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Guest Editorial

A Journey to Wensleydale

Sitting at the kitchen table, coffee in hand, warm jumper keeping the autumnal drafts at bay, the challenge of the 'guest editorial' was staring me in the face - the blank title, the mysterious topic. Several scratched ideas and coffee refills later I thought, here I am looking out at Addleborough, listening to the muffled comings and goings of sheep and quad bike. How did a 60's child from North Bucks end up here? And there it was, the topic, my journey to Wensleydale. An introduction, an insight, a personal story.

I'll start at the end of a journey shaped by many life experiences, the 'why I'm here'. Like others in the Dale, I am an in-comer, born elsewhere, worked all-abouts but settling here, because I wanted to trade mechanical noise for natural noise, street lighting for dark skies, crowds for community and weather dodging for weather watching. I'm not wearing my rose tinted specs, I know it's a trade. And yes, I do miss the ten minute pop to the supermarket, buses every few minutes not few hours, shop till you drop city centres, theatre and hospitals a short drive away.

But I've ended up living in a place that's been chosen, the culmination of my life so far. My early childhood was shaped by parents who had known the Buckinghamshire countryside when it still was a rural county, their town built around agriculture, tanning and lacemaking. My Mum's wildlife spotting and country walks are at the heart of my love of nature. With her we picked crab apples, blackberries, and rose-hips for preserves and learnt her own names for wildlife, did you know that chut-na-budney describes any small, energetic bird? My Dad was one of the early adopters of the 'motorhome' and we spent many happy holidays touring North Yorkshire and Northumberland, two adults, two kids and one cat in a tiny campervan (with pop up roof). This experience I'm sure sparked my love of big spaces and dramatic landscapes.

Growing up, Girl Guides took me back-woods cooking, bog hopping in the Peak District and camping in North Wales. I give thanks to the commitment and energy of Ms Piercy, our Guide leader, who fanned the flames of my love for outdoor adventure.

As a young adult two big events collided to push me further down my path to Yorkshire. I met my future husband (a Yorkshireman doing penance in the south) and started at the University of Leeds. Trips to meet the (future) in-laws in Airedale, couples' camping trips to the Dales and serious weekend walking with the Leeds Uni Hiking Club cemented my relationship with Yorkshire. My home finally moved 150 miles from Buckinghamshire to West Yorkshire. Inching towards Wensleydale.

Work then took over. A career in advertising meant that I had to put my real outdoor self with my walking boots and weather dependent past-times on the weekend back-burner. Out came slick city heels, office politics and 12 hour days. Throughout my 20 and 30's, career came first, I'd lost sight of the Dales. Enter the 'mid-life crisis' - paragliding. Now I was able to fly over the Dales creating a whole different view of the moors and valleys, losing that feeling of depth but gaining a broader horizon. And when not flyable, just sitting all day on a beautiful hillside waiting for the wind to be right.

My 40's and 50's saw me back on the treadmill and with my husband working abroad I seemed to spend most of my time in a car or on a train - Keighley to York to London, back to Keighley, up to Wensleydale, back to Keighley. Rewind and repeat! But it was all worth it, without this hectic time in our lives we would not have been able to make the final leg of this journey - the move to Wensleydale. With a slight stop-over that was (and still is) the Covid pandemic, we finally condensed thirty years of work, play and belongings into a wind-sculpted Dales longhouse.

So, here I am. Older, wiser but definitely less energetic. Sat looking out over Addleborough thinking about my past life, looking forward to my new life, just watching the weather bluster by.

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This grant is not restricted purely to academic studies, but also includes practical courses and learning/instruction in skills which will improve opportunities for employment (such as cookery, hairdressing, beauty etc). In the past, this grant has been used by successful applicants to purchase not only text books but also laptops, sewing machines, cookery knives and beauty kit.

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 in the Wensleydale Vets advert on page 2. Many of you spotted her and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is John Sycamore of Kirk Smeaton, North Yorkshire.

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



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November Competition

For those of you who love anagrams! Here are some games and pastimes.

- 1 DENIED HAKES
- 2 NORSE RUD
- 3 LOW GENT NIP NID
- 4 GREW LINTS
- 5 GIN IN CANDLE
- 6 NINE GOUT REMAIN
- 7 LIL KNEW FLAG
- 8 BIT LESS PATH
- 9 SONGS DON'T RUSH CASE
- 10 I GREET RONNIE
- 11 ADE DRANK LESS SAND
- 12 PA CROW BELTS

Send your answers to arrive no later than **Tuesday, November 23rd** for a chance to win the £20 prize which will be sent to your nominated charity.

October Competition Answers

1. Stoat
2. Ferret
3. Weasel
4. Shrew
5. Field mouse
6. Brown rat
7. Otter
8. Pine Marten
9. Water vole
10. Common Seal
11. Hedgehog
12. Fox

Only three correct entries this month and the lucky winner is Kelvin Young from Skidby, East Yorkshire. His chosen charity to receive £20 is the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Don't Lose Your Way' Project

The Ramblers' Association has initiated an exercise to identify footpaths that were shown on old maps but which have NOT BEEN included on today's OS maps.

This process highlighted some 49,000 miles of footpaths which could be lost if they are not officially recognised by January 2026.

This is obviously a daunting task and so to make it more manageable they're now asking for the "missing" paths to be prioritised and hope that interested individuals might like to help out. The process is simple enough. Click on <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved> and it takes you (via a number of clicks) to a map of England. Enter HAWES (for example) in the search box and the OS map of the area comes up. The "missing" paths are highlighted in blue and all you have to do is click on each one and allocate a priority from the drop-down list. Enter a comment and then click SAVE.

Over the coming months, they will be introducing the opportunity for anyone to sign up as a 'Don't Lose Your Way' researcher.

Researchers will collect and interpret historical records, which they will use to claim lost rights of way. They are producing dedicated resources and introducing training for researchers in the coming months. The Ramblers will let you know as soon as it is possible to sign up for this role.

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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| Hawes: | Community Office | 667400 |
| Gayle: | Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings | 667006 |
| Bainbridge: | Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside | 650525 |
| Askrigg: | Sykes Shop, | 650535 |
| Carperby: | New contact needed | |
| West Burton: | Nadine Bell, Margarets Cottage | 663559 |
| Aysgarth: | Hamilton's Tearoom | 663423 |
| Redmire: | Kevin Davis Westholme | 624165 |
| Thoralby: | Sandra Foley, Shop | 663205 |
| West Witton | Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth | 624934 |

Back in the Days of Half-Crowns and Two Bobs

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

When all younger siblings wore hand me down shoes,

And T.V had only two channels to choose.

Back in the days of threepenny bits,

When schools employed Nora to search for your nits.

When snowballs were harmless, ice slides were permitted,

And all of your clothing were warm and hand knitted.

Back in the days of homemade ginger beers,

When children remained kids for more than ten years.

When children respected what older folks said,

And pot was a thing you kept under your bed.

Back in the days of Listen with Mother,

When neighbours were friendly and conversed with each other.

