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Jonathan Woolley



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Guest Editorial

As the editor of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum's annual newsletter, 'Now Then', I've had the fascinating job of preparing for publication the extraordinary memoir of the young cobbler from Hawes, Doug Grainger, who served as a balloon operator on the front line during the last year of WWI.

It led me to think about another Wensleydale hero of WWI – but he was not recognised as such until his funeral at Bainbridge in 1942. For John Leyland was scorned as a "Conchie" – a conscientious objector due to his Quaker beliefs. At his funeral many dalesfolk heard for the first time that he had been awarded the Croix de Guerre for his bravery in driving ambulances under fire to bring the wounded from the front line.

During WWI the government was very much in control of the narrative about who were heroes and who were demonised for having the wrong views about the war. Character assassination was used to destroy dissent.

The government no longer has so much control due to influencers and the social media. Character assassination now hinges on using cancel culture and labelling those who don't completely agree with a specific viewpoint as phobics and bigots.

There are influencers who argue farmers are the most destructive force ever to be unleashed by humans and that farming is to blame for nature decline. For those influencers there doesn't seem to be any half-measures - rewilding must be completely embraced and National Parks are expected to lead the way.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's draft Nature Recovery Plan will not, therefore, please some influencers. It recognises that the National Park is largely owned and managed by farmers and those landowners with interests in sporting and forestry management – and the need to work with them.

It states: "Fortunately, most landowners manage holistically and are passionate about nature on their land." And of those managing grouse moors and other sporting interests: "Many landowners, agents and keepers have worked positively for nature, for example through restoring blanket bogs and through adaptive management to enable sustainable breeding populations of birds such as black

grouse, curlew, lapwing, golden plover, ring ouzels and merlin. There have been tensions over issues such as birds of prey and moorland burning, but there are great opportunities for fuller nature recovery and again these can be achieved with joint listening, learning and good cooperation."

I couldn't help but notice that one of the aims listed in the plan is to create interlinked nature-rich hubs – corridors and "stepping stones" which enable species to move between them as they feed, disperse, migrate or reproduce. When I look out from my home towards Carperby Moor and Ellerkin Scar I see a very good example of that thanks to the farmers and landowners who planted trees and allowed areas to "rewild" such as along what was the railway line.



The draft plan accepts there is a need to work with the whole community if the habitats and wildlife in the National Park are to be improved. So we should all be involved. Hopefully, we will follow the lead of the YDNPA regarding nature recovery rather than that of those influencers who, in effect, demonise farmers and landowners through character assassination. Little will be achieved if we do the latter.

Pip Pointon

Pip Pointon is the administrative officer of the Association of Rural Communities.

Coffee Morning

The Bay Tree Café, Hawes

Wednesday, August 3rd

10.00am - 3.00pm.

For Dementia Forward and Macmillan
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Come and join us.

Raffle, Tombola, Children's Lucky Dip,
Cake Stall, Nearly New Stall & Others.



Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the photograph on page 34 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Freya Hulley of Hawes.

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

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West Witton Feast

There is certainly a buzz of excitement in the village this year with the West Witton Feast returning to its usual August Bank Holiday weekend and so many great events planned. Why not come along to the Village Hall before **10.30am** on **Saturday, August 27th** to enter your produce, artwork, handicraft etc. in the Cottage Show then pop into St. Bartholomew's Church after **10.00am** for some light refreshments and 'The Village in Flowers' display? Carry on to discover the story of Bartle by joining the guided tour on the Bartle Mosaics Walk leaving The Fox at **10.30am**.

The evening events begin with the Fell Race: Enter from **5.00pm** at the playing field or see the runners off at **6.00pm** from Kaygram. If you aren't running, head back and enjoy the bar and BBQ and cheer the runners home. Later on, join the crowds for The Burning of Bartle following Bartle through the village at **9.00pm**.

Sunday, August 28th begins with the Holy Communion Patronal Service in St. Bartholomew's Church at **9.30am**. During the afternoon the playing field hosts the 'Sunday Fun Day' from **1.00pm**. This year we are delighted to welcome back The Leyburn Band. Try your hand at Wallops, Tug o' war, boules, beat our goalie or test your luck on the human fruit machine. Children are invited to enter the fancy dress competition and your furry companion could win a rosette in the fun dog show.

Everyone is welcome at the quoits knockout for the Robert Dent Memorial Trophy which will take place at The Fox on **Monday, August 29th**. Register by **1.50pm**.

Joy Baggaley, Feast Committee

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Newsletter Higher Education Grant

Once again this Autumn, the Newsletter will be offering a grant of £400 to students living in the Newsletter area (as indicated on the front cover), who are about to commence higher education, following completion of their compulsory education - either the first year of a university course or practical higher education training (eg, HNC, HND, BTEC Level 4 and above, Foundation and Bachelor Degrees). Please note that this grant is only available to those in their **first year of study**.

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

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

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

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

Charity Coffee Morning

The Bay Tree café in Hawes is holding a coffee morning on **Wednesday August 3rd from 10.00am to 3.00pm**. They are raising money for Dementia forward and Macmillan Cancer Care. All money raised will be going towards supporting people in Yorkshire as these charities are important to so many people as they affect them and their families.

There will be a raffle, tombola, cake stall and lucky dip. Any donations would be gratefully received and they would appreciate your support to make this day a great success. The late John Blackie always wanted them to hold such events in his café to support charities which were so close to many people's hearts.

Hawes Community Fields

The 'Improving Facilities at Hawes Community Fields' project is about to be completed. The Johnny Walker Laithe has been formally converted to community use. There is now water, electricity, toilets and an upper room.

It will be opened on **Saturday, August 20th** by retired British Army Lieutenant Colonel John Walker MBE, of Hawes, whose donation made in memory of his father John made the project possible. We have chosen that date because Hawes United FC are holding a family fun day event on the fields that day. If anyone would like to witness the opening and have a look round please come down for **1.00pm**.

Other new facilities include an enlarged and secure lean-to on the laithe, for storage. The small stone shed has been converted into a kitchen/'match hatch'. The entry to the Community Fields has been spruced up with new gates and a walkway. Trees have been planted at the wooded knoll and the big field has been made big enough for a full-size sports pitch, with the redrawn boundary being expertly re-walled. Do come and have a look! Other key financial supporters were Richmondshire District Council Community Investment Fund, as well as the National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund and Hawes United Juniors FC.

Secretary, Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreational Association

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Community Office	667400
Gayle:	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
Askrigg:	Sykes Shop,	650535
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Redmire:	Kevin Davis Westholme	624165
Thoralby:	Neil Piper	663747
West Witton	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934

August Competition

Cheese - The following are the names of famous cheeses with alternate letters missing!

