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## Guest Editorial

### Christmas is coming

We seem to be getting a green light for meeting each other this Christmas. I notice friends and social groups are arranging their annual parties. I dearly hope there will be no cancelling of family gatherings at the last minute. The disappointment in 2020, when people found themselves alone on Christmas day eating hastily bought food, will still be a painful memory for some of us.

Christmas comes round every year during the shortest, darkest days and it holds so many accumulated memories of things we have done together. There are people we rarely see at any other time but always try to visit at Christmas. It's the time to notice how children have grown and blossomed, how their parents have matured or aged. We tell old stories and laugh at familiar jokes. New incidents are added to the store of communal memory.

Greeting on phones or computers is better than not meeting at all; modern technology allows us to hear and see each other over great distances. But it doesn't replace the tastes and smells, the touching and hugging that enhance sight and sound when we gather in a real room, not a virtual one, to wish our family, 'Happy Christmas' and eat a meal together. Christmas reminds us that we matter to some other people just by being alive. Whatever we do, we still belong.

A second great theme of Christmas is giving gifts. The usual advertisements have been running for weeks showing beautiful people choosing, buying, and presenting gift-wrapped parcels. Children have been assured that Father Christmas and his elves have been hard at work filling his sleigh with goodies for their stockings on Christmas morning. But this could be the area that brings the greatest disappointments in 2022. We know that a hard time is ahead of most of us. Incomes are falling and the rising costs of most products are leaving families with no margin for anything but the basics. Many will be wondering, 'What can we afford to give to others this Christmas?'

Amid such anxieties it is good to be reminded that the story Christmas celebrates is not a cosy one about blazing fires and tinsel decorations. It was set in the real world with many features that have not changed in two thousand years. Big empires that swallow up the wealth of smaller

nations have existed continuously somewhere in the world since Rome was making a working man like Joseph leave his small business and take his wife to Bethlehem to be assessed for tax.

Cruel megalomaniacs like Herod have always existed and their counterparts are all too obvious in the world today. Recent arrivals in crowded British ports may still be sleeping in sheds this Christmas.

Birth itself is a messy, painful process, so rightly called 'labour', even with the best of modern care. Some of the early Christian paintings of mother and child in the stable put Joseph outside and looking away from his wife as if he still had doubts about this baby. Whose child was it really?

Against this dark background the story has scenes of joy, with thankfulness and singing, wonder and hopefulness. A new-born child represents the beginning of a life full of potential - one more person to grow up to make their impact in the world.

The Christmas scene we know best has Mary and the baby Jesus in the centre with Joseph protectively behind her and some animals content to share their shelter with this family.

On one side there are shepherds from nearby fields. They had heard heavenly voices singing and promising them that the land, so important to them for their sheep, belonged to a God who had not forgotten them. On the other side are wealthy scholars, arrived from a distance, people who spent their time puzzling to understand the night sky and the rhythms of the planets. They assume human lives are determined by unseen forces. Here they kneel to present precious gifts to a child who may be destined to be a king.

The child, we know, grew to be an adult who was not rich in money but rich in loving and gifts of healing, a leader whose power lay in humility. His death divided history. The Christ (meaning "anointed one") gave his life to serve others and unite them in joyful celebration. We will be aware of the symbolism next summer when King Charles is anointed at his coronation.

Meanwhile, this Christmas, let the most valuable gift we give to the people around us be love. Let us also put aside worrying and take time to refresh our spirits by pondering and praising the good things in the world we live in and the One who holds it all together.

Vera Sinton

## Reg Fagg Trophy Winners

The winner of the Reg Fagg Trophy was Cicely Baranasic whose winning entry is our cover picture this month.

Class 1 Winner: Bob Fremlin  
Highly Commended: Isla Sunter.  
Class 2 Winner: Lily Alderson..  
Highly Commended: Joshy Fagg.  
Class 3 Winner: Christa Fagg Rawlence  
Highly Commended: Paige Thwaite.

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## Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the top left of page 10, under the cross for the November U.W. Benefice Services and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Aidan Biggins of Newton Aycliffe.

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

## Newsletter Christmas Greetings

We wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors, regular or occasional, a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2023.

Once again, we have decided to make significant donations to the charities frequently nominated as recipients of competition prize money. We will thus be giving £200 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and £200 to the Great North Air Ambulance both of which serve the Newsletter area.

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## Christmas competition

Here are some (occasionally) seasonal missing links.

Example: Happy — resolution

Answer: New Year. Now try these:

1. Merry — Pudding
2. Fairy — how
3. Yule — jam
4. Chimney — stroke
5. Chest — Roast
6. Virgin — port
7. Holly — House
8. Mistle — cap
9. Sea — Berry
10. Egg — Lie
11. Christmas — inal
12. Mince — Chart
13. Kind — Nose
14. Christmas — Tense
15. Cherub — ply
16. Christmas — Feet
17. Part — Tiles
18. BA — stable
19. Snow — wood
20. Shadow — Day

Send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, January 24th**. Don't forget to include details of your nominated charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

## November Competition Answers

- 1 Rain(ing)
- 2 Ground Frost
- 3 Shower(S)
- 4 Hail
- 5 Tornado
- 6 Wind
- 7 Storm
- 8 Gale
- 9 Mist
- 10 Fair
- 11 Hurricane
- 12 Heat Wave
- 13 Snow
- 14 Sunny

A much easier competition last month with several correct entries. The winner chosen at random was from Mary Elphick of Burterset who nominated charity to receive the roll-over prize of £40 is McMillan Cancer Care.

## Friends of the Dales Zoom Events

The environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales, free autumn and winter events programme features the following digital talks (by Zoom). For bookings email [victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk](mailto:victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk). Visit [www.friendsofthedales.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthedales.org.uk) for further information.

Talk: Capturing the Past. **Wednesday, December 7th, 4.30pm.**

Learn about the origins of the Capturing the Past project - Friends of the Dales long term community archive set up as part of Heritage Lottery Funded Stories in Stone.

Project leader, John Cuthbert will give an overview of the archives it now contains as well as insight into some stories, photographs and documents with a 'winter theme'.

Talk: Wild Ingleborough. **Wednesday, January 18th 2023, 4.30pm.**

Wild Ingleborough is a multi-partner, landscape-scale conservation project aiming to create a wilder future for the Ingleborough area of the Yorkshire Dales.

Ellie Parker, Community Engagement Officer for the project, will showcase the team's ongoing work to combat the impacts of the climate crisis by; protecting fragile upland habitats, increasing the area's biodiversity and establishing more habitats for key endangered species.

## Drop-off points and contacts

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

<b>Hawes:</b>	Community Office	667400
<b>Gayle:</b>	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006
<b>Bainbridge:</b>	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
<b>Askrigg:</b>	Sykes Shop,	650535
<b>Carperby:</b>	Anthony Abraham Hall Garth	663243
<b>West Burton:</b>	Nadine Bell, Margarets Cottage	663559
<b>Aysgarth:</b>	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
<b>Redmire:</b>	Kevin Davis Westholme	624165
<b>Thoralby:</b>	Neil Piper	663747
<b>West Witton</b>	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934

## Notes From Thorney Mire

### Autumn

They say that variety is the spice of life and we've certainly had that this year with the weather. A dry summer with periods of extreme temperatures and a mild, wet Autumn with no air frost has given us longer to enjoy the beautiful colours of the season.

The horse chestnut trees in the top wood have not produced any conkers this year but I've managed to find hazel nuts before the squirrels could get to them. Acorns seem to have been plentiful and it's been a very good year for beech mast.

When we were at school, at October half term, we were given a book made up with blank sheets of grey paper, told to call it Autumn and bring it back in a week's time. We started off enthusiastically, but other things got in the way, the literary content would diminish and the last few pages would be full of crayoned leaves in various shapes and sizes and probably unrecognisable as belonging to any known British species. I certainly wouldn't have any trouble filling that book today, now that I'm living in the Dales.

