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and Bishopdale,
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Guest Editorial

I very rarely participate in online petitions but in January I did - and I can blame the Local Government Association and the National Association of Local Councils for that. Both are supporting a petition by the Association of Democratic Services Officers (ADSO) and Lawyers in Local Government (LLG) calling for councils in England to have the choice to meet remotely. One of the arguments is that local democracy benefitted from the increased attendances at remote meetings.

The planning and full Authority meetings of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) provide an excellent illustration. During the Covid lockdown the government temporarily relaxed regulations so that local councils in England could hold their meetings remotely. From May 2020 to April 2021 between three and fifty-eight members of the public live-streamed meetings of the YDNPA planning and full Authority. (Figures provided by the YDNPA.)

It was such a pleasure to be able to hear every word spoken during those meetings. Even when the meetings were held at the YDNPA's office in Bainbridge it was very difficult to hear some of the speakers. Then the curtain came down when the temporary statutory regulations expired in April 2021. The government argued there wasn't sufficient Parliamentary time to change the primary legislation and all local council meetings had to be held face-to-face.

Since June 2021 I have had significant problems with reporting the planning meetings held at the Grassington Devonshire Institute. The Authority's committee staff have been very helpful but they cannot do anything about the awful acoustics and limitations of that hall when Covid restrictions are in place. It is a large hall with sufficient space for the committee members to sit at tables well-spaced around the sides. There are two amplifiers on the stage but by the time the sound from them reaches the back of the hall it is distorted. That was worse at the meeting in January this year when members had to wear masks even when they were speaking.

Members of the public are only allowed in to witness a debate if they have logged an interest in a specific planning application and for which there is a public speaker. Otherwise, they have

to wait in another room. When in the hall they sit in a corner at the back and one of the oddities of the situation is that they can hardly hear the public speaker just over a metre away. The reporters sitting in the opposite corner have the same problem. It is also very hard to decipher the YDNPA's recordings of the meetings in that hall. It all adds up to a huge local democracy deficit. I can attend as a reporter for the ARC News Service - something I have been doing for over 10 years on a voluntary basis for the Association of Rural Communities. I post the reports on my own website (pipspatch) but I've had great difficulty fulfilling that task for the past eight months.

The reasons the ADSO and LLG give for reintroducing the ability to hold remote meetings is not only the increased attendance by the public and committee members with more transparency and openness but also the environmental benefits. Again the YDNPA is a good example. This Authority now covers 841 square miles, stretching 69 miles from the north western end to the south east. For the Authority member from Eden District the journey to Grassington takes about one hour and twenty minutes (45.6 miles), compared to 38 minutes to Bainbridge (20.7 miles). Reducing travel to meetings can only help the YDNPA reach its aim of becoming "carbon neutral" by 2040.

The ADSO and LLG also argue that remote meetings will provide a better work and life balance for Authority members and councillors, make it easier for younger people to serve on such authorities and provide another means to attend when snow or flooding disrupts travel.

When presenting the petition on change.org the ADSO and LLG have stated: "We do not wish to impose remote meetings on councils. They should have the choice to decide how they run their meetings depending on local circumstances. They know best. The period of lockdown showed that remote meetings bring so many benefits to local democracy and residents, apart from the obvious public health safeguards. It is no longer just a response to Covid."

And with my experience of trying to report on YDNPA meetings I do so agree. www.change.org/p/uk-government-and-parliament-for-councils-in-england-to-have-the-choice-to-meet-remotely.

Pip Pointon

Concerts at Reeth Memorial Hall

We are looking forward to the Hall's mini folk festival with concerts on three consecutive evenings.

Thursday, March 3rd – Other Roads. This contemporary folk trio are singer/songwriter and guitarist Pete Abbott, eight times Scottish Fiddle Champion, Gregor Borland and multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter Dave Walmisley. They visit Reeth following a successful tour of Europe and before touring Denmark. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Friday, March 4th – Peggy Seeger on her First Farewell Tour – Peggy, the undisputed queen of folk and political song will be joined by her son Calum MacColl. Tickets £18 (£20 door).

Saturday, March 5th – Follow Me Down – Songs From The West - Steve Knightley - multi-award-winning singer-songwriter/ musician and founder member of folk/acoustic roots trail-blazers, 'Show of Hands'. Tickets £20 (£22 door)

Saturday, March 19th – Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri. Sold out.

Tickets from Reeth Post Office or phone **John Little (01748 884759)** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk – tickets ½ price u16s. All concerts start at **8.00pm**. Doors open at 7.30pm.

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month, apart from sheltering from my namesake weather storm, I was hiding in the What's Ons heading on page 20 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Anthony Day of Redmire.

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

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March Competition

The answers are all Yorkshire towns and cities. There is only one anagram; for the rest you need a warped mind or a bit of knowledge! Good luck.

1. Eureka! It's here.
2. Always in bley.
3. I grub shoe.
4. War! No 'T' - a 'Y'.
5. Look down on me from Wesley's octagonal chapel.
6. Nail beck-crossing.
7. Twisted pig?
8. It has an E and a W cliff.
9. Hill lass's town?
10. Donald chuckled her.
11. Wednesday's place.
12. Porcine applause reversed.
13. Worth a ride up from here.
14. Source of U.S. Spring water?
15. Seasonal river crossing.
16. Church town beside hills.
17. Where you can buy 'heavy goods'.
18. Ship's bottom.

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, March 22nd**. Don't forget to nominate your charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

February Competition Answers

1. Tea
2. Tango
3. Lemonade
4. Latte
5. Hot Chocolate
6. Tonic Water
7. Orange juice
8. Dandelion and Burdock
9. Lucozade
10. Red Bull
11. Ribena
12. Cappuccino
13. Earl Grey
14. Barley Water
15. Ginger Beer

There were several correct entries this month and the winner chosen at random is Ann Saville of Guisborough whose nominated charity to receive £20 is Teesside Hospice.

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

Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in March

	St Mary & St John's, Hardraw 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2.30pm
Wednesday March 2nd			7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service	
March 6th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	
March 13th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Service At Gayle Chapel	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
March 20th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	
March 27th Mothering Sunday	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family service -Praise in the Pen	Evening Prayer
Evening Prayer is on Sundays at 4.00pm via our telephone conferencing service - for details go to www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services .				

Lenten Cheer!

I wonder how you will take your pancakes this year. Are you a purist with a squeeze of lemon and a sprinkling of sugar? Do you prefer to smother them in golden syrup or do you experiment with a mixture of sweet and savoury? Last year I discovered that fish fingers make an excellent filling!

March 1st is Shrove Tuesday and homes the length and breadth of the land will be serving up this time-honoured snack. The basic ingredients and process have been proven to be over 30,000 years old as archaeological research has identified primitive batter remains on stone-age grinding tools and this simple meal is still created the world over. For many, pancakes are associated with the start of the season of Lent; a period of 40 days in the Christian calendar that remembers the time Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing himself for his earthly ministry. It is seen as a time of 'giving things

up' or fasting and an opportunity to join with others in a time of structured self-discipline and reflection and many other faith groups do the same at some point during the year.