When cars were so sparse you could play in the street.

When Doctors made house calls, Police walked the beat.

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

It was tripe and onions for dinner and jam bread for tea,

And your annual break was a day by the sea.

Back in the days of Dixon of Dock Green,

Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream.

When children could all wear National Health glasses,

And qualified teachers took all of the classes.

Back in the days of hard work and achieving,

When mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.

When woodwork and cooking got taught in all schools,

And everyone dreamt of a win on the pools.

Back in the days when I was a lad,

I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.

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Best Foot Forward: Bainbridge to Hawes

For some people, and I'm one of them, planning a walk is a hugely enjoyable experience, whether it be for a group or a single person. I have to confess that I am a bit of a map addict and admit to being old-fashioned enough to much prefer the paper Ordnance Survey maps, rather than using a modern gadget like a mobile phone or a GPS. There is something really satisfying about piecing together a route that links various footpaths, tracks and roads in such a way that it meets the requirements of the occasion. I spend hours reading OS maps and although guide books have their place, I rarely use them to plan a day's walk. For me they are more useful when walking something like the Pennine Way or the Coast to Coast.

Perhaps the most obvious decision which has to be made at the start is distance. How far do we want to walk? How long have we got? Then there is terrain: is it hilly or flat? Is it easy going or rough and difficult? A whole range of other questions also arise: How do we avoid too much road walking? Can we bypass any really muddy bits? Will there be lots of stiles and gates to negotiate...and so on? Much depends on how familiar the area is. Although there are paths I have never walked in Wensleydale, much of the area is so familiar that route planning is easy, but there are still some areas where creating a satisfactory route is difficult.

As an example, consider a walk from Bainbridge to Hawes. On the main A684 road it is about four miles. Only a desperate person would walk on this road with all its speeding traffic and blind bends, so we look for alternatives. None are entirely satisfactory. We can do what the Romans did and walk up their dead straight Cam High Road as far as the Burtersett road. Not ideal because it involves a fair bit of climbing, a tarmac road at both ends and a lot of stones on the track.

Another alternative, with less climbing and almost no road walking, is to cross the river at Yorebridge and take the footpath to the old railway line. This is a pleasant walk with hardly any gradient but beyond Cams House the railway line disappears into privately owned fields and in any case there is no bridge where it used to cross the river. The only way onwards is on the road to Stone House or, a better option, on footpaths to Sedbusk and then down over Haylands Bridge to Hawes.

A third alternative is again to cross the river and head towards Skell Gill and Litherskew. This is a good route but once again it is higher up and involves some climbing.

After dry weather it is possible to use stepping stones. A favourite route of mine is to turn into the fields opposite the Yorbridge Hotel and thread a route along the valley floor to Borwins, then cross the stepping stones to Cams House, walk a mile or so to another set of stepping stones and then follow a bridleway up to the A684. It comes out almost opposite the back road to Burtersett, which is linked to Hawes by several footpaths. This route is varied and interesting but there aren't many days of the year when you can rely on the river being low enough to guarantee safe passage (see photo).



Currently it's a no-no anyway because the stepping stones at Borwins have been dislodged yet again, this time by the floods in early 2020. Apparently that happens nearly every year, so it is a reminder that it is risky to include stepping stones on any route plan. So there is a gap of about a mile and a half between Borwins and Catriggs Farm with no right of way across the land. It isn't Open Access land, so anyone trying to walk it would be trespassing.

Newsletter No 265 (February 2020) featured an interesting article by Andrew Fagg, describing how public footpaths became established and how some never made it onto the definitive map. With this in mind I decided to look at the Ramblers' website, which highlights a campaign called 'Don't lose your way'. Because the government has put a deadline of 2026 for any lost footpath in England and Wales to be registered, volunteers for the Ramblers have mapped 49,000 miles of lost footpaths, all of which are available for the public to see on their website. However, when I looked at the upper Wensleydale section, there was no evidence to suggest that there had ever been a footpath across the Borwins to Catriggs Farm gap.

This may come as some relief to farmers in that area. The Ramblers are pushing to get as many lost footpaths onto the statute books as possible but the legal process is unwieldy and there could be contentious issues with local land users. We already have a wonderful network of public rights of way and the gaps like the one discussed here are fairly rare, so I believe that any new extension to the system should take into account local sensitivities.

Planning a route sometimes requires ingenuity but that's all part of the fun. I have always encouraged anyone to use a map and get out to explore further afield. If you do, you will usually find it very rewarding.

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Ageing

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than ten years old, you're so excited about Ageing that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life . . . You become 18. Even the words sound like a ceremony . YOU BECOME 18. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would. So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I was JUST 92."

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 101 and a half!"

May you all make it to a healthy 101 and a half!!

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Sunday, November 7th

- 9.30am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's, Redmire.
- 9.30am Holy Communion, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.
- 11.00am Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.
- 11.00am Holy Communion, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.
- 3.00pm A Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for those who have died. St Andrew's, Aysgarth.

Sunday, November 14th, Remembrance Sunday

- 9.30am Remembrance Service, St. Mary's, Redmire.
- 10.45am Remembrance Service, St Andrew's, Aysgarth.
- 10.45am Remembrance Service, Holy Trinity, Wensley.

Sunday, November 21st

- 9.30am Holy Communion, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.
- 9.30am Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Redmire.
- 9.30am Morning Prayer, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.
- 11.00am Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.
- 11.00am Morning Prayer with a Baptism St. Bartholomew's, West Witton

Sunday, November 28th

- 10.30am Holy Communion United Service for Advent, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

November Mid-Week Services.

Thursday 11th and 25th at 9.30am. Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Church Coffee Morning: 10.30am to noon on Wednesday, November 3rd at Redmire Village Hall.

Church Afternoon Tea: 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Wednesday, November 17th at Redmire Village Hall.



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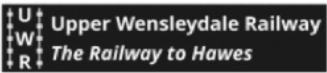
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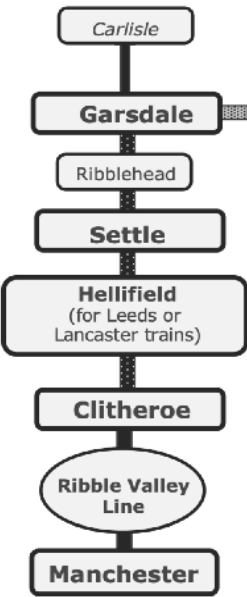
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The local UWR volunteers made great efforts to ensure the success of the day, for which the appreciation of all concerned is due. Thanks also to the staff at the DCM for their capable assistance both beforehand and on the day.

For further information, please visit website <https://upperwensleydalerrailway.org.uk> where you can register for occasional email updates on the Contact page.

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Hawes in Bloom

We have now removed the hanging baskets around the town but as I write we have left the troughs and other planters. These are still making quite a good show and depending on the weather, they should be good for a few more weeks yet.

Again, a big thank you to all the loyal band of volunteers who turn up, whatever the weather, and make it a quick and efficient operation with plenty of smiles along the way!

