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## Guest Editorial

As the summer of 2022 fades, there is increasing anxiety about what winter will bring, and about the impact of the cost of living rises, though this summer will surely be remembered for heat and drought, like the summer of 1976, when the fields across the UK turned yellow, the water levels in rivers and reservoirs dropped and temperatures rose to previously unrecorded highs. What we have been experiencing in Britain in 2022 has been reflected across Europe, where even great rivers like the Rhine and the Po in Northern Italy fell to dangerously low levels. I was staying with my eldest daughter in London during the July heatwave and the temperature rose to 40 degrees down there on the hottest day. It wasn't particularly pleasant, but we coped with it and took precautions - the dogs were walked before 8.00am, we drank lots of cups of tea and water throughout the day, we closed all the windows because the air inside the house was cooler than outside and we wore light, loose-fitting clothes. By the evening as things cooled down, there was even on some days a bit of a breeze.

My childhood was spent in Southern Europe, so hot weather was an everyday occurrence during the summer months. I remember that we did not have a fridge for many years, and a cart would bring round great blocks of ice that were put in the ice cupboard, a wooden box with a metal grill across the door to keep out the flies. We were always made to drink a lot, and every day my mother used to give us a small glass of water with a spoonful of salt dissolved in it, which tasted disgusting but which was supposed to replace whatever we lost through sweating.

Extreme heat, like extreme cold is unpleasant, but millions of people across the world cope with both those conditions in their everyday lives. Of course, very hot weather in a city is not the same as hot weather beside the sea, though thankfully in Britain there are a lot of parks and places where you can walk in the shade. But what has surprised me this summer has been the deluge of infantile warnings combined with sensational headlines. Each time I opened my iPad or a newspaper or turned on the radio I was given all kinds of pretty obvious advice - wear a hat in the sun, keep drinking fluids, use sun cream, stay indoors unless you have to go out... and headline after headline suggesting almost that the apocalypse was nigh and that we were all in danger of dying of heatstroke.

What I didn't find nearly so much of was serious discussion about the implications of the unusually hot summers, the increasingly heavy rains that cause flooding in so many parts of the country and the general sense which we all have that our climate is changing. Yet surely this is what we need to be concerned about, and sensationalist headlines distract from the bigger issue, which is how we can prepare ourselves for a future of more extreme weather conditions.

Across the world, countries have not exactly been world-leading in dealing with climate change. We see images of melting glaciers, rising sea levels, parched agricultural landscapes and somehow, we don't seem to make the connection in our daily lives until something like a heatwave or a flood happens. My son-in-law who is a geography teacher told me that his pupils seemed to have a kind of disconnect between what is happening to the weather and their everyday lives. He asked how many of them keep the tap running when they clean their teeth and every hand went up, while they all seem to think that having a ten-minute shower is perfectly normal.

Politicians of all parties have been hopeless at helping people to make such connections, and the sensationalist media that fuels fear doesn't help one bit. Surely what we need is a measured public health campaign, with sensible practical advice about saving water in a heatwave and saving energy in winter. We do not need to be talked down to as though we were ninnies, but neither do we need to be frightened by dismal speculations. I hope that as the autumn advances we will see less of public figures telling us to put on an extra jumper or buy a new kettle, fewer wild attention-grabbing headlines and instead witness some sensible, serious discussion of how we can help ourselves and help the planet too.

Susan Bassnett

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**Jazz Festival Cabarets**

A new feature of this year's Leyburn Jazz Festival will be cabarets in the concert room at the Golden Lion Hotel in Leyburn Market Place.

On **Saturday, October 22nd** the Nicki Allan Trio will be playing. Nicki is a highly talented vocalist and keyboard player, a previous Jazz Yorkshire Vocalist of the Year noted for her bluesy phrasing and vocal improvisation.



On **Sunday, October 23rd** the band is the Matt Anderson Trio North. Matt is a distinguished saxophonist who is a jazz tutor at both the Royal College of Music in London and the Leeds Conservatoire. He is also the tutor for the Workshop session that morning and will be playing in the Golden Lion with his Yorkshire based colleagues who make up the Matt Anderson Trio North.

Food and drink are available at these lunchtime sessions but visitors can just order what they want from the hotel. Booking in advance is for the music only and to secure a place at a table.

Leyburn Jazz Festival takes place **Friday to Sunday, October 21st to 23rd** at venues around Leyburn Market Place. To book for the cabaret sessions and all the other bands at the Festival, visit [www.leyburnjazz.co.uk](http://www.leyburnjazz.co.uk) or call at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre.

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**Eunice the Ewe**

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## October Competition

Below are clues to places whose name contains a male or female name. Give the male or female name, not the name of the place. The number in brackets shows the length of the person's name.