Rather than viewing the season wholly as a period of self-flagellation, it's good to incorporate a new activity alongside any fasting, the purpose of which might be to help others or to help the environment. Fasting shouldn't be about making ourselves feel miserable but to help us focus on the good things in our lives. Using these weeks before the spring festivities of Easter in this way is growing in popularity and after the imposed isolation that the pandemic has brought to us all, it could be a lovely way to engage with our neighbours and community once more and to help spread some **cheer and happiness**. With my best wishes.

Rev Dave



THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM LEYBURN

Our student press pack has taken some time off to focus on our new online school newspaper. The project has all stemmed from our enrichment offer and students are now busy polishing and perfecting our online newspaper site. We hope that we will be able to share it externally in the future.

Things are slowly getting back to some sort of normal, however we were only fully staffed this week since Christmas due to covid. After the mock exams Year 11 are now settling into their routine of regular revision and exam preparation. We have split the year group into very small tutor groups of about six students and allocated them to our senior leaders and teachers. The senior staff will mentor students three times a week over the next three months to help motivate, calm and inspire the students to plan revision and exam preparation.

We have to remember that this is the first time in two years that students have sat national exams and they're feeling the pressure. The exam boards have now released the modifications for 2022, but it can still seem daunting, which is why we have made the decision to mentor them in this way.

We have been able to offer three overseas trips this month, which again is a sign that things are returning to normal. Year 7 are looking forward to the week-long trip to France in June. Years 9 and 10 are able to look ahead to a trip to the battlefields in Belgium in September and Berlin in November.

Finally, this week I interviewed students for the position of Senior Student. It is a pleasure to interview young people who have passion and enthusiasm for leadership. In the end Molly Hunter, Year 10, was appointed as Senior Student Leader and Jessica Tattershall-Weaver, Year 11, Deputy Student Leader.

Both girls will now become the link between students and the Senior Leadership team, as well as supporting in a range of activities and events in school.

Julia Polley
Headteacher

The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

Marie Curie Quiz Night

The Wensleydale Marie Curie Fundraising Group is having a Quiz Night, organised by friends & supporters of West Witton village hall at **7.00pm on Saturday, March 12th.**

The tickets are £10 each, Pie & Pea/Coleslaw Supper included. (Veggie option - pre-order.)

There is a bar and there will be a raffle. Come along as a team of four or six, or else join some others on the night.

Money raised by the Wensleydale Fundraising Group is used to care for terminally ill people in the area

Look forward to seeing you at West Witton Village Hall on **March 12th.**

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Wensleydale Beacon

Wensleydale Beacon is a geographical feature but where is it? Not in the Yorkshire Dales but on a remote volcanic island, Deception Island, at latitude 62°57'S, north-west of the Antarctic Peninsula.

The island was discovered by nineteenth-century sealers and first charted in about 1821, when its horseshoe shape, the result of an explosive volcanic history and subsequent flooding by the sea of the breached crater, provided a safe anchorage for the sealers' vessels. The area was surveyed by the Royal Navy Hydrographic Survey Unit in 1948-49 when a steel framework beacon was constructed on the summit of a 110 m high hill, opposite the narrow entrance to the central bay. Called Wensley Beacon, after a favourite locality of the surveyor-in-charge, it was officially renamed Wensleydale Beacon by the Antarctic Place-names Committee in 1955. The feature now sports a cylindrical orange, black and yellow surveyor's tower, three meters in height.

After the sealers left in 1824, Deception Island was visited sporadically until commercial whalers used it as a base between 1905 and 1931. Britain established a scientific station on the island in 1944, followed by Argentine and Chilean stations in 1947 and 1955. Regarded as a dormant volcano, but with some fumarolic activity (warm areas of ground emitting steam and sulphurous gases), it erupted in December 1967, and a new, small island formed within the old, flooded crater. Further eruptions occurred in February 1969 and August 1970. Although the Chilean and British scientific stations were destroyed during these events, and the Argentine station abandoned, there was no loss of life and Wensleydale Beacon remained unscathed, continuing to provide a navigational aid to vessels entering the bay.

J.W.T

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Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale Lent Lunches 2022

Our annual Lent Lunch series commences on **Tuesday, March 15th**. Everyone is invited to attend to one or all the events. The lunches will again be held in Gayle Chapel Schoolroom, **12.00 noon Tuesdays, March 15th, 22nd and 29th and April 5th**, consisting of a soup and bread lunch followed by a short reflection. A wonderful way to prepare for Easter. Do join us.

My Local Practice Campaign

I wanted to share with you the details of the #MyLocalPractice campaign that has now been launched. As many of you will be aware, we have been using some of the resources on our social media for sometime and it has been well received. We would also like to thank the patient partners who have been involved in the development.

All current materials can be found here: <https://northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/health-campaigns/mylocalpractice-your-gp-surgery/>. This also includes an animation that was created in house. We will continue to review the impact and adapt the materials where necessary.

Many thanks for your input.

**Bridget Read, Engagement Manager, NHS
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Police Report – January 2022

Incidents of note over the last month were:-

January 2nd – report that a number of 4x4s in convoy had driven over moorland near Redmire causing damage to private tracks. Currently under investigation.

January 6th – Hawes – report of theft of twelve sheep last October.

January 10th – Low Row – theft of a quad bike from farm premises.

January 21st – report from Askrigg primary school of theft of heating oil between November 11th and January 4th.

January 21st – Hawes – theft of a quad bike from farm premises.

There was a total of 25 crimes recorded in the area during December. I do not report crimes whereby victims could potentially be identified for example, domestic violence or harassment. Three crimes were recorded as fraud whereby people have reported attempted telephone scams.

A full breakdown by category is as follows:

11 – Violence

3 – Criminal Damage

3 – Fraud

8 – Burglary/Theft

Throughout January there were nine road traffic collisions reported on our roads. Six resulting in damage only and three resulting in injuries.

PC1192 Gary Hankin

PCSO 5232 Don Watson

PCSO 5550 Tracie Taylor-Page

Leyburn 7th Dales Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Little White Bus Trips

I am pleased to announce that the monthly trips are to commence on **Friday, March 11th** with a trip to Kendal. It was hoped to start in mid – January but there were some logistical problems concerning available vehicles which have now hopefully been resolved.

The second trip will be going to Harrogate Spring Flower Show on **Thursday, April 21st**.

From then on the trips will take place on a Friday, once a month. Schedules for the whole year have been placed on notice boards in Hawes and Askrigg and of course the Community Office has full details and will take bookings.

I look forward to seeing both our regular trippers and some new faces too, so be sure to reserve a seat as soon as you can!

Best wishes

Richard Noble



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Dinsdale Knitting Stick Gifted to the DCM

A local farming family has given an heirloom to the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM) in Hawes, after visiting the museum's current special exhibition of ancient knitting sticks.

Dennis Iveson, from High Force, Bainbridge, has donated a knitting stick and prodder used by the late Martha Dinsdale of Appersett, who is said to have been one of the last of the prodigious sock makers of the Dales. The gift is poignant as Mrs Dinsdale's rocking chair – in which she was photographed while knitting with the stick in 1947 – is already on display. The knitting stick was kept by Martha Dinsdale's son, Owen Tom, a farmer renowned for thrift. On Owen Tom's death, Mr Iveson, a relative, took on the belongings and says it's time for them to 'go back to the community'.

