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

## Guest Editorial

Haddock is off the menu for the first time ever at the Chippie. Longstanding fish merchants cannot obtain it. It makes the fear rise within.

It may be that the markets malfunctioning. Word is that British boats are selling their catch abroad for high prices. It could also be a result of a grim combination of climate change, overfishing and pollution. For many years now we have been hearing the warnings. The bigger fish would appear to have been all caught.

The government in August endorsed the findings of the latest United Nations climate study. A 'code red for humanity' has been issued. We have to face up to the fact that suffering is locked in. Things are certain to get worse, before they get better. Will the fells dry out when the inevitable extreme temperatures of 40 degrees celsius come our way? Will the grass burn?

On the brighter side, sheep are doing well. The calls of those leading sheep around the auction mart can be heard in Hawes. The auctioneer and the life of the ring is being projected on loudspeakers. The smell of wool and wool dye is in the air. A farmer a few years older than me said sheep prices had never been so good in his lifetime.

This is the best time of year for light. I was walking down the Holme and crossed the new bridge. I passed the bus stop. And there on my right was a sheep trailer, with sheep on both decks. They were Swaledales. I could see only noses through the slits in the trailer. What fine animals, full of spirit.

The question is how we can be resilient. Some would claim that people in Upper Wensleydale are resilient by nature, so no problem. I wouldn't be so sure. I doubt my own resilience, anyway. I can't even find a pair of trousers that fit. Aside from that, I see that almost everything we need comes in from outside. Vegetables, healthcare, building materials, payments for land management. Televisions, clothes, shoes. Even milk.

Kit Calvert's connection with the Creamery began when he started dropping off any excess pints of milk he had from his few cows. Such small time operations are long gone. Years later

when he became the boss and built a new cheese factory off Gayle Lane, he said the taste of Wensleydale Cheese - and its fame - was owing to the special qualities of the milk from upland farms.

Many people, particularly TV producers, seem to see a timelessness in this landscape and the ways of life here. That sort of view sells. But there is another story. Times have changed. People are largely disconnected from the land, for one thing. That may have been true for some years but perhaps we are beginning to feel the cost only now.

The Hebrew name 'Adam' translates as earth, or soil. People are born to be on the land. Yet most of us are stuck just looking at it.

The American farmer Wendell Berry writes about a community that has similarities to ours. Art Rowanberry is one of the characters. He's a hill farmer like generations before him. It is written that his family would never drive a tractor on the land when the ground was soft.

To get back to the fish. There is still delicious fish to be had at the Chippie. It's all cod for now. I hope that the haddock shortage is temporary, but it could be a sign of things to come.

**Andrew Fagg**



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Applicants should apply in writing, or by email, including name, address and contact details. Please give details of the university, college or specialist training facility where studies will take place, together with details of the course/training being followed.

If an application is successful, receipts will be required for the purchase of books or equipment and, once these have been received and checked, the grant will be made.

Please forward your application to the Newsletter (see address and email details on the back of the Newsletter), to be received **before or during the first year of study**.

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### Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the middle of the phone number on the right-hand side of the back cover and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Gina Kirby of Huddersfield.

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

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## October Competition

Here are a few native animals. (Numbers indicate number of letters in the answers. Aren't we kind?)

1. Mix me up, then butter me (5)
2. Returned in a better refurbishment (6)
3. An eel was transformed (6)
4. Where's this one to be found without an e (5)
5. Mole is feud (10)
6. T.N. Barrow re-wrote this one (5,3)
7. Igher temp (5)
8. Found drinking at prime inn (4,6)
9. Two ants earn viol, Lee; I'll appear in seconds! (5,4)
10. The usual impression (6, 4)
11. Pig in the boundary (8)
12. Found in the remains of oxen (3)

## September Competition Answers

### What's the connection?

1. Silver
2. Goldfinger
3. Nickel
4. Copper
5. Tintin
6. Jeremy Irons
7. Freddie Mercury
8. Kryptonite
9. Blind carbon copy
10. London Palladium
11. Arsenic
12. All the answers contain an element from the periodic table

Several of you got this one correct and there was a rollover prize of £40 available too. The winner, chosen from the hat, was Janet Huston of North Ferriby. Her chosen charity was Swaledale Mountain Rescue who will receive the £40 prize.

## Swale Singers Sound Again

It's probably fair to say that there was an element of apprehension, even a touch of trepidation, on the part of some singers when the Swale Singers met in September for the first time since lockdown.

But the fears that we would produce only squeaks, wheezes or rumbles fortunately proved unfounded. While perhaps not at our most mellifluous we managed to make a musical sound and went from strength to strength as the rehearsal progressed and we grew in confidence and volume.

All the right ingredients were in place, with our stalwart musical director, Peter Stallworthy back at the helm and our accomplished and ever-accommodating accompanist Corinne Morris on the keyboard.

We worked on Faure's Requiem, a piece much loved by many of us, Cantique de Jean Racine and John Rutter's Feel the Spirit, a cycle of seven spirituals, in preparation for our concert on **December 4th at 3.00pm** at St Mary's church, Arkengarthdale.

There's still time to come and join us on **Sunday afternoons at 3.00pm** at St Mary's – new members are always welcome.

And we hope to welcome a good audience for the concert. Tickets are £8, available from Reeth Post Office or from me, **Jackie Pope 07885 498676**.

### Drop-off points and contacts

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

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## Notes from Thorney Mire Summer

Have you ever wondered, that if you had nothing to do all day but look through the window what wildlife you might see? It's often by chance that something more unusual comes into view. If we had not been having lunch later than normal, we wouldn't have seen the goldcrest hopping about in the cherry tree and, it is so thoughtful of the long-tailed tits to fly onto the feeders when we're looking through the window trying to alleviate that tedious job of washing up.

A few weeks ago, on one of my many walks along our lane, I saw a redstart bobbing up and down on a wall. I have never seen one before locally and I've not seen it since. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time, as I was several days ago when I watched a stoat through the window. It jumped out of a hole in the wall, collected something in the grass and jumped back into the wall again. It did this several times before disappearing.

Looking through the same window, (I probably spend more time looking through windows than I think), I saw a red squirrel with a very distinctive light tail. It was a much paler shade than the rest of its body as though the colour had been washed out and at the end of the tail there was a dark ring. There are subtle differences in squirrel markings and when they come to your feeders you can identify each one. A friend of mine called one of her squirrels "Smoky" as it had a dark grey, almost black tinge to its fur.

