis was for the better end not for the likes of us." Yo-yo, French Cricket, Leap frog. Hop-scotch, Block 1 2 3, What time is it Mr Wolf? Farmer's in his den. Poor Mary lies a weeping, Ring a ring of roses. Please Mr Crocodile can we cross your golden river. Tig or Tag... It just goes on and on.

Skipping was a great pastime, especially for girls, with all the different rhymes that went

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with them. "I'm a little girl guide dressed in blue, these are the actions I must do, salute to the officer, curtsey to the queen and turn my back on the football team." "All in together girls, never mind the weather girls, when I call your birthday, all fall out." "Raspberry, strawberry, gooseberry jam, tell me the name of your young man" are but to name a few. Another came up about "I'm a little brownie dressed in brown," but we won't go any further with that one.

Playing with balls:- often two against a wall, juggling with them, then under the legs and if you were really clever you could flick one round your back or do a quick spin in the middle. These all went to rhymes: "1,2,3,0'Leary, I spy my aunty Mary, sit-ting on a bumblairy, eating bread and toffee. One clap your hands, two fold your arms, three roll your arms and four under your leg."

Handstands against the wall was another pastime for girls. My friend Jean remembers a little gypsy girl Loretta doing hand-stands in primary school, Loretta's under-garments were bright red flannel, not the normal white aertex. Was she envious!... went straight home and asked her mum if she could have some. (I forgot to ask if she ever got any). Party games: hide and seek, pass the parcel, postman's knock, wink, musical chairs and the list just goes on.

Margaret Metcalfe



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Loving Earth Project

We would love you to take part in an exciting event in July. Quakers in Bainbridge are holding an exhibition in the Meeting House of panels of artwork, made on and with fabric, from July 16th-27th, from 10.00am - 4.00pm.

The collection is part of a national event called the Loving Earth Project, which ultimately will be exhibited at the international climate change conference COP 26 in Glasgow in November. You can get more information at our website <u>http://lovingearth-project.uk/</u>.

Individuals and groups all over the country have explored how the future of something, someone, or somewhere that we affected love is bv our own actions. There are personal responses from local people from all areas of life, and some who have connections here, including John Craven.

Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton Schools are also going to make their own panels to add to the exhibition and some local people are busy preparing theirs too. Would you also like to make a panel?



We look forward to seeing you there. Maybe you may also like to be photographed with your favourite piece and record what makes it special to you.

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Wensleydale Concert Series July – September 2021

After a year of lockdowns, during which many musicians have suffered huge financial difficulties, we are finally able to restart our concerts on **July 17th** with a wonderful programme of music for piano and voice by Schubert. We look forward to catching up with our regular audience members and welcoming some new people to a varied programme of classical music concerts in the heart of Wensleydale.

Normally we spread our concerts across eight or nine months, but this year we are focussing six concerts in July, August and September. Wherever possible we have invited musicians that we had to cancel in 2020.

There are a number of important points this year:

All concerts take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth at **7.30pm** and will end by approximately **9.00pm**. Individual tickets are £15 (£1 for anyone in full time education).

Parking at the adjacent car park costs $\pounds 1.50$. Please let us know if you need to park at the church where there is limited disabled parking.

Season tickets are available at £75 (6 concerts for the price of 5) but they **must be ordered by July 10th by post**.

There will be restricted numbers of tickets this year so that we can observe Covid safe practices. Book early to avoid disappointment. You will be seated on arrival and you should wear a mask. There will be a brief interval in concerts, but no refreshments served.

We are not planning to sell tickets at the door, to avoid congestion, so tickets must be bought in advance. Full details are available at wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk where you can purchase tickets online. You can also purchase tickets by telephone on 0333 666 3366 (state the concert date and Wensleydale Concert Series) or by post.