For those residents who purchased the large wire baskets I would be grateful if you would empty and return them (with chains) in the next few weeks to Liz Lawson at Wensleydale Printers. We do not need the wicker baskets back thanks.

I hope to add bulbs and a bit of spring bedding to the planting around the John Blackie Memorial stone and also the large sheep feeder nearby.

Best wishes

Richard Noble
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New Fine Furniture Business in Wensleydale

A former fell running champion has been inspired by the hills surrounding his Yorkshire Dales National Park home to start his new bespoke furniture making business. Talented Tom Addison is creating pieces of work based on places and hills around his home close to Askrigg.



One item of furniture - a console hall table - he has just completed captures the profile of the iconic hill Addlebrough which he can see across the fields from his living room window. He has also produced the stylish Ellerkin lamp table and the functional Sedbergh coffee table. Of the Addlebrough table he says: "This table evokes the fell's recognisable landscape profile with its sweeping, curved tapered legs with tapered chamfers on each edge."

Tom trained for six years at the prestigious Peter Hall and Sons workshop in the Lake District village of Staveley and learnt traditional furniture making techniques as well as gaining valuable knowledge about design and construction. More recently he has been working for Castle Timber Buildings in joinery and construction.

"With the experience gained, I decided to set up my own furniture making workshop and studio at my home," said the 31-year-old father-of-one who was crowned English fell running champion in 2014. "I now strive to design and make fresh, inspiring and beautiful pieces of furniture with quality and craftsmanship at the heart."

"I fell in love with hills and mountains when I was running competitively and when I moved to Wensleydale after getting married in July 2018, I was struck by the beauty of the hills that

surround my home and wanted to capture some of their character in the furniture that I have started making."

"I am now lucky to live and work in the Dales and I take great pleasure in getting out into the hills with my family and dog, whether it's running or walking and I find the scenery and peace and quiet very inspiring for my furniture designing," said Tom who has represented England and Great Britain in mountain running. "My running has allowed me to travel to some of the most beautiful parts of the world experiencing different cultures and new landscapes, which has really shaped and influenced my life."

"I have just finished my first substantial commission which was to design and make a contemporary, stylish yet functional desk for a client in London, I have thoroughly enjoyed working together to create a very beautiful standalone piece which can be cherished for many lifetimes."

"Small and medium sized businesses are the backbone of the British economy." Said David Poole MBE, Member, Lower Wensleydale Business Network. "It is great to see our young people with their new and innovative ideas starting new businesses. It is just what the UK and North Yorkshire needs as we emerge from the Covid pandemic and start a new beginning as an independent country outside the EU. Tom Addison Fine Furniture is exactly what our local economy needs, a craftsman based in the Dales with a young family putting his passion and skill for designing and making bespoke furniture into a new business. The Lower Wensleydale Business Network, as part of our drive to support emerging businesses in our area, is delighted to have been associated with this new business."

Tom can be contacted at: tom@tafinefurniture.co.uk or 07585 952951 and you can see his portfolio of furniture made on his website: www.tafinefurniture.co.uk



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Leyburn Arts and Community Centre News

Little Shop Grand Sale, books jigsaws, dvds, cards, clothes and plants. Cafe serving bacon sandwiches. Free entry. **Saturday, October 30th, 10.30am – 3.00pm.**

Art Exhibition, Fibre Art from the Yorkshire Dales by Aysgarth based Elli Sarri-Neate, free entry, **October 28th to November 2nd, 10.00am to 4.00pm.**

Leyburn and District U3A. The November meeting is on **Friday, November 19th from 10.00am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. The talk will begin at **10.30am** and is by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Free for members, small fee for visitors, all welcome.

Quiz Night, **Saturday, November 6th, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.** £10 including light supper, bar open, raising funds for LA and CC and the Jonas Centre. Tel **624510** to book.

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Mystery Picture

Last month's Mystery Picture was of a gate on the footpath between Carperby and Bolton Castle.

Believe it or not this is a photograph of a Grade 2 listed building! So where can you find this boundary stone and what does the inscription say?



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Carperby Concerts Return

After an enforced twenty month lay-off, charity concerts return to Carperby Village Institute in November, with an event dedicated to a young Carperby resident. James Ashcroft who died in May 2019, just shy of his 18th birthday, and this first concert will raise money for Young Minds Mental Health.



The guests will be one of the hardest working acts on the folk and acoustic circuit. **Winter Wilson** are a Scots/English, husband and wife duo who, in 2019, aside from touring around the UK, performed in Australia, Spain, Belgium and Canada. They also released *Live and Unconventional*, the long-awaited live album, recorded on tour and at Cropredy Festival with folk-rock icons Fairport Convention.

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More recently, like many, they were hit hard by the loss of opportunities for live performance during the pandemic. Being confined to the house wasn't in their nature, but after a couple of weeks, they found a way to make the best of it. They launched their *Live from the Lounge* videos, a one-off experiment that turned in a sixty-week epic, each episode around an hour long. They alternated performances that trawled their back catalogue with ones that consisted entirely of covers. As they rose to the challenge of responding to requests, they ended up learning over 500 new songs and all this led to them being able to donate over £4000 to various charities, thanks to their worldwide network of supporters.

Winter Wilson bring a sense of intimacy to every venue, blending superb, often hard-hitting original songs, stunning harmonies and musicianship with sometimes hilarious humour and tales of life on the road. Kip Winter (vocals, accordion, guitar, flute) "simply has a voice to die for" (John Roffey, *Maverick Magazine*), whilst Dave Wilson (vocals, guitar and banjo) is now rightly recognized as being amongst the top tier of British songwriters, with his songs sung in folk clubs across the UK and beyond. With a new album, *The Passing of the Storm*, already garnering rave reviews, this is an act you won't want to miss.

The concert will be on **Saturday, November 20th at 8.00pm** at Carperby Village Institute. Tickets are £13 in advance or £15 on the door. Call **663808** to book or for further details.

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Farm for the Future in Yorkshire

The Farmer Network is a long-established support organisation for farmers, their families and their business. As concern grows within the industry as to what the future of farming may look like in diverse farming counties such as Yorkshire, the Farmer Network is hosting an open meeting for the farming community.

The meeting is part of the 'Farm for the Future Programme', coordinated by The Prince's Countryside Fund and funded by Defra's Future Farming Resilience Fund. The Farmer Network hopes that this initial welcome meeting will persuade farmers to join the Programme which will include a series of workshops and some free one-to-one advice. This will help farmers to better understand how the changes to farm support payments will affect the future of their businesses. It will help farmers to manage the upcoming changes, make informed decisions about the future of their farm business, and maximize the opportunities offered by the new ELM schemes.

The meeting will take place on **Monday November 1st at 7.00pm** at the Market House, Hawes. Any tenant or owner-occupied farm currently in receipt of BPS in England is eligible to join.

The meeting will be led by senior project manager Veronica Waller. She says "The programme is about considering options for the future and we are really looking forward to working with Yorkshire farmers on this project".