I also saw a red squirrel running across the road in Appersett. Heart in mouth, you think, get out of the road to safety, there's been so much more traffic about this year than usual. Fingers crossed I have only seen one hedgehog casualty on our lane this year, so far! During the hot spell in July, we had two hedgehogs curled up asleep between the pots and planters on our courtyard, just stirring themselves to move somewhere cooler as the sun moved round. An owl had been roosting in our barn, but when it was disturbed it flew off too quickly to be identified.

Looking through the window again, I was pleased to see several baby blue tits. Normally the parents only have one brood a year, but after the poor start for blue tits earlier this year, one couple decided to take a chance and have a late

brood and succeeded. I don't know if they fed on the sawfly caterpillars on the Solomon Seal in the garden, but if they did, there was enough for a banquet.

It is not always what you see, but what you don't see! Most years I count swallows on the wires waiting to go to their winter quarters. This year there were none and I've not been accompanied by Painted Lady butterflies on my walks along the lane.

It was said on the local news that Richmondshire, North Yorkshire was one of the best places in the country to live. House prices were rising as people were wanting to move into the country as they can now work from home. People may think that living in the country is idyllic and to a certain extent it is, but you have to remember there is a downside. No, I'm not talking about lack of public transport or the long journeys to hospital. I'm referring to cattle putting their heads over your garden wall, uprooting and devouring the foxgloves you had so lovingly planted, eating the top of your newly planted pyracantha, (which you'd paid good money for), so there will be no berries this year. Collared doves sitting on the satellite dish and losing the picture at a crucial moment. Fledglings who perch on the patio table and chairs and use it as a public convenience because they have not been taught any better by their parents. Swallows and house martins nesting in the eaves and whitewashing your windows and don't get me started on mice, moles and rabbits. Now don't get me wrong, I like living in the countryside, I wouldn't want to live anywhere else, but you don't find this information on estate agents' details.

Sylvia Turner

## Harvest Celebration, Hawes

The Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale Harvest Celebration was held at Hawes Market House on Sunday, **September 12th**. The occasion was led by Rev. Julia Reid with a powerful sermon accompanied by the Hawes Silver Band in its first public appearance for eighteen months. Thank you to everyone who attended. The retiring collection raised £196.05 which was donated to Christian Aid.

Graham Di Duca

## Heavens Above

High in the north east on a clear evening this month, you'll find one of the most famous objects in the night sky - Algol the Demon often called the Winking Star.

It's the second brightest in the constellation representing Perseus, the mythological Greek hero who saved Andromeda from the clutches of the Sea Monster, Cetus. Algol takes its name from the Arabic phrase 'Ras Al-Ghul' which means The Demon's Head or The Ghoul. In the old Greek tales it represented the severed head of the monstrous snake-haired gorgon, Medusa, a pretty unsavoury character who would instantly turn to stone anyone who looked at her.

It's easy to see why the old Arabic astronomers were unnerved by Algol. They were excellent observers and must have noticed that unlike normal stars it dimmed significantly in brightness every 69 hours and then returned to normal. They couldn't account for this strange behaviour so likened it to the winking eye of a mythological demon.

Nowadays we know that Algol is an eclipsing binary - two stars, one much bigger and brighter than the other, revolving around each other in an orbit edge on to the Earth. Once per revolution the fainter companion passes in front of the brighter one blocking out a good bit of its light. The result is Algol's famous 'wink' which takes about 10 hours from start to finish.

In 1782 a brilliant young Yorkshire astronomer, John Goodricke, was the first person to come up with the theory (proved to be correct by later observations) that Algol's dimming could be caused by a dark body, such as a planet, passing between the star and the Earth.

Sadly Goodricke, who was profoundly deaf, died from pneumonia when he was only 21 and never managed to achieve his full potential.

If you'd like to see Algol for yourself it's easily visible during autumn and winter lying just to the east of Mirfak, Perseus' brightest star. A good star chart or one of the new-fangled astronomy apps on your smart phone should give you its exact location. Maybe it will give you a wink! Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

## Hawes School News

Everyone has settled back into school really well.

Class 3 are really looking forward to finally going on their Residential visit to Kings Wood Dukes House in Hexham which has been postponed twice already, the first time being right before the first lockdown in March 2021. They are looking forward to abseiling, climbing, problem solving, archery and other fun activities.

Our new Early years children are enjoying the story of the gingerbread man looking for crumbs around the school after all the different things he has got up to.

Hanna Vasey, Headteacher

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## Charity Sheepdog Trial

On August 21st and 22nd we held a charity sheepdog trial in aid of Bone Cancer Research Trust; attracting over 60 contestants from across the north of England. The trial course situated at Simonstone road-end attracted plenty of spectators. The championship was held on Sunday and was won by host Richard Fawcett and Lola. Over the course of the two days we managed to raise a massive £1000. Thank you very much for all the raffle prize donations from all the businesses in Hawes, and for all the support from locals and visitors.

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## Leyburn Jazz Festival

The Leyburn Jazz Festival brings an opportunity for budding jazz musicians when young musicians 11-25 years old are invited to spend a morning working alongside professional musicians to develop their appreciation of jazz and improvisation.

As part of Leyburn Jazz Festival, happening from **October 22nd to 24th**, the workshop session will be led by the pianist and North-East native Paul Edis and his band Triptych. Participants will be shown how to develop musicianship, ensemble, instrumental technique, solo improvisation, arranging and composition skills in a relaxed and friendly environment.

The session takes place on the morning of **Sunday, October 24th** and is free, with a start time of **10.00am** at Tennants' Garden Rooms. Booking is via the festival website at [www.leyburnjazz.co.uk](http://www.leyburnjazz.co.uk).

Festival organiser Colin Bailey commented, "Young people that might be interested in coming along don't need to be able to read music or have graded exams to take part but, as a guide, they should ideally be working at Grade 3 or above to get the most out of the session. Paul and his band will encourage you to share your ideas and together you will create a selection of short pieces that will be presented as part of a showcase performance at the end of the session. All Instruments including voice are welcome to attend."

Leyburn Jazz Festival takes place in Tennants' Garden Rooms and venues in Leyburn town centre on **October 22nd to 24th**.