Transport. In 2020 we were incredibly grateful to receive funding from the Coop Community Fund. This was to focus on two projects: music in the community (a project which needs to be put on hold for now) and to help with transport to and from concerts for people who find accessing the venues difficult. The original plan was to hire buses,

but that is not appropriate in the current circumstances. If you need help to access concerts, we would like to try to help in one of the following ways: firstly, if someone, who would not otherwise be coming to a concert, can bring you (eg. a carer, friend or family member) we would happily provide the driver with a free ticket; secondly, we could arrange transport by taxi from your home (numbers permitting). If you would like help with transport, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

Full details of artists and concert programmes are at our website, but here is a brief summary:

Saturday, July 17th - Schubert's Song cycle 'Die schöne Müllerin' for baritone.

Saturday, July 24th - Trio Concert for piano, clarinet and cello.

Wednesday, August 11th - Guitar Recital – including many well-known works.

Wednesday, August 25th - Piano Recital – including Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata. Philip Sharp, piano (see below).



Monday, September 6th - Cello and Piano Recital – of mainly Bohemian music.

Wednesday, September 22th - Piano Recital – including popular works by Chopin and Schumann.

All online and telephone sales are handled by TicketSource, our agents. To order by post download the printable form at our website <u>wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.</u> If that is not possible, please send a cheque payable to "Wensleydale Concert Series" with a letter including your name, address, phone number and email address with details of what you require to Carol Haynes, Lairdswood Cottage, Carperby, Leyburn, DL8 4DB.

We are really excited to have a wonderful, varied programme of music and such talented musicians visiting. If you have any queries about transport or anything not explained at our website, please call **Carol Haynes or Liz Sowter on 01969 663026**.

'Massive Investment' in the National Park

New native woodland has been created at an even greater scale than hoped for during the past year in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, while water quality has improved, and 'massive investment' has been made in areas such as Upper Ribblesdale and Swaledale.

The annual report of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan 2019-24 (NPMP), published on June 22nd, also highlights progress made in the past year on building broadband infrastructure, achieving International Dark Sky Reserve status for the National Park, and making more rights of way accessible to all including people using wheelchairs.

The NPMP steering group heard that the NPMP objective to create 450 hectares of new native woodland in the National Park between 2018 and 2024 had already been exceeded. A total of 232 hectares were planted in 2020/21, compared with 131hectares in 2019/20 and 90 hectares in 2018/19.

The completion of the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership scheme – known as Stories in Stone – was noted as another important achievement. Over five years, the programme provided grants worth almost £1.7m to 170 individual projects, covering wildlife, cultural heritage, access improvements, and benefits to the local economy. Meanwhile the National Lottery-funded Tees-Swale: naturally connected programme had just started to bring 'massive new investment' to Swaledale and Arkengarthdale.

The Environment Agency reported that 62% of rivers in the Yorkshire Dales National Park were assessed to be in good ecological status in the past year, up from 47% in 2017. Since 2009, millions of pounds worth of grants had been provided through Natural England's Catchment Sensitive Farming initiative to farmers to carry out work to reduce diffuse pollution, such as roofing over muck middens, and that had benefited water quality, the steering group meeting heard.

Chair of the NPMP Steering Group, David Sharrod, who is Chief Executive Officer of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, said: "Overall there has been really encouraging progress on many of the National Park Management Plan objectives, despite the impact

of the coronavirus epidemic and the restrictions that have come along with that. The management plan is about bringing together everyone working in the National Park organisations and individuals. Woodland creation is the big story at the moment and the success in exceeding what was an ambitious objective is down to a range of partners, not least Natural England, the Forestry Commission, YDMT and individual landowners. The completion of the Stories in Stone scheme is also a cause for celebration, as many great projects - such as the restoration of the Swarth Moor SSSI- have been made possible by it."

"There have been some challenges in the past year. The coronavirus epidemic has knocked us back in a few areas, such as activity days for under - represented groups and volunteer days, and we have also yet to see any real improvement in the condition of the most important habitats in the National Park. It also has to be acknowledged that although the progress on water quality and on peatland restoration is remarkable, the scale of the task ahead is absolutely huge."