The stick can be seen in the DCM's textiles gallery, which compliments 'Love Tokens, Sittings and Song – Knitting sticks from the John Dixon collection', a special exhibition running until **March 27th**.

Mr Iveson, holding the knitting stick at the DCM, said: "They had a sale of all items out of Tom's house after he died, a two-day Hopper's sale at the Market Hall. This [knitting stick] was Martha's and I wouldn't let Billy Lambert sell it in the sale. It had to stay in the family. But nobody wants it now. I just thought it would be of interest to people coming to look. It should go back to the community."



Dennis Iveson, at the DCM exhibition of knitting sticks, holding Martha Dinsdale's knitting stick and photographs of Martha Dinsdale with her son Owen Tom and her daughter Lizzy.

The DCM is run by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. Member Champion for Promoting Understanding, Kevin Frea, said: "We were thrilled to receive a donation of Martha Dinsdale's knitting stick, prodder, ledger and two framed photographs. These will be a wonderful addition to Martha's rocking chair which is already on display, having been donated many years ago by her son Owen Tom. Thanks so much to the donors for their generosity. Knitting is a huge part of the cultural heritage of the Dales".



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UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition 2021

And the runners-up are.....

As promised in last month's newsletter here are the two runners-up in the annual story-writing competition.

7-9 Category - the runner up was Grayson Alderson Age 9 of BAWB

10-11 Category – the runner up was Willow Oliver Age: 10 of BAWB



Runners up Willow Oliver (10-11) and Grayson Alderson (7-9). Pictured at Askrigg School celebration assembly.

Pandemic Hunt

The new species was found

Yes, on the news a new species was found but then a few days later the person who found the new species died. By the way my name is Grayson Alderson. Next an explorer died and a lot of others but bite marks started to appearing like non before . Scientists were Studding it every day. On the news there was an update on it. But after a month people started to have claimed seeing creatures that clung to trees and glided around. Pictures started being taken of it and it was the new species It must be poisons I thought and soon the scientists found out to. They advised to stay indoors. On the news they

said if you saw one run. In the lock down the scientists found out the new species had venomous glands like a modern-day snake. They thought if you went into lock down it would just die out but after five months they were still around. This started to be a problem but then the scientists started working on an anti -venom when someone got bitten, he got ill and was given the anti-venom. But it only worked for a week and then she died. The scientists started working on some stronger anti venom. Until it worked but then we came out of lock down. But slowly and slowly it started making new venom that is stronger than the anti-venom. The scientists were amazed they had never seen anything like it so the government. Decided to kill out the new species on the news it said. So, the hunt began. Evan though I was young. I was armed to the teeth I had pistols and grenades and a small shot gun called two ten.' The hunt' started and lasted a week but I came back alive.

The End

By Grayson Alderson Age 9 BAWB

Ann Pilling (judge's) comments: This was a very unusual approach to a pandemic story and the ways in which a solution might be found. It reminded me of good 'science fiction' story in which anything can happen.

I was very interested in the various ideas offered about just how it started, and spread. People got bites. Where from? What were those strange creatures hanging in the trees?

An anti venom was developed but very soon it stopped working and the virus took a stronger and stronger hold.

In the end the speaker took matters into his own hands and went out to attack this enemy with grenades and pistols.

We don't know what happened but (good ending) 'I came back alive'.

I really do want to know what happened next!

The Peril Pandemic

Stuck at home such fun 'not'' my walls started to feel like a jail cell it felt like my family were being held hostage. "OH" and my name Is Jim, Jim Robert Fernandes actually. My gran came over my gran is my Saviour I could always have a laugh with her we get along so well, every morning I woke up to the smell of sizzling

bacon and the sweet smell of apple juice. I haven't even told you what has happened yet.

On Tuesday about 10 days ago we were doing science in class when the lesson was abruptly interrupted by the news man on the screen murmuring that a virus that makes you hallucinate your nightmares, is rapidly spreading across the town of Wotton the gasps echoed in the vast hall and me and my classmates stood up in confusion. Mr. Madden was telling us to stay calm and line up in the hallway we urged to get out and just like that I was home and my adventure begun.

I sat down on the wooden table and gulped down my bacon and drank my apple juice now I was ready not like I did anything I ran upstairs and woke my parents mum explained "I don't know why you wake us up so early it's not like there's anything to do!". I ran into my room stepping on Lego, swiftly slipped on my track-suit and t-shirt, and asked if we can go on a walk. OH, and we are allowed to go on a walk 3 times a week to keep up our exercise she said yes so, I grabbed her Zimmer-frame, slid on my skethchers, and headed to the shop.

The streets were empty and there were only the pigeons scattng at the bins me and my gran were chatting all the way there. I don't really like the shop keeper Eric he's always grinning when he gives people change, he's a bit strange. Finally, we were there and saw a peculiar site the shop keeper was coughing on the coins and he had the biggest smirk I thought it was about to spring of his face. I knew something peculiar was going on and I had to watch my back, I told my nan to stay there and staggered in to the shop. I picked up the cheapest loaf of bread and gave him the money telling him to keep the change.

I rapidly ran out and started jumping to conclusions," The shop keeper is giving people the virus!" I prattled and urged back home leaving my gran behind she shouted "my bones aren't as fast as they use to be I barged the door open and told my parents about what I had seen I opened my bread to find a note saying your next so my mum rang the police...

Years later

Come on kids settle for bed I've got a story you'll never forget from my childhood, The end.

Willow Oliver Age: 10 BAWB schools

Ann Pilling (judge's) comments: I very much liked the fast-paced nature of the writing. I was really kept on the edge of my seat, always wondering what was going to happen next. I liked the fact that the writer sets off on her adventure with her grandmother and the idea of the shopkeeper trying to spread the virus by coughing on his coins is a very sinister touch. Good. (Early in this pandemic some shops would put the change they gave you in a dish of vinegar and this also was done in the days of The Plague).

Then when they get the loaf home they find a note saying 'You're next!' so it turns into a real murder story, brilliant idea.

I liked the fact that everyone survived (we hope) as this was a story from the person's childhood. A very neat ending, I thought..

News from the Vets

We've been busy as usual at the practice. At this time of year our focus turns to lambing and calving season, the lambing shed is ready as are our hospital facilities for large animals if they have a more involved surgery and have to stay in with us. Remember we will also do visits for lambings if that's more convenient for you. Here's to a good lambing and calving season for 2022.

Best wishes
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Blueboxt Productions – March Update



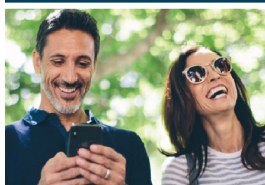
Join our Free Musical Cultures Workshops and Concerts running in March 2022, for ages 11-19.

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BlueBoxt is offering a series of FREE Musical Cultures workshops throughout March, supported by NYMAZ and Youth Music, using public funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England.

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Afro Beats with Cecil Jones on **Friday, March 4th 6.00pm to 9.00pm** and **Saturday, March 19th 10.00am to 5.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Hall, DL8 5BB.

Folk Music with Rebecca and David from Storm Chorus on **Friday, March 18th, 6.00pm to 9.00pm** and **Saturday, March 19th 10.00am to 5.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Hall, DL8 5BB.

Samba Drumming with Jack Drum Arts on **Friday, March 25th, 6.00pm to 9.00pm** and **Saturday, March 26th, 10.00am to 5.00pm** at West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY.