Farmer Network Managing Director Adam Day adds, "Farming in future will bring challenges and opportunities. We're keen to help farmers make sure they don't miss out and therefore we hope they will come to our welcome meeting as a starting point".

For more information and to express an interest in taking part, please call the Farmer Network on **01768 868615**, email Veronica@thefarmernetwork.co.uk or visit:

<https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/how-we-help/family-farm-businesses/defra-future-farming/>.

The Farmer Network Ltd is an independent, non-profit, farmer-led organisation that provides help and support to farmers and their businesses, whatever the challenge or opportunity. For further information about the Farmer Network Ltd, please contact Adam Day MRICS FLAA, Managing Director on **01768 868615** or email adam@thefarmernetwork.co.uk.

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The Clapham-based charity is particularly interested in funding projects that bring real benefits for the community following the pandemic and are sustainable and climate focussed.

Grants can also cover revenue expenses such as staff costs, rent or training, or be used for capital such as furniture, computers, or catering equipment. No match-funding is required, so groups can apply for up to 100% of the total project costs.

YDMT's Chief Executive, David Sharrod, said: "We're delighted to be able to relaunch our

community grant programme. Over the last eighteen months it was repurposed to provide frontline support to those organisations who are dealing with the pandemic. More than £58,000 was awarded to 38 projects supporting the health and wellbeing of those affected by COVID-19."

"As we emerge from the pandemic, we know our communities need more support. We want to help build community resilience and allow Dales communities to survive and thrive, for example boosting community owned assets, establish or strengthen locally produced food supply or strengthen the sense of community by tackling rural isolation."

Please visit www.ydmt.org/community-grants to download the application form, guidance notes and map of the eligible area. Applications will be assessed on a rolling process with trustees reviewing applications quarterly.

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Love Token Man: 'Poor Deserve Recognition'

A retired carpet fitter from Huddersfield is exhibiting his large and rare collection of knitting sticks at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes. John Dixon, 78, said the knitting sticks, sometimes given as finely crafted love tokens, told the story of a people who were poor and who deserved to be recognised. During the past twenty years he has collected more than 400 sticks. They were once a common object in Dales households. All have been put on display in the exhibition, "Love tokens, sittings and song - Knitting sticks from the John Dixon collection", which opened on **October 2nd and will run until March 27th 2022.**

John Dixon, from Shelley near Huddersfield, said: "We have been trying to get this exhibition together for several years and to see it now makes me elated. Every knitting stick has been a challenge to collect and save, polish, look at now and again, polish again and store. It's given me a chance to know the relationship between the valleys up here - the social history of how Middleton in Teesdale is different from Dentedale."

Knitting sticks were used in Britain wherever wool was produced, but they have fallen out of use. In some parts of the country, particularly Wales, they were given as love tokens. In the Dales the sticks were plainer, but each was a unique piece of wood carving.

Mr Dixon said: "A knitting stick is just a piece of wood with a hole in the end for the needle. It's tucked under your arm (or held fast in a belt) so you can knit with three or four needles. They learned in the 1800s that if you had a stick, you could knit faster and therefore earn more money. The money that they earned was a pittance but it was better than nothing. I've got about ten from the 1700s. The majority are from the early 1800s when we were - dare I say this - fighting the French. In this area we used to knit socks and load them on to big carts in Kendal and take them down to Liverpool and Bristol and Portsmouth. We knitted thousands and thousands of socks. And they knitted them in a tube, not as we know it with a heel and a toe. The men used fruitwood to carve the shape of a leg - they are called leg boards - and these would be pushed into the tube. It would be put into water for a couple of days so the sock would take shape. When the sailors and the

army wore the heel out they just twisted the sock around"

"The people who used these sticks were old when they were in their 30s. They were poor. Men used to knit when they walked to the lead mines. If they were walking three or four miles, they knitted. And they got to the mines and there'd be a shed where they'd put their knitting sticks and wool and go down the mines and come back and knit all the way back home. These knitting sticks tell the story of a people who were poor and who deserve recognition, in my opinion."

In the exhibition the knitting sticks are cased in groups that highlight the different styles. Some, called representations, are shaped like fish, hands, legs, shoes or dogs. Others are shaped like pegs, spindles, or have intricate chains carved from a single piece of wood. There are also examples from Spain, Greece, Holland, Bavaria and France. Some are decorated with tiny glazed windows containing messages or the name of the woman who would have received it as a gift. Others have heart shapes made from bone or are inlaid with wood. They are stunning objects that tell a fascinating story.

The exhibition also includes knitting dialect and visitors are encouraged to share their family words linked with knitting and crafts.



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The event will feature many well-known carols plus some lesser known, but nonetheless just as wonderful. From rousing classics to subtle lullabies plus one or two surprises, the afternoon gives Malcolm the opportunity to showcase the organ and the acoustics of St Margaret's to its full ability. There will be a short interval during which refreshments will be served. There is no entry charge for this event, but it is hoped that retiring donations will be made which will go towards an organ restoration fund. Speaking about the event, Malcolm says "I hope that people will come along to experience the beauty and subtlety of Rawsthornes' arrangements and their fabulous harmonic twists and turns. So, whether you fancy a break from your Christmas shopping or just wish to come and sit and reflect in the run-up to the busy Christmas period and you enjoy the music of Christmas Carols, then this is an event not to be missed.

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Making the evening extra special were the Picnic Supper Boxes kindly provided by Elizabeth Fawcett at Humble Pie Cookery Kitchen in conjunction with kind donations by members of St. Oswald's congregation.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Marie herself who freely gave of her time in support of this effort. Many thanks also to the Roundthorn Country House Hotel, Penrith, together with local raffle prize sponsors - The Kings Arms, Bake-Well Cafe, Ramsay's Fish & Chips, Yorkshire Dales Brewing Co., and local ceramics artist - Suzie Wright and artist Stewart Huntington. All of these sponsors provided fabulous raffle prizes which no doubt helped to swell the overall total raised.

A final word of thanks to Michael at Sykes shop for selling both concert and raffle tickets and to Kevin Sorsby at Three Peaks shop in Hawes for also selling tickets and sponsoring the printing of all the raffle tickets.

The PCC of Askrigg are pleased to announce that the total raised from concert ticket sales, raffle ticket sales and a significant amount of other donations came to a grand total of **£2,028** which is a fantastic achievement. A big thank you to everyone who supported us and helped in some way to make this event such a huge success.

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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 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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- 29-30 Designers' Market, Tennants, Leyburn
- 30 Little Shop Grand Sale. LASS. 10.30 - 3.00. See p.11.
- 28 - Nov 2 Art Exhibition LASS. See p.11.