1. _O_G_N_O_A
2. _O_Z_R_L_A
3. _E_S_E_D_L_ B_U_
4. _A_C_R_O_E
5. _E_L_I_E_T_R
6. _O_N_S_ Y_R_
7. _E_O_I_O
8. _L_C_S_I_K_ B_U_
9. _E_L_C_O_
10. _A_E_G_O
11. _O_T_R_Y_ A_K
12. _T_N_I_G_ I_H_P
13. _A_L_T_E
14. _A_E_ E_B_
15. _O_S_T_ L_E_ I_N_Y

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, August 23rd**. Don't forget to include details of your nominated charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

July Competition Answers

1. Bee
2. Dragonfly
3. Earthworm
4. Moth
5. Spider
6. Wasp
7. Centipede
8. Woodlouse
9. Ladybird
10. Earwig
11. Damsel fly
12. Beetle
13. Cricket
14. Bug
15. Weevil
16. Grasshopper

There were very few correct entries this month and the winner chosen at random is Jane Ritchie of West Burton whose nominated charity to receive £20 is the St Oswald's Church Tower Appeal, Askrigg.

Brenda Fothergill

Congratulations and Best Wishes
on your 70th Birthday
on August 7th 2022.
Love from Brian, Sylvia, Karen & Andrew

Bunty

would like to thank everyone including family, friends and neighbours for the wonderful cards and gifts celebrating my 90th birthday. I'd also like to thank the Fountain Hotel and staff for the setting and food which was enjoyed by all.

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New Lease of Life For Bainbridge Methodist Chapel

The Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) has confirmed it has bought the former Bainbridge Methodist Chapel to renovate and convert into two affordable and sustainable apartments. They will be let specifically to local people living and working in the remote Upper Dales. Following the discovery and removal of asbestos in 2019, the Chapel has been empty awaiting sale.

The UDCLT was formed in 2017 by a group of concerned Upper Dales residents and local council members. They recognised that there was, and is, a critical shortage of affordable, sustainable housing for people born, living or working in the Upper Dales. This affordable housing shortage is particularly impacting young people and there has been a lot of coverage recently in the regional and national press exploring the issues. The UDCLT wants to do what it can to change this trend in the Upper Dales, so that the unique communities, with their history and legacy, live on. The purchase of Bainbridge Methodist Chapel represents the significant first step on this journey.

And although Bainbridge Methodist Chapel is their first project to get off the ground they have several other housing schemes in the planning stages.

Stephen Stubbs, Chair of the Trust said: "Whilst the Chapel will only provide two new

homes for local people, it is a start and we have other possibilities in the pipeline too. We are very grateful to Richmondshire District Council for supporting us with funds, and to the Methodist Circuit for allowing us to buy the Chapel. We recognise that the hard work is just starting!"

District Council Leader, Councillor Angie Dale, said that providing affordable housing in the rural Upper Dales is a key priority for the authority. "We are pleased to see this project taking off – we have already provided funding in excess of £340,000 and look forward to working with the Trust as the site develops."

Revd. Melanie Reed, Superintendent of the North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit, said "The Circuit Trustees are absolutely thrilled that the Chapel has been purchased by the Trustees of The Upper Dales Community Land Trust and wish them every success as they work towards converting the property into affordable housing, ensuring that the Chapel building remains an important part of the local community."

County Councillor Yvonne Peacock added, "I have a long personal history with the Chapel and am so glad that it will be retained for local people."



The group hope to have the properties ready for occupation in 2023. Anyone wanting more information or interested in supporting the UDCLT should email UDCLTrust@gmail.com or visit www.udclt.co.uk. If you would like to find out more about community land trusts visit www.communitylandtrust.org.uk.

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What's Coming Up At The WI?

With the Newsletter deadline earlier this month, we have yet to enjoy most of our July activities and consequently, there isn't much to report on yet. We are still looking forward to a visit to Jervaulx Hall Gardens on **July 21st** and that same evening will be having our monthly meeting when Viv Ravis will be talking to us about 'Women at War'. Both should be really good. Our lunching ladies will be heading to Catterick Golf Club on **July 28th** for more food and chat and then we will be into August. How did that happen?!

So, what have we to look forward to in August? Well, our usual clubs will be busy. The Book Club is currently reading 'The Beekeeper of Aleppo' and meet up once a month to discuss what they think of the book over refreshments.

The Lunch Club ladies will be deciding upon where they should frequent in August - with so much choice, this is always a hard decision! We are really spoilt around here for fine food!

Our August meeting will take place on **Thursday, August 18th at 7.30pm**, at Bainbridge Village Hall when 'the old bill' (in the form of a Community Support Officer) will be coming along to talk to us about keeping safe and avoiding fraud. This should be really informative and hopefully will give us all a few tips on how to avoid falling victim to some of the awful scams that seem to be on the rise.

The Community Lunch Hub will take place on **Monday, August 22nd** at Thornton Rust Institute, at **noon for 12.30pm** when you can enjoy a delicious home-cooked two-course lunch followed by tea/coffee and all for £5. Lunch will be followed by a talk from local author Carol Tetlow. Carol was a GP and has written her books based on her experiences in that role. There is a lot of humour, tinged with sadness too, but she is an entertaining speaker and her books are definitely worth a read.

Do join us! As always, we welcome guests to our meetings and are always looking out for new members to join our merry gang. If you are interested, do come along to one of our meetings which all take place at Bainbridge Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month, starting at **7.30pm**.

Further information can be obtained from our President, **Susan Freer**, on **01969 663980**.

BAWB Federation News

By the time you are reading this, school will have closed for the summer. Our Year 6 pupils will have left us but they certainly left in style.

For the first time our Year 5 and 6 pupils had their residential trip in London rather than an outward bound centre. What a brilliant time they had! One of the main highlights was going to see Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre and a tour of the Houses of Parliament, where the children appeared on Sky News quite by chance!

We will be saying a final goodbye to the children at the Leavers Service at St Andrew's Church in Aysgarth. We are also sad to be saying goodbye to Zoe from West Burton and Pippa and Maizie from Bainbridge.

On Friday, July 15th, 65 KS1 and EYFS children went on a super bicycle ride from Wensley to Bolton Hall. This is fast becoming a popular annual event. We would like to say a huge thank you to Stage 1 Cycles and all our parent and staff volunteers and Mrs Gurden for all the hard work organising the trip.

Sports Day planned for Monday, July 18th had to be postponed due to the high temperatures and rearranged for later in the week. We are sure it will be great fun for children, parents and staff alike. Fingers crossed it doesn't rain. Thank you to our PTFA for supplying ice-cream for the children.

You may have heard about the artwork competition the Little White Bus launched in July 2021, which offered a fantastic opportunity for students to design new artwork to be applied to their new fleet of vehicles - the winning design to be displayed on the back and rear sides of the bus. The students were asked to write a few words about why they chose their design, inspired by the phrase 'This is what the Yorkshire Dales means to me'. We are delighted to announce that one of our BAWB Federation children was a winner! Pippa, age 6, designed a beautiful scene of the Dales.



Pippa's inspiration, in her own words: "I moved to Wensleydale last year and I see the

Little White Bus come past my house every day. The Upper Dales mean a lot to me as it is my new home and it is so beautiful. I see lots of people come to visit, so my picture shows what I can see from my house and the drive to school every day...the river, sheep, fields and I have seen so many rainbows which I love!"

As well as having her design on the LWB, Pippa also won £100 worth of book tokens. Well done Pippa!

Sean Warren from the LWB brought the bus with Pippa's artwork to our Bainbridge school so that the pupils, teachers and proud parents could see the bus. You may see it scooting around the Dales between Hawes and Sedburgh.