1. 11 miles from the UK's northerly point. (4)
2. Catch a coach in London, see a state in Australia or visit Vancouver Island. (8)
3. Jane Eyre author in North Carolina? (9)
4. Stacey's home. (5)
5. Home of Venus's birth and David. (8)
6. Between a police officer and Crakehall. (7)
7. Killed Achilles by shooting his heel with a poisoned arrow. (5)
8. North-west London Borough. (5)
9. Sounds like what Harold did when he lost. (7)
10. Regency town on Jurassic Coast, 14 miles SE of Exeter. (3)
11. Southernmost state capital in the USA. (6)
12. Swilcan Bridge at the 18th. (6)
13. Was Victoria's and David's eldest conceived here? (8)
14. A wade in the USA. (8)
15. Where you can find Petra. (6)
16. UK's smallest city by population and urban area. (5)
17. Birthplace of British tourism? (4)
18. Was the English king (939 - 946) interred here? (6)
19. County Antrim's oldest town. (6)
20. Remove the S from 70s singing duo to get 2 - Welcome Home! (5 & 3)

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, October 25th**. Don't forget to include details of your nominated charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

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## September Competition Answers

1. Redpoll
2. Swift
3. Peewit (Wee pit)
4. Shoveler
5. Rook
6. Ruff
7. Bunting
8. Hobby
9. Nightjar
10. Wheatear
11. Kite
12. Nightingale
13. Stonechat
14. Cross bill
15. Heron
16. Firecrest

There were only a few entries this month and the winner chosen at random was Alex Hassan of Askrigg whose nominated charity to receive £20 is the appeal for the cost of the payphone at Sycamore Hall.

### Drop-off points and contacts

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

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

## Former Pupil to Lead Dales Dance School

Veteran dance teacher Janet Seymour has passed the running of her much-loved Dales dance school to former pupil and qualified dance teacher, Hannah Smith. The Janet Seymour School of Theatre Dance will now be called the Dales Dance School of Performing Arts.

Janet Seymour began teaching dance in the Dales in 2004 to six children from Reeth as a volunteer. She has since built a thriving school offering ballet, tap, modern and jazz dance lessons at ten different venues in Swaledale and Wensleydale. More than two-hundred girls and boys aged from three to eighteen are currently on the school roll.

Hannah Smith learnt ballet, tap and modern with Janet till she was eighteen. After training in London, Hannah taught dance and musical theatre at Victoria Walker School in Ireland. In 2020 she returned to her home in the Dales to work with Janet as an assistant teacher, meaning that she knows many of her pupils already.

Hannah said: “Janet must have taught over one-thousand children in the Dales, and I was lucky enough to be one of them. My first dance lesson with Janet was a tap class. She said to me “can you do a shuffle hop step”, and I could, so I was put in a slightly higher class. Thanks to Janet, I spent my youth dancing, performing, and living and breathing the arts, despite living in a deeply rural area. I don’t have to think about smiling when I perform – that is my emotion. I’m so thrilled to be taking on the dance school and sharing that love with others.”

Janet said: “It makes me so happy to know I am handing my school over to my former pupil and very talented colleague, Hannah. I know the school will go from strength to strength. Hannah has already won the students over with her caring nature. From our youngest to our more mature students, Hannah motivates and encourages with her warm, creative classes.”

Although the leadership role will lie with Hannah, Janet has no plans to retire and will continue to teach classes under the school’s new name. “We are a team,” says Hannah, “we are swapping places, but it’s wonderful to have the continuity.”

The passing of the baton was celebrated at a picnic event in the picturesque grounds of

Askrigg School in July, where an audience of one-hundred and fifty gathered to watch a performance of The Wizard of Oz and a showcase of dance sequences from pupils across Wensleydale and Swaledale.



As well as offering weekly lessons and opportunities to progress through the exam system with the Royal Academy of Dance, Janet Seymour has put children on the stage at venues such as the Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond and Tennants in Leyburn, organised concerts at local festivals and care homes, arranged international dance-based exchanges between the Dales and Germany, taught summer schools, choreographed pantomimes and run inspirational classes for adults.

Janet said: “The dance school actually grew during lockdown. Hannah and I started teaching on Zoom at 8.00am and were still going twelve hours later. For some pupils the lessons were the only normality they had. Dance gives you joy and love for the arts, but it also gives you coping strategies. It helps mental health and gets you through the difficult times in life. It enables you to enter into a world of fantasy and imagination.”

The Dales Dance School of Performing Art launched on September 12th. It will provide expert dance tuition across Swaledale and Wensleydale to children from three years and adults, and specialise in teaching RAD Ballet, ISTD Tap and Jazz, Musical Theatre and Jazz Fit. To sign up, or view the packed autumn timetable, please visit [www.dalesdance.com](http://www.dalesdance.com). Hannah Smith also has plans to develop summer schools and adult dance retreats.