One of my favourite things in Autumn is fungi and the wet weather has produced some beautiful specimens this year, not just one or two but whole carpets of them. Mushrooms and toadstools are neither animals nor plants but come into a category of their own. There are so many different types and some prefer a specific habitat. Bracket fungi can be found growing on the trunks of trees, usually dead ones, but if it grows on living wood it can be very destructive. It grows into a solid state, not soft and spongy and stays on the trees almost permanently.

Then there are the puff balls, - if you touch them when they're ripe, they burst open and a small explosion of spores is released. Some are not so pleasant like the Stinkhorn or Wood Witch. You don't have to look hard for that one, you smell it before you see it. The foetid smell is designed to attract flies which then disperse the spores.

Then there is the one everyone knows and the most illustrated one, Fly Agaric, a red cap with white patches, often found in children's books, where the gnomes and fairies live. I hope they know that it's poisonous. The earliest known

illustration of this toadstool is in a ruined church in France dating from 1291.

I'm pleased to report that we still have red squirrels running around near the wood. I don't encourage them to come in the courtyard any more. The volume of traffic has increased recently along our lane and as we live on the corner of a 90 degree bend I don't want them to cross the road, even though I miss their antics in the courtyard.

Looking through the window, in late October, I saw a large flock of fieldfares. A few minutes later the R.A.F. flew along the valley disturbing all the corvids in the top wood, which made them rise en masse and fly around complaining loudly. On a walk along the lane we counted ten lapwings heading west, probably going to the coast for the winter. Further down the dale, four swans were flying, following the course of the River Ure and just one long tailed tit was seen, for a brief moment on the bird feeder.

We do not seem to have had as many goldfinches this year, sometimes there are flocks of thirty or forty keeping us company along the lane as they fly from one patch of thistles to another, but the groups have been smaller in size, maybe only ten to fifteen.

There are at least four collective nouns for goldfinches, a chattering, troubling, a drum or a charm. I like charm best, it sounds so, well charming. It's much better than a murder of crows. I also like a prickle of hedgehogs, that is so descriptive, but you can also use an array or scurry. Another descriptive collective noun is a gaggle of geese. You can imagine the geese running round the farmyard, their necks stretched skywards and their heads held high making loud honking noises daring anyone to come near them. Then you can have a skein of geese, a skein, a yard or thread which describes geese flying overhead, and can conjure up romantic pictures of geese flying at dusk, silhouetted in front of a large harvest moon.

I'm getting carried away, maybe I should bring myself back down to earth with a death row of turkeys or I'll be talking about a blessing, or glory, or marvel of unicorns and you don't see many of those in the Dales. My favourite collective noun and the one I think is most apt, is, wisdom of grandparents.

Sylvia Turner

## Heavens Above

We've planets galore this Christmas with all eight of them in the evening sky right through the festive season. Mars, takes centre stage. It's at its closest and brightest since 2020, high in the south by mid-evening in the constellation of Taurus the Bull.

On **December 8th**, just after it reaches opposition - when the Sun, Earth and Mars are in a dead straight line, the Red Planet undergoes a rare Lunar Occultation. Just before **4.55am** the full moon moves right in front of the planet's tiny disc blocking it from view. It stays hidden for an hour before re-emerging, this time behind the moon, about five minutes before **6.00am**. Occultations involving the Moon and Mars don't happen all that often, this is the first one visible from the UK since 1952; the next won't occur until 2052. They're not really important scientifically but still interesting to observe with decent-sized binoculars.

The two inner planets, Venus and Mercury, are low in the south-west just after sunset. Dazzling Venus makes a beautiful 'Christmas Star' and stays with us in the evening until next August. Tiny Mercury, the innermost planet, lies to the upper left of Venus for most of December, but it's best seen with binoculars as it's twenty times fainter.

Uranus, the seventh planet out from the Sun, is due south around **9.00pm** in the evening in the constellation of Aries the Ram. On **December 5th** it's also eclipsed by the Moon for the *second* time this year! Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune (the outermost planet) are all over in the south-west early on in the evening. Jupiter remains a striking object at magnitude minus 2.5 and can't be missed. The other two lie to the left of Jupiter but you might have to download one of those new-fangled astronomical apps to help you identify them. If you're wondering where the eighth planet is look down, you're standing on it!

If you do venture out for a bit of planet spotting in the run up to Christmas, don't forget to take in the winter stars. Nothing much beats the view south on a clear winter's night with Orion and his retinue of bright constellations sparkling like diamonds in the cold, frosty air.

Compliments of the season and here's hoping for lots of clear skies in 2023.

Al Bireo

## Music for Christmas

There will be a celebration of music for Christmas on **Tuesday, December 20th at 7.00pm** in Askrigg Church, given by East Witton Male Voice Choir and 'Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure'. There will be items by both groups, solos and carols for all.

There will be no charge, but a retiring collection will be taken for Church and Local Charity funds.

On the previous **Wednesday, December 14th**, the Male Voice Choir will give their annual Christmas Concert in Leyburn Methodist Hall at **7.30pm**.

All are welcome to both events.

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## Hawes School News

We had 'Power Down Pete' from North Yorkshire County Council come in and talk to us about the importance of saving energy and the impact of climate change. He told us how we can all help to reduce our carbon footprint. We all did a quiz and found out how our carbon footprint impacts on our environment.

### Crucial Crew

Class 3 children are attending safety workshops run by NY police next week. They will be taught how to stay safe in different circumstances which may be relevant to them i.e. what to do if there is a fire in the house, river safety, first aid and traffic situations.

### Y5/6 Boy's Football

On Thursday, November 3rd, Adam, George, Leon, Leonardo, Charlie, Milo, Archie, Ollie, Joe, Harry Fo and Harry Fa went to the Wensleydale school to compete in a year 5/6 football competition. We played five games altogether, in which we won three, drew one and lost one.



Overall, in the competition, we came second. We felt very proud of ourselves, as a team and altogether we scored fourteen goals. We had a good time and enjoyed ourselves playing football in the sunshine.

**By Leonardo and Harry Fawcett.**

### Christingle

We are holding our Christingle in St. Margaret's church on **Wednesday, December 14th at 10.00am.**

The children will be singing and making their Christingles. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

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## Thoralby Couple Open Bookshop In Leyburn.

Once upon a time there was a special, quirky tree which stood tall and could be seen from quite a distance. This tree guided the postman, deliverers and visitors to Alan and Claire Flack's small-holding at the end of a long farm track which was difficult to find. The tree was a reference point because it was a **wonky tree**. Alan and Claire moved to Thoralby in the Dales and in September 2022 the opportunity to fulfil a long-held dream to open an independent bookshop in Leyburn became a reality. Their wonky tree had helped to unite them with friends and happy occasions and so **The Wonky Tree Bookshop** seemed a fitting name.

Their aspiration in opening The Wonky Tree Bookshop is "to nurture a community of people who love reading and talking about books". The bookshop is delightful, warm and welcoming, where you can sit and browse some of their 1,700 books; a cosy young-ones corner where children can cuddle a dinosaur while a book is chosen; a teen section, fiction and non-fiction books can all be found there. Books not in stock can be ordered in person, over the phone on **01969 625927** or you can email [info@thewonkytreebookshop.co.uk](mailto:info@thewonkytreebookshop.co.uk) If in urgent need always phone or pop in. Orders placed Tuesday to Friday usually arrive the following day. The shop opens **Tuesdays to Saturdays 10.00am to 4.30pm.** (Not Mondays except in

Christmas week when hours will be extended).

The bookshop sells their own Gift Vouchers which make lovely presents if you are uncertain about which book to buy. They are also able to sell and redeem National Book Tokens. Beautiful cards and wrapping paper are available as well as gorgeous soft toys, unbelievably made from recycled plastic milk bottles and so soft!