Have a wonderful summer.

**Best wishes from all at the
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Getting The Party Started

July has been a busy month at Sycamore Hall and the glorious weather has been a real bonus. We have been able to sit outside and soak up the sunshine and fresh air which has been lovely.

The month started with Linda's 'big' birthday party when DJ Wilko got us up on the dance floor 'busting some moves'! Chris and Alice put on a nice birthday spread to enjoy and boost our energy levels for more dancing. We had great fun and of course enjoyed the opportunity to wish Linda a very Happy Birthday - hopefully one she won't forget!

Julia, the NYCC Care Manager, then organised a Mini Olympics afternoon and with the help of Lynn Iveson and members of her team and the Social Prescribers, we were able to try all sorts of activities, including basketball, beach ball, hoopla, frisbee and cycling. The cycling proved particularly popular and we are now hoping to raise enough money to be able to get our own bike so that everyone can have a go! By far the most fun was had with the 'shooting' competition which involved water pistols and a lot of laughter! Fortunately, it was a glorious day so we were able to be out in the garden 'shooting' each other! Julia and Brian were in need of a change of clothes after all that and we discovered that Alan has a cheeky penchant for sneaking up and soaking us!! Of course, there was a serious side to all of this and that was that we were learning just how important it is to keep fit and active as we get older. Thanks must go to Julia, Lynn and all the other staff who came along to help out, although I rather think they secretly enjoyed it!

Congratulations must go to the winners of the various activities: Brian, who scored 175 in the beanbag throw; Brenda who scored 80 in the hoopla; Anne who threw the furthest frisbee; Don who cycled 0.58 km; Brenda who scored 33 in the basketball and Alan who scored 2,755 in the shooting, closely followed by the very competitive Brian with 1,525! The prize for the wettest person on site has to go to Julia who seemed to find herself the target for the water pistols for most of the afternoon!

That exciting week rounded off with a barbecue prepared by Chris, making the most of the glorious weather. It almost felt like we had been on holiday!

Of course, we have continued with our regular

events each week, including the 'Knit & Natter' at **2.00pm on Mondays**, the Quiz/Bingo at **10.45am on Tuesdays**; Coffee Morning at **10.30am on Thursdays** and Gentle Exercise at **11.00am on Fridays**. Please do come along to join us for these activities if you are at a loose end as we love to see members of our community.

Meanwhile, our talented 'Knit and Natter' ladies completed their teddies, hats, scarves and blankets which were taken to Helen Iveson for her next load of supplies heading over to the people of Ukraine. We all hope that these will bring some joy to those they eventually end up with. Well done ladies!



Finally, we must thank Eleanor Scarr and Ann Deans who, for many years, ran the popular Yore Club for the over 65s in our community. After the interruption of Covid and the ongoing fears amongst some to leave home and mix with others, the decision has been taken (along with founder, Malcolm Stonestreet) to wind up the Club. As a result, the funds remaining in the bank account were officially handed over to the Sycamore Hall Residents Amenity Fund at the end of June. Everyone is extremely grateful for this generous donation and all those who arrange activities are keen to use this money to offer a range of events and activities for both residents at Sycamore Hall, and from our local community. Watch out for details in due course. Thanks go to Eleanor and Ann for their hard work over many years, providing all sorts of events for everyone to enjoy.

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So, with July at an end, we now look forward to August and hopefully continued good weather. Brian tells us things are hotting up in the greenhouse, so hopefully we will soon be able to enjoy the fruits of his labour. A new bed has recently been dug to allow more crops to be grown in future. Sonja and Karen have also created a memorial garden for dear friend and hairdresser, Charlotte Everett, who is much-missed by everyone at Sycamore Hall.

We do hope you will join us for some of our events and activities and also support the local businesses that operate from Sycamore Hall (Village Store, Hair Salon, Post Office, Restaurant and Library). 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**.

Enjoy the summer and we hope to see all of you soon!

Events in Reeth Memorial Hall

Friday, August 12th – Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards from Belgium and the USA. American fiddler and smoky-voiced singer-songwriter Laura Cortese and her band pair string arrangements with rich vocal harmonies to create a bold sound, incorporating everything from traditional melodies to Cajun two-steps with a touch of rock-n-roll. Tickets £15 (£17 door).

Saturday, October 8th – John Tams. Please note tickets are selling fast. Tickets £20. We don't expect any to be available on the door.

Friday, October 14th – Andy Irvine is one of the great Irish singers, musicians and teller of tales. In a career spanning over 50 years, he has performed with Sweeney's Men, Paul Brady, Patrick Street, Mozaik and Usher's Island. Tickets £15 (£17 door).

Tickets are available from Reeth PO or phone John Little **01748 884759** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk – tickets half price for under 16s. All concerts start at **8.00pm** unless stated otherwise.

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Heavens Above

The days get noticeably shorter this month as we head towards the last few weeks of summer. In the night sky the three bright stars of the Summer Triangle still dominate the scene, but they're slowly slipping westwards and by the middle of August autumn's main constellation, Pegasus the Winged Horse, is well on view in the south. Towards the end of the month the beautiful Pleiades star cluster climbs into view by late evening – a sure reminder that the balmy days of summer are coming to an end and that the 'season of mist and mellow fruitfulness' is just around the corner.

There's been a dearth of naked-eye planets in the evening sky for most of this year but things improve this month with Saturn, Jupiter and Mars all rising before midnight. Saturn, the ringed planet reaches opposition on **August 14th** when it's at its nearest and brightest for the year. It's visible all night long, low in the south amongst the stars of Capricornus. Giant Jupiter, a brilliant object at magnitude minus 2.8, clears the eastern horizon just after **10.00pm**. Good binoculars - 10x50 are ideal - will show you its four biggest moons as tiny beads of light strung out on either side of its noticeably flattened disc. Mars, a good deal fainter than Jupiter, rises around **11.30pm** amongst the stars of Aries the Ram. It gets brighter and brighter during the coming months almost rivalling Jupiter by the time it reaches opposition on **December 1st**. Little Mercury, the innermost planet, is lost in the Sun's glare

for the time being but dazzling Venus, rising around **4.00am**, is still on view in the pre-dawn sky. Not for long though. Its gradually sinking into the morning twilight and by the end of September will have disappeared altogether.

It's a shame the Moon spoils our view of this year's Perseids meteor shower. It's one of the best of the annual displays producing dozens of bright shooting stars every hour when it peaks on the night of **August 12th/13th**. Sadly, this coincides with an almost full Moon which means most of the fainter ones will be swamped by strong moonlight. But don't be too disheartened, it's still well worthwhile venturing out to try and catch a glimpse of some of the brighter meteors. You might even spot a really brilliant bolide or fireball streaking across the sky. Best time to look is after midnight from a dark location well away from the street lights.

We're nearly at the end of this year's noctilucent clouds season but you might still catch a display early on in the month. Look out for their eerie silvery-blue filaments glowing softly low in the north-west before midnight or low in the north-east before dawn.

Have clear skies!

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Leyburn u3a Group

The next meeting is on **Friday, August 19th** at **10.00am** at the Arts & Community Centre, Leyburn. Speaker is Helen Neave - giving her talk called 'From Scalpel to Spade'.