Full information about all the musicians and booking arrangements for the Festival and the Workshop will be found on [www.leyburnjazz.co.uk](http://www.leyburnjazz.co.uk).

## Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum AGM

This year we are unable to have a speaker in October because of the pandemic.

However, we must still have an AGM to conduct the business. This will take place on **Friday, October 22nd** at the DCM at **2.00pm**. Membership cards and 'Now Then' will be circulated as usual after the AGM and we hope to resume speaker meetings in February.



We have had a busy start to the new Autumn term at Dalesplay, welcoming lots of new children into the setting. The children have been focusing their learning around themselves, their families and understanding their emotions. We held our first table top sale at Hawes Market Hall. It was lovely to be back out in the community seeing lots of new and old faces. A huge thank you to Sharon Guy for organising the event. The money raised will be used to purchase some autumn resources for the children.

We are delighted to congratulate Rachel, our playworker, and her family after the very early but safe arrival of Toby. Both Rachel and Toby are doing well and we hope Toby can come home very soon to be with his older brother and parents. Dalesplay will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre in Hawes Market House on **Sunday, November 14th, 10.00am – 4.00pm**. Donations of tombola prizes and bottles of wine for our wine or water game would be gratefully received and can be left with the girls at Dalesplay. We hope to see lots of you there. Homemade refreshments will be on sale and we have lots of stalls booked in for the event.

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## Yorebridge Sport and Leisure Centre

Just getting back out and about after Covid restrictions? We have two classes specifically for people who might feel out of condition or finding it harder to do everyday activities, and to get out and enjoy the re-opening of social activities.

Strong and Steady is geared towards those who have had a fall, or are worried about their balance and ability to get out and about. Exercises are based on building strength, stability and mobility to manage everyday life and get back out to social activities. Mostly chair based exercise.

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## Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Letters to America - a Story of Metcalfes by Val Slater

Middleham Key Centre, **Tuesday, October 19th at 2.00pm**

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group will start its monthly meetings again in October at Middleham Key Centre where we will have plenty of space. Membership subscriptions for 2020 have been carried over to 2021.

Our first lecture looks at the life of Bernard Metcalfe who was born in Askrigg in 1737 and rose to a senior legal position in Richmond before tragedy struck. We hope to welcome back members on the 19th; visitors are also invited at £3 per meeting, for more information contact **Tony Keats 01969 640436**, [dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com).

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## Leyburn Arts Centre Garden Update

The plant sales are now coming to an end, but thank you for all your support in buying plants over the summer months. There are still some rudbeckia for sale to fill in all those gaps in your garden where other perennials have died back. I have lost count of all the rudbeckia I have dotted around my own garden and in TOSH, now bushing out and flowering away. There are also some planters left, adorning the front of the centre where they give a colourful welcome to those arriving at the front door, but these can still be bought and should last a few more weeks.

Thank you also for all your lovely compliments about the garden. From the point of view of those of us who look after the garden, the positive feedback has been ample reward for our efforts and it has given us huge pleasure to see the garden being used so much and

## Handy Man John

### Dales View

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appreciated, which is what a community garden should be all about.

As we go into Autumn, we are already thinking about plant sales next year and will soon be starting to split our own perennials. These will form the basis of our big plant sale next May. Looking ahead, there are two ways you can help us in this respect.

Firstly, we are going to need more plant pots. All those you have donated have been invaluable for all the germinating and potting-on which has kept me busy over the summer. Now we are in particular need of larger plant pots for planting perennial plants we plan to split.

Secondly, if you are also planning to divide up your perennials or even dig up plants you no longer want, we would be grateful to have them as donations. We can provide plant pots or just put them in a plastic bag and we will do the rest, although let us know what the plant is! If you are local, we could even come and do some plant division for you.

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## UDCP Community News

Back to school this Autumn and back to a more “normal” way of life for us all. With that in mind, the UDCP Ltd Board of Directors will return to holding the Annual General Meeting in person at Hawes Market House on **Wednesday, October 20th at 7.00pm** – members of the public are most welcome to attend.

Hawes Library is back to full working order now the government restrictions are finished (for now at least). Please come in and browse, order your books, grab some audiobooks, use the computer, bring the children for some colouring. We have our Covid Cleaning Regime in place and plenty of sanitiser available. We also run a Home Library Service where we can organise books to be delivered to your door – no-one needs to miss out on the joy of reading!

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The wonderful Community Support Work carried out by our A Good Life Project continues with a series of drop in coffee and natter sessions at Hawes Market House on Mondays. Julie Greenslade will be running these, and as they progress we will be inviting

organisations such as Age UK, Dementia Friends, Mind and a host of others to come and give advice and support to anyone who needs it. If you are interested in either attending these sessions, or want to help out and volunteer, please get in touch with [julie@udcp.co.uk](mailto:julie@udcp.co.uk) or check out our Facebook Page for A Good Life.

Finally, we are working in conjunction with Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council to deliver and distribute a pot of grant funding called the Welcome Back Fund. This government fund is being given to us by Richmondshire District Council and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and can be used to encourage people back to the area. If you have any suggestions on what it could be spent on please email either [abbie@udcp.co.uk](mailto:abbie@udcp.co.uk) or [jillmcmullon@hotmail.com](mailto:jillmcmullon@hotmail.com). Some examples could be new public bins, or planters, or a refurb of the public toilets. It could also be put towards an event, or used to improve Covid Safety in the town. The funding needs to have been spent by the end of March 2022, so get your thinking caps on!

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## Askrigg Temperance Village Hall

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With regard to our present position, it is now more evident than ever that we need renovation in order to bring the Hall up to present day standards. A schedule of work is being drawn up, that in itself is a job but I foresee form filling and hours of voluntary work to raise the funds to do what we think our Village Hall needs.

Our aim is to make unisex toilets downstairs and use the upstairs space for an archive room to store our village books, photographs and numerous boxes of documents relating to the village hall, the Friendly Society and much more. At the present time this is spread out in different homes in the village. Anyone interested in this please contact Eleanor Scarr or Christine Hallas.

Many thanks to all those who have already

given to this project over the past two or three years. We restart now with a healthy bank balance.