Loyalty Cards are a big incentive to support The Wonky Tree Bookshop. You can pick one up at the shop and you earn a tree stamp for every £10 spent. A full card with ten stamps can be redeemed for £5 off a purchase **plus**, for every complete card, the "Just One Tree" scheme, which Alan and Claire champion, will be able to plant another tree!

With your support for Alan and Claire's enterprise The Wonky Tree Bookshop could become a special place and fulfil a need in the Dales community more locally. With Claire's background in teaching, she hopes to develop book links with schools and story reading with younger children. Already a local book club has taken up the offer of 10% off the particular monthly books they are reading and discussing (please ask in the shop for more details). Once established it is hoped that the shop will host book signings and author talks.

We like stories with happy endings, so it would be good to support Alan and Claire and share in their new journey, whether in person or online. **If you are visiting Leyburn just look for the WONKY TREE!**

Liz Piper

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## Bainbridge W.I.

It has been another busy year for Bainbridge WI and, of course it has been our 90th Anniversary Year so we are delighted to have enjoyed such a busy time.

The last Community Lunch Hub took place on November 21st when a lady from Newcastle Building Society came to talk to us about fraud. The committee will be discussing plans to resume the monthly Soup and Sweet lunches and will announce details for 2023 in due course.

Meanwhile, the decision has already been taken to delay the annual Parish Community Christmas Lunch for the elderly of the parish until the spring. This event took place in the spring this year (due to Covid in January) and was deemed much more successful than when held in January. Further details will be issued in due course along with invitations to those who qualify.

The AGM was held on November 17th when members elected a new President and Committee. Grateful thanks were expressed to Susan Freer who has been President for the past three years and navigated us through the challenges faced by Covid! She has done a great job in keeping the WI going and enthusing members, so we hope she can now sit back and just enjoy the meetings and events. Our new President is Nicola Robinson who we wish well.

We have also welcomed some new members to the committee which is great and we thank those who have retired for their contributions. We will not be having a meeting in December but instead are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch which is to be held at The Garden Rooms at Tennants. Perhaps by then we will be in the Christmas spirit and ready to celebrate.

We have a fantastic programme lined up for our monthly meetings in 2023 - please contact any member for a copy - and we welcome visitors and new members to come along and enjoy these with us. You can come along as a visitor initially and just try us out before hopefully deciding to join! Come and see us - you will be made very welcome!

So, as this year draws to a close, may we wish all our members, speakers and supporters a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy 2023! For further information, please contact our President, **Nicola Robinson on 650801.**

## Sycamore Hall News

Don't forget that with the refurbishment on the horizon, we are looking to sell all of the current furniture and fittings in the communal areas prior to the work starting. The funds raised from this will offset the cost of the works and will also ensure that we are doing our bit for the environment by avoiding landfill as well as hopefully offering some good quality items for extremely reasonable prices. Please contact Nicky (details below) or just call in if you would like to take a look at what is on offer.

With a re-launch planned after the refurbishment, we are also looking for volunteers to join our new Activities Committee to take on the organisation and running of a programme of events throughout the year. If you are interested and have some spare time to help us, we would love to see you! As they say, 'many hands make light work' and we have great fun! Contact Karen or Sonja if you would like to join us.

Your support is vital to ensure the continuation of the community facilities we have here at Sycamore Hall, which are not only essential for residents but also a great benefit to the local community. If you wish to hire any of the facilities, or enquire about the availability of flats, please contact Manager, **Nicky Cooper, on 0370-192-4055.**

Finally, on behalf of the residents, staff and volunteers of Sycamore Hall may we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2023.

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## Was I a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Invader of Wensleydale?

The November edition of the *Upper Wensleydale Newsletter* contained an historical timeline of invaders of the Dales from foreign parts and the impact that they had on the local population and their way of life. Christine Hallas' succinct account led me to think about how I was part of an invasion that is still going on.

I arrived in Wensleydale from Croydon in the rich south in 1984 to take up the post of Admin Officer of the *Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority*. Little did I realise the double whammy I had committed. As an 'offcumdun' (I never did know how it was spelt) was bad enough, but one working for the National Park 'to boot', I think put me very much in the invading class amongst many Dalesfolk.

However, luck was on my side. I rented a single room holiday let in Thoraby that nobody else wanted in mid-winter. A two-bar electric fire connected to a slot meter that spun at an enormous speed, forced me to find a cheaper option to keep warm in the evenings. It was to be found in the *The George Inn* where most evenings I was to be found supping pints of ale, enjoying the company, keeping warm and saving money. A win-win situation.

I learnt very quickly that I was part of an extremely proud closeknit community. I realised equally quickly that as an outsider one could never be accepted fully and the most one could hope for would be to be considered half-acceptable. Although I worked for the 'Parks', as the *Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority* was dis-affectionately known, fortunately I was not one of the Planning Officers who were considered the arch-invaders. It appeared to the locals that they denied everything that they could. "What do we need those bl----y 'Parks' people for?" was an oft-heard remark.

Joining-in was the key to being 'half-acceptable', while listening was so important and never expressing a better way to do something was an early lesson to be learnt. I played in the village whist drives and became mildly proficient at dominoes; sufficient to become a regular in the pub team. I was looking for a house to buy and again my luck held as just what I wanted came on the market ... in Thoraby.

Now the true Yorkshire hospitality came to the fore even though just a few months earlier I had been an 'offcumdun' and a dreaded 'Parks' man

as well. I found myself being welcomed into neighbours' homes for meals, I was invited on to the Village Hall Committee and was asked to run the Bookstall at the Annual Summer Fete. After the Christmas whist drive - and a few pints - I was dragged into running bridge (my lifelong passion) lessons in the Village Hall. I was amazed at how many wanted to try 'my' game and from those lessons the Wensleydale Bridge Club was formed. It is still meeting weekly over 25 years later.

As an outsider, I was honoured to be invited by the late Alan Watkinson to be his deputy on *The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter*. Like others, I recall the days when every month a production line in Hawes formed to collate and staple the magazine. It is still what Alan envisaged from the start and is, undoubtedly, one of the best of its kind.

My wife and I left Wensleydale 16 years ago for health reasons and, sadly, a lack of family support anywhere nearby, but I remain an honorary Dalesman at heart. However, I can't deny that I was an 80's invader.

I realise now that I, like all the modern-day invaders, was denying the sons and daughters of families who have lived in the Dales for centuries homes that they could afford. They say it's down to market forces when outsiders pay above the true value of a dwelling to live in a beautiful area. Worst of all are those who buy purely for the sake of having a holiday home and renting it to others when they are not using it. Such invaders only take and contribute very little to the local community and economy often arriving in big vehicles well-stocked from their local supermarket back home.

Looking back on the 22 years that we spent in Wensleydale I do so with pride that I was able to give something in return for the privilege of living in this beautiful place, whilst enjoying the wonderful Yorkshire hospitality of Wensleydale.

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## Old Photographs and Advertisements

Here is the third extract from 'Hawes and its Immediate Neighbourhood – An Illustrated Guide for Visitors' that we mentioned in a previous newsletter. Groups of unrelated adverts appear. Do any of these establishments hold memories for our readers? We would love to hear from you.

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We asked where the building in the old photograph in last month's Newsletter was and Brenda Peacock emailed us to say that the site is now occupied by Sturman's Antiques shop on the cobbles. Can any readers tell us where Liverpool House and Olive House mentioned in this month's extract above were (or are)?

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**Jane Macintosh**

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## Peace. Hope. Joy

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What delight and joy there was when her mother returned from hospital on Christmas Eve holding a baby boy in her arms. The next year the father repeated the question to his daughter and this time there was less hesitation. *"If it wouldn't be too uncomfortable for Mummy, I would like a Pony!"*

Peace, hope and joy are themes that run through the Christmas story and two thousand years after the event that our celebrations surround, they still remain so. But things feel a little different this year don't they?