Meetings are held the third Friday of every month. Future meeting: **September 16th**, Philip Caine - 'Barrow To Baghdad And Back Again'. Visitors welcome.



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Alligator Gumbo

Former jazz musician and Steering Group Member Neil Dutton says "We have organised a line-up of superbly entertaining bands including the

Savannah Jazz Band, Yorkshire Gypsy Swing Collective, Nicki Allan Trio, Alligator Gumbo, Edison Herbert Trio and the Colin Bailey Band.

Once again, we will be running a Sunday morning free workshop for aspiring young jazz musicians, this year led by saxophonist and Royal College of Music tutor Matt Anderson. Yorkshire-born Matt will also be performing with his "Trio North" on Sunday lunchtime".

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Askrigg and District Produce Show

Sunday, August 28th at 2:30 pm

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The committee are gearing up for our first live show since 2019 and we are really looking forward to having a bumper crop of exhibits to fill the Village Hall in Askrigg. We were very excited to get a provisional acceptance from our local MP and prospective Prime Minister to open our show, but there is a good chance he may be rather busy that day! In which case we'll be looking for a substitute – any ideas?

We were overwhelmed by the response to our on-line shows in 2020 and 2021. The range and standard of entries was exceptional and the judges had a tough time in deciding on winners. This year, I really hope we can build on our success and see yet more exhibitors – both our

regulars and new entrants. We try to make the categories as broad and accessible as possible so please have a look at your own schedule, on the notice board at Sykes' House or on-line at www.askriggproduceshow.weebly.com.

We are indebted to our band of helpers that turn out for setting up the hall on Saturday before show day, help with the teas, act as stewards, bake cakes for sale and donate tombola prizes etc. The committee will send round fliers nearer the date to ask for volunteers for these tasks – it is a lovely event to be involved with so please help out if you can.

Thank you to everyone who gives up time to make the show a great event and I look forward to seeing the fruits of your labour on show day.

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Chef John Crouch will showcase local sustainable produce in his cookery demonstrations, storyteller Emily Hennessey will explore the folklore of Mallerstang and its connections with King Arthur, and children can enjoy foraging (and hopefully feasting!) with wild play specialists Stomping Ground. There'll be guided walks, a display of vintage tractors, the old Stainmore Railway station and Winton Park Gardens will be open, and Cumbria Classic Coaches will run between attractions and the mainline Settle-Carlisle station. All events are free of charge.

For more information and to book places on the guided walks, please visit www.visituppereden.org.uk, or phone **017683 71199** or email visit@uecp.org.uk. Find us on Facebook [@westmorlanddalesday2022](https://www.facebook.com/@westmorlanddalesday2022) and Twitter [@westmorlandday](https://www.twitter.com/@westmorlandday).

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Joanne Coates: Daughters of the Soil

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Women in agriculture will be celebrated in a new photographic exhibition, 'Daughters of the Soil', by award-winning documentary photographer Joanne Coates, at The Garden Rooms, Tennants

This powerful body of work was initially created by Joanne Coates through Maltings Visual Arts in Berwick in partnership with Newcastle University's Centre for Rural Economy and Institute for Creative Arts Practice, focusing on the women of Northumberland. However, the series of portraits has been expanded for this exhibition to focus on telling the stories of women from traditional farming communities in Wensleydale, Swaledale and Coverdale.

Joanne Coates lives and works in the Dales and is deeply connected to the countryside and farming. Having collaborated with Professor Sally Shortall, an expert on gender and

agriculture at Newcastle University, to document the role of women in contemporary farming practices.

Joanne states: "Women's contribution to the farming industry is significant but often overlooked. There are underlying barriers such as access to land, class, motherhood, and lack of clear leadership roles. When tasked with imagining a farmer, who comes to mind? Women make up 15% of the farming industry in the UK, but despite playing a central role in agricultural progress throughout history, documentation of female farmworkers is slim. Over time, the stories of women who have shaped the land have been left unheard."

Joanne uses the medium of photography to explore themes relating to Northern culture and working-class life in rural places, with a strong emphasis on community. She has exhibited both in the UK and internationally and has had commissions for the BBC, The Guardian, The Financial Times, and The Telegraph.

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Judges will also pick their twelve favourite photographs for inclusion in the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust 2022 Calendar.

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There are already a significant number of annual established festivals and large scale events across Richmondshire which the Large Festivals and Events Fund can support as well as new large-scale events.

There are grants of up to £5,000 for a single day event and up to £7,000 for an event held over two or more consecutive days. Applications will be considered on a monthly basis throughout 2022 until all the funds have been allocated. All allocated funds must be spent by **December 31st**.

It is expected that applications will be received from the organisers of festivals and events which deliver a significant benefit to the local economy through attracting visitors to the district, and which positively promote community engagement and participation.

To apply check out: LINK or contact: grants@richmondshire.gov.uk for more information.

The second grant scheme for community groups - the Platinum Jubilee Festivals and Events Fund offers grants of up to £2,000. Events may take place at any point during 2022, but they must demonstrate a clear link to the year-long celebration of the Jubilee in terms of theme and activity planning in order to qualify for funding. Applications can be made for between £1,000 and £2,000. To apply log on to: www.richmondshire.gov.uk/community/grants/community-grants-schemes/.

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- 30 Reeth Market Summer Fair. 10.00am - 4.00pm.
- 30 Organ Concert. Holy Trinity Church, Wensley. 7.30pm.
- 31 Burtersett Show. 2.00pm.
- 31 Westmorland Dales Day. See p.16.

August

- Until 14. Yorkshire Dales Photography Exhibition. Garden Rooms, Tennants. See p.18.
- 1 - Oct 31. 'Run From the Shadows' exhibition. Yore Mill Craft Shop, Aysgarth. See p.18.
- 3 Charity Coffee Morning. 10.00am - 3.00pm. Bay Tree Café, Hawes. See p.5.
- 3 Kings Club Family Activities, Noon - 3.00pm. See p.28.
- 3 Dales Discovery Film. St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p.33.
- 6 Kings Club Family Activities, Noon - 3.00pm. See p.28.
- 6 An Audience with Lucy Adlington. LA&CC. 2.00pm. See p.31.
- 10 Dales Discovery Talk. St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p.33.
- 12 Laura Cortese. Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p.11.
- 13 Thorlby Village Hall Treasure Hunt. 6.00pm. See p.29.
- 13 Mark Viner Concert. St Andrew's Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.36.
- 13/14 Craft Fair. Market House, Hawes.
- 16 - Sept 4. Daughters of the Soil Photographic exhibition. Garden Rooms, Tennants. See p.17.
- 17 Penhill Ladies outing. See p.19.
- 17 Dales Discovery Talk. St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p.33.
- 18 Bainbridge W.I. Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.8.
- 19 u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.13.
- 20 Johnny Walker Laithe Opening and Hawes United FC Fun Day. Hawes Community Fields. 1.00pm. See p.5.