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Hawes School News

A lot of extracurricular activities have been taking place at Hawes Primary School over the past couple of weeks. Firstly, we had 'Sports Dreams' come into school and they ran a scooter workshop for the younger children, where they learnt new skills and learnt how to be safe on a scooter. For the older children they



had a skateboard workshop. The children had a great time learning how to balance, how to ride and also how to perform some simple tricks.

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In the coming week we have 'Free style Football' workshops for all the classes. Where the children will learn new football skills and enjoy being outside and active! We are very much looking forward to it.



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Although the photo above is of poor quality it tells a story. It is a photo of haytime at Greensley Bank Farm about a mile west of Bainbridge. It depicts tea time or 'drinking' as we used to call it then. The year is 1949. The people in the picture from right to left are myself, Tony Routh, aged two, my mother Dorothy Routh, my 'minder' Madeleine Marlein, now Mrs Edwin Pratt of Bainbridge, and Billy 'Moggs' Kirkbide of the Gate House which was on the old A684 about 100yards east of Field Gate Farm.



The Gate House was demolished to make way for the new road. A good house, two up, two down, with a coal house on the east and a vegetable garden to the west. No running water or bathroom. Water came from a spring about 40yards away in an adjacent field.

Billy was the relief postman for Bainbridge and Raydaleside and did seasonal work for farmers. He lived there with his brother Charlie, a farm hand and a sister Edna who eventually married Mark Allen of Hawes. It would be good to see a photo of the old house and road if any Newsletter reader has one.

The land wagon in the picture background was an old Yankey Starr converted to be used as eight years old. You had to do your bit at haytime on a small farm – you were made to do it!

Today's generation will not know about the old narrow twisting road from the Gate House to Goodman's Sike bridge and on to Moiser Corner, which was the scene of many motor accidents, and up Cupples Hill which was steep and used to block with snow in winter. How the United Buses managed to get up it with very few passing places was incredible.

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The Dales Quoits League

As was planned the Dales Quoits League commenced their 2021 season matches on Monday, May 17th. All teams had been waiting in anticipation for over 18 months for this evening only to be disappointed by the one thing we cannot control – the weather!!

In some areas the rain was too intense to even consider playing whereas in other areas it was a beautiful evening. How the Dales can differ so much in such a short distance. Since then we have been lucky with pleasant evenings allowing us to play all the scheduled matches which now surprisingly finds us very quickly a third of the way through the season.

Presently and as of June 3rd we have The Bridge, Grinton at the head of Division 1, closely followed by Middleham Quoits Club. Division 2 has The Fox, West Witton in the lead with Foresters, Carlton in second place.

The cancelled matches will be slotted into the playing calendar over the next few weeks and once the outstanding postponed matches are played this positioning will undoubtedly change.

There have been a number of new players join several of the teams this year which is good. Although they may find the first matches a little daunting, it is good to see how quickly they improve and their scores gradually increase week by week, occasionally beating the seasoned players.

There are always new residents arriving in the Dales and any individual new to the area wishing to join a team or even a new team wishing to enter the league, please contact **Stephen Mason on 01969 662743** for further details.

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Police Report

In contrast to the last few months, there is, sadly, quite a few incidents of note to report at the time of writing;

Overnight on May 20th to 21st, two tyres on a Little White Bus parked in Hawes have been intentionally damaged, a repeat incident then occurred on sometime overnight on May 27th – 28th. (#12210126833).

Sometime between the afternoons of May 27th and May 28th, a garage compound in Middleham in the Castle Hill area has been broken into at the rear and further intentional damage has been caused inside, although nothing appears to have been taken. (#12210127915).

At 2.45pm on May 27th, approximately £650 worth of items have been stolen by three male offenders from the Co-Op in Leyburn. Investigations are continuing to identify the three suspects. (#12210126391).

Sometime around May 27th/28th on Middleham Low Moor, a section of the white racing railings have been damaged by what looks like a vehicle having been driven through it. (#122101298070).

Around 5.00am on May 31st, Stage 1 Cyles in Hawes has been broken into via the rear door – nothing was taken as it appears the alarm may have startled the intruders. (#12210128964).