Last December we were still pulling ourselves out of the pandemic and looking forward to the New Year with an anticipation of better things to come when along came Russia's war with Ukraine, the death of the Queen, rising inflation, impending recession and an energy crisis.

As a result, many of us *will* be celebrating the Christmas season in a rather different way this year but perhaps by doing so we might see and experience something new and fresh within it as a result. The songs we hear and the carols we sing reflect on the timeless longing within our human hearts for these three qualities.

The events of that night in a stable in Bethlehem teach us that this ache inside us is not dependent upon our physical circumstances but upon the discovery of a gift that is available to every one of us. The possibility of knowing the reality of God's son for ourselves.

May you know the true peace, hope and joy of Christmas in your hearts and in your homes this December and throughout the New Year.

Per Dave.



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## New Owners for the Stone House Hotel

The Stone House Hotel has been purchased by Joe and Holly Hobson from the current owners Peter and Tracy Westwood and Tracy's brother Chris Taplin.

Joe and Holly took over the hotel on November 2<sup>nd</sup> having recently relocated to a cottage in Sedbusk with their two-year-old daughter. The acquisition represents a career change for Joe and Holly, who were both lawyers in London. They do however have family roots in Yorkshire and Cumbria and Holly's family were owners of the Grange Hotel in Grange-over-Sands until 2018.

The Stone House hotel was originally built in 1908 and has 24 bedrooms, a 50-cover restaurant and bar, and employs around 40 members of staff and as Joe says "The Stone House already has an excellent reputation, a loyal customer base and an incredible team in

place. Our primary goals are to retain and support this team as best we can and to build upon the hotel's extremely high standard of guest experience."

Holly said: "My family has a strong history and experience in the hotel industry and I'm delighted that Joe and I will be able to continue this tradition in a community that has already been so welcoming to us. We hope to give back where we can by ensuring an enjoyable working environment for the team, using local suppliers, and supporting local businesses wherever possible."

With the hotel fully booked for Christmas and the New Year, Joe and Holly are understandably not planning any major short-term changes and have retained all 40 members of staff. They would however like to offer more events that would interest the local community so 'watch this space.'

Previous owner Peter Westwood says "The Stone House has been an indelible piece of the landscape for over forty years, and we feel extremely confident that moving forward it is in excellent hands and will continue to be a jewel in the crown of Wensleydale."

The Newsletter would like to welcome Joe and Holly to our community and wish them every success with their new venture. **B.M.C.**



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## Mystery Picture



Several readers identified the lifebelt as being at the new bridge (still?) under construction at Skelgill in last month's mystery picture. Here is an easy one. Where is it?

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<b>Medical Term</b>	<b>Yorkshire Definition</b>
Artery	The study of paintings
Bacteria	Back door of a cafeteria
Barium	What you do when patients die.
Benign	What you be after you be eight.
Caesarean section	A neighbourhood in Rome
Cat scan	Searching for kitty
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her
Colic	A sheep dog
Coma	A punctuation mark
Dilate	To live a long time
Enema	Not a friend
Fester	Quicker than someone else
Fibula	A little lie
Impotent	Distinguished, well - known
Labour Pain	Getting hurt at work
Morbid	A higher offer
Nitrates	Rates of pay for working at night.
Node	I knew it
Outpatient	A person who has fainted
Pelvis	A cousin of Elvis
Post operative	A postman
Recovery room	A place to do upholstery
Rectum	Nearly killed him
Secretion	Hiding something
Seizure	A Roman Emperor
Tablet	A small table
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## Blueboxt – December Update



### And what a quiz it was!

Our first fund-raising event as the newly registered Charity was a quiz night with Simon Eastwood which took place on Saturday, November 12th at the Falls Café and Gift Shop, Aysgarth Falls. We are fortunate to have this large venue on our doorstep. Over 70 quizzers were very well looked after by Nicky and Liz Tooley and the team. Doors were due to open at 7.00pm but only a handful of seats remained at 6.55pm as the teams eagerly got straight down to business solving cryptic clues and logos of high street and iconic brands. On behalf of the Trustees, a huge thanks to Simon, The Falls and everyone who attended to make it a great evening and help us raise £450.

### Youth Consultation

Our Youth Voice Steering Group have analysed the responses from young people who shared their thoughts and ideas about which Musical Cultures workshops we should offer between January and March 2023. The most popular themes are Caribbean Steel Drumming,

Egyptian, Reggae and Indian. Full details of these workshops along with our song writing and creative careers sessions will be updated on the website and social media.

### Decades – with a sprinkling of Christmas.

Our final concert performances of the year will see the stage shared by performers ranging from 11 to 75 years old. We have had a lot of fun rehearsing and making-music over the last twelve months, and we look forward to sharing the results with you. Tickets £12 - booking advised.

**Saturday, December 10th, 7.30pm** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre.

**Saturday, December 17th, 7.30pm** at West Burton Village Hall (bring and share supper).

Finally, thanks to our volunteers, BlueAngels and everyone who has supported us in 2022. Have a wonderful Christmas and we'll be back to share our exciting plans for the year ahead in the next update.

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- 3&4 Tryptych. Artists exhibitions. 11.00am - 4.00pm. See p.19.
- 3&4 Yore Mill Craft Shop. Christmas Fayre. 10.30am - 4.30pm. See p.23.
- 3 Christmas Fayre. Sycamore Hall. Noon to 4.00pm. See p.22.
- 3 Santa visiting Hawes. Market Square 4.00pm. See p. 29.
- 4 Churches Together Toy Service. 10.30am. St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. See p.9.
- 4 Marsett Chapel's Sing Along 2.00pm. See p.19.
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## News from Dales Countryside Museum

The Dales Countryside Museum and National Park Centre are open daily **10.00am to 4.00pm November and December, closed Christmas Eve to Boxing day and all January. We open daily in 2023, 10.00am to 5.00pm, from February 1st.**

Contact: [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call **01969 666210**.

**Exhibition** (included in museum admission)

**Now to April 19th (except January 2023)**

‘In Your Words’

This is a celebration of the rich dialect heritage of the Yorkshire Dales. Come along and see how your family words compare with those gathered by fieldworkers from Leeds University in the 1950s and 60s, a time of huge change in the Yorkshire Dales.

The exhibition shares the material that the fieldworkers would have used when interviewing local people and word maps created from the words gathered across England. Seven audio units feature the voices and words of people born in the late nineteenth century, as well as people living in the Dales today who have shared their words with us!

We also have guest appearances from Shrek and his crew, kindly loaned by the Hawes Yarn bombers. Several members of the group were interviewed through the Dialect and Heritage project and it is interesting to hear the importance of knitting for friendship and fundraising, a shift from it being a source of income in previous centuries.

We're getting great feedback from visitors, including some in dialect which is fantastic! Everyone is enjoying filling in Dialect and Heritage surveys and we would love for you to share your words too. You can have a bit of fun completing an online survey with your friends and families <https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/>

Submissions will be used for new dialect research as well as contributing to a creative project later in the year. There will also be a new podcast series focusing on dialect and local voices. Look out for this on our Voices from the Dales podcast which you can hear via the museum website [www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk](http://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk).

## Family friendly fun

Come and make memories at the Museum over the Christmas holidays. There are lots of activities in the Creation Station, so why not pick up a Family pass so you can pop in as many times as you like, all year round. Your child can start collecting their squirrel badge and first stamp as soon as they visit. We're putting together lots of family fun events for 2023, so keep an eye on our website [www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk](http://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk) and Facebook page.

## Education

If you work in education and would be keen to chat with us about our loan boxes or other resources to complement your lessons, just get in touch by emailing [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk). We're also going to be helping develop resources for teaching about dialect for KS2, KS3 and A level. The YDNPA Learning and Engagement team are also running sessions online and in person, so watch out for these.

## Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

In November we looked at monastic art and had fun making our own stained glass designs. The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00a.m to noon**.