- 20 Mobile skip, Hawes. 9.00am - 1.00pm. See p.33.
- 21 Swaledale Sankey Afternoon. Hawes Junction Chapel. 2.30pm.
- 22 Bainbridge W.I. Community Lunch Hub. Thornton Rust Institute. Noon. See p.8.
- 24 Dales Discovery Talk. St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p.33.
- 27 Wensleydale Show.
- 27/28 West Witton Feast. See p.4.
- 27 - 29 Craft Fair. Market House, Hawes.
- 28 Askrigg and District Produce Show. 2.30pm. See p.15.
- 29 Quoits competition. The Fox, West Witton. See p.4.

September

- 3 Harvest Festival. Hawes Junction Chapel. 7.30pm
- 4 Moorcock Show. Mossdale Farm, Hawes. 10.30am. See p.29.
- 4 The Hall Brothers. Moorcock Inn. 6.00pm. See p.25.
- 7 Muker Show. 10.00am.

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August 21st	Holy Communion	Family Service Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer	
August 26th - 28th				Community Flower Festival
August 28th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	Café Church	3.00pm Lakeside Service, Semerwater
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'August Dales'

I love it when the fields are cut and sections of the Dale take on a fresh peeled appearance as the heady scent of hay fills the air and the farmers work through day and night to bring in the essential crop. It's also a signal that the school year is drawing to a close and the holiday season is about to begin, drawing in visitors to the Dale from far and wide seeking rest and recreation. For many, August is a time for slowing things down, appreciating the opportunity to do something different, savouring the beauty of creation and to enjoy the longer days whilst we still have them.

Above the bar in the 'King's Arms' in Askrigg is the poem 'August Dales' by Glynne Hughes. It captures a sense of our wide open spaces and the peace that can be found in the landscape.

*'So where the heat haze shimmers,
high above where Semmer glimmers,
level with the singing Lark
hear the far-off farm dog bark!
Then the hours are truly spent
in a newly found content.'*

I know that those of you who live in the Dale are working increasingly longer hours to meet

the growing uncertainty of the days in which we find ourselves, but we all need times of rest and moments to be still, to 'breathe in' and simply ... **be**. Amongst the demands and busyness of life that Jesus faced, the Bible tells us that he regularly 'escaped' the crowds and sought solitude to do precisely that and he encouraged others to do the same.

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Nature poetry writing workshops for adults, taking inspiration from peatlands, will be run by Sarah Smout on **July 30th** and **August 1st, 1.00pm to 4.00pm**. Everyone welcome but please call **01969 666210** to book a place.

Projects

In Your Words - Dialect & Heritage project

You can make your own contribution to the project by visiting the website <https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/> and adding your own voice and words there!

We're working with local community groups to make creative textile pieces to be included in our exhibition that will open in the autumn.

We'd be keen to speak to people who have returned to live in the Dales and also families who have lived here for several generations. If you'd like to get involved please contact our Engagement Officer Poppy Oldham at p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk.

Family Friendly Project

We're receiving lovely feedback on the materials we've developed for families to use during their visits to the Museum. We now have a Family Pass and all pass holders automatically become members of our family club, The Scurry Club. Each child in the family will receive a loyalty card which can be stamped each visit to get a treat.

Our volunteers have been busy adding features to the outdoor trail and we're continuing to make changes to make the museum more family friendly. If you're a local family and would like a free visit 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.

Education

Schools have been busy borrowing our loan boxes and Jane, our Education lead has been out and about at local schools as well as delivering sessions at the Museum on Dialect, Prehistory and Wild Food.

All loan boxes are free to use and each class in your school is eligible to receive a free led session. If you're a teacher or know someone working in education who could benefit from our learning sessions and resources, do get in touch. We'd love to chat through how we could support you.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

In July we had a fabulous session with staff from Wessex Archaeology exploring finds such as 2000 year old wheat, and a 600 year old horse skull. We looked at strata and even made our own edible versions!

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Tom, our Young Leader who came to us 10 years ago when he was just 8. Tom has hardly missed a session in the time he has been with us. We will miss him but wish him every success at university.

The club meets once a month on a Saturday morning, **10.00am - 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. Email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call **01969 666210** if you'd like to find out more.

Events and Activities Coming Up.

All events are included in the museum admission unless stated.

Nature Poetry Workshop for adults

Monday, August 1st. 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Led by writer Sarah Smout, explore the theme of nature and peatlands to create your own poem. No experience necessary. Please call or email to book a place.

Drystone Walling Demonstration

Tuesday, August 2nd. 11.00am - 3.00pm.

See how these iconic features of the Yorkshire Dales are made.

Textile Techniques

Wednesday, August 3rd. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

In the Museum's textile gallery, volunteers will demonstrate rag rug making, patchwork and other textile techniques.

In the Kitchen - Bringing in the Drinkings

Thursday, August 4th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Join Mrs H in our traditional Dales Farmhouse kitchen and find out more about "bringing the drinkings" during hay time when farming families brought out food and drinks to workers in the fields.

Hands-on History - Rock Art

Friday, August 5th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Drop-in craft activities for families. In this activity, we will have a look at Rock Art in the Dales and make a replica with clay.

Yorkshire Dales Summer Landscape Postcards in Gouache

Saturday, August 6th. 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Join artist Anji Timlin for a gouache paint workshop and create a summer landscape painting of the Yorkshire Dales, perfect for a postcard. Anji will show you various gouache techniques using brushstrokes and layering. Learn how to use this fun and accessible paint. Choose to paint images and postcards provided by Anji or inspired by the museum's archives, or bring your own. Materials and lunch included. Booking essential. £55.

Drystone Walling Demonstration

Tuesday, August 9th 11.00am - 3.00pm.
(See August 2nd)

Hawes Rural Heritage Walk

Tuesday, August 9th 11.00am - 4.00pm.

Join us for this 5.5 mile (8.8km) walk in Herriot country. We will look for evidence of old industries and traditional rural activities, including local hamlets, villages, barns and lime kilns. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. Booking Essential. £6. No dogs allowed.

Textile Techniques Afternoons

Wednesday August 10th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.
(See August 3rd)

In the Kitchen - Oatcakes

Thursday, August 11th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Join Mrs H and discover how oatcakes were made in the Yorkshire Dales.

Hands-on History - Archaeological Finds

Friday, August 12th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Drop-in themed activities for families. We will look at archaeological finds and discover what they tell us.

Upper Dales Geology

Sunday, August 14th. 11.00am - 3.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this 5 mile (8 km) walk to discover the geological forces which formed the Yorkshire Dales. Walk through the site of the former stone mines, Shaw Ghyll and visit the spectacular Hardraw Force, the highest waterfall in England. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. Booking Essential. £6 plus entrance fee to the waterfall. No dogs allowed.

Drystone Walling Demonstration

Tuesday, August 16th 11.00am - 3.00pm.
(See August 2nd)

Portrait of English Migration - North Yorkshire People in North America

Tuesday, August 16th 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

In this lecture, Professor William E. Van Vugt will give a talk on the history of those who left North Yorkshire for North America between the 18th century and the early 20th century.

Textile Techniques Afternoons

Wednesday August 17th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.
(See August 3rd)

In the Kitchen - Bread Making

Thursday, August 18th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Join Mrs H and discover the history of bread making and how it has changed from the Roman times to now.