We have a large committee who represent each club who use the Hall but a smaller number of elected members. At the moment we have space for a new elected member. If there is anyone out there who has a yearning to be part of this exciting challenge, please call and see Alison and Mike in Sykes' shop or ring **Eleanor Scarr on 650216.**

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## Upper Wensleydale Domino League



It appears that things are getting back to 'normal' and hopefully with the start of a new domino season ahead. The players will start to relax a little.

This season '21/'22 starts with twelve teams in the league this year. We begin with the first round of the Knockout Cup being played over consecutive **Thursdays, October 7th and 14th** with the league then starting on **October 21st**. The last league game, before the Christmas period, is on **December 16th**.

We then play for the John Hogg Challenge Cup, over one night, at the Moorcock Inn on **December 23rd**. (Always a grand evening's entertainment). The league restarts on **January 6th** right through until **March 31st 2022**. The presentation evening will be held on **April 7th 2022**. The venue being at whichever team wins the league.

After having a year's gap, it's good to see regulars willing to pick up the dominoes again. I would like to thank the captains this year, for organising their teams back together again.

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## Hawes in Bloom

I hope everyone has enjoyed the displays around Hawes this summer. We have been very fortunate this year with weather conditions being much more favourable – especially the lack of that cold, wet and windy weather we had last year. As I write it looks as if the baskets and containers should continue to give a good show well in to this month, weather permitting .

I will be asking for volunteers again to help with the big job of clearing everything away at the end of this month. I will pop a few notices up nearer the time giving details of when and where. It's always a great help to have a good cheerful group who don't mind getting a bit damp and slightly mucky! Last Autumn practically everything was removed in one morning.

As always a big thank you to all the volunteers and also to those of you who have so generously supported the scheme in other ways.

Enjoy those late autumn colours!

**Richard Noble, the Plant Pest**

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## Bainbridge Womens' Institute

Here we are again after another very busy month for our members. We started September with a Soup and Sweet Lunch at Thornton Rust Institute which was very well attended and enjoyed by many, despite the glorious weather outside and perhaps the hope for salad rather than soup! At least the nice weather allowed us to fling open the windows and get good ventilation through the room.

A small group of members then enjoyed a fun day of painting plant pots with Gill Savage which turned out to be much more fun than we had expected. Even more of a surprise was the truly amazing pots we all ended up with - not for them the back of the cupboard! Oh no, these will be proudly displayed in our homes and gardens. If you don't think you can manage this, why not go along and see Gill's wonderful creations at the Craft Fairs at Hawes Market House.

Some of our members then went along to Diamond Hill Farm near Patrick Brompton to gaze in envy at the wonderful gardens there and, despite an occasional shower, they all enjoyed this visit. We had Melanie Reed, Methodist Minister, come along to our September meeting at Bainbridge Village Hall telling us all about her 'journey to the ministry'. It turned out to be a really interesting and challenging journey but one which saw her become a Padre in the RAF and now, of course, our local Methodist Minister.

Next month we are planning a visit to the Himalayan Gardens on 14th, Lunch Club at Hamiltons in Aysgarth on 21st and on the same day will be getting messy again at our monthly meeting where local artist, Lynn Ward, will be talking to us about her work, and expecting us to create our own paintings! The meeting will be in Bainbridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.

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Adult £7, Under 25 £3.

**Friday, October 1st** - Meera Maharaj (flute) and Dominic Degavino (piano).

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

A second appearance at the Festival for the gifted young flautist, this time with the young pianist Dominic Degavino as her duo partner, performing Bizet's Carmen Fantasy, and music by Grace-Evangeline Mason and César Franck.  
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**Wednesday, October 6th** - Brighde Chaimbeul (Scottish small pipes) and Aidan O'Rourke (violin).

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

In this keenly anticipated concert, the ultra-talented young Scottish piper duets with the marvellous violinist from folk super-group Lau.  
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**Thursday, October 7th** - Moray Welsh Trio (cello, violin and piano).

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

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Overnight on August 18th/19th, The Burgoyne Hotel in Reeth was broken into with attempts made to enter a safe. Luckily, nothing was taken and the thieves unsuccessful.

Sometime around the August 13th, a row of timber grouse butts have been smashed up.

There have been several incidents at the Leyburn Co-op. On August 26th two females stole £294 worth of alcohol. The females have been identified and the investigation is ongoing. On August 27th at midday a male was caught on CCTV taking multiple items worth £24.80. On September 8th at 5.00pm a male took two bottles of whisky and was then seen running from the store towards the direction of The Dragon Inn Chinese restaurant.

On September 5th between 1.00am and 3.00am, two males forced entry into The Kings Arms in Askrigg, taking £360 in cash. That same night, The White Rose Hotel was also broken into at a similar time, however, nothing was taken.

Anyone with information on any of the above should contact 101 in the first instance.

As we start the inevitable run up to (dare I say it) Christmas and as the darker nights draw in, please continue to remain vigilant of suspicious behaviour. It is sometimes just as effective to contact us online with the information rather than call 101 which can sometimes experience high call volumes. If you follow the online instructions here....

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## Leyburn and District U3A

October's meeting on **Friday, October 15th at 10.30am** is the AGM of the group. It will be held at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Come and socialise over coffee and support your committee.

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**Oct**

- 1-3 Northern Antiques Fair, Tennants, Leyburn. 11.00am – 5.00pm.
- 1 Guided walk, Aysgarth Falls. 10.15am. See p.18.
- 1 Concert - Maharaj and Degavino. St Andrews, Aysgarth. 4.00pm and 7.30pm. See p.18.
- 2 Concert - Marie Little. St Oswald's, Askrigg. 7.00pm.
- 6 Concert - Brighde Chaimbeul and Aidan O'Rourke, St Andrew's Grinton. 4.00pm and 7.30pm. See p.18.
- 7 Wensleydale School Open Evening 6.00pm. See p.34.
- 7 Concert - Moray Welsh Trio, St Andrews, Aysgarth. 4.00pm and 7.30pm. See p.18.
- 8 Concert - Leveret Folk Musicians, Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p.22.
- 15 Leyburn U3A AGM. See p.19.
- 20 Hawes UDCCP AGM. See p.12. 7.00pm. Hawes Market House.
- 20 Penhill Ladies. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm. Vicky Pails will be giving a talk entitled "Asylum"
- 21 Bainbridge W.I.Meeting. 7.30pm. Bainbridge Village Hall. See p.15.
- 22 Deadline for Children's Writing Competition Entries. See p.29.
- 22 Friends of the DCM. AGM. 2.00pm. See p. 9.
- 22-24 Leyburn Jazz Festival.
- 23 Talk 'My Climbing Years' Thoralyb Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.32.
- 29-30 Designers Market, Tennant's Leyburn. See p.26.