Nov

- 1 Farmer Network Meeting. 7.00pm. Hawes Market House. See p.13.
- 1 Wensleydale Tournament of Song. AGM. 7.00pm. Leyburn Methodist Hall.
- 6 Quiz Night. LASS. 7pm. See p.11.
- 10 Hawes Christmas Lights going up. See p.26.
- 11 Bainbridge W.I. Lunch Club. Sandpiper, Leyburn. See p.29.
- 14 Dalesplay Christmas Fayre, Hawes Market Hse. 10am -4pm. See p.26.
- 14 Remembrance Sunday.
- 18 Bainbridge W.I. AGM. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7pm. See p.29.
- 19 Leyburn U3A Talk. LASS. 10.30. See p.11.
- 20 Wensleydale Flower Club. 2pm. Crakehall. See p.15.
- 20 Gayle Mill Trust Christmas Fayre. 10am -4pm. Raygill Farm DL8 3PP. See this page.
- 20 Folk Concert Carperby Village Institute. 8.00pm. See p.12.
- 24 Deadline for ordering Marie Curie Christmas Wreaths. See p.15.
- 25 Concert Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. 'Gigsrunner'.
- 25 Singing with Friends - Sycamore Hall. 2.00pm. See p.16.
- 27 Blueboxt Dinner Dance. Falls Cafe, Aysgarth. See p.34.
- 27 Organ Concert. St. Margaret's Hawes. See p.18.
- 27 Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre. 10am to 3pm. Redmire Village Hall.
- 29 Gurkha Band Concert 7.00pm. Tennants, Leyburn. See p.19.

Dec

- 4 Hawes Christmas Festival. 4.00pm. See p. 24.

Gayle Mill Trust Christmas Fayre

Gayle Mill Trust are delighted to announce that they will be holding their popular Christmas Fayre on **Saturday, November 20th at 10.00am till 4.00pm** at the Woodcraft Studio, Raygill Farm, near Hawes, DL8 3PP.

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Hawes School News

Year 3 and 4 boys' football at Leyburn Primary School



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Miss Thistlethwaite

Residential to Dukeshouse, Hexham

The children attending the residential have been having a super time away this week and we have been keeping up with their progress through daily messages. They enjoyed a camp fire with hot chocolate and marshmallows on Wednesday

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Early morning up and ready for breakfast on Thursday morning followed by activities including: zip wire, problem solving, Jacob's ladder and climbing. After a lovely tea of either sausages or cottage pie, the children enjoyed a Mini-Olympics. Then it was time for packing and bed with a lot of tired children and staff after a full-on day!

We are very grateful to Hawes Market Tolls Trustees and the PTFA who helped to subsidise the trip.

Recycling at Hawes school

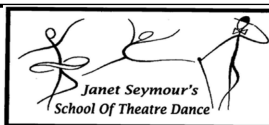
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To mark the start of advent Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale are holding a Taizé Service at Gayle Chapel on **Monday, November 29th**. The event will start at **noon** with a hearty soup and bread lunch followed by the service itself at **1.00pm**. So make a start to the advent season by joining us for the occasion. All are welcome to attend.

Toy Service

This year the Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale Toy Service will be held at **10.30a.m. Sunday, December 5th** at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. All toys donated will be taken to The Salvation Army for distribution. All are welcome to attend this service. All donations of new toys will be gratefully received and help make the Christmas of children who might not otherwise receive a present. Please leave the toys unwrapped so the distributors can choose the appropriate age and sex of the children who will receive them but you may wish to donate wrapping paper with the toys.



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| November 7th | Holy Communion | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion | |
| November 14th | | 10.00-10.45 Quiet Prayer St Margaret's 10.50-11.10 Act of Remembrance War Memorial, Hawes | 10.00-10.45 Quiet Prayer St Oswald's 10.50-11.10 Act of Remembrance Market Cross, Askrigg | Holy Communion |
| November 21st | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Morning Prayer | |
| November 28th | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion | 8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 Family Service Praise in the Pen | Evening Prayer |

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

Hawes Christmas Festival Saturday, December 4th

It is with great regret that we have decided to cancel this year's Children's Party in the Market House.

We will have Hawes Prize Silver band lead the community carol singing in the Market Place, from **4.00pm**. In addition Santa will be visiting and travelling around Hawes, with stops so Santa can drop off presents in a safe way to as many children as possible. When details have been agreed the route and timings will be published.

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Remembering

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With the UK Covid death rate currently approaching nearly half of all UK military deaths in World War Two, it is certainly a time for 'solemn and serious thought'.

Amidst the continuing heartache, uncertainty and disruption that the virus has brought to us all, the jarring images of terrorism and the waste and ruin of war persist.

We may wish to remove such thoughts and images from our minds but I believe it's important to remain mindful and aware of such events; to remember responsibly in order that we might be drawn into action to help those less fortunate than ourselves; to be thankful for all

those who work or have given their lives in the service of others; to be thankful for all we have and to play our part in creating and maintaining a just and a fair world for everyone.

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." So wrote Jimi Hendrix as he looked towards a utopian future free from abuse. As we join with so many others around the world and in our own nation for our annual act of remembrance, I would add; 'And let it begin with me'.

Act of Remembrance 2021: Sunday, November 14th

Hawes: At the War Memorial, Town Head – **10.50am - 11.10am**

Askrigg: At the Market Cross, Main Street – **10.50am - 11.10am**

Due to the ongoing situation with the virus, the main act of remembrance will be held outdoors but St Margaret's church in Hawes and St Oswald's church in Askrigg will both be open for quite prayer and reflection from **10.00am**



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Our recipe book, 'A Taste of Hawes', at £5 would be an ideal stocking filler. Available at various locations in Hawes - Wensleydale Press, Alchemist Cottage, Whites of Wensleydale, Caffè Curva, Laburnum House, Masons (Newsagent) and Wensleydale Creamery. Also in Askrigg - Heather and Grouse; or pick up from me - 666020.

Wayne Webster



Over the last month our theme in the setting changed to Autumn. The children were all sent home with an autumn collection bag to take out on a walk or into the garden with them to see what they could find. We then looked at the different collections together and used lots of the things in our activities to enhance our learning. Towards the end of the month we then enjoyed Halloween activities, gloopy mixtures, stringy spaghetti, spooky baking, apple printing and that's just naming a few.

Don't forget that we will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre in the Market Hall on **Sunday, November 14th from 10.00am – 4.00pm**. There will be stalls, tombola, wine and water. Any donations for the wine and water or tombola would be greatly received and can be left at Dalesplay.



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Grants awarded over the 10 years since the scheme was launched have gone to parish councils, community and sports groups for everything from large equipment purchases to smaller community noticeboards. The £35,000 awarded this year has gone to support a variety of projects including bowling aids for dementia, benches and wildflower planting, a festival and vehicle activated signs to reduce speeding.

The five partnerships cover Upper Dales, Central (including Richmond), Lower Wensleydale, Garrison and North Richmondshire. To find out more email grants@richmondshire.gov.uk and to apply check out richmondshire.gov.uk/area. It will close on at midnight on **December 2nd**.

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October was another busy month for our members, getting out and about as much as we were able, with the weather changing..

Some members went along to the Himalayan Gardens near Grewelthorpe and had a lovely time wandering around in reasonable weather, enjoying the fantastic display of plants and the lovely setting.