Only a limited number of spaces are available, so book your FREE place or find out more by calling **Colin Bailey on 07711 211169**, emailing info@blueboxt.co.uk or booking online at www.blueboxt.co.uk.

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Venue: Hawes Market House

Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm

The training will cover what dementia is and common types of dementia. It will help you understand why some behaviours might occur, and explore ways we can all support people living with dementia both at home and in the local community. Every business or group that completes the training will receive a sticker to display, showing their commitment to supporting people affected by dementia.

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Hawes in Bloom

The plants for the containers around the town are all ordered and the colours this year are magenta, pink, blue and white. I hope that by giving this idea of the intended colour scheme at this early stage those businesses that wish to have their own baskets made up by others, will perhaps wish to use this colour scheme. Also, I am happy to offer the empty large baskets and chains returned after last year's displays. I would just ask for a small donation which would help Hawes In Bloom funds. They can be collected from Wensleydale Press during normal working hours.

I am unfortunately unable to provide baskets through the 'Hawes in Bloom' Scheme from now on but all the other usual public displays will go ahead, with additional containers where possible. These will now also include the larger permanent ones financed by the Welcome Back Fund initiative.

There will be the usual sale of bedding plants in the same colour scheme as mentioned above, around the beginning of June. Unfortunately I cannot take orders for plants but the sale will be publicised in advance. I will also have bags of compost for sale if required.

I would just mention that baskets really need to be planted up some considerable time before they are hung up. This is of course one of the reasons I cannot personally provide the usual lovely planted baskets previously provided by Darlington Council.

Best wishes Richard The Plant Pest

Gayle Mill

The Christmas Fayre was well supported and all the volunteers involved worked hard to produce a good selection of handcrafted, bespoke wooden items for kitchen, home or garden use, together with the popular Christmas trees and reindeer. There was a good selection of items in the tool jumble, a raffle and refreshments were also served.

All the proceeds, after deducing costs for staging the event, were distributed and a total of £3,600 was given out. Cheques were presented by William Lambert, Chair of the Trust. Those receiving donations were local builder Mark Alderson, Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team, The Great North Air Ambulance Service, Hawes Christmas lights fund and Bainbridge Christmas lights fund.

Gayle Mill Trust which operates as The Woodcraft Studio will hold their 2022 Christmas Fayre on **Saturday, November 19th** at Raygill Farm, Hawes.



The pictures shows volunteers from Gayle Mill Trust with recipients of donations awarded following the charity's Christmas Fayre.



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We also have a number of fitness classes on offer - via zoom or live class as indicated:

Fit for Life - Mondays (zoom) 9.15am - 10.15am. Building and Maintaining Strength.

Bootcamp - Tuesdays and Thursdays (live) 6.00am - 7.00am. High Intensity exercise to build strength and give a good workout to counteract a more sedentary lifestyle or work role.

Walking Circuit - Wednesdays (zoom) 9.15am - 10.15am. Exercises to keep active people, active.

Strong and Steady - Wednesdays (live) 11.00am - noon. This is geared towards those who have had a fall or are worried about their balance and ability to get out and about. Exercises are based on building strength, stability and mobility to manage everyday life

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Strong and Able - Fridays (live) 11.00am. Exercises to help to maintain your ability to get out and enjoy life, build muscle tone, stability around movement and keep flexible and mobile around joints. Standing and chair based exercise.

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Wednesday, March 16th, 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Carperby Institute. The meeting is open to visitors and non-members (£5 charge). Further information ring **Joan** on **01969 663557**.

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Wensleydale Tournament of Song

We are pleased to announce that the Tournament will now take place over four days.

Speech classes will take place on **Tuesday, 29th and Wednesday, March 30th** in Leyburn Methodist Hall.

Music classes will take place on **Thursday, March 31st** at Leyburn Methodist Hall, and **Friday, April 1st** at Tennants.

We would like to thank all those who have entered, and look forward to seeing you all.

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March

- 3,4,5 Folk concerts at Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p.3.
- 4,19 Blueboxt Free Workshop. Afro Beats. Leyburn See p.12.
- 10 'Three Men in a Boat'. 7.00pm. LASS.
- 11 Little White Bus trip to Kendal. See p.8.
- 12 Marie Curie Quiz Night. 7.00pm. West Witton Village Hall. See p.6.
- 14 Swaledale Festival. Box Office Opens. www.swalefest.org.
- 15 Local History Group talk. Middleham Key Centre. 2.00pm. See p.22.
- 16 Penhill Ladies . Talk. Carperby Inst. 7.30pm. See p. 18.
- 17 Bainbridge W.I. Meeting 7.30pm. Bainbridge Village Hall.. See p.29.
- 17 Dementia Awareness Training. Hawes Market House. 3.00pm to 5.00pm. See p.13.
- 18 Leyburn u3A group meeting. 10.00am. Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. See p.12.
- 18,19 Blueboxt Free Workshop. Folk Music. Leyburn. See p.12.
- 19 Live Music. 7.30pm. LASS.
- 20 Richmondshire Orchestra concert. Tennants 3.00pm. See p.28.
- 21 Community Lunch Hub. 12noon. Bainbridge Village Hall. See p.29.
- 22 Wensleydale Arts Society Lecture. 2.00pm. Tennants, Leyburn. See p.16.
- 23 Newsletter AGM at Sycamore Hall at 4.00pm. See p.30.
- 24 Gayle Ladies. 7.00pm. Gayle Chapel Room.
- 25,26 Blueboxt Free Workshop. Samba Drumming. West Burton. See p.12.
- 27 BST begins. Clocks go forward 1 hr.
- 29,30,31 Wensleydale Tournament of Song. See p.19.
- 31 Bainbridge W.I. Celebration Lunch at Tennants, Leyburn. See p.29.

April

- 1 Wensleydale Tournament of Song. See p.19.

Dale Head Community Garage.

Some of you may have seen pieces on the news or on social media about plans at Dale Head Garage. For those who haven't, here is some information we hope will be of interest to you;-

Dale Head Garage is run for our community, but it is not owned by the community. It is currently run by the Upper Dales Community Partnership (UDCP) Ltd under a lease which expires in 2023.

As well as selling fuels at the lowest price in the area, it generates profits which are used to support our Post Office and Library and The Little White Bus. Without these profits all these essential public services would potentially be in serious jeopardy.

We now have a one-time opportunity to buy the garage if we can raise the necessary finance and agree a purchase price with the pension fund that currently owns it.

UDCP Ltd is leading an initiative to raise funds from grants available from Government and charitable organisations, and from a public offering of shares in the ownership of the garage. It is intended that the public offering will raise about 50% and that a Community Ownership Fund grant, and other grants, would make a significant contribution.

Our aim is to make everyone in the area served by Dale Head Garage aware of the proposal and give people the opportunity to participate in securing the future of the garage as a genuine community owned facility.

Therefore, we are carrying out an extensive public survey to obtain expressions of interest within the Upper Dales area.

Survey forms are being delivered to households in the area served by the garage, or you can pick one up at Dale Head Garage itself. There is also an online form available via the garage Facebook page.

If sufficient interest is generated, public meetings will then be held, and detailed documents can be issued. Queries or comments can be sent to dhg.shareoffer@udcp.co.uk.