**Nov**

- 1 Wensleydale Tournament of Song. AGM. 7.00pm. Leyburn Methodist Hall

**October**

All events and exhibitions are included in the museum admission unless stated.

**Exhibition.** Love tokens, sittings and song – Knitting sticks from the John Dixon collection

**October 2nd – March 27th 2022**

Although created for a very practical purpose, knitting sticks were often treasured possessions, being given as love tokens carved for mothers and sweethearts. This stunning exhibition shares the background to this special form of folk art and features over 350 knitting sticks, each unique in design.



The exhibition will also feature archives and photographs from the Museum collection together with material from Leeds University Special Collections which are being shared through the Dialect and Heritage project (see the information below).



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## DCM October Events

### Sunday, October 10th 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Meet the Maker – Butter making and Dairying Dialect

Part of the Yorkshire Dales Annual Cheese Festival

We're taking part in the Cheese Festival which celebrates the incredible produce of the Dales – cheese very much included! We're one of many local businesses throughout the National Park hosting special events. Come along and learn how cheese and butter were made in a traditional Dales' farmhouse kitchen. We'll also be making use of our pop-up dialect kit so we can share some amazing "dairying" photos, archives and objects from our collections and those held at Leeds University.

The Annual Cheese Festival runs **Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th October 2021** see <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/shows/cheese-festival/> for more information.

### Saturday, October 23rd. 10.00am to 11.00am.

Art Online: Old Hand Knitters of the Dales

Artist Anji Timlin will be Live on Instagram @anjitimlin using Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby's book 'Old Hand Knitters of the Dales' 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 #dalesmuseumartclub. We will publish more details on how to join online on our website. £5 suggested donation.

### Tuesday, October 26th Time to be confirmed.

Help us undertake dialect research!

We are looking for volunteers to help us collect new in-depth oral history and dialect recordings and help us transcribe existing recordings. If you are confident, friendly, have good verbal and/or written communication and enjoy meeting and talking to new people of all backgrounds, we would love to hear from you!

Dr Tracy Craggs will be joining us on the 26th to deliver a training programme. Tracy has worked in the field of oral history for more than twenty years. Tracy has worked for the Holocaust Survivors Friendship Association for

ten years, recording survivors and their families, interviewed members of the armed forces, young and the not so young, and worked extensively with a large number of organisations and community groups including English Heritage, the Royal Armouries and the Oscars.

Joining us previously in 2019-2020 for Dairying Days, she enabled our local community to share personal stories and collections, to help bring our wonderful historic dairying artefacts and archive photographs in the museum to life. We are delighted to have her back for our Dialect and Heritage Project.

Contact [p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk) for full schedule and to book.

### Saturday, October 30th 10.30am to 12.30pm

Art Online: Old Hand Knitters of the Dales

Art workshop at DCM and Online. Join Artist Anji Timlin either at the Dales Countryside Museum or from home online for a two hour workshop using Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby's book 'Old Hand Knitters of the Dales'. We will publish more details of materials needed, and on how to join online if you can't get along to the Museum, on our website. Booking is essential for either workshop. £10 suggested donation. Call **01969 666210** or email [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

An update from our Dialect and Heritage Project 'In your words'.

We will be hosting a number of pop-up textile and dialect themed activities during the Love tokens, sittings and songs exhibition that celebrate the dialect words we have sourced from the knitting and handicrafts industry locally. Cop's, Broach's, Snock Snarl and Clue of Garn's are some of the many that were in use, and still might be across the Dales. In your words, invites you to contribute your words, just think how many variables of rag rugs there are! Hooky, proddy, clippy, proggy, shaggy, clippies, stobbies, clippers, peggies, clootie...

Keep an eye on our creation station in our train carriage this month as we reimagine the space ready for our Meet the Maker - Butter making and dairying dialect event. You'll be able to join the project lead and engagement officer to talk to them about all things dialect and dairying.

## Events in Reeth Memorial Hall

We are delighted to be able to resume our exciting programme of live music (subject to current Government guidelines). Ventilation will be provided through open doors and windows. The current seating arrangements mean that we will be unable to provide significant social distancing. Please bring your own drinks as we will not be serving refreshments for our first concerts.

**Friday, October 8th** – Leveret – three of England’s finest multi award-winning folk musicians combine fiddle, concertina and melodeon for an unforgettable evening. Tickets £15 (£17 door).

**Thursday, October 28th** – Himmerland – folk meets jazz meets world music with this 5-piece Scandinavian band combining vocals, sax,

fiddle, guitar, percussion and bouzouki. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

**Thursday, November 25th** – Gigspanner – Steeleye Span’s former fiddler, Peter Knight is joined by percussionist Sacha Trochet and guitarist Roger Flack. Tickets £16 (£18 door).

**Friday, December 17th** – GreenMatthews – Midwinter Revels – a celebration of Yuletide past with a plethora of weird and wonderful instruments. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Tickets are available from Reeth PO or phone **John Little (01748 884759)** or visit [www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk). Tickets are half price for under 16s. All concerts start at **8.00pm**.



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## The Upper Dales Health Watch

Synopsis of the meeting on September 13th

Update from the Central Dales Practice

Seasonal 'flu vaccines have not yet been delivered because of a shortage of drivers. Pharmacies are receiving deliveries and this is very unfair. This is being taken up with the CCG. When supplies are available the Practice will phone patients (probably in the evening), to make appointments.

National guidance regarding the Covid booster is still awaited. This will probably say that those 70+ and those clinically vulnerable will be given a Pfizer booster. Healthcare workers are also expected to be included.

The booster injections are likely to be given at Tennants again, or both Covid and seasonal 'flu could be given at the same time to Central Dales' patients in the Bainbridge Vets' lambing shed in Askrigg. Both venues are being made available free of charge.

There is currently a national shortage of glass bottles for blood samples, so those patients who have six monthly blood tests may have their tests delayed. The bottles are made in the EU. South Tees Hospital is providing a daily tray of plastic bottles for other samples.