## Penhill Benefice

**Church Services:** Before making any journey please check our website at [penhillbenefice.co.uk/services](http://penhillbenefice.co.uk/services) for updates.

There will be a Telephone Service each Sunday at **9.30am**. Dial **0333 0110 946** and enter room number 61337190# and PIN 7450#. Depending on your provider this is either free or costs a local rate phone call.

### Sunday, October 2nd:

**9.30am** Harvest Service, St. Mary's, Redmire.

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

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

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

### Friday, October 7th:

**6.00pm** Pet Harvest Services, Holy Trinity, Wensley.

### Sunday, October 9th:

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

### Sunday, October 16th:

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

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

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

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



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### Sunday, October 23rd:

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

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

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

### Sunday, October 30th:

**9.30am** Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

**3.00pm** A Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for those who have died, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

### October Mid-Week Services:

**Thursday 13th, and 27th at 9.30am.** Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

**Church Coffee Morning: Wednesday, October 5th from 10.30am - noon** at Redmire Village Hall.

**Church Afternoon Tea: Wednesday, October 19th from 2.00pm to 4.00pm** at Redmire Village Hall.

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## Sycamore Hall News – Autumn is Upon Us

We have been fortunate to enjoy some good weather thus far which has meant that residents have still been able to enjoy sitting outside. However, the evenings are already drawing in and we all know that winter is on its way. Let's hope it is a mild one, given the rising fuel costs.

Brian has been working hard in the greenhouse to nurture and harvest the crops and produce has been very popular on his small market stall in the entrance. We have also benefited from members of the local community who have generously donated their surplus produce to our stall, donations from which go to the Residents Amenity Fund.

The weekly events continue, including the 'Knit and Natter' meetings on **Mondays at 2.00pm**; Quiz/Bingo at **10.45am on Tuesdays**; Coffee Morning at **10.30am on Thursdays** and Gentle Exercise at **11.00am on Fridays**. Once a month, we have 'Singing with Friends', hosted by Gwen Clark which is very popular. Do come along and join us for any of these activities as you will be made very welcome.

Unfortunately, no-one came forward to help repair our summerhouse and improve our outdoor areas but we hope that maybe that situation will change before next summer. If you think you could help with anything, please contact Nicky on the number below.

Sonja has now launched her exciting new venture - Mabel & Maisy's Mini Emporium. It looks fantastic and there are some lovely things to tempt you with - handmade candles, jewellery, scarves and gloves, soaps, cards and hair & beauty products. Do come along and support Sonja in her new venture.

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As if that wasn't enough, we are now launching a new 'Beauty Treatment' service. This will operate one day a month initially, and will offer facials, manicures, gel polish and waxing services, all undertaken by Kim, who will be known to many. If you are interested in this new service, please contact Sonja or Karen initially to make an appointment.

We would like to congratulate Chris and Alice on the safe arrival of their new baby boy - at last! What a long wait we all had but we are delighted that he has finally arrived and all is well. We are all keen to have a cuddle at some point!

We do hope you will join us for some of our events and activities. Please also remember to support the local businesses that operate from Sycamore Hall - the Village Store (**Mon-Fri, 9.00am to 1.00pm**); Post Office (**Monday and Wednesday, 9.00am to 11.00am**); Hair Salon and Mabel & Maisy's Mini Emporium (check for opening hours); Restaurant (daily for lunch) and Library (open all day).

Your support is vital to ensure the continuation of the community facilities we have here at Sycamore Hall, which are not only essential for residents but also a great benefit to the local community.

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## Leyburn & District u3a Group

The next meeting in October is on **Friday, October 21st at 10.00am** at the Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn. The Speaker is Jenny Blackburn - Life on the High Seas.

Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month. Future Meeting: **Friday, November 18th:** Helen Keep - The Wensleydale Dormouse Project.

Visitors are always welcome.

## New Post Office Branch

Following the closure of the Post Office in Thorlby, a new branch opened at Aysgarth Garage on Tuesday, September 20th.

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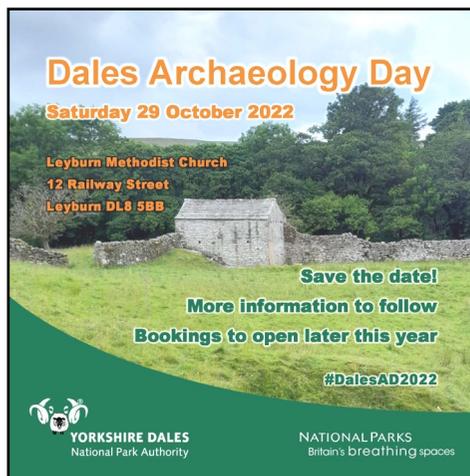
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## Bainbridge WI - Keeping Busy In Autumn

So, September turned out to be an interesting month, but perhaps not for the reasons we were expecting. With the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, we started our September meeting with a minute's silence to remember the woman who was not only our Queen, but also a member of the WI. She will be missed - rest in peace Your Majesty.