Abbie Rhodes BA (Hons)

General Manager

UDCP Ltd

News from Dales Countryside Museum

The Dales Countryside Museum and National Park Centre are open daily **10.00am to 5.00pm**.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club.

In February we had a great time investigating the design of Roundhouses. We made houses out of paper to explore which parts of the roundhouses would have left marks in the ground. Things then got a bit messy as we made our own wattle and daub and started making our own roundhouses! We managed the walls, but the roofing will be tackled in March.

We meet once a month on a Saturday morning from 10.00am to 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 **01969 666210** if you'd like to find out more.

Exhibition. (included in museum admission)

Love tokens, sittings and song – Knitting sticks from the John Dixon collection. Closes March 27th. There are just a few weeks left to see this wonderful collection of over 400 knitting sticks.

Projects.

In Your Words - Dialect and Heritage project.

Our small local team of oral history fieldworkers got started this month which is great news. We have even been contacted by a descendant of one of the original interviewees which is wonderful.

We're keen to find people with strong roots to the villages of Askrigg, Dent, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Gargrave, Grassington, Melsonby, Muker, Bedale, Horton-in-Ribblesdale and Pateley Bridge. 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.

There will be events at the Museum, including a textile event on **Saturday, March 26th**, and activities in the community to get involved in over the coming months.

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

Family Friendly Project.

Our work to make the Museum more family friendly is continuing. Over half term we'll be trialling new activities for three different age groups and backpacks and activities for children with additional needs. Our mascot is almost ready to appear round the Museum to show which things can be touched and where there are family activities or facilities. We might need help naming it!

If you're a local family and would like to help us test out some of our ideas, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch by emailing dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Unfolding Origins Exhibition. March 2nd to 16th.

Chrysalis Arts continue their Unfolding Origins Exhibition schedule this Spring, bringing the work of collaborating Artists Nick Jordan and Jacob Cartwright to the Dales Countryside Museum. Alongside Nick and Jacob's films, a group of young people from Hawes have been working with the artists and filmmaker John Kirkbride to create their own film which will also be exhibited, covid permitting.

Events and Activities.

All events are included in the museum admission unless stated.

Story of Schools. March 18th. 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

To be confirmed - Possible venue change.

An illustrated talk by Emily Rowe Rawlence from the National School House in Hawes about the "Stories of Schools Project" highlighting the development of Upper Dales schools from the 1930s onward.

Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free - donations welcome.

Celebrating Cloth and Craft. Saturday March 26th. 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Calling all those who love textiles! We are hosting an event which celebrates cloth and craft in all its traditional and contemporary forms. There will be demonstrations and workshops, as well as the opportunity to take part in a collaborative community project. Part of the Dialect and Heritage Project. Included in museum admission.

Lost Traditions

Many years ago when we were young in the 40's, 50's and 60's we used to go out on New Year's Day morning and sing for our New Year's gift at all the houses in and around the village – a practice that was expected by everyone.

After singing the ditty 'We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' we would politely request our New Year's gift. This could be anything from a piece of fruit, some Christmas cake and a glass of ginger beer to a shilling (10p), a florin (20p) or if you were lucky a half-crown (25p).

One farmer in Appersett gave £1 to the first person to let in the new year. One lad, a friend of mine, used to sit on his doorstep from 6am, waiting for the man to get up so no one got the £1 except him. The gifting always finished at 12 noon.

This tradition seems to have died out. Is it because village life has changed – not as many locals living in the village - or have the younger generation too much money!

Tony Routh

Pleasant Response to Proposal to Buy Village Pub

After a well-attended meeting in January, a steering group was established by Redmire residents to investigate the potential purchase of the Bolton Arms public house, which is still open and currently on the market for £725,000.

Having distributed a survey to the residents of Redmire, Castle Bolton and Preston Under Scar, the steering group have been very pleased with the response. So far, there have been over 25 expressions of interest in purchasing shares, the value of which is more than £250,000.

Following advice, plus the level of response to the survey, has allowed the steering group to continue with the establishment of a Community Benefit Society which will be registered as the Redmire Community Pub Limited. The level of interest will also enable the group to apply for grants and funding to support the community project. The Society will be able to issue shares and it is hoped that in the future, once funds are available, investors may gain returns of up to 5%.

Those who have expressed an interest will be invited to a meeting to outline the future plans. Expression of interest forms are available on request from rachelwillis58@gmail.com.

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New Funding Agreement for Woodland Creation in the Yorkshire Dales National Park

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has secured funding through the White Rose Forest, the community forest for North and West Yorkshire, to support woodland creation in the National Park. The new grant agreement will deliver tree planting within the Swale, Ure, Nidd and Ouse (SUNO) catchment that is designed to help prevent flooding within communities further downstream.

Trees can play an important role in natural flood management by soaking up water runoff from hillsides that could otherwise increase river levels and cause damaging flooding within communities further down the river valley.

Over the next three months the Trees and Woodlands team at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority will identify an initial 25 hectares of land within the SUNO catchment with a view to working with farmers and landowners to identify at least a further 300 hectares of potential planting schemes over the next four years.

Ian McPherson, Member Champion for the Natural Environment at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority said: "This new agreement, in addition to the one we recently signed with the Woodland Trust, will really help to kickstart our shared ambition for 6,000 hectares of new native woodland in the National Park by 2030.

"The grant paves the way for the introduction of a dedicated Woodland Officer for the region, to help farmers and landowners to identify ideal locations for new planting schemes, and to access the funding that is now available. Tree planting is vital in helping us tackle the climate emergency, and in bringing important benefits for biodiversity, wildlife and water quality. It is also going to become an important future source of revenue to support farm businesses across the Yorkshire Dales National Park."

The funding awarded to the Yorkshire Dales National Park comes from the White Rose Forest's Trees for Climate fund. Trees for Climate is a funding package from the Government's Nature for Climate Fund awarded to England's Community Forests, including the White Rose Forest.

Mystery Picture

Last month's Mystery Picture was of the glacial erratic near the shore of Semerwater.

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Prunings

We seem to be in “February Filldyke” as my gran used to call it, and I am reminded that she would add, “If it’s white it’s best to like.” - I am not so sure about that part, although perhaps there was a Victorian belief that snow in February carried a promise of a good Summer. I trust times have changed, but only time will tell. There is a spring across the valley which we can see from our windows. When things dry up it is not visible from this distance, (around 500 yards) but now, after two days of rain, it is foaming as it tumbles down between the trees. I look for it every morning and it is not a cheerful sight.

In the dry spells and the occasional burst of sunshine there is colour everywhere. The irises in particular are brilliant just now, especially the really deep blue ones. They appear out of nowhere and hopefully will last until the tiny daffodils show their welcome faces, even though the incessant rain and wind won’t help. I hope the anticipated storms won’t completely ruin them. I had tried to find “Jetfire” in the Autumn without success. At Sam Turner’s a couple of weeks back they were available in pots. I shall drop them into some empty tubs when I get a dry enough day to do it.

Down-dale folk may not have noticed, but there is a lovely patch of hellebores just through the gate into Leyburn Hall. There are various colours, but it is the white ones that are putting on a spectacular display. I have a few at home, but they don’t put on a show like that. Hanging

over them are hazel catkins. When you are out and about look out for them, they are everywhere, and if we’re lucky there should be plenty of nuts.