If you know a young person age 8-16 years who might be interested, please let them know about the club. They're welcome to come along to try a session. Please call in advance if you'd like to join in. Email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call **01969 666210** if you'd like to find out more. The last meeting date this year is **December 3rd** and we'll be back again on **January 14th**.

## Christmas Cards



Our usual fabulous selection of Christmas cards has arrived from Cards for Good Causes. Pop in to stock up while supporting your chosen charity and enjoy a browse round the shop for Christmas gifts.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2023!

## Wensleydale Tournament of Song

Just a reminder that the syllabus is still available from myself (email; [secretary.wts@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.wts@outlook.com) Tel. **07423 532544**), from Hewson's of Leyburn, or on the website which can be downloaded.

Entries must arrive before **January 31st** and early arrival of your entry form would be much appreciated, as it all tends to get very hectic by mid January.

On behalf of the Tournament, I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year. Best wishes.

**Jacky Wilson**

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## New book tells the story of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A new book titled 'Guardian of the Dales' has been published telling the story of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and how the National Park itself has changed over its 68-year history. Featuring vintage photography, maps and news articles from the archives, this is a unique and engaging insight into the work of the National Park Authority.

Its author Nigel Watson said: "This short history of the Authority celebrates the people who have shaped it through the years, and I hope it pays a suitable tribute to the founders of the National Park movement and the pioneers of the Authority and their successors here in the Dales.

"Looking back, and detailing its cumulative growth to maturity, the Authority is now in a stronger position than it has ever been to ensure, in the national interest, the conservation of the landscape of the Yorkshire Dales in every aspect. I believe it is crucial that any future reforms must strengthen the Authority further as it tackles the critical challenges posed by climate change and the threat to the nature which gives the Dales its unique character".

Neil Heseltine, Chair of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said: "This is an insightful and entertaining story - told by our staff, supporters, and indeed our critics - of how the National Park came into being and how our tenacious, passionate, highly - skilled officers, members and volunteers have, over eight decades, worked with many farmers and land owners to conserve and enhance this iconic landscape".

'Guardian of the Dales' is available to buy now from any National Park Visitor Centre or at <https://retail.yorkshiredales.org.uk/products/guardian-of-the-dales-corporate-history-book>.

## Christmas Fayre

Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge

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## News from Bainbridge Vets

With Christmas on the way, we'd like to take the opportunity to remind people about some of the items around your house that we regularly have to treat the animals for, after ingestion.

Chocolate- we see quite a bit of this, please keep them out of dogs reach and if at all concerned after ingestion please let us know.

Raisins - A lot of Christmas foods have raisins in and these can be highly toxic to dogs.

Onions (and other family members) - these can cause abnormalities in blood cells.

Poinsettia, mistletoe and holly - these can cause stomach upsets.

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## Poppy Collections in Hawes .....

The total raised so far in the Hawes area is £1,958.00. and we would like to thank all local businesses for displaying collection boxes and also a huge thanks to the volunteers who collected door to door. This amount also includes the sum of £567.00 donated from the Afternoon Tea and entertainment organised by Alison and Sheila for which we say a huge thank you for your hard work.

May we also take this opportunity to thank Kenneth Metcalfe of Nunnington (formerly of Hawes) who has agreed to purchase a silhouette statue of an unknown Tommy soldier and a Women in War silhouette. These will be displayed next year next to the Memorial at Town Head. Thanks Ken.

**Stan and Jen Johnson**

### ....and in Askrigg

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2022 has now ended and we are busy counting up all the donations made in our area. A total will be issued in due course, but in the meantime I would like to express my thanks to Jennifer (who co-ordinates the Appeal in Hawes) and to all those who supported a Coffee Morning at Sycamore Hall, raising £83.13. Your support is very much appreciated. The Royal British Legion does an amazing amount of work for veterans and current serving members of the Forces and your donations are vital to ensure that this important work can continue. If you would like to get involved in the 2023 Appeal, we are always looking out for volunteers, so do get in touch.

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## Ropemaking In Hawes

When local resident Tom Outhwaite took over the ropemaking business in Hawes 70 years ago (his father retired in 1952), there was a young Queen on the throne and the new Elizabethan age had just begun.

At that time, farming was moving towards more mechanisation, with the use of milking machines instead of milking by hand and tractors replacing horses on the land. However the manufacture of ropes was just as it had been generations before. Two people were needed to make the ropes: one to walk backwards and forwards, repetitively ‘warping up’ the yarn and then controlling the twist in the rope, whilst a second person turned the heavy wheel that put in the twist. This was traditional ropemaking, with the rope ‘laid’ by hand.

Tom had been that second person after he joined his father in the business (making it W.R.Outhwaite and Son); now he was on his own. However, by installing electricity to power the ropemaking machine, he converted it into a one-person business in which he could work single-handed. Electricity also speeded up the production process, thus increasing overall production of the country ropemaker’s traditional products for a mainly local market. Then, following an appearance at the Great Yorkshire Show in 1962, thanks to the interest and support of CoSIRA (the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas – now sadly long gone), the Outhwaite ropemaking name reached a larger share of a diminishing market during the 1960s

When Tom retired in 1975, Peter and I bought the business, bringing Peter’s specialist textile knowledge and wide-ranging practical skills to Wensleydale (his paternal grandfather had been a blacksmith). We moved to Wensleydale in 1975 – nearly half a century ago – and overlapped with Tom for four months to learn the basic skills, customer names and key products.

Much has changed since then, including the introduction of desk-top computers and lap-tops; the internet and digital technology; and commercial logistics with satellite tracking of goods. Instead of short lengths of rope made in Tom Outhwaite’s father’s 400 square foot wooden shed (with longer ropes made outside on fine days), the premises were extended -and extended again – and again.

Automatic braiding machines were added to increase productivity and increase the range of

products that could be made. (Ropemaking twists yarns; braiding plait them). The original James Herriot TV vet series, much of it filmed in Wensleydale in the late 1970s, played its part in transforming tourism and increasing visitor numbers. And the ropemaking business, with larger premises and more trained staff, took its products out to the wider world, exhibiting at trade exhibitions in London and Birmingham as well as visiting trade shows abroad for ideas and new customers.

In 2018 the business developed again when we commissioned and imported a special ropemaking machine from Denmark to make continuous lengths of rope, to be sold in standard 220 metre coils. This machine allowed us to escape the confines of the 1992 building in the station yard, in which the traditional hand-laid method had restricted ropemaking to a maximum of 25 metre lengths; anything longer had to be brought in.

It is nearly five years since Peter died and I have now decided to close the business. There is no single reason for this decision i.e it is not directly attributable to the pandemic – although to some extent that affected productivity and the overall resilience of the business. However, looking ahead, there are both internal and external factors that – taken together – look likely to affect future prospects for the business.

Although there will be no more ropemaking in Hawes from now on, when the closure decision became known locally, I received enquiries about the future of the machinery and other equipment. This was an unexpected – but very welcome – situation. Subject, therefore, to completion of the arrangements for the safe removal and installation of these major items in premises elsewhere, most of the Outhwaite product range should continue to be available in future, though under the names of two different businesses.

Askrigg Ropes will make traditional hand-laid agricultural rope products, dog leads and skipping ropes. email: [askriggropemakers@aol.com](mailto:askriggropemakers@aol.com); [www.askrigg-ropemakers.co.uk](http://www.askrigg-ropemakers.co.uk).

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have been associated with ropemaking in Hawes since 1975: the late Tom,

Laura and Mary Outhwaite who were so supportive in our early years; Norman Chapman – now retired – who was our first full-time permanent member of staff in 1976 – and many other staff members since then; our customers; the accommodation providers and other business people who encouraged visitors to come into the ropeworks to watch traditional ropemaking and ‘see how the twist is put in;’ officers of the various authorities with whom we dealt over the years. And so many others, including Carol Outhwaite Johnson (Tom and Laura’s daughter), who visited us in the ropeworks last week. Thank you all!