Lynn expressed her disappointment as to the lack of information for the above issues.

Richmondshire is among the top ten localities for the take up of Covid jabs which is gratifying.

E consultations are continuing to take place successfully. Patients do have to have a phone conversation before a face to face appointment can be made, but patients will be invited into a surgery when appropriate.

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Muker Silver Band kept up the tradition of Hymn Singing in the village on the first Wednesday of September. It should have been the culmination of Muker Show, but though the show was cancelled, the band played on.

Many people turned up, and showed their appreciation by donating the grand total of £650 in a collection for Herriot Hospice Home Care, in memory of Dorothy Guy, a long-time member of the band, who died at home in Muker just before COVID struck.



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## Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in October

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| <b>October 3rd</b>  | Holy Communion                                     | Holy Communion                          | Harvest Celebration  |   |
| <b>October 10th</b> | Morning Prayer                                     | Morning Prayer                          | Holy Communion   | Holy Communion                                |
| <b>October 17th</b> | Holy Communion<br>Harvest Celebration              | Holy Communion                          | Morning Prayer<br><b>2.00pm BCP</b>                              |   |
| <b>October 24th</b> | Morning Prayer                                     | Holy Communion                          | 8.30 Holy Communion<br>10.30 Family Service<br>Praise in the Pen | Evening Prayer                                |
| <b>October 31st</b> | Morning Prayer                                     | Morning Prayer                          | Morning Prayer   |   |

Evening Prayer on **Sundays at 4.00pm** via our telephone conferencing service. - for details go to [www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services](http://www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services).

### Thoughts from the Vicarage

Wasn't it lovely to appreciate and enjoy a little 'Indian Summer' in September? But change is with us once again as the scent and colours of Autumn surround us, children and staff have settled into the routine of school and the timeless rhythm of the dale moves on.

Covid is still with us however and we are all still living with a great deal of change in our lives. The latest announcements from the government remind and restate that this situation will remain with us for some time yet and many are feeling unsettled as to the future.

King David of Israel was often facing great personal danger, difficulty and change in his life. As the familiar things that he had come to rely upon became increasingly fragile and unreliable he asked this question:

"What can an honest person do when everything crumbles?" Psalm 11 (CEV)

Anxiety and uncertainty existed in our lives before the pandemic but the virus has exposed and revealed our emotions in new ways. So what can we do and where can we turn for something reliable? Some 3000 years ago, David answered his own question- 'The Lord is my Fortress'.

When the going gets tough, those who are wise put their trust in one who is greater than all that they are facing. God himself. Christians are facing the same challenges as everyone else around them but they face them in a different way for they have discovered the reality the strength and the joy of living life with God.

It would be lovely to celebrate that with you at any of our services across the month.

With God's blessing



## Grant Support for Gayle Mill

Cultura Trust has received a grant from the Peter Sowerby Foundation to employ Stuart Parsons, Gayle Mill's 'animateur', for the coming year, and thereby reach more people through the mill's social capital for learning about the value of traditions to modern rural life.

Following a programme of work, including providing COVID-safe public access, Gayle Mill recently reopened to the public. Now Cultura can announce that the man at the heart of the mill has a secure future until the summer of 2022.

Stuart Parsons has become the face of Gayle Mill – for visitors, volunteers and partners. The grant from the Peter Sowerby Foundation provides Stuart and the mill with the certainty of

knowing he can plan ahead and develop its capacity as a resource for learning and wellbeing. The grant covers the twelve months from August 2021 to July 2022.

Graham Bell, Director of Cultura, added: "Gayle Mill has been at the forefront of technology and rural traditions for countless generations. Stuart has found his place with the mill as storyteller, broker, mentor and enabler. The grant directly supports Stuart but through him many others will benefit as we look forward to people being encouraged to experience, to try, to learn, to share."

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We meet on Monday evenings at the Bolton Arms in Leyburn, for whose support we are very grateful.

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## Cheese Festival to Celebrate Local Produce

The fourth 'Yorkshire Dales Cheese Festival - Celebrating Local Produce' is to take place from **October 7th to 10th**, with more than twenty local businesses participating.

'A Cheesy Twist', 'Truly Local Ice Cream' and 'Grab A Taste' are three of the named events laid out in the Cheese Festival 2021 map. Cookery courses, tasting experiences, demonstrations and special menus also feature in the programme.

A new Voices From The Dales podcast episode, 'Cheese Past', has been produced by the Dales Countryside Museum in the run up to the festival, to illustrate the Dales' close association with milk and cheese. It features Brian Sunter, Margaret Watson, Matthew Bell, Eleanor Scarr, Kit Calvert, Derek Ramsden and Iona Hill. A follow-up episode, 'Cheese Present', will be made during the festival.

Member Champion for Promoting Understanding at the National Park Authority, Kevin Frea, said: "The Cheese Festival 2021 is one of the ways in which we are showing support for local food and drink businesses. The idea is to extend the summer visitor season and encourage people to stay for longer while discovering the best local produce on offer. It's not all about cheese, either. There are fantastic local businesses making quality food and drink, such as craft ales, ice creams, cakes and preserves

"In a change from the first three Cheese Festivals we are not holding an opening weekend hub event at a single venue, so as not to create a big crowd. We also realise not all businesses have been in a position to hold a special event this year. So the key to this year's festival is the map. It shows where people can go to experience the best local produce available. If you're planning to visit the Dales during the festival period, then I would recommend using the map to go on a 'food crawl' across the Dales."

For the events and the map go to [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/cheese-festival](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/cheese-festival). For extra bites of information use #CheeseFest21 on social media. Listen to Voices From The Dales Cheese Past on podcast apps or here: [www.dalescountrysideuseum.org.uk/voices-from-the-dales/](http://www.dalescountrysideuseum.org.uk/voices-from-the-dales/).

## Some Local Events

**6th** Humble Pie Cookery School, Hawes DL83RD. 'Wild about Yorkshire'. This cookery course celebrates the finest ingredients produced within Wensleydale. Use Wensleydale Cheese to make a quiche and Askrigg Ale from the Wensleydale Brewery for a moist fruit cake. [www.humblepieyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.humblepieyorkshire.co.uk). **10.00am – 2.00pm.**

**7th** Fairhursts at Berry's Farm Shop, Swinithwaite, DL84UH. Cheese and Wine Tasting Evening. A selection of eight beautiful and varied cheeses to taste, paired with wine and port, plus a connoisseur to guide you through. **7.00pm.** [www.fairhursts.co.uk](http://www.fairhursts.co.uk).