The miserable weather drives me to look for early colour. Garden News features an article about Kabschia Saxifrages which I had not heard



of before. These diminutive little beauties will put up with our exposed conditions and many of them flower early and are easy to cultivate. They need very good drainage and are not hungry plants so ideal for containers and rock gardens.

The Nursery featured in the article is called “Slack Top Alpine Nursery” at Hebden Bridge. The website (www.slacktopnurseries.co.uk) lists many beautiful alpinas as well as the saxifrages but the owner’s selection of early flowering, easy to grow specimens is very tempting. - “Jenkinsiae”; “Gregor Mendel”; “Laka”; “Sapiculata Alba”; “Tysoe Blush”; “Lydia” and “Dracula” are mostly less than three inches tall with a six inch spread. Even better they are generally priced at £5.00 or less. As they are all raised outside they should be pretty tough. I might just be tempted to refill one of the stone troughs.

I really hope no-one has been too badly affected by the latest storms, and if you have a mess to deal with, best of luck with the clear up.

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Funds Available for Young Eco Enthusiasts

Are you a young person with a project idea that could make a real difference to your environment? Grants of up to £1,000 are now available through Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's Youth Environmental Action Fund (YEOF) – but you need to apply by Friday April 1st.

The scheme provides cash and support for 11-24-year-olds to set up and deliver projects that will raise environmental awareness or improve the natural environment in the Yorkshire Dales and surrounding areas. It has already funded projects such as school recycling initiatives, wildlife gardens and meadows, bio-diversity surveys and community art and dance performances.

Fiona Busfield, YEOF project officer at YDMT, said: "It's a real pleasure to be able to give groups of enthusiastic young people a helping hand in putting their eco ideas into practice. Over the last five years, we have awarded more than £26,500 to around 33 projects and we know they make a real difference to the young person's local environment."

Grants of between £50 and £1,000 are available to cover up to 100% of the cost of running events, meetings or workshops aiming to shine a light on issues in local communities, or to purchase resources for practical environmental work that will improve the local natural environment. Applicants need to be aged between 11 and 24-years-old and based in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, or areas of North Yorkshire, Lancashire and parts of Cumbria bordering the Park.

Fiona added: "We know from the Fund's legacy so far that these grants can make a real difference to the aspirations of young people. We also ensure that young people sit on the panel to ensure funds are distributed to projects we know will make an impact. We're currently looking to recruit more young people to volunteer and become part of this panel. It's a terrific opportunity to further develop your skills and enhance your CV." To find out more please visit www.ydmt.org/action-fund or contact **Fiona Busfield** at Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust on 015242 51002 or email fiona.busfield@ydmt.org.

Margaret Elizabeth Metcalfe

Peter, Rachael and Paul and all the family of the late Margaret Elizabeth Metcalfe would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind words of sympathy, and for the many letters and cards of condolence and the support received following their recent sad loss.

A big thank you to the doctors (especially Fiona), and also to all nurses who helped look after her. Thanks also to Richard Sanderson, funeral director, for his help and guidance.

More than £400 plus has been raised in Margaret's memory, for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Any further donations can be left at Bridge Garage Bainbridge.

Isabel Lambert

would like to thank everyone for the get well messages, cards, phone calls, gifts and meals received following a recent stay in hospital. It was very much appreciated. Many thanks also to our family for all their support.



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Mental Health Services Require Improvement

Healthwatch North Yorkshire has released a report outlining local people's views of mental health services and support. Almost two thirds (61%) of respondents had experienced mental health or wellbeing issues in the past twelve months. However, fewer than half had looked for help for issues including anxiety, stress and depression.

There were a variety of reasons for people not seeking support including long waiting lists for assessments and treatment, stigma associated with mental health issues and some poor staff attitudes to those seeking support. Most of those who had looked for support (25%) had gone to their GP with others trying online information and talking to family and friends. The experience of support was mixed with some people finding their GP excellent and others feeling dismissed. Support from voluntary sector organisations or charities was generally appreciated and found useful, but some people struggled to get the type of treatment they needed and turned to private providers where they could afford it.

Ashley Green, Chief Executive of Healthwatch North Yorkshire, said: "Our survey has shown a mixed picture of mental health and wellbeing services in North Yorkshire. It highlights a desperate need for better local specialist services, especially mental health support at a primary care level, that people can access quickly and without stigma or judgement. The long waiting lists for treatment and support are a significant worry as people's

mental health can deteriorate quickly, sometimes with dire consequences. Voluntary sector organisations are valiantly trying to plug the gaps, but often these organisations are reeling under overwhelming demand and trying to support people with more complex needs than their services were set up to help."

The survey also asked people what helped their mental health and what made it worse. The answers often mirrored each other with positive support from friends and family juxtaposed with isolation and a lack of support. Exercise and being outdoors worked for those who could access them but when the weather is bad or where a person's mobility is poor, these were inaccessible. Similarly, a good work environment worked well, but work stress and negativity detrimentally affected people's wellbeing. Healthwatch North Yorkshire will be sharing the report's findings with North Yorkshire's mental health providers and key health organisations. To see a copy of the full report, visit: <https://bit.ly/3gOXHhf>.



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Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

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Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is still only £10 for 8 meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Tony Keats 01969 640436** or email dotandtony@btinternet.com.

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Our Ducklings room has welcomed lots of new starters this month as parents return to work and they have all settled in well and made new friends. They especially like the musical instruments as they explore new sounds.

If your child is three years old before April 1st 2022 they will be eligible for 15-30 hours funded care at Dalesplay. We are experiencing a huge demand at present so please do get in touch now to ensure we have space available and we can pass on the relevant information. Call **01969 667789** or email dalesplay1@btconnect.com. If you are wanting your child to start with us for private paid sessions in the near future we also advise you to contact us now. Since September we have experienced a huge demand for places and in some cases we have had to put our waiting list into operation.

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Italian composer Respighi showcases soloists in each orchestral section with his charming suite 'The Birds' and we reach the end of our journey with 'Aus Italien' (From Italy), written by the 22 year old Strauss following his own Grand Tour of Italy in 1886.

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The Welcome Back Fund

It is good to report that The Upper Dales Community Partnership has been successful in a bid for funding under the above scheme. This was a Government initiative created to help communities such as ours recover after the Covid set-back. The Fund for our area was administered by Richmond District Council .We were able to meet the criteria for funding which was based on the idea that certain improvements would be attractive to both residents and visitors alike.

To this end we have now positioned four new large bench seats (three replacements along the popular sitting area along the old Quaker Graveyard railings at Town Foot, and one replacement for an older bench on the path in George's Garden)

Two new picnic benches have now found a home in the Children's Playpark at Town Foot and we also now have two much needed new notice boards.

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Looking Forward with Optimism

The members of Bainbridge WI are now settling back into the regular routine of their monthly meetings at Bainbridge Village Hall. The February meeting was a fun evening of cookery with demonstrations by two members - Susan Freer and Christine Lambert. Both talked us through some of their favourite recipes and we were able to sample these once they came out of the oven - delicious!