The 'ladies who lunch' are about to visit Hamiltons Tea Room in Aysgarth, where they expect to enjoy delicious food and plenty of chat - no doubt, quite a bit of it from host, Steve, who is always pleased to see so many talkative ladies!

As I write, we are looking forward to our monthly meeting where local artist, Lynn Ward, is talking to us about her career and guiding us in creating our own masterpieces.

So, with autumn well and truly upon us, and winter fast approaching, we are perhaps not out as much as we have been, as we are conscious of the weather. However, the Lunch Club will still be meeting, and next month this will be on **Thursday, November 11th** at The Sandpiper in Leyburn. You know, the ladies of the WI can never have too many lunches!

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday, November 18th, starting at 7.00pm**, although this year it will be a bit different from previous years. With Covid still a concern, we will not be serving our usual two

course, hot meal, but instead we will have a more casual evening with cheese and wine - and a bit of entertainment. The actual AGM will only form a small part of this evening, where we present our reports and accounts. This will be followed by entertainment from 'Nimmo, the Magician', who has entertained us before with an impressive display of magic tricks, so we are really looking forward to this new offering.

Once November ends, we will be heading very swiftly towards Christmas and all that it brings, but we are pleased that we have now secured our programme for 2022 and just hope that Covid allows us to go ahead with it all unhindered.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact our President, **Susan Freer, on 663980** for information, or just come along to our monthly meeting at Bainbridge Village Hall on the **third Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm**. We are always happy to welcome visitors to our meetings.



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Heavens Above

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We're deep into Autumn now and the nights have really drawn in. Proper darkness falls just after 6.00pm by the middle of the month and in the night sky, by 8.00pm, all the autumn constellations, led by Pegasus the Winged Horse, are well on view high in the south-west. The three Summer Triangle stars – Vega, Altair and Deneb – are still prominent in the north-west but the lowest of the three, Altair, sets before midnight - it won't be too long before all three disappear into the evening twilight. The

familiar shape of the Plough is still low in the north but is beginning to swing up from the horizon again. On the opposite side of the Pole Star, Cassiopeia's distinct 'W' and the straggly 'Y' of Perseus are almost overhead. As the night wears on the autumn stars gradually make way for the bright winter constellations - Auriga, Taurus the Bull, Gemini and Orion the Hunter - climbing in from the east. Taurus, the first on the scene, is home to one of the show pieces of the autumn sky, the beautiful Pleiades star cluster. It's easily visible to the naked eye but really impressive when seen with binoculars, which bring dozens more stars into view.

The Milky Way is another fine binocular target this month. From the west it arches right across the sky through the rich starfields of Cygnus the Swan and Cassiopeia down to Gemini the Heavenly Twins over in the east. You do need to find a properly dark location, however, to see it at its best. Have clear skies!

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The children at Bainbridge have loved learning about how spiders make their webs (quite apt coming up to Halloween!) and why spiders are so important to our ecosystem, during their Forest School sessions. They have also enjoyed making mini clay spiders, along with stick owls and mud art.

Our KS2 football mad boys and girls are very excited to be taking part in the football competitions taking place in October (boys) and November (girls) at Leyburn Primary School. The Y3/4 boys played on October 14th and one of our teams came second and will be playing in the next round in November. The Y5/6 boys will be doing their best on October 21st and the girls team from year groups 3-6 on **November 4th**. We are very proud of them all for their enthusiasm and wish them the best of luck.

We are delighted that we are able to hold a Harvest Festival service in church this year! It will be a lovely occasion, with all the children from the three schools coming together at last at St Andrew's in Aysgarth. Rev Dave and Rev Tom will be leading the service. Donations of food will be going to a local food bank.

We are also very pleased to be able to open our schools once again to parents and family members for Friday celebration assemblies in the children's home school, so that siblings are together. Various awards are presented such as Headteacher's Award, 'Pupil of the Week', Tidiest Classroom Award, and Best Attendance Award.

On Wednesday October 20th we turned the heating off for the day in each school for our annual 'Wear a Woolly Wednesday'. The Eco-warriors read the electric meters at 9.00am and 3.00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday so that we could compare how much



oil we use on a normal day compared to our Wear a Woolly day (as well as hats, scarves and gloves) and calculate how much oil we can save.

We currently have spaces available for new pupils to join our schools. We take pupils from the term after they turn three in our Early Years setting at Bainbridge Primary School and can accommodate the 15 and 30 hour entitlement. We have two sessions planned for people to visit this setting on **Tuesday, November 9th, 10.30am - 11.30am** and on **Wednesday, November 19th, 1.30pm - 2.30pm**.

These are bookable events. Please contact Mrs Gurden at our Bainbridge school to arrange a visit. Email bawbadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk or call **01969 650336**.

Children and staff alike are looking forward to the half term break. Once back in November, we will be on the countdown to Christmas. Lots of exciting things are planned, Covid permitting. Fingers crossed for a smooth run up to the festive season.

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Student Update on Life at Wensleydale School

By Lottie, Molly, Grace, Olivier, Paige and Hannah.

At Wensleydale we have a new media and journalism club so we, the students, have taken over writing these articles.

Since the Headteacher's update in October, our enrichment programme has come to life with more than fifty activities across nearly four hours a week. Obviously, we all chose to do media and journalism, as well as debating, festivals and event planning, climbing, book club, Duke of Edinburgh, drama and the children's book award. We believe we are the only secondary school in North Yorkshire to do the book award and are alone in offering such an enriching experience. For those of us doing climbing, it has been a great way to build strength and because you have to rely on other

classmates to hold your ropes, it helps establish communication and trust.

From a year seven perspective. The change from primary to secondary school was nerve-racking because being the youngest is an overwhelming feeling. Talking to older students is incredibly difficult; however, the older students have been very kind and helpful whenever help was needed. Many people, including me, were quite nervous about getting lost, but the one-way system has really helped us find our way around as all students are going in one direction.

We also got to go to Low Mill, which was a great opportunity to get to know our classmates while canoeing, abseiling, caving and gorge-walking. Working together as a team, we developed our communication skills, made new friends and had loads of fun.

Almost all of us in the media club were also involved in the recent open evening, to introduce potential new students to our school. Over fifty students from all year groups helped make the open evening memorable for all the three hundred and fifty year 5/6 students and their families, who attended. School has not felt so busy for a very long time. Students' roles included giving speeches to parents, guiding tours around the school and even demonstrating some crazy science experiments and other parts of our classroom learning.

I believe that one of the most ambitious enrichments our school has to offer is the festival and events planning. Where students are given the opportunity to plan and organise our brand-new winter festival. This has forced us to work cooperatively with one another, to create something totally new from scratch, which was challenging and at times stressful but ultimately rewarding in the end.

As we head into the Christmas season, this is one of the exciting ways we are going to welcome the community into our school. Plans are underway for the Christmas concert, our very own fashion show and loads more festive events and games. We want everyone to come and experience our school in a way they have never seen before. It should be a real showcase of the creativity of the students.