On the afternoon of May 31st in the Birkdale area near Ravenseat, a Landrover Defender had



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There are continuing investigations into all of the above, so if anyone has any information, please call '101' stating the reference number in brackets.

Overnight on 18th June, one of the Little White Buses, whilst parked in Gayle, has had its tyres intentionally damaged – this is the last in several similar incidents in recent months which is costing the service (and the community!) money.

These incidences always occur overnight. If anyone has any information, please contact '101' as soon as possible. Any reports will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. I am of the mind that someone locally knows who is doing this – so please come forward!

As this dry spell continues - please can I remind everyone NOT to have BBQs and fires outside of gardens and private spaces due to the risk of fires starting in the open. This also goes for ensuring you take your rubbish home (glass bottles and cigarette butts in particular pose a serious risk in sunlight/if not put out and not disposed of correctly).

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G.P. Practice update

Following the article in the D&S and an interview with the Yorkshire Post, it seemed sensible to explain to a wider audience why GP practices are currently under pressure. As Hon. Secretary of the Upper Dales Health Watch (the Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales Practice), this is written using that Practice as an example, but issues may equally apply to other Richmondshire Practices.

Receptionists are receiving the brunt of patient unhappiness. On top of their normal duties these staff have been supporting the Covid vaccination programme – both organizing appointments and manning the centre at Tennants. They have been asked by their GPs and ANPs (Advanced Nurse Practitioners) to help vulnerable patients by identifying those patients who urgently need to speak to a GP/ANP by phone the same day, from those who are not in such urgent need.



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The number of patients seeking medical help has increased dramatically. For example, pre-Covid, the Central Dales Practice saw on average 25-40 patients a day at the open access surgeries (total for both Hawes and Aysgarth). On Monday, June 7th 63 requests for appointments had been made by 9.00am!

Advice to patients

1. If a patient has a cough, a Covid test **MUST** take place before a GP/ANP appointment. Patients need to phone 119 and take a test (venues may vary, but there will be one in Richmondshire).

2. If a patient needs to see a physiotherapist rather than a GP/ANP the Surgery Receptionist will be able to make them an appointment. NHS physiotherapists are based in Catterick & Northallerton.

3. Patients suffering from hay fever need to visit a Pharmacy. GP practices in North Yorkshire DO NOT prescribe Hay Fever medication.

4. Any problems connected with teeth have to be dealt with by a dentist. GPs are not allowed to prescribe medication for dental issues.

GPs & ANPs are still doing home visits for housebound patients, and are looking after end of life, cancer and long-covid patients as well as making referrals whenever necessary. The pressure may not be visible to patients, but it is affecting the speed at which patients can have a consultation. No receptionist should be reduced to tears by a patient's attitude towards them.

PLEASE help greater understanding of the current situation by passing on this information. Our GPs and their staff need our care of them and their wellbeing.

Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary, Upper Dales Health Watch



The children at Dalesplay have been enjoying the lovely weather we have been having. We appear to have a resident baby rabbit who regularly calls by to say hello.

Our Sunshine children have been talking about starting school and growing up, they are all getting really good at recognising letters and developing their writing skills.

Our Rainbows have been learning about different occupations, they have loved playing in our role play post office writing and posting letters, weighing parcels and delivering letters. They have also been learning about dentists and how to take care of their teeth.

The Ducklings have explored lots of sensory play and started to explore under the sea. From summer we do have some spaces available in our ducklings room caring for children aged 0-2 years and we are taking bookings for funded 3 and 4 year old places to start in September. If you would like to join our setting please get in touch now as places are very limited. We do operate a waiting list once we are full.

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This is their first venture into being pub landlords as they wanted to change their lifestyles and work together.

Ann has been a schoolteacher for 25 years and is about to leave her role as Head of Maths at the Primary School of The Grammar School at Leeds. She grew up in Gayles, near Richmond, and Crakehall where her parents owned pubs. Indeed, some of the new brass ornaments came from her father's pub collection.