With the future starting to look a bit brighter - and hopefully Covid-free - plans are now being made for some interesting events and activities to entertain our members in our 90th Anniversary Year. Members are having a celebration lunch to mark this anniversary at The Garden Rooms at Tennants on **March 31st** when they will be joined by previous members and representatives from the North Yorkshire West Federation of WI's. Our speaker is past-member Dulcie Lewis who will doubtless have us in fits of laughter!

Other events planned include a Coffee Morning with Table Top Sale in May, a Summer Supper and Song in July and some trips, which are still in the planning stage.

Our March meeting will take place at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday, March 17th at 7.30pm** when our speaker will be Lucy talking about her animal rescue centre. Members and visitors are always welcome.

The big news, however, is that with the help

of a grant from NYCC, we are able to launch a new 'Community Lunch Hub' in March. This will be a regular monthly event for all members of our communities - there is no requirement to be a member of the WI, nor even to be a woman! Anyone and everyone will be welcome to come along for a homemade 'soup and sweet' lunch with tea/coffee. This will be followed by either entertainment or an activity.

We have a varied programme booked and will be issuing details shortly. The Hub will move between Askrigg and Bainbridge Village Halls and Thornton Rust Institute. Further details will be issued shortly. Do come along - you will be made very welcome.

The first Community Lunch Hub will be held on **Monday, March 21st** at Bainbridge Village Hall, starting at 12.00 noon with lunch. In the afternoon, we will be entertained by Diane Allen, a local author of historical novels. Why not come along and enjoy good food and friendly company? Further details on all our events and membership are available from our President, **Susan Freer**, on **663980** or on our website www.bainbridgewi.com.



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Company Chair Rob Hitch opened by saying that the organisation had continued its long-term quest to support farmers and their businesses throughout the last year.

Managing Director Adam Day and Senior Operations Manager Donna Gough offered a short presentation on the draft annual report and accounts which were adopted.

Members heard that Network turnover remained unchanged on the year leaving a surplus of £15,595 and a 9% increase in company reserves to £167K. It was explained that substantial reserves are needed from time to time to cash flow larger delivery projects that previously the Farmer Network would not have been able to consider. It will also allow more on farm events in future.

Membership continues to grow and now numbers 1174. Thanks were also offered to more than sixty corporate members and fourteen sponsors for their continued support of the network and its members.

Senior Project Manager Veronica Waller gave an overview of the many and varied projects which the Farmer Network is involved in.

Then guest speaker Adrian Shepherd, Head of Land Management, Yorkshire Dales National Park, talked to members about his career from working on the family farm in Lancashire to the present day, and including his thoughts on how farming in the Dales might evolve in the future. This led to an excellent and open debate with members.

For more information contact Adam Day, Managing Director on **01768 868615**.

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The second Leyburn Jazz Festival will be in a different format this year with a series of concerts taking place at venues in the town. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact **Gerald Hodgson** geraldhodgson7@gmail.com or phone **01969 624761**.

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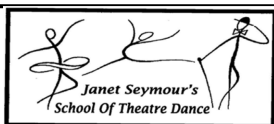
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Leyburn u3a Group

The March meeting is on **Friday 18th at 10.00am** at the Arts & Community Centre, Leyburn. A talk about The Donkey Sanctuary and entitled 'Working With Wonder Woman' will be given by Bill Tetlow.

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The Platinum Jubilee in 2022 will mark seventy years of Her Majesty's service. An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom, Commonwealth and the world to come together to celebrate this historic milestone.

Richmondshire Large Festivals and Events Fund 2022

We've launched the Richmondshire Large Festivals and Events Fund to support our local communities in hosting larger scale festivals and events. There are already a number of established festivals and large scale events which are delivered on an annual basis across the district. The majority of these were not delivered during 2020 and the early/mid part of 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic when social distancing restrictions were in place.

To support the delivery of these festivals/ events, and any new large-scale events, in 2022, organisations can apply for this fund. Grants of £5,000 for a single day event, or up to £7,000 for an event that takes place over two or more consecutive days are available.

Both funds are available through Jo-Anne Scott, Health and Community Engagement Officer, Richmondshire District Council. Phone **01748 901045** or email Jo-Anne.Scott@richmondshire.gov.uk.



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Further information will be published nearer the event. I would like to invite anyone who has a model railway which they would like to display or simply support the event to contact me at terry.larder@hotmail.co.uk.

Also please note the grand opening of the Leeming Bar Station house will take place on the Monday (**May 2nd**) of the weekend with lots of events being planned, which will include a special train timetable. A joint event leaflet is currently being produced and will be available soon. We are all looking forward to making this a great weekend for the Wensleydale Railway and look forward to your support. So please mark your diaries.



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Heavens Above

This winter's weather has been a right old smorgasbord - Storm Dudley is howling away outside even as I type – but don't lose heart, in a few weeks time at the Vernal Equinox on March 20th, the Sun moves north again across the Celestial Equator, the days get longer than the nights and Spring in the northern hemisphere officially begins. Bring it on!

In the night sky the changeover in the seasons is already underway and by the end of March the winter stars have almost disappeared into the western twilight. By late evening towards the middle of the month the main springtime constellations led by Leo and Bootes are all well on view in the south.

Bootes represents the Herdsman in the old Greek myths and was credited with inventing the plough. His large kite-shaped outline is not very distinctive but you can't mistake his leading star, Arcturus, which lies right at the kite's sharp bottom corner. It's the fourth brightest star in the sky and has a pale golden-orange hue. It's very prominent high in the east in a relatively barren part of the sky.

Leo, the Celestial Lion, is one of the few constellations that bears any real resemblance to its namesake. A sickle-shaped curve of stars - a bit like a large backward facing '?' - forms the fearsome creature's head and mane with a prominent rectangle of other stars outlining its body. Leo's leader, first magnitude Regulus, forms the question-mark's 'dot' with another brightish star, Denebola, marking the end of the crouching lion's tail. Both Leo and Bootes are

on view right through Spring and early Summer.

You'll need to get up pretty early if you want to spot any planets this month. Apart from Uranus, barely visible to the unaided eye at magnitude +5.8, they're all in the early morning sky. Dazzling Venus dominates the scene, low in the south-east just after 4.30am. Mars, over a hundred times fainter, rises a little later at 5 o'clock and lies below and to the right of Venus. Right at the beginning of March you might just catch tiny Mercury to the left of Mars and Venus, with the ringed planet, Saturn, just above it. As the month advances Mercury sinks from view but returns in April to put on its best evening show of the year. The largest planet, Jupiter, is lost in the Sun's glare at present but returns to the morning sky in April along with distant Neptune, the Solar System's outermost planet, now that poor old Pluto has been demoted.

Finally this month, British Summer Time starts at 1 o'clock in the morning on **March 27th** – so don't forget to put your clocks forward - have clear skies!

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Swaledale Festival 2022

The Festival, celebrating its 50th anniversary, will run from **May 28th to June 11th**, and will consist of fifty music, arts and walking events to mark the Festival's 50th anniversary.

"It will combine the crème de la crème of Festival performers over the last decade with plenty of new faces, plus as many artists as possible who were scheduled to perform in 2020 and 2021 but couldn't due to the pandemic", says Artistic Director Malcolm Creese.

Tickets go on sale on **Monday, March 14th** at www.swalefest.org. Under 25s can get tickets to every single event for just £3. In another nod to its fifty years, the Festival has a new look, with a unique anniversary logo and a fresh colour palette across its website.