**7-9th** Corn Mill Tea Room, Bainbridge. Cheese Menu. A tempting cheesy specials board. **9.30am to 4.30pm.**

**8-10th** Wensleydale Ice Cream Parlour DL83A, Truly Local Ice Cream. Partnering with Raydale Preserves, there will be three special ice creams available for the festival; Blackcurrant Cheesecake, Rhubarb and Custard, Gooseberry and Elderflower. **11.30am to 5.00pm.** [www.wensleydale-icecream.co.uk/parlour](http://www.wensleydale-icecream.co.uk/parlour).

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- Write your story – it must be type written and between 300 and 500 words long (your school can help you with access to computers and email).
- Email your entry to [uwnlinput@gmail.com](mailto:uwnlinput@gmail.com).
- Ensure your name, age, name of your school, email and postal addresses are included on your work (otherwise we can't enter your work into the competition).
- Completed entries must reach us by **Friday, October 22nd**.
- Only one entry per person. The story must be your own original work and you must have your parent/guardian's permission to enter.
- Entrants must be 7-11 years old at the time of entering, attending a Primary School and resident in the UWNL area (see front cover for our circulation area).
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## Blueboxt Productions – September Update

### Activities

Our new activity sessions launched in partnership with Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. It is not too late to join **Leyburn Youth Drama Club**. Weekly sessions will run **5.00pm -6.30pm on Mondays** during term-time led by actor and educator Jennifer Sagers.

**Musical Cultures** is inviting young people aged 11-19 years to help chose which destinations will be visited. Keep an eye on our social media pages and website for more information. A series of world music workshops will take place with guest musicians over the coming months.

**Play>Record>Perform** – Our regular sessions take place on **Fridays from 6.30pm** and are perfect for musicians looking to gain experience playing in a group and/or developing their solo performance. Music styles covered are varied from jazz to rock to musical theatre.

### Events

The first **Leyburn Jazz Festival** takes place later this month running over three days from **Friday 22nd to Sunday, October 24th** Full details of the artists performing can be found at [www.leyburnjazz.co.uk](http://www.leyburnjazz.co.uk). As well as ticketed events there are a number of free performances. The Colin Bailey Band will present an afternoon of standards, songbook favourites and rarer gems in the comfort of Tennants' Garden Room Café on **Friday afternoon from 2.30pm** and host a showcase event with local performers on **Saturday from 11.00am**.

**Coming up...** Tickets are on sale for our 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance which will be held on **Saturday, November 27th** at The Falls Café and Giftshop, Aysgarth (or T' Motel). Tickets cost £30 which includes a welcome drink, three course meal with tea and coffee. Entertainment will be provided by the Colin Bailey Band with special guests and members of the Play>Record>Perform project. Proceeds will support our performing arts activities for young people in Wensleydale and Swaledale.

A copy of our latest Opportunities Update bulletin can be downloaded from our website [www.blueboxt.co.uk](http://www.blueboxt.co.uk) or requested by email. To book tickets/ places or find out more contact **Colin Bailey on 07711 211169** or email [info@blueboxt.co.uk](mailto:info@blueboxt.co.uk).

## BAWB Schools News

Our schools are back after the summer break – raring to go – and with Covid restrictions slightly lifted, which means our children can play together and eat lunch together at last! We have welcomed Miss Atkins into our Year 2 Class at West Burton and four new children into our Nursery and one Y3 pupil at Askrigg.

Prior to the break we had our Y6 leaver's services – this time held outdoors at Semerwater for our Bainbridge and Askrigg registered children and at the West Burton Waterfall for the West Burton children, led respectively by Rev. Dave and Rev. Tom. The weather was kind and the services were beautiful. Askrigg has a new Trim Trail which is proving popular with the children – outside of school hours it is available for members of the public to use. Come along and give it a whirl!

We are pleased to report that we have been able to resume our after-school clubs with sports clubs at West Burton and Askrigg and Cycle Club, courtesy of Stage 1 Cycles. The clubs are proving very popular with the children. We have also resumed our Celebration Assemblies on a Friday afternoon with parents (one per family for now) allowed to attend.

Our Federation has a new website [www.b-a-wb.co.uk](http://www.b-a-wb.co.uk) – this is where families can find out what is happening within the schools, download policies and other relevant information. Each class has their own area to post any exciting news or photos, as do our PTFAs. We also have a community news section so local events can be posted on the website.

Our Robins class (EYFS and Reception) have enjoyed a walk with the Owls (Y1) class on Monday, looking for early signs of Autumn. They spotted some changing leaves on trees and on the ground and different berries. It will be great for the children to observe more seasonal changes as we continue our weekly walks. It is wonderful to see the enjoyment of the children at being back in class. We even had one child remark that he loved doing his homework and asked mum if she had eyes in the back of her head like his teacher and if she did, were they invisible or covered by her hair!

We will be reporting in the next issue on other forthcoming activities such as cross country and football and any other exciting news.

## News From the Vets

We are seeing outbreaks of kennel cough locally and the cases seem to be increasing nationally as well. Kennel cough is a respiratory infection caused by a number of bacteria and viruses. It is not usually dangerous and normally clears up without treatment within a few weeks.

Apart from your dog coughing, the infection is unlikely to make them feel ill, but puppies, elderly dogs and those with existing medical conditions can be susceptible to complications from kennel cough, such as pneumonia

Kennel cough has an incubation period of two to 14 days. In terms of vaccination for the disease, some of the infections that can cause kennel cough are included in the basic vaccinations dogs need to have as a puppy, and subsequent boosters. These are canine adenovirus type two, canine parainfluenza virus, canine distemper, and canine influenza.

But the most common bacteria present in kennel cough is Bordetella bronchiseptica, which can be given as a separate vaccine – through nasal drops or injection. However, as there are many strains of the infection, it cannot guarantee protection – but at the very least should lessen symptoms.

Vaccination is not useful in dogs already incubating kennel cough. The nasal vaccine for Bordetella bronchiseptica can be given when your dog is as young as three weeks, with it providing protection for about 12 months. It takes four days for it to become effective, and is considered the fastest method of providing immunity.