Chris has had a varied career. He grew up in

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ASKRIGG POST OFFICE In Sykes House, Noon to 2.00pm Mondays and Wednesdays Richmond and originally worked as a builder before going to the USA to be a farmer. Since returning to the UK he has worked in logistics doing driver training and assessments. Without any formal training, Chris nevertheless loves cooking and is preparing to introduce food at the Green Dragon.

However, by the time the Newsletter is published Ann and Chris should have been joined by 'Jeff the Chef' and his wife Jan. Jeff has worked at the Green Dragon previously and is famous for his special home-made pies, much appreciated by Hardraw residents. Jeff will be on cooking duty at the weekend (3^{1/2} days) with Chris covering the rest of the week. The plan is to offer meals between noon and 5pm each day with a more extensive menu in the evening until 8pm. A Sunday menu will be served from noon until 6pm.

They plan to continue the historical 'live music events' that the pub was famous for with three events already in the diary for 2021. The pub continues to be in demand by TV companies:- the next Christmas special for 'All Creatures Great and Small' was filmed there last month and a period drama is currently planned to be filmed in September.

Ann and Chris would particularly like to thank the residents of the area for the tremendous support and enthusiasm they have been shown since the pub re-opened and the Newsletter wishes them well in their new venture.

B.M.C.

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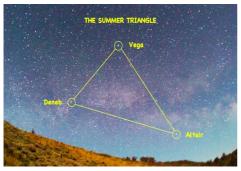
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Heavens Above

The Summer Triangle dominates the night sky for the next few months. It's a large asterism or star pattern formed from a trio of stars – Vega, Altair and Deneb – each the brightest in their respective constellations. From a dark location well away from the street lights it's very prominent, and very easy to pick out on a clear evening.



All three stars are interesting objects in their own right. Blue-white Vega, the brightest of the three, lies in the little constellation of Lyra the Lyre, almost overhead at this time of the year. It's a fairly young star twice as hot and $2\frac{1}{2}$ times as big as our own Sun and one of our closest stellar neighbours as it lies only 25 light years away. Vega was the first star to be photographed way back in the 1850's - recent observations show that its surrounded by a large dusty disc which might be a planetary system in the process of formation.

Altair is the leader of Aquila the Eagle, and marks the Triangle's bottom corner. It's another young blue-white star, 11 times brighter than the Sun. Unlike the Sun which takes about 30 days to turn on its axis, Altair spins around in a mere nine hours giving it a pronounced equatorial bulge - a bit like my mid-riff these days I'm ashamed to say!

Deneb, marking the Triangle's top left-hand corner, is the main star in Cygnus the Swan, a beautiful constellation often called the Northern Cross because of its large cruciform shape. Deneb is a real power-house of a star. It only looks the faintest of the trio because it's so far away – well over 2000 light years. In reality it shines an incredible 60,000 times as bright as the Sun.

If you can get to view the Summer Triangle

from a really dark location on a moonless night, you'll see the pale ribbon of the Milky Way flowing right through its middle. It's especially rich in the region covered by Cygnus so well worth exploring with binoculars, or a small telescope, which will show you masses of stars and open star clusters.

Finally this month, if you can find a clear unobstructed view to the WNW around 10.00pm on July 12th, you'll spot the planets Venus and Mars extremely close together (barely half a degree apart) low over the horizon. Mars is a great deal fainter than brilliant Venus so you might need a set of binoculars to help you spot it. A slim crescent Moon just above the pair completes the scene. Have clear skies!

Al Berio

New Owner at Hawes YHA

The youth hostel franchise at Hawes has changed hands. The long-term lease for the 14room, 52-bed hostel has been bought by David Miller, the head teacher of a special educational needs and disability (SEND) school in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire,

The youth hostel, which opened in 1972, is popular with walking groups, road cyclists and mountain bikers as it provides budget accommodation as a base for exploring the Yorkshire Dales.