The 2022 programme will commence with a 50th anniversary Gala performance of Handel's Messiah in the splendour of Ripon Cathedral. The concert will feature two local choirs, a professional orchestra and world-renowned soloists. Festivities continue with the legendary flamenco guitarist Paco Peña in the delightful setting of St. Andrew's Church in Grinton, and the talented Brazilian classical guitarist Laura Mazon Franqui who will be making her first Festival appearance as part of the Young Artists Platform.

From the extraordinary Kanneh-Mason family, piano sensation Jeneba will perform a recital in St. Andrew's Church in Aysgarth, and in Reeth (where else!) her mother Kadiatu will give the annual Reeth Lecture in which she will share the trials and tribulations of raising seven ultra-gifted musicians.

The Festival is renowned for attracting classical stars to the Yorkshire Dales, and the stellar line-up this year includes violin virtuoso Alexander Markov, percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie, Hallé Cellos, the Sacconi

and Brodsky Quartets, pianists Peter Donohoe and Noriko Ogawa, harpsichordist David Gordon and top vocal group VOCES8.

Outside of the classical genre, Will Pound and Jenn Butterworth will perform upbeat folk on harmonica and guitar, blues legends Dave Kelly and Bob Hall will play in Grinton, Northumbrian pipes star Kathryn Tickell will appear with her band 'The Darkening' and the Niamh Ni Charra Quartet will perform their joyful traditional Irish music. Double bassist Creese's jazz trio Acoustic Triangle, featuring saxophonist Tim Garland and pianist Gwilym Simcock, will make its first Festival appearance in a decade.

All this, plus a free Family Fun Day in Reeth, brass bands, workshops, guided walks, talks, poetry, film, five free exhibitions... and much more!

Creese says: "After two very difficult years we are so pleased to have the Festival return to its traditional two-week structure in May / June. It's always exciting to welcome world-class performers to the beautiful churches, chapels and halls here in the Dales, but this year it feels especially so. We look forward to welcoming one and all to the 50th anniversary Swaledale Festival".

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Low Mill Outdoor Education Centre

Low Mill looks ahead with determination, hard graft, and a little help from friends.

As Covid restrictions lift, Low Mill, like other charities is starting to look to the future. The amazing ability of this microscopic virus to deal out constant change and uncertainty has made the last two years a rollercoaster ride.

2022 started with a sense of relief that Low Mill had survived whilst, sadly, many other outdoor education centres have not. Over two million children lost access to outdoor education during lockdown. Now the team look to the future with a sense of anticipation and excitement, welcoming young people to the centre again.

Covid forced Low Mill to change. New flexible ways of working now support the seasonal nature of outdoor education. Improved school day-only activities mean Low Mill can respond quickly to changes in Covid restrictions. Growth in self-catering bookings and family activity sessions generated much needed income to support the daily running of the centre.

As a charity dedicated to making outdoor education accessible to as many young people as possible, the Low Mill Bursary Fund is vital. It gives financial support to school children or special needs groups that otherwise would not be able to benefit from Low Mill's outdoor experience. The Bursary enabled groups such as The Oaks, a special needs school and Kidz Klub Leeds, working with children from deprived areas, to stay at Low Mill. The Fund supports schools to ensure the whole class can benefit. Covid halted fundraising but recognising the importance of subsidised places, the Trustees established a dedicated Bursary Committee tasked with managing the growth of the Fund. Low Mill welcomes bursary contributions from many different Trusts and individual donors and Terry, Low Mill's Head of Centre, helps those interested in contributing.

Low Mill is recruiting people to grow the 'post-Covid' charity but unexpected regional staff shortages mean this is taking longer than usual. To help, Low Mill is looking for volunteers to support our staff. If you can make adventures happen by driving groups to the activity site, refreshing the centre's paintwork or help refurbish the cottage (instructor

accommodation), Low Mill would welcome your help. One volunteer (currently a National Trust minibus driver) has signed up and a Marketing Volunteer wrote this article. But more volunteers are needed to make sure Low Mill continues to get young people outdoors, active and engaged with nature.

As the saying goes, out of adversity comes opportunity. The last two years have certainly been difficult, but with some helping hands Low Mill is ready to make the most of the opportunities created.

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Readers might well have been a little mystified by the advert for the "Korean Quiz Evening" at the Wensleydale Creamery. Ever willing to support the efforts of our young people, the editor rang to get the details and has learnt now not to rely solely on what he thinks he hears on the phone. The real event? Curry and Quiz Evening!

And we offer our commiserations to the husband of our committee member who alerted us to the mistake, for his three days' wasted effort in swatting up on Korea!! It's a good laugh, though!

'Dark Skies' Boxes Now Available

Three aspiring local entrepreneurs are collaborating to make a collection of handmade wooden and silk boxes inspired by the wonders of the dark skies that are currently being celebrated in the Yorkshire Dales.

Fell running furniture maker Tom Addison from Tom Addison Fine Furniture and textile designer Rachel Stirr behind Bernie and Blue have together designed a walnut keep safe box that captures some of the awesome astronomical events that can light up the inky heavens of the national park.



The luxury handcrafted boxes that will light up any home feature a shooting star design hand carved into the lid and a silk interior inspired by the aurora borealis and some of the natural forms, textures and patterns that can be seen in outer space along with polished solid brass fittings. They have been skilfully upholstered by Carrick-based Emma Harris, from Emma Harris Upholstery.

The Buckden box collection has been specially created as the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority marks its seventh annual Dark Skies Festival which is running for seventeen days until March 6th. Buckden in Upper Wharfedale is a designated Dark Sky Discovery Site in the park from where the night sky can be seen at its brilliant best.

"One thing I love about living and working in Wensleydale is the dark skies and looking up on a clear night, when I'm out either for a run or a walk with my dog, to see the millions of stars," said Tom, 32, who lives in Askrigg, and was in 2014 crowned English fell running champion.

"You always feel lucky when you see a shooting star, they often take you by surprise when they trail blaze their way across the night sky. It was the magic of this spectacle that inspired me to make a box that celebrated the dark skies in our area."

"Collaborating with Rachel and Emma to share this breath-taking wonder has been an exciting journey. We hope others will enjoy the beautiful galaxy swirls of the dark walnut grain which has been locally supplied from Wonder of Wood near Settle, the striking falling star carving on the lid and be wowed by the exquisite colours and decoration of the interior."



Rachel Stirr of Bernie and Blue, based in Richmond, said: "I am proud to be working alongside a fellow Yorkshire person to create a luxury, precious, beautiful, organically designed item for such a special event in the Yorkshire Dales calendar."

"It is wonderful how businesses look at different opportunities to celebrate the dark skies," said Helen Dalton, a spokesperson for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. "Tom is such a talented local craftsman and has created the most beautiful handmade boxes to reflect the dark skies in the Dales."



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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.

Sunday, March 13th.

10.30am Penhill Together Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Redmire.

3.00pm Memorial Service for Michael Mason, St Andrew's, Aysgarth. Anyone who knew Michael is very welcome to attend.

Sunday, March 20th.

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

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

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

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

Sunday, March 27th. Mothering Sunday

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

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

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

10.45am United Mothering Sunday Service, West Burton Chapel.

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March Mid-Week Services.

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