All in all, it's been a very eventful and fun first half-term! We hope you've enjoyed our update.



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'Plant a Pot' Service - Leyburn Arts Centre

This is a new initiative which we hope some of you might want to subscribe to.

The sale of planters has proved popular during the summer and as an extension of this, we are now offering a service in which we would plant a pot for you to save you the trouble of buying the plants yourself. Bring in a pot or pots and we will plant up with something seasonal and colourful. We can also source a pot for you if you prefer and then sell it to you at cost price. The pot will be yours – once you've paid for it, we just charge for the planting. We aim to cover the cost of the plants and make a little profit to

augment the money gained from plant sales which has proved a valuable source of income for LAAC. For a small pot (diameter 8.5 inches), the cost would be in the region of £6 - £7. It would obviously be a bit more for a bigger pot.

You might want to take advantage of this for yourself if gardening is getting a bit much for you, or sign up for somebody else as a lovely gift, with the promise of colourful pots from spring onwards. We will plant with tulips in the spring and then change to summer bedding later on. Just bring the pots back to us and we will do the rest.

If you want to sign up or know a bit more how it works, contact me directly g.aitken246@btinternet.com or let the centre know you would like to join the scheme. We aim to plant the tulips in early November. If you are already signed up, bring back your pot later this month and we will contact you about what colour of tulips you would like. If you are local, and have a problem bringing back your pot, we can deliver for you. Once again, thank you for supporting the plant sales during the spring and summer.

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Blueboxt Productions – November Update

Activities

Participants at Leyburn Youth Drama Club are having a great time learning new skills and exploring their creative ideas. New members (6yrs and over) are welcome. Contact **Jennifer Sagers** on **07815 679897**. Sessions run **5.00pm - 6.30pm on Mondays** at Leyburn Arts Centre.

Musical Cultures – Discovering our creative roots. Our young creatives are busy planning four world music workshops which will take place from January to March 2022. They have chosen Folk, Samba and African Beats as the workshop themes so far. We will be able to reveal the fourth style and dates for the sessions in our next update. Keep an eye on our social media pages for more information.

Play>Record>Perform – From Jazz to Rock to Musical Theatre, our regular sessions have something for all participants to enjoy. Our young musicians are working hard in the final weeks before they appear as part of our 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance in November. We are not sure how they are going to fit in some Christmas repertoire as well but they are excited to be playing for audiences again. Plans are still being confirmed but it looks like they will have at least three Christmas appearances in Catterick and Hawes.

Events

It's here! Our 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance will be held this month on **Saturday November 27th** at The Falls Café and Giftshop, Aysgarth (The Motel). 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 will support our performing arts activities for young people in Wensleydale and Swaledale.

A Magical Christmas Concert 2021 – Colin will be joined by Amy Fudali for a special concert to bring some festive cheer to the end of the year. They will present a selection of seasonal and popular favourites including Somewhere Over the Rainbow and On the Street Where You Live. Performance dates include **Friday, December 10th** at Thornton Rust Institute and **Saturday, December 11th** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. See website for full details.

To book tickets/ places or find out more information **contact Colin Bailey on 07711 211169 or Judith Clark 07882 331421** email info@blueboxt.co.uk or book online at www.blueboxt.co.uk.

News from the Vets

Tupping time is approaching fast. Remember that we can fertility test your tups for you either at the surgery or on farm, whichever suits. This service is useful if either you have concerns about a tups fertility after use or if you want to check before putting him in with your ewes. Discounts are available for multiple tups tested. For more information please contact the surgery on **650263**.

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There are some real bonuses in having a mild October. On the 2nd I cut sweet peas. It's now the 12th, and there are still more. Not a huge vase full, but enough. My rose "Absolutely Fabulous" is covered in gorgeous golden blooms and I still have dahlias opening up, not bad!

I have a couple of hydrangeas outside the porch which have been monumental failures this year. What is more they live in expensive, blue, ceramic, square pots, and my other half even made square saucers for them to prevent them drying out in the summer. To no avail. I am looking for replacements and I shall re-pot the hydrangeas and hide them somewhere sheltered to see what they do. I've found a daphne called "Perfume Princess" in "You Garden" which says it is totally hardy. To be fair, it will need to be if it is to survive outside my porch.



At £12.99 each they are only moderately expensive so I might give them a try. I did look at some standard hollies, but when they tell me I will be saving £28.00 if I buy a pair for £50.00 the price just seems a bit beyond justifiable.

We're all having to learn to garden more ecologically. I have a water butt but rather wish I had room for another. I can't do it without changing the fall on the guttering. The trouble is that our house is long and narrow and all the rainwater runs to one end. When the rain is very heavy it fills the butt amazingly quickly but the rest ends up down the drain. Seems such a

waste. To find the RHS suggestions for using water sustainably visit:- rhs.org.uk/water.

I was dismayed to learn that the UK has lost a huge percentage of its biodiversity. I am pleased to believe that not keeping everything neat and tidy is one way we can all help to maintain the creatures we already have and maybe encourage the arrival of a few more. Just the excuse I need! Mind you, we don't want to kill off the grass so it is a good idea to rake off leaves from lawns and store them to create leaf-mould, which will help everything next year, or the one after if you keep it long enough. You can make a composter/store for it from old pallets, but it will convert fairly well in old black bags with holes in.

Undeniably one of the best things we can do, both for biodiversity and for the planet, is to plant a tree, or some trees. If you have limited space you can research size and suitability in lots of places such as the RHS website or Gardeners World. I think my own favourite small tree/shrub would be Amelanchier, although I find some of the Rowans that are now available very tempting and I nearly got carried away by a pink flowered hawthorn earlier in the year. The main things to remember are to dig a square hole which will encourage roots to spread, to add mycorrhizal fungi such as Rootgrow into the planting hole to get it off to a good start and to water it well, and guess what? Now is the time to do it.

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News from Dales Countryside Museum

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

After having to hold sessions on zoom earlier in the year, it's been great to get back outside and on site at the Museum with our Young Archaeologists' club. Last month we had a fabulous trip to the Hagg dig in Swaledale led by the team at SWAAG. This month we looked at the technique of creating 3-D models of finds.



We meet once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00am—noon**. If you know a young person who might be interested, please let them know about the club. They're welcome to come along to try a session.

Email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call **666210** if you'd like to find out more.

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 four hundred knitting sticks, each unique in design.

In addition to the amazing array of knitting sticks, visitors can also watch and listen to films of Kate Trusson, one of the Museum's volunteers as she explains about knitting sticks, their use and history. Artist Anji Timlin is also featured on film, speaking about the beauty of the knitting sticks in the DCM collection and how to make your own "drawing" fact file. You can take a "knitting selfie" with Martha, add to our "knitting words wall" and have a go at our

other family activities and ways of sharing your family words!