Although protection is not guaranteed, many boarding kennels require dogs staying with them to have the Bordetella bronchiseptica vaccine.

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## The Gurkhas are Coming to Leyburn

For the first time in North Yorkshire there will be a performance by the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas. This concert will include the famous Gurkha Kukri Dance and the full warmth and enthusiasm which only Gurkhas can create. This is a Charity concert for the Gurkha Welfare Fund which supports Gurkha Veterans and their widows.

This year the concert will be supporting a clean water and sanitation project at the village of Syanje to the north east of Pokhara. The concert will be in The Garden Rooms at Tennants on **Monday, November 29th at 6.30pm for 7.00pm.** By accessing the website [www.gwt.org.uk/concert21](http://www.gwt.org.uk/concert21) you will find a link allowing the purchase of tickets and further information about the concert.

Tickets are either Tier A (the front block of seating) at £15 or Tier B (the rear block of seating) at £12. There will be a prize draw during the evening.

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## THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM LEYBURN

A new academic year and for the first time in twenty months, it is starting to feel normal! We welcomed Year 7s into school a little earlier than usual, with a very successful summer school. As well as lessons and getting to know their way around and the staff, students also participated in a circus skills workshop and CCF experience. Mr Lundie and Mr McIntosh getting into the swing of things. We Lateral Flow Tested the whole school twice in the first week; no mean feat but it was a relief to finally put the testing station to sleep for a while. We are still maintaining sensible precautions, but the government has relieved schools from the pressure of on site testing- for now.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our students and parents for the superb standard of uniform that has been achieved. I fully appreciate how hard it can be to get students ready, but we have a super set of students who look amazing in their uniforms. We also welcomed our new Post 16 students into school. As readers will know we have been working really hard to ensure we offer a unique and exciting offer for 6th form. We may be small, but the students are a real tonic and represent the school so well.

The Multi-Use Game Area (MUGA) is now fully refurbished and thanks to Joe Willis, Shane Close and a number of volunteers we also have fully working flood lights once again. The

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Junior footballers will be using the facility four days a week as the nights get shorter, so I am really grateful.

Our curriculum and enrichment offer continues to grow. This year we are so fortunate to be able to offer two hours of enrichment activities on a Wednesday afternoon plus two further one hour sessions a week. We are delighted to be able to hold our Yr5 and 6 Open evening from **6.00pm on Thursday, October 7th** covid permitting. Students and parents will have the chance to look round the school, meet students, teachers and get a real taste of the lessons. In addition, I am still offering 1:1 tours of school either during the school day or at 4.00pm. Please do get in touch if you would like to arrange a visit.

Finally, our school production of High School Musical went into rehearsal this week. It is our first major production for five years, so we are super excited. Performances will be held on the evenings of Tuesday, April 5th – Friday, April 8th 2022 at 7.00pm.

Next month our new Media club will take over writing articles. It will be great to have the students perspective- with editorial comment obviously.

**Julia Polley, Headteacher**  
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## Prunings

The second week of September turned out to be a last flush of Summer. The 7th dawned with a cloudless sky and I was fascinated by how the late summer sun enhanced the colours on the patio. I have a pink cactus dahlia in a tub which is covered in blooms, most are as big as I can stretch my hand. One even has a second flower growing out of it. I have never seen a piggy back dahlia before.



There are at least twenty heads on the sunflower which has been spectacular and I have already taken off more than a dozen to put them on the bird-feeders. The blue salvia flowered its last and a striking agapanthus took over from it. Behind them the brilliant “Mrs Popple”, clothed in red and purple, just keeps on getting bigger, and the black eyed rudbeckia will continue to cheer me in the coming months.

The 7th was also a day for butterflies which arrived in clouds. I had taken some deadheads off the white buddleia the previous evening but that morning it was absolutely alive. I tried to count them, but they were not still for long enough to be accurate. There were at least thirty or forty – the usual suspects: Red Admiral, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell. The Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*) was the most numerous and although we seldom see them until the summer is well advanced, they are now considered a native species as they regularly survive the winter in the south of England. They normally produce only one brood per year, but in warm weather, the egg, larva, pupa and emergence can be completed in around a month.

There has been no sign this year of the Painted Lady. Perhaps we are just a little bit too exposed, or the conditions have not been as good on their journey north. They were definitely here last year. In her book charting the re-wilding of the Knepp Castle estate, (Wilding: The return of Nature to a British farm) Isabella Tree describes how they suffered an infestation of Ragwort, much to the consternation and annoyance of their neighbours. In the nick of time the Painted Ladies arrived and laid eggs on the ragwort which was subsequently consumed by the caterpillars and was never a serious problem again.

It is seed collecting time. If you have been assiduously dead-heading all season there won't be much to collect, but if, like me, you've been a bit lax, there will be seeds everywhere. They are best collected on a dry day and kept in paper bags until the cases have dried and the seeds have fallen out. Store them in paper in a cool dry place and label clearly. However good your memory, by next spring they will unrecognisable.

Suddenly, the heather is over and the trees are taking on their later colours. The changes are subtle at first, then it all happens so quickly and Autumn is upon us. Next job – bulb catalogues. According to Gardening Which, the best performing dwarf daffodil was “Jetfire”. It will be a contrast with “Tête à Tête”.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

Rose Rambler

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

**11.00am** Harvest Service, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton. Supporting The Addington Fund a rural charity who help farming families in time of need.

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### Friday, October 8th

**6.30pm** Harvest Service, Holy Trinity, Wensley, followed with nibbles.

### Sunday, October 10th

**10.30am** MAF Penhill Together Benefice Service with HC. St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Ian Belton will give an illustrated talk about Mission Aviation Fellowship's amazing work. To raise funds for MAF there will be a bring and share lunch plus a stall to buy books for £1. Donations will help MAF's work.

### Sunday, October 17th

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

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

**11.00am** Holy Communion and a Baptism, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

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

### Sunday, October 24th

**9.30am** Holy Communion, and a Baptism, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

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

**6.00pm** Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

### Sunday, October 31st

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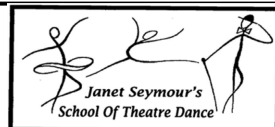
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