**Ruth Annison**



A really big thank you goes out to everyone who donated prizes, helped on the day and came and supported our Christmas fair that we held in Hawes Market Hall. We raised a fantastic £425 which will go towards our refurbishment of the children’s toilets.

We also managed to raise £47.10 for ‘Children in Need’ by inviting everyone to come dressed in either yellow or in pyjamas for the day. We made Pudsey bear biscuits, had a teddy bears picnic and made paw print pictures.

We have lots of fabulous Christmas activities lined up for the month ahead and Father Christmas has promised to call by to see us all. Dalesplay will be working alongside the open Pantry to help those in need. If you are struggling financially please get in touch and we can help confidentially to provide food, nappies, wipes, milk powder, coal etc. With rising utility costs and fuel it can easily impact on families and we don’t want anyone to suffer alone. Please reach out to us by emailing Joanne at [dalesplay1@btconnect.com](mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com). We can be discreet and no one else needs to know. We will also have a shelf in the entrance hall which will be stocked and you are welcome to come and help yourselves from the shelf. We hope all our families and friends have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

### Hawes Christmas Lights

Once again we are selling Christmas Cards to raise funds. Please visit our Facebook page (Hawes Christmas Lights Festival) for more information. *Please note* we will be taking down the Christmas displays on **Wednesday, January 4th** if you can help please meet at Town Foot at **8.30am**.



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## Sheep And Calf Health

The Yorkshire Dales Farmer Network has a busy autumn and winter programme of meetings and events supporting local farmers and their businesses, including animal health and welfare topics. The Network is teaming up with AHDB, Bainbridge Vets, Elanco and Farm Post-mortems Ltd to hold a Calf and Lamb post-mortem evening at Hawes Auction Mart on **Monday, December 5th commencing at 7.00pm** with refreshments.

Karl Pendlebury, AHDB says “This is a great opportunity to watch post-mortem demonstrations from Ben Strugnell, Farm Post-mortems Ltd, to minimise losses and keep your stock healthy.”

Further presentations will cover anthelmintic resistance in sheep, calf scour and bovine respiratory diseases. The event, is free and open to all farmers.

Veronica Waller, Senior Project Manager for the Farmer Network says “technical meetings such as this not only help to inform farmers but may also have a positive impact in reducing variable costs within the farm business. This is a free meeting, and we welcome all interested farmers”.

Places can be booked by contacting The Farmer Network on **01768 868615**, texting “Book Sheep and Calf Health evening” to **07714 187034** or emailing [admin@thefarmernetwork.co.uk](mailto:admin@thefarmernetwork.co.uk).

## Gayle Methodist Chapel

Due to a revision to the seating arrangements in the chapel we have for sale, to aid our funds, a pine pew about 8 foot long. This could be modified, if required, into two separate items.

The pew can be seen in the chapel schoolroom. Call next door at Hill House for Mabel or Allen Dinsdale or ring Ian Woolley on **01969 666849**.

## Central Dales Pharmacy

Please note that the Central Dales Pharmacy, Hawes is closed on following days during Christmas and New year:

**December 25th to 27th**

**January 1st and 2nd**

**Otherwise open 9.00am to 5.30pm**

## Wensleydale School

Another busy month at the Wensleydale school. Firstly, we sent 35 students and staff off to Heathrow to catch a flight to Berlin for a four day, cultural and history related visit to Germany. The Year 10 and 11 students who study, as part of their GCSE course, America 1929-45 and the Cold War from 1945, visited a number of key sites in Berlin, that really brought home the historical events. For some students this was the first time abroad and although apprehensive, thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. The pivotal moment for many was standing in a hall, on the very wooden floor where Hitler had given a speech in the 1930s.

However the extensive trip also covered a number of other museums as well as including a three hour walking tour of Berlin and a visit to the Reichstag for a self-guided visit to the Dome and Rooftop Terrace.

In other news...More locally we sent 65 students and staff to Ripon Cathedral for the annual Service of Remembrance for our Service students. This year our choir had composed a new piece in memory of our late Queen Elizabeth11 and this was performed during the service.

We took delivery of our second minibus in order to have more flexibility for students wishing to join us outside of catchment. We have also welcomed curate Rev Gillian Lunn, who has started visiting school weekly in order for students and staff to talk and our hope is that we have more chaplaincy work within school from the New Year.

As I write we are planning. Christmas lunches, carol singing, Yr11 mock examination timetables, the Winter concert which will include the presentation of some awards for our most outstanding students from 2021-22. A very Happy Christmas and New Year from The Wensleydale School.

## Sycamore Hall Coffee Morning

Come along and join in the festive fun of a coffee morning at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge on **Saturday, December 10th between 10.30am and noon**.

The event is organised by Bainbridge W.I. and there will be tea/coffee and mince pies along with a cake stall, raffle and tombola. Entry just £3.00 per person.

## Prunings December

What a year! Even in mid-November there are roses in flower. The Mrs Popple fuchsia and the tiny white magellanica are still festooned in flowers. The brilliant non-stop begonias have only recently given up the ghost and there are blooms on both the rose of Sharon and the choisya. At the same time hydrangea "Blue Bird" is still full of colour although its neighbour, the rudbeckia, has transformed into black seed heads. As if to welcome the next season the winter clematis is covered in white bells and the yellow jasmine is poking through the berries on the cotoneaster. If anything can be a joy in the rain, this is it.

Looking across the valley, the stream that has been invisible for many months has now boiled into life and there is a large patch of white foam on the river. This must be working wonders for the water table and future supply. Sadly a cynical voice in the back of my mind keeps insisting that while we were being threatened with hose pipe bans and the like, precious little was happening to increase capacity. It seems to me that a bit of dredging while reservoirs were low would not have come amiss and even just reducing leaks could reduce the problem.

Let us be encouraged by the prospect of a new year and a new season. The magazines are full of ideas for fresh colour to introduce, new plants to try and practical ways of conserving water and enhancing conditions for wildlife. Emails from Sarah Raven promise bulb sales and irresistible species to try, while I read in

Garden News that the RHS has appointed someone to lead a five year project to research sustainable alternatives to peat in large scale commercial settings. Again my cynical voice says about time too or what on earth has taken so long. Why do large organisations take such an age to get round to any action?

In the December edition of Which Gardening, Dr Ken Thompson has written a fascinating article on the demise of the house sparrow. Like many of you I shall take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch in January. It is likely that the house sparrow will come top again as it has for every one of the last 19 years, so you may be surprised to learn that although still common their numbers are down by 71% worldwide since 1977. There has been much research and many investigations have come to no real conclusions. Increases in sparrowhawks, air pollution and changes to the built environment, may all have contributed. Perhaps one answer among many is the rise in avian malaria which is higher in house sparrows than in any other wild bird populations in Northern Europe. It seems that we gardeners, as individuals, can do little to help except provide food and habitat.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful and peaceful happy Christmas and I look forward to us all meeting up again in the new year refreshed and invigorated.

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## Aysgarth Remembrance Service

A contingent of Gurkha trainees helped to make this year's Remembrance service at Aysgarth church on Sunday a very memorable one.

The Remembrance services at Aysgarth began on Friday when the refurbished War Memorial in the church was dedicated. This included a new plaque to honour the twelve local men killed in WWI whose names were omitted from the original Roll of Honour.

Frank Trowell designed the new structure for the wreaths and crosses created from the carved woodwork from the three pews which had been removed. The refurbishment of the plaques was by John Pickard and Sons and the joinery by Paul Smith of Joinery Solutions. The engraving was by Dan Thornton-Grace. Col Nick Gaskell initiated, oversaw and did much of the additional work.



The Gurkha group at Aysgarth church with Harriet Corner, Deputy Lord-Lieutenant Nigel Corner and Col Nick Gaskell.