Hands-on History - Roman Surveying

Friday, August 19th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

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More DCM Events in August

Barns, Walls and Bridges

Sunday, August 21st. 1.30pm - 4.00pm.

Come along on this 4 mile (6.4km) walk in Herriot country and enjoy panoramic views over Upper Wensleydale. Barns, walls and bridges are important features of Wensleydale and played a crucial part in the development of local industry and agriculture. The walk includes the woodland and waterfalls of Shaw Gill. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. Booking Essential. £5. No dogs allowed.

Drystone Walling Demonstration

Tuesday, August 23rd. 11.00am - 3.00pm.
(See August 2nd)

Hawes Town Trail

Tuesday, August 23rd. 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this short 2.5 mile (3.5km) guided walk and explore the history of Hawes and Gayle. We discover the origins of Wensleydale cheese, see where the railway once went and follow a section of the Pennine Way. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. Booking Essential. £3. No dogs allowed.

Textile Techniques

Wednesday, August 24th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.
(See August 3rd).

In the Kitchen - Sausages

Thursday, August 25th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Join Mrs H and discover the history of sausages and how they have changed from the Roman times to now.

Hands-on History - Iron Age Roundhouse

Friday, 26 August 26th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Drop-in craft activities for families. We'll look at Iron age settlements in the Dales and make a card roundhouse.

Drystone Walling Demonstration

Tuesday, August 30th. 11.00am - 3.00pm.
(See August 2nd).

Textile Techniques Afternoons

Tuesday, August 30th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.
(See August 3rd).

In the Kitchen - Oatcakes

Thursday, September 1st. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Join Mrs H and discover how oatcakes were made in the Yorkshire Dales

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Swale Singers: What Next?

The reality of performing 'Messiah' at Ripon Cathedral in May at the Gala concert for the 50th anniversary of the Swaledale Festival far exceeded the hopes - and fears! - of many of us.

It was an amazing experience to sing to what was probably the biggest audience either of the two choirs had ever experienced. Nearly 700 people gathered to hear the Festival Chorus, made up of the Swale Singers and Richmondshire Choral Society, a period instrument orchestra led by Jo Lawrence and four superb soloists. Rowan Pierce (soprano) William Towers (alto) Nicholas Pritchard (tenor) and Nicholas Mogg (bass) gave stunning performances and it was a delight and a privilege for the choir to sing with them, all brilliantly conducted by Peter Stallworthy.

So what next? A good question. How do we follow that, you might ask?

Well, we've got some good stuff lined up. On **Sunday, September 4th at 3.00pm** in Reeth Memorial Hall we'll start working on Haydn's 'Nelson Mass' - subtitled 'A Mass for Troubled Times', so particularly apposite given the state of the country - and the world - at the moment.

We'll also be singing John Rutter's 'Magnificat', so two nicely contrasting works for a spirit-lifting pre-Christmas concert.

Everyone is really welcome to join us and have a good sing. Whether you haven't sung for a while, or maybe never sung in a choir before, you'll enjoy the camaraderie and the pleasure of making music together.

Music at The Moorcock

In the early evening of **Sunday, September 4th** the renowned folk band The Hall Brothers will be playing at the Moorcock Inn from **6.00pm** until approximately **8.00pm**. Why not come and listen to them, it's free!

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Wensleydale School Celebrates Ofsted Result

The Wensleydale School has been graded 'good' by Ofsted maintaining its 'good' result. Inspectors commented on the 'strong leadership', the 'respectful' adult and student relationships, the extra-curricular activities and referenced pupils' 'pride' about their 'tight knit community' and 'inclusive nature of the school'.

The school has gone to great lengths to build links with the wider community in Leyburn and the Wensleydale area and inspectors picked up on these charitable and business connections and also added 'the curriculum follows and extends beyond the academic. It ensures pupils have the opportunities to develop into responsible, caring and well-rounded adults'. The report also referenced the large proportion of parents who spoke positively about the school's pastoral care.

The school has undergone an intensive phase of change to ensure all areas of teaching are watertight, create a range of opportunities which extend beyond academic study and bolster morale among staff and parents alike, under a vision shared by all leaders. The Ofsted report specifically acknowledged that 'leaders are unwavering in their commitment to the school community' and that 'parents praised leaders for their support during the pandemic'.

Headteacher Julia Polley, who came to the school before the last inspection, said the 'excellent' result reflects the hardwork of all staff and governors. She said: "I am very pleased with the grading. I've spent the last six-and-a-half years managing change and I'm determined to take the school to the next level over the next five years. I'm extremely proud of staff, governors and all who contribute to our school community."

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The sixth form, which delivers a combined vocational and academic curriculum offering mainly BTECs through the Business and Innovation Centre, was graded as Requires Improvement under 'special circumstances'. With the government's withdrawal of BTECs, it is difficult for the school to offer a curriculum with the sufficient breadth required and inspectors highlighted the Post-16 offering had 'narrowed' and acknowledged this was 'in part due to financial constraints'. This doesn't affect the overall grading of the school.

The Post-16 offering will be suspended for one year, while the school explores its options. The school is committed to its existing Year 12s and will provide them with all they need to successfully complete their course next year. Julia is also proud that all students who have studied at the Business and Innovation Centre over the past four years, have successfully gone on to industry and higher education destinations, having gained hands-on work and mentoring by local businesses, along the way.



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Prunings

It has been a wonderful year for the roses. On my patio the climbers have won. 'Pink Perpetue' has really lived up to its name – 'Canary Bird' is on its second flush and 'Compassion', which has lived here for more than 40 years has been, and still is, glorious. What is more they all have healthy new growth so they can continue. I was surprised that there did not seem to be many greenfly until one day I caught sight of a spray of buds being picked over by a blue tit. Another eco-friendly justification for spending a fortune on bird feed.

The less looked after areas, my so-called 'wild life project', is full of Ox Eye Daisies, Alchemilla Mollis and Fox and Cubs with the occasional stately spire of Verbascum rising through it. It looks lovely and is a good excuse for leaving well alone.

On the satisfying front we had a super display of white bracts on the Cornus Kousa – or is it 'Norman Hadden'? I can't remember which, but it was expensive at the time and has taken many years to perform. Philadelphia 'Belle Etoile' has huge creamy white flowers with a hint of magenta at the centre, - even better, they smell gorgeous. The Sweet Peas too are now a bonus – in pots on the patio they had a chequered start, bless 'em, they arrived during the snow, but now I need to cut them every couple of days to stop the pods forming and keep them flowering.

We usually have a fair complement of blackbirds, but I have seen many more thrushes than is usual this year. The evidence for me is the copious sprinkling of empty snail shells crunching under my feet as I walk along the yard. Even better, for the first time that I can remember we have been visited by bullfinches. Their brilliant rosy red fronts are unmistakable. Perhaps the most surprising visitor was the big, fat, grey squirrel strutting his stuff on the raised bed one morning.