Mr Miller, 57, who plans to continue in his role as a headteacher, has recruited local man, Steve Bussey, to manage the hostel and intends to introduce work experience placements for young people with learning disabilities from 2022.

"I know from my work as a head teacher that workplace opportunities for young people with learning difficulties are nowhere near as widely available as they should be. At Hawes Youth Hostel we hope to provide short and long-term placements for 18-25-year-olds in areas such as grounds housekeeping, catering and maintenance. We will also be looking into the prospect of employing a full-time tutor to oversee the work experience programme. This kind of opportunity can be transformational for the lives of these young people and I see this as my chance to create something really positive that can continue to make an impact long after my time, in the form of a charitable trust."

Contractor Needed - Hawes Community Fields

We are looking for a local building contractor to put facilities into the laithe (barn) on Hawes Community Fields. The main parts of the job are to lead water from a new mains connection that Yorkshire Water is going to put in at the roadside; install toilets in the stalls side of the laithe and a package treatment works; create a new opening for a ground floor window; repoint the front exterior; make and install two new doors and three new windows; and take down and re-build an enlarged lean-to.

We have a full list of works to hand to any contractor who might be willing to take on the job and to provide us with a detailed quote. If you are a builder, check out the UWSRA Facebook page for details or otherwise wait for a tap on the shoulder!

Our last update in the newsletter was a year ago, in July last year. Gladly this time we have some real news to convey. Our revised planning application, to improve facilities on Hawes Community Fields, was approved by the local planning authority on May 21st, after a long delay.

It means that, nearly three years on from the public meeting 'What Next For The Community Fields?', we can start providing some of the essential facilities that the community asked for.

Our project has three parts. The first part is to upgrade the Brunt Acres Road laithe and nearby little stone shed, both of which are currently used just for storage. We will put toilets and sinks into the stalls side of laithe and create first floor and ground floor rooms - with a view! - in the mew side. The falling-down lean-to will be replaced with a bigger lean-to. This is where all the fields user groups, such as the gala committee and junior football club, can store their kit.

The little stone shed will be turned into a 'match hatch' kitchen facility. Mains electricity will be led from the fireworks committee boxes to the buildings. A mains water connection will be supplied to the fields.

The laithe will be named 'The Johnny Walker Laithe' to recognise a donation from John Walker MBE. It is John's donation that is making the whole project possible. The second part of the project is to make the big field big enough for a football pitch. We will buy 0.2 acres of land from our neighbouring farmer. This will benefit Hawes Juniors and also make the big field an even better space for community events.

As part of the deal, 0.5 acres of the Community Fields, an area of grass to the west of the wooded knoll that is not used, will go to the farmer.

The third, smallest part of the project is to create a new pedestrian access, so people can cross over Brunt Acres Road in greater safety, on the town side of the industrial estate tjunction.

You may ask, what happened to the pavilion? A pavilion was what the community said it wanted in 2018. We did submit a full planning application for one. But it relied on formalising the access to the fields from the bottom of the Old Station Yard car park. We were told we could not do that without building a bridge over the old railway line. All that carry on cost us over a year of delay.

But now we are moving on again, with a less ambitious but perhaps more achievable project, that will concentrate on improving facilities by our Brunt Acres Road entrance. In effect we are creating a mini-pavilion out of our existing buildings.

The Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreational Association (UWSRA) is the charity which owns and runs the Community Fields on behalf of the community. There are nine trustees - Gordon Sleightholm (Chairman), Emma Blades (Treasurer), Steph Bland, Nigel Chapman, Richard Cloughton, Andrew Fagg (Secretary), Sara Mason, Donna Peacock and Lindsey Whaley.

Please approach any one of us if you have any ideas for the Fields or wish to contribute in any way to the project to improve facilities on them. We are keen to emphasise that the Community Fields are for all the community and that the more people use them, the better.

Lastly, a word of thanks to wallers John Caton and Richard Sowerby, and fencer Rob Middleton, for helping us renew or restore the Community Fields boundaries.

Secretary, UWSRA

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