All the Gurkha trainees and Corporal Raju Roka saluted at the War Memorial before they left the church on Sunday. They had arrived early and so were able to visit the grave of Lt Col James Alban Wilson who served with the Gurkhas during WW1.

In Penhill Benefice on Sunday Gurkha trainees also attended the Remembrance Services at Redmire and West Witton churches.



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## Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Middleham Key Centre, AGM. **Tuesday, January 17th 2023 at 2.00pm**

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Our 2023 programme of talks will include topics such as Carving the Statue of the Queen for York Minster; the Middleham Jewel; the Wynard Estate and family; and the Yorkshire Dialect Project. In the summer we arrange a visit for our Members' Day.

Join us at our AGM which will be followed by a short talk by Marjorie Iveson on *Leyburn and how it became what it is today*, supported by a portfolio of very interesting text and photographs which can be viewed at leisure at the end of the meeting.

Visitors are always welcome, or why not become a member for only £12 for nine meetings; visitors can attend for £3 per meeting.

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## Santa's Sleigh Route

**Saturday, December 3rd**

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To Little Ings Entrance (Flats). To Little Ings Entrance (Playground). To Gayle Lane (Entrance Car Park). Down Gayle Lane to Town Head onto the Hawes Centre.

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<b>Start:</b> Opposite Allen's, with Hawes Silver Band and Community Carol Singing	<b>4.00-4.30pm</b>
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Auction Mart	<b>4.55pm</b>
Gayle Bridge	<b>5.05pm</b>
Little Ings Entrance (Flats)	<b>5.10pm</b>
Little Ings Entrance (Play)	<b>5.15pm</b>
Creamery Entrance	<b>5.25pm</b>
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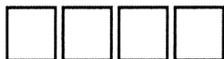
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The other highlight of November was our participation in the French Film Festival which continues into December. As with the Silent Film with live piano accompaniment we are fortunate to get such good quality screenings here in Leyburn, which are not always available elsewhere.

December can be a busy month for everyone as we prepare for Christmas but we hope you find the time to enjoy our events, in particular the Christmas Concert 'Decades with a Sprinkling of Christmas' featuring highlights from the Jubilee and Jazz Festival concerts held earlier this year. Coming in January is another Andre Rieu treat, his concert filmed live in Dublin. There will be two screenings both in the afternoon. A wonderful way of forgetting the cold January weather! In February we shall have our charity Indian meal at Saffron so something else to look forward to

Finally, thanks to all our supporters and volunteers, next year is our 10th year from gaining the lease of The Old School House and our first opening! Can you believe it?

## Living Advent Calendar

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Our new programme for 2023 starts on **January 18th** with a talk on "Saree and their Weavers". Our speaker, Cheryl Hendy will bring some saree for us to see and try on! Later in the year Dulcie Lewis returns to the Dales to talk on "Where the wind blows and other stories" and Colin Alderson, chef to our late Queen returns to tell us about "Christmas at Sandringham". In August we have a trip to the Piece Hall and Shibden Hall Halifax. We welcome new members and visitors to our meetings which are held on the **third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm** in Carperby Institute. We would be delighted to see you. For more details it's **Ann 01969 662625**.



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This evening of music heralds in the start of the Christmas celebrations. Come along and enjoy singing Christmas Carols and listening to Seasonal Songs.

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## Swaledale Festival 2023 May 27th to June 10th

The nights are drawing in, but we are brightening our minds with thoughts of Swaledale Festival 2023 for which Artistic Director Malcolm Creese has spent the last few months putting together a fabulous programme. Here is a tantalising taste of the myriad voices, instruments and artists that will come to our hills and dales next May and June.

In the first week we'll welcome the internationally admired cellist Natalie Clein, Britain's foremost jazz singer Claire Martin, pianist Martin Roscoe with cellist Moray Welsh, early music from the excellent Manchester Baroque, flute virtuoso Eliza Marshall, family fun with Lempen Puppet Theatre, the talented Dutch jazz violinist Tim Kliphuis with strings, the high-flying young Ligeti Quartet and, for lovers of brass band music, the superb WFEL Fairey Band.

The middle weekend sees the last ever Festival performance by Swaledale's beloved folk group Fourum and a solo performance by the comedy legend Andy Hamilton. The second week features a classical guitar recital from the great Craig Ogden, Haydn and Beethoven from the Doric String Quartet, the exciting Belgian five-piece WÖR, the excellent Jervaulx Singers, a fascinating collaboration between bluesman Michael Messer and two Indian musicians, lutenist Jacob Heringman duetting with mezzo-soprano Clare Wilkinson, Connaught Brass, and the Herschel Quartet with soprano Julia Doyle.

Much more is to come - the full programme will be shared in late January. Tickets go on sale on **Monday, March 13th**. Alternatively, you can become a Festival Friend and gain a two-week priority booking period starting on **Monday, February 27th**, along with the warm, fuzzy feeling that you are helping the Festival to thrive.

For more information please visit [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org).

## Carperby Dominoes

There will be a special Christmas dominoes event in the village institute hall on **Thursday, December 15th at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

## BAWB Schools News

Since the last edition of the UWNL our pupils have taken part in the finals of the inter-school cross-country competition. They had a brilliant experience going down to Giggleswick. Well done girls!



Our Year 5's and Year 6's had the opportunity to join the emergency services at 'Crucial Crew'. This is a great annual event which helps pupils understand what to do in an emergency and builds their awareness and confidence to "say no" if they find themselves in a situation, they are not comfortable with.

November also saw us participating in Remembrance in each of our three villages, we are grateful to our local communities for their invitations. Our pupils showed incredible maturity during activities and discussions about the topic of Remembrance.



December is such a special time to be in schools. This year we are going to see Pinocchio at the Georgian Theatre thanks to our amazing PTFA, we have Christmas dinners planned thanks to our wonderful cooks, and we are extremely excited to be able to invite friends and families to watch our pupils in their Christmas Performance's, **Tuesday, December 6th at 1.30pm and 6.00pm** at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Our Christingle service will be held on the last day of term at St Oswald's at **2.00pm**. Being able to come together to celebrate is giving such an added glow to the 2022 festive season.

January will see us getting back to swimming lessons with the reopening of the Richmond Swimming Pool. Families have been able to use their Federation swim cards at Catterick pool but we are looking forward to being back to lessons and developing these life skills.

Before we know it, the lighter nights will be here! We wish you a very Merry Christmas from all the pupils and staff at the BAWB Federation. As always please keep up to date with the Federation news on our website [www.b-a-wb.com](http://www.b-a-wb.com) or contact [bawbadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk](mailto:bawbadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk).

### Leyburn & District u3a Group

The next meeting is on **Friday, December 16th, at 10.00am** which is a social event - mince pies and chat. On **Friday, January 20th 2023 at 10.00am**, Danny Grocock will be the speaker and his subject is: Tax, Care & Toy Boys. On **Friday, February 17th 2023 at 10.00am**, Tony Skully and John Anderson - Poetry is a Tender Power.