Within our exhibition you can explore some regional related textile words associated with handicrafts. Some of our favourites that you might well still use, or remember someone you know using are... *snock snarl*, a knot occurring when yarn or thread is not kept tightly wound. To *fettle*, *twe*, *tuv* and *sy*, meaning to rearrange, prepare, order, dress or furnish, to stretch, disturb or disarrange. It was common practice to ask "*how many pops (rows) a ye deun?*" and *striving needles*, describing the competition to see who could finish a row first.

We have invited along Hawes Close-Knit-Friends, our local yarn bombing group, responsible for the wonderful Alice in Wonderland display in the centre of Hawes, to find out whether they still use these words and would call the up and down motion of the arms and body when knitting *swaving*?!

Dialect and Heritage – In Your Words project

Can you help us identify individuals to interview?

We will be training a small local team of oral history fieldworkers to follow in the steps of the original Survey of English Dialect fieldworkers from the 1950's. We wondered if you could help us make sure we don't miss someone we should be contacting?

Stanley Ellis and Peter Wright originally visited Askrigg, Dent, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Gargrave, Grassington, Melsonby, Muker, Bedale, Horton-in-Ribblesdale and Pateley Bridge and spoke with many individuals living in these communities. We would like to undertake research throughout the duration of this project on the dialect of the Dales. We are looking to speak to the descendants of the original survey informants and also with individuals who have a long standing connection with these areas. If you, or someone you know, (with their permission) would like to be considered to contribute to our research, then we would love to hear from you.

Please contact our Engagement Officer Poppy Oldham on p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk

Join us at our Dialect and Heritage Project events!

Despite having now filled the volunteering vacancies for the oral history fieldworkers, we

still have lots of ways in which you can get involved with our project.

We are currently arranging events within the community and would love some helping hands! Our Events Assistant volunteering role will assist the Engagement Officer in running 'Dialect Roadshow' events at local community venues. Tasks may include meeting and greeting visitors, supervising our workshop materials and encouraging engagement with our research and wider events programme.

If you are confident, friendly and enjoy meeting and talking to new people of all backgrounds, then please enrol to become a Dialect and Heritage Project Volunteer! Applications are through the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority website <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/looking-after/volunteering/volunteering-opportunities/>

To find out more, you can also contact our Engagement Officer Poppy Oldham on p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk

Muker Public Hall Event (November 9th)

We are creating opportunities to put the collections of Leeds Archive of Vernacular Culture back into the communities in which they were created. Events like the one taking part in Muker Public Hall will be publicised throughout the duration of the project. If you have a connection to these areas, Thwaite, West Stonesdale, Muker and Keld, we would love you to come along to our event.

The event will be a drop in, however if you would like any further information, please contact our Engagement Officer Poppy Oldham on p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk

Christmas Cards - Cards for Good Causes

We are supporting Cards for Good Causes again this year and have a fabulous range of Charity Christmas Cards in our shop. At least 70p in every pound goes back to support the charities.

What's On in November

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

Late Night Christmas Shopping

Friday, November 26th. 4.00pm to 8.30pm.
Come and join us for a Christmas shopping event. Our shop features Distinctly Dales products created by local artists and producers which would make excellent Christmas gifts. Includes free entry to the Museum.

Mother Christmas

Friday, November 26th. 4.00pm to 8.30pm.
Saturday, November 27th. 10.00am to 12.30pm/1.30pm to 4.00pm.

Come and meet Mother Christmas who will have a gift for you in her grotto in the museum. Write a letter to Santa and post it on our twinkly trail. Hot chocolate is included in the price and children's crafts will be available.

£8 per child. Booking Essential.

Tickets can be booked online on the website www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk

Art workshop with Anji Timlin

Sunday, November 28th. 10.30am to 12.30pm

Take part at the Museum or online as Anji shares her skills and the techniques she uses in her work. Materials provided.

Watch out for more details on our website.

Sponsorship Deal for the Little White Bus

The Upper Dales Community Partnership has secured a two-year sponsorship deal with the Wensleydale Heifer hotel and restaurant in West Witton.

One of the Little White Buses has been appropriately decorated with 'cow symbolism' and can now be seen journeying up and down the Dale.

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The Woodland Trust Acquires Land at Snaizeholme.

The Woodland Trust is pleased to announce that they have now successfully acquired 550 acres of windswept grazing land at Snaizeholme, thanks in no small part to the fantastic level of donations received from their supporters and they plan to create a vibrant new native woodland for wildlife and people.

On their web-site, Estate manager Al Nash answers some of the most common queries about the acquisition of Snaizeholme and their plans for its future.

What's next for Snaizeholme?

Completing the sale for the land was only half the story. The hard work to create a mosaic of habitats for wildlife and people here in the Yorkshire Dales is just beginning.

Dry stone walls

Snaizeholme is criss-crossed with old dry stone walls. We'll work to repair and maintain these pieces of history, keeping the landscape's character while providing corridors and shelter for wildlife.

Tree protection

Deer and rabbits cause havoc by browsing and nibbling at newly planted saplings. The Woodland Trust has promised to use plastic-free alternatives to tree guards by the end of 2021 and the trees we plant at Snaizeholme will be included in this pledge.

Slowing the flow

Leaky stone dams in stream channels fight flooding, trap sediment and reduce erosion. We'll be installing dams at Snaizeholme to slow water flow while letting fish and crayfish safely slip through.

Tree planting

We are looking at planting around 250,000 young, native trees at Snaizeholme, to create varied habitats for wildlife and lock up carbon to fight climate change.

Why is Snaizeholme so important?

By bringing this slice of North Yorkshire into our care, we'll be able to achieve a number of important things for people and wildlife.

Protect red squirrels and their habitat

The site will link and buffer neighbouring woodland – patches of which we suspect is ancient woodland. A crucial part of our vision is to extend and protect an existing red squirrel reserve, providing much-needed habitat for this threatened native species.

Plant trees in the Yorkshire Dales

The landscape here is in dire need of trees. Our recently published 'State of the UK's Woods and Trees' report presented irrefutable evidence on how imperative woodland creation is if we are to tackle the potentially catastrophic loss of nature. Transforming bare land like this with sympathetic native planting, and allowing natural regeneration to occur, forms a critical part of our work.

Create habitat for threatened wildlife

We have a chance to boost biodiversity at a time when the natural world is in crisis. Woodland birds will have a home here for the first time, and open scrub woodland should attract species like the black grouse. Trees will boost the water quality of the river and beck, safeguarding the resident otters, plus birds such as herons, grey wagtails, kingfishers and dippers.

Showcase woodland creation in the north of England

Snaizeholme will become a flagship woodland creation project for the Northern Forest, a partnership between the Woodland Trust and the Community Forests in the north. It sits within Yorkshire's White Rose Forest, and would form part of the ambitious plan to revitalise the north of England.

There's still time to help

While we now own the land at Snaizeholme, we still need to raise at least another £400,000 to carry out the work needed to turn this treeless landscape in to a thriving haven for wildlife. Please support us if you can.

Users of the Snaizeholme area can complete an online survey form by visiting <https://bit.ly/3CVkX61>

More information on the Snaizeholme appeal is available at <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/appeals/snaizeholme/>



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