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easy to grow and as they produce flowers on new growth, they don't need much pruning except to keep them in shape, but can be pruned hard back during winter and early spring. The large mop heads (macrophylla) are the most amazing and if you have room for one Hydrangea, Arborescens Annabelle is probably the most spectacular, but be warned, if it likes its home it will become enormous. Emile Moulliere is another beautiful white type which is not quite as big. They don't particularly like too much heat and will benefit from a situation where they have a little shade from afternoon sun. With not a lot of attention they will come back and reward you every year. Living in the Dales with lots of limestone about, my soil is alkaline and any varieties that claim to be blue gradually turn pink. I have a pretty lace cap specimen called Blue Bird in the corner of a raised bed. Fairly compact and easy to manage it is covered in flowers. Despite its name, they are all pink.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

Rose Rambler

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Sunday, August 7th:

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

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

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

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

Sunday, August 14th:

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, Holy Trinity, Wensley.

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Sunday, August 28th:

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

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

6.00pm Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

August Mid-Week Services:

Thursday 4th, and 18th at 9.30am. Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Church Coffee Morning: Wednesday, August 3rd from 10.30am - noon at Redmire Village Hall.

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

St. Bartholomew's Patronal Festival: Saturday, August 27th. St. Bartholomew's will be open from **10.00am - 4.00pm** with a flower display 'The Village in Flowers'. Refreshments will be available (tea, coffee, cake, juice).



The churches of the Dales have been serving families through King's Club for 30 years with activities during the summer holidays. This year we are again offering Dales families a free gift box with a variety of surprises to brighten up the summer holidays and help you explore faith as a family.

The boxes can be collected at two fun family sessions. One in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall on **Wednesday, August 3rd** and the other in West Burton Village Hall on **Saturday, August 6th**, both sessions will be **noon - 3.00pm**. Activities will be themed around 'One World'. Light refreshments will be provided from **12.30pm - 1.00pm** for children and their parents or carers. An adult must remain with the children during the sessions.

If you would like to reserve a box and attend one, or both, of the activity sessions, or if you would like to receive a box but are unable to attend contact Heather Sowerby at kingsclubnydmc@outlook.com.

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The show is one of the oldest Yorkshire Dales sheep shows and can be traced back over a century; and it has its own traditions and customs. The gates open at **10.30am** and sheep judging starts at **noon** with the young handlers' competition.

For the first time for many years the children of Hawes Junior School are taking part in handwriting and drawing competitions, and their work will be on display at the show.

You can have some fun and take part in the public judging of a sheep class, and apart from the sheep, there is plenty of food and drink to try. You can listen to the Hawes Town Band, or browse the craft tent which is full of fine local crafts and produce.

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Children's Story Writing Competition 2022

Next month we will be inviting local children in years 3 - 6 to enter our annual story writing competition. This year children will be free to write about anything they like.

We are looking for imaginative stories between 300 and 500 words long, so the creative writing will have to grab our attention from the very first sentence and make us want to read more.

There are great prizes and trophies to be won and the winning stories will be published in the Newsletter.

BAWB and Hawes Schools are promoting the competition in class and we will be sharing some hints and tips on story writing in the September edition of the newsletter which will also have all the details of how to enter.

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Dinosaurs!

As non-motorists have already discovered, the Sunday DalesBus 856 from Upper Wensleydale to Northallerton is a very useful bus service, which operates to a fixed timetable.

On **Sunday, August 7th**, there is an added benefit as DalesBus 856 will provide the means of getting to and from Northallerton without taking the car - and therefore without any of the parking problems that might result from Northallerton's special Dinosaur event that day... (Yes, you read that correctly!).

The DalesBus 856 departs from Upper Wensleydale every Sunday, as follows:

Gayle bus shelter **11.15am**; Hawes market place **11.18am**; Bainbridge bus shelter **11.27am**; Aysgarth Falls Corner **11.35am**; arrives Northallerton **12.31pm** (railway station) and **12.35pm** (Buck Inn). Return bus departs from Northallerton Buck Inn at **4.00pm**.

For the full Sunday 856 bus timetable (including 856 arriving in Hawes from Northallerton, Bedale, Leyburn and villages on the A684 at **10.45am, 1.55pm, 5.15pm** and departing Hawes at **11.15am, 2.35pm and 5.25pm**), see www.dalesbus.org.

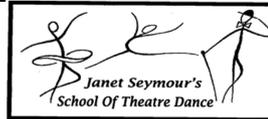
Programme information about Northallerton's **August 7th Dinosaur event** can be found on www.lovenorthallerton.com.

Bus Passenger Survey - Passengers on the Sunday DalesBus 856 (Northallerton to Aysgarth, Bainbridge, Hawes and Gayle) may

find that they are asked to complete a short (anonymous) questionnaire during journeys this month.

Regular surveys did not take place during the pandemic so passenger statistics now need to be updated. Information about reasons for travel, frequency etc. is used to back up applications for funding future DalesBus services. In addition, a rota of volunteers willing to hand out the questionnaires to passengers is being drawn up. If you would like to help with this on one or two Sundays this summer, please let me know. Guidance is provided and bus fares will be refunded.

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The Knit 'N' Natter group at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre are busy knitting and crocheting Poppies for the British Legion display being planned for Leyburn. If anyone would also like to contribute, they could drop their poppies into the Centre, or to the British Legion, or join the sessions which meet on a Wednesday fortnightly from **7.00pm to 9.00pm**, coffee and biscuits included, fee £2 towards the Arts Centre's funds. For future dates of Knit 'N' Natter contact **01969 624510**.

Some of the regular groups who meet in the Arts Centre are now stopping for summer holidays and will resume in September. The website www.leyburnartscentre.com has details of all films, groups and events, or pop in to collect a flyer.

Don't forget 'An Audience with Lucy Adlington', on **Saturday, August 6th at 2.00pm** with her moving but uplifting historical talk on 'The Dressmakers of Auschwitz.' Tickets are £12, and include coffee and biscuits.

Hawes Junction Chapel

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We have been having lots of fun at Dalesplay exploring under the sea. The children made a very large boat and they have been on many adventures in it. The setting has transformed into a Circus for the Summer holidays. We have lots of fun crafts and activities planned to keep children of all ages entertained, we just hope the sun continues to shine for us.

This past month we have had a number of our children starting their transition process as they prepare to start at the school nursery in September. Miss Caygill and Miss Burton came to introduce themselves and had a little play. We then took the children over to Hawes school nursery to explore the new environment and become familiar with the area. We read stories about starting nursery and the different emotions we feel, the children are very much looking forward to starting.

In May we had a visit from Ofsted and the results have now been published. We remain 'Good' and the inspector commented on how well the children had strong relationships with one another and the staff. She said children

thrive in the nurtured and well-resourced environment and the children have a can-do attitude towards their learning. Please feel free to have a look at the full report online.

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Dales Discovery 2022

This year there will be four illustrated talks held at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes at **8.00pm on Wednesdays** as follows:-

August 3rd – “A river's view of Wensleydale”. A film made by the late Cliff Steanson in 1998.

August 10th – “Bridges, walls and barns”. A selection of photos and talk by Stuart Armstrong and Jack Sutton.

August 17th – “Bird ringing and identification in the Dales” by Roger Foreman from the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

August 24th – “Early faith in the Dales”. With Mike Hirst.

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Yore Club 50 Years

With an element of sadness but also a host of happy memories over the last 50 years, I send out the last report for the Yore Club.