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St Oswald's, Askrigg	Sunday	Dec 4	2.00pm	Christmas Memorial
	Sunday	Dec 11	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Friday	Dec 16	2.00pm	School and Community Christingle
				Christmas Tree Festival begins
	Sunday	Dec 18	10.30am	Carol Service
	Tuesday	Dec 20	7.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival Concert
	Christmas Eve		5.00pm	Carols by the Market Cross – Visit from Santa
			11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Sunday	Jan 1	10.30am	The Gathering—Benefice Family Communion
	Sunday	Jan 8	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 15	10.30am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Jan 22	10.30am	Outreach Café Style Service
	Sunday	Jan 29	10.30am	Forest Church
	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	Sunday	Dec 11	12.30pm
			1.30pm	Holy Communion
Christmas Eve			3.00pm	Carol Singing
Sunday		Jan 8	12.30pm	Soup Lunch
			1.30pm	Holy Communion
Sunday	Jan 22	2.30pm	Evening Prayer	
		3.15pm	Pathfinders	
Bainbridge Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 18	10.45am	Carol Service with Rev. Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Jan 22	10.45am	Service led by Mrs. Ruth Poultney
Marsett Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 4	2.00pm	Christmas Singalong
	Sunday	Dec 11	2.00pm	Service led by Allen Dinsdale
	Sunday	Dec 18	2.00pm	Holy Communion with Rev. Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Jan 8	2.00pm	Covenant Service. Rev. Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Jan 15	2.00pm	Service led by Mrs. Elizabeth Haythornthwaite
	Sunday	Jan 29	2.00pm	Service led by Rev. Julia Reid
	Sunday	Jan 29	2.00pm	Service led by Rev. Julia Reid
Sycamore Hall	Friday	Dec 2	10.00am	Communion Service
	Friday	Jan 6	10.00am	Communion Service

**HAWES AREA**

St Margaret's, Hawes	Sunday	Dec 4	10.30am	United Toy Service
	Sunday	Dec 11	10.30am	Ecumenical Service
	Wednesday	Dec 14	9.15am	Hawes School Christingle
	Saturday	Dec 17	4.00pm	Crib and Carols by Candlelight
	Christmas Eve		7.00pm	Carols in Hawes Market Square. Bring a Lantern
	Christmas Day		10.30am	Benefice Christmas Morning Communion
	Sunday	Jan 8	10.30am	Covenant Ecumenical Service at Gayle Chapel
	Sunday	Jan 15	10.30am	Praise in the Pen Family Service
	Sunday	Jan 22	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 29	10.30am	Songs of Praise
Hawes Market House	Wednesday	Jan 18	Noon	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

## HAWES AREA (continued)

Gayle Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 11	6.00pm	Service led by Rev. Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Dec 18	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
	Sunday	Jan 1	6.00pm	Service led by Mrs. Ruth Poultney
	Sunday	Jan 8	10.30am	Covenant Ecumenical Service with Hawes and Hardraw churches
	Sunday	Jan 22	6.00pm	Service led by Rev. Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Jan 29	6.00pm	Service led by Rev. Julia Reed
St Mary & St John, Hardraw	Sunday	Dec 11	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	Christmas Eve		10.00pm	Benefice Christmas Communion
	Sunday	Jan 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Jan 15	9.00am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 22	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Jan 29	9.00am	Songs of Praise

Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4pm every Sunday for details see our website

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**Telephone service** - dial 0333 0110 946 and enter room number 61337190# and PIN 7450# Depending on your provider this is either free or costs a local rate phone call.

## AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA

Telephone Service at 9.30am on Sunday, Dec 4th, 11th and 18th plus Jan 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

St Andrew's, Aysgarth	Sunday	Dec 4	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Dec 18	11.00am	Holy Communion with Carols
	Christmas Day		11.00am	Christmas Praise
	Sunday	Jan 8	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 15	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 22	11.00am	Morning Prayer and Baptism
St Bartholomew's, West Witton with	Sunday	Dec 4	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Thursday	Dec 8	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Dec 11	10.30am	Holy Communion Benefice Service Advent Carols and Readings
	Sunday	Dec 18	11.00am	Morning Prayer
			6.00pm	Village Carols at Mill Dam
	Thursday	Dec 22	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Christmas Eve		4.00pm	Crib Service
			11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion
	Thursday	Jan 5	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 8	11.00am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Jan 15	11.00am	Morning Prayer
	Thursday	Jan 19	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 22	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 29	10.30am	Holy Communion Candlemass Celebration
Thoralby Village Hall	Saturday	Dec 17	2.00pm	Carol Service
Thornton Rust Institute	Wednesday	Dec 21	6.00pm	Carol Service
Thornton Rust Mission Room	Sunday	Jan 22	3.00pm	Evening Prayer
West Burton Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 4	10.45am	Service led by Howard Thomas
	Sunday	Dec 18	10.45am	Service led by Mrs. Janet Leahy
	Sunday	Jan 1	10.45am	Service led by Rowland Dent
	Sunday	Jan 8	10.45am	Service led by Jos Huddleston
	Sunday	Jan 15	10.45am	Covenant Service led by Rev. Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Jan 29	10.45am	Service led by Rev. G. Lunn

## CARPERBY, REDMIRE, CASTLE BOLTON, PRESTON AND WENSLEY AREA

St Margaret's, Preston-under-Scar	Sunday	Dec 4	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Dec 18	9.30am	Holy Communion
			6.30pm	Carol singing outside the church
	Sunday	Jan 1	10.30am	Holy Communion Benefice Service
	Sunday	Jan 8	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 15	9.30am	Holy Communion
St Mary's, Redmire	Sunday	Dec 4	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Dec 18	4.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		3.30pm	Crib service
	Christmas Eve		8.00pm	Christmas Communion
	Sunday	Jan 8	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 15	9.30am	Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, Wensley	Friday	Dec 16	6.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Day		9.45am	Holy Communion
Redmire Village Hall	Wednesday	Dec 7	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
	Wednesday	Dec 14	2.00pm	Church Afternoon Tea
	Wednesday	Jan 4	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
	Wednesday	Jan 18	2.00pm	Church Afternoon Tea

### Jean Moore of Carperby

wishes all her family and friends merry Christmas and happy New Year.



### Jim Spensley would like to

wish family and friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



**Eileen and Peter Allen** would like to wish all their family and friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



**Joan Hague** wishes all friends, neighbours and extended family a merry Christmas and a happy 2023.



**Barry Wilcox** wishes all friends and neighbours a peaceful Christmas and a much better New Year.



**June Metcalfe** would like to wish all her family and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



**Jean and Stuart Cockburn** wish all their friends in Aysgarth a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.



**Sheila Cockett** wishes all neighbours and friends a super Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Wishing all our family and friends a very merry Christmas & best wishes for 2023. From **Dee and Lorna Ward**. A donation to Alzheimers again this year instead of sending cards.



**James Atkinson** would like to wish all his friends and family a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Mary Sumner**  
wishes everyone a  
happy and healthy  
Christmas and New Year.



Wishing everyone a  
happy Christmas and a  
healthy, rewarding New  
Year. **Mary and  
Kelvin Young.**



**Marilyn and Tony  
Philpott**

send Christmas greetings  
and best wishes for a happy  
and healthy 2023 to their  
old friends in Wensleydale.



**Julia Harrison** of Scott  
Hill, Bainbridge would like to  
wish her neighbours, family  
and friends a merry  
Christmas and a happy New  
Year.



**Jean Sleightholm**  
would like to wish all her  
friends and neighbours a  
very merry Christmas and a  
Happy and healthy 2023.



**Chubby, Sarah, Jas  
& George** would like to  
wish all our family & friends  
a very merry Christmas and a  
happy New Year! We won't  
be sending cards, but will be  
donating to Cancer Research UK instead.



**Jim Lambert** Would  
like to wish family and friends  
a merry Christmas and a happy  
and healthy New Year.  
A donation instead of cards to  
Cancer Research UK.

**Margaret Haygarth**  
wishes family, friends and  
neighbours a merry  
Christmas and all the best  
for 2023.



**Veronica Dinsdale**  
would like to wish all her  
friends a very merry  
Christmas and a happy New  
Year.



**Denise Mason** would  
like to wish her family and  
friends a Happy Christmas  
and best wishes for 2023.



**Judith Fawcett**  
would like to wish her  
family and friends a  
merry Christmas and a  
happy New Year.

Christmas Greeting and Best  
Wishes for 2023 to all my  
friends and family from  
**Myra Staveley.**



**Tom and Elaine Ewbank**  
wish all family and friends a  
happy Christmas and a healthy  
and happy New Year.



**Pip Pointon** wishes you  
all a happy Christmas and a  
healthy New Year.