The Yore Club was started in 1968 by the Rev. Malcolm Stonestreet in conjunction with the Red Cross who provided transport to meetings. A committee was formed and with help from the Parish Office in Askrigg who undertook the bookings, meetings commenced once a fortnight. Quite a tall order to have a speaker or afternoon tea trip out or entertainment at each meeting, but done with enthusiasm. In the 1960s an over 60s club was very much needed and well attended, probably 50 plus members with a large number of widows unable to drive therefore destined to be stuck at home. They were joined at some meetings by the Dale End Club from Hawes who in their turn, entertained the Yore Club. The first meetings were held in the school room at Old Yore Bridge, now part of the hotel. Funds for the first 20 years were generated by having a shop at each meeting, basically Bring and Buy. This was followed by donating £1 when you came to a meeting, finally as much as £2.

In January 1969 Wallace Arnold came to show a film entitled 'Plan a Holiday'. After this meeting annual holidays were organised, the first one to Eastbourne. The Dale End Club also joined in and continued through the 1970s and 80s, latterly travelling with Handley's of Middleham. The final holidays were early 2000s when Bibby's of Ingleton took the Yore Club to St Ives, visiting a newly formed Eden Project, and finally a memorable trip to Ballyshannon in Ireland.

Each Christmas Min Tallantire and her team of Red Cross ladies provided a wonderful tea which was followed by home grown entertainment, a pantomime and singing with some great dressing up. I remember how good it was to help with the tea then watch the fun. Dorothy Baker had such a wonderful way of converting the words of well known popular songs into local dialogue and combined with Margaret Wood's piano playing, the scene was set. Robert Readshaw and Gordon Gatwood, Methodist Ministers along with Malcolm Stonestreet, sang and played their part.

Meetings moved around a bit, from Yore Bridge to Station Road Sunday School Room,

Askrigg Village Hall, Sycamore Close and latterly Sycamore Hall. Looking back at old programmes, a variety of speakers with some showing slides from many parts of the world and games afternoons along with the occasional meeting when each person took their own favourite reading or poem. In 2004 we reluctantly went from fortnightly meetings to once a month, but it did enable us to continue.

The Yore Club will have visited every local Castle, Abbey and attraction within reach for a day out, along with numerous afternoon tea trips and the regulation shopping trip each year for Christmas. Trips were booked with Ray Sayer of Bellerby for many years followed by Bob Foster of Redmire, who both agreed favourable prices for us. Our favourite driver was Tommy Alderson who never ceased to surprise by turning off down a back road to Bolton Castle or over Hawesend where in reality a 48 seater bus is a little big, the view was fantastic. Once when a little lost and turning round in a gateway, Tommy said "don't worry, all roads lead home" which became a favourite saying.

At the beginning of the covid pandemic and lock down, Anne Deans and I decided that it was a natural time for us to stand down and let someone else take the job on. We had covered between us the last 30 years. Times were changing, less people came to the meetings and it became increasingly difficult to get support for trips. Coach companies were providing their own days away so no one need miss out.

On June 30th 2022, Anne and I went to Sycamore Hall Coffee Morning and handed over our remaining £240 to be used by the Amenity Fund. I know they will carry on for the elderly of the Parish where we left off. Anne was thanked for being in charge for the last 10 plus years with an outside planter.

Eleanor Scarr



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Hawes School News

We are at the end of another very busy month in school. Most of our Year 6 children have been out visiting Wensleydale School or Kirkby Stephen Grammar School for their transition days in preparation for their move to secondary school in September.

This week the Children in Class 1 have visited the Church for an afternoon finding out about the different parts and uses of the Church. Thank



you to Rev Dave for showing us around. We have some budding bell ringers within the class, and you may have heard us ringing the bell on Thursday afternoon!

They have also visited the Fish and Chip Shop and also had a Baptism within the hall.

The children enjoyed a chip snack and learning about how the chips are prepared. Thank you to Mateusz for showing us around.

Rev Dave performed our Baptism in school this week which linked with our visit to Church last week. We also enjoyed a celebration of the



event afterwards. Thank you to Rev Dave for this and also Miss Burton for organizing the church visit and Baptism.

Thank you to the parents and community who have been helping with the resources for the outdoor area. Special thanks to Anna Fagg for the lovely bunting and Carrs Billington for their donation of pallets.



Bluebox Productions – June Update

2022 Jazz Festival line-up announced - The second Leyburn Jazz Festival will be in a different format this year with a series of concerts taking place at venues around the market place. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact Gerald Hodgson geraldhodgson7@gmail.com. You can find out about 2022 event by visiting the Jazz festival website. www.leyburnjazz.co.uk.

Colin Bailey and Friends are supporting the Festival again on **Saturday, October 23rd, 10.00am** at Leyburn Methodist Hall. There will also be a workshop on Sunday morning at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre.

BlueAngels is our individual giving and corporate sponsorship scheme. The funds we raise will be used to help cover our core running costs, provide bursary placements for young people who face economic hardship to access our activities, and provide supplementary funding for project activity. Sources of external funding to support project activity are getting harder and very competitive to secure. The generosity of donors and audiences, alongside volunteers giving their time to perform and mentor young people, is a key part of our success.

Benefits of becoming a BlueAngel will include invitations to pre/post-show events to meet our performers and an exclusive annual celebration event to share our achievements with you. Thank you for your support

Looking ahead – Play>Record>Perform sessions: From September, we will continue to run music-making sessions at West Burton Village Hall (**Fridays, 6.30pm - 9.30pm**) and Thoraby Village Hall (**Sundays, 2.00pm - 5.00pm**). Our Youth Voice Steering Group meets virtually on Zoom (**Wednesdays, 6.30pm - 8.30pm**).

Events and Workshops: It is full steam ahead as The Colin Bailey Band prepare for returning to Hunton Steam Gathering (**Saturday, September 10th**) and Leyburn Jazz Festival which takes place **Friday, October 21st to Sunday 23rd**.

The team are planning for the festive period and will be present 'Decades celebration concert – with a sprinkling of Christmas', on **Saturday, December 10th, 7.30pm** at

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, and **Saturday 17th, 7.30pm** at West Burton Village Hall. Bookings are now open for our Christmas Special and the 50s and 60s show.

The events of the last couple of years have really impacted on live entertainment. Like many venues and artists, we continue to cautiously rebuild and re-connect with our audiences. The logistics of staging professional touring productions in the current economic climate remains a gamble. As part of our solution, we are offering the solo version of 'The All Time Favourites Show' while we continue to monitor how things progress.

If you would like a performance of our Christmas Special now is the time to get in touch and have a chat. The two-hour show pays tribute to the legendary artists and songwriters from the most influential and creative decades in the history of popular music. Contact **Colin** on **07711 211169** or email info@blueboxt.co.uk.

Wensleydale Concert Series

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His reviews are impressive: "[...] he is undoubtedly one of the most gifted pianists of his generation [...] a supple, virtuosic player who seems to turn every technical challenge into a musical asset, excelling in repertoire that few others have touched." – International Piano Magazine.

For this concert he is playing music by Chopin, Faure, Beethoven, Alkan and Liszt - a not to be missed event.

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