At that meeting, we had a really interesting talk by a volunteer from the Wharfedale Fell Rescue. We learned that the organisation is run entirely by volunteers and there is no charge made for their rescue services. However, the annual running costs are currently around £50,000, and likely to rise in the next year due to inflation. There are currently sixty members who are on call 24/7, 365 days a year to rescue those who get into trouble on the hills, fells and caves across an area from Wensleydale to Skipton, Keighley and Malham.

The group has been in existence since 1948 when they initially operated from an old railway carriage in Grassington. They now have purpose-built premises in Grassington along with rescue vehicles, including Land Rovers and a Forward Control Unit, fully equipped with computers, heating and a 15m radio mast. We were somewhat stunned to hear that when they need to call in helicopter assistance, this is now provided by Bristows from North Lincolnshire who are required to work under Civil Aviation regulations (those that apply when we travel by air), meaning that no sharp objects or liquids can be carried - somewhat daft given that they are trying to save lives!

We learned that it is a pre-requisite that volunteers get wet as they are generally called out in bad weather, or to underground incidents

where it is usually wet! Indeed, following the increase in flooding, they have now launched a Swift Water Team, specifically trained to undertake rescues from flood water. The service also uses search dogs who undergo intense training with the National Association of Rescue Dogs, and are often used for night rescues when they will seek out anyone sitting or lying on the ground. To call out the service you must first dial 999 and ask for the Police. It is they who then make contact with the Fell Rescue team.

September has also seen members visit Andrew Thwaite at York Cookery School where they enjoyed a cookery and chocolate making demonstration, not to mention a delicious afternoon tea before coming home with 'goody bags' of chocolate! Members have also enjoyed a day of card making, hosted by Diana, and the Lunch Club ladies are to enjoy a visit to The Saddle Room as this newsletter goes to print.

October sees us keeping busy with a felting workshop on **Saturday, 15th** when we hope to learn how to make a felted brooch. Members are also going along to an event organised by the High Dales Group of WIs on **Thursday, 6th** when a delicious lunch will be followed by a flower arranging demonstration given by Shannon McIntyre of 'Feather & Fern' in Hawes. Our October meeting on **Thursday 20th** will see the Community Fire Officer coming along to talk to us about how to make our homes safe from fire which could be very useful. Do join us.

The September Community Lunch Hub was cancelled as a mark of respect to the late Queen, but the next one will take place on **Monday, October 24th** at Bainbridge Village Hall when there will be a talk by a lady from 'Carers Plus'. Everyone is welcome to join us around **noon**.

We are always hoping to welcome guests to our monthly meetings and maybe attract some new members to join our merry throng. 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**. We enjoy a speaker or activity, followed by refreshments and the opportunity to chat, and are generally finished by around 9.30pm. Come and give it a go - you will be made very welcome!

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## Blueboxt – September Update



It's Quiz Time!

Tickets are now available for our fund-raising quiz night with Simon Eastwood on

**Saturday, November 12th** at the Falls Café and Gift Shop, Aysgarth Falls (£10 each including pie and peas supper). Doors open **7.00pm** for a **prompt 7.30pm** start. Teams of six or make a team on the evening. Tickets can be booked online or by contacting **Judith Clark on 07882 331421**. Raffle prizes and donations welcome. Simon's quizzes are always great fun so do come along and help raise funds to support our activities.

Youth Consultation: The new academic year is underway, and our volunteers and young creatives are back making big plans and preparing for our Autumn events. Our Youth Voice Steering Group are inviting young people to share their thoughts and ideas about which Musical Cultures workshops we should offer between January and March 2023. The short questionnaire can be found on our social media and website until the start of October half-term.

Play>Record>Perform sessions: It's never too late to join our music-making sessions for young people 11 years and over. These take place 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**). Contact Colin to find out more information.

### Diary Dates

Leyburn Jazz Festival – Colin Bailey & Friends. [www.leyburnjazz.co.uk](http://www.leyburnjazz.co.uk). **Saturday, October 22nd, 11.00am** at Leyburn Methodist Hall (£8 inc. coffee and cake).

**Sunday, October 23rd**, Jazz Workshop with Matt Anderson, **9.30am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. All welcome for the informal sharing concert at **noon**.

Quiz Night with Simon Eastwood. **Saturday, November 12th, 7.00pm** at Falls Café and Gift Shop (The Motel).

Decades – with a sprinkling of Christmas. **Saturday, December 10th, 7.30pm** at Leyburn

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

You can also support our work by becoming a BlueAngel – a new information booklet explaining our vision and how you can help will be available soon.

To find out more information or to support our activities please contact **Colin Bailey on 07711 211169**, email [info@blueboxt.co.uk](mailto:info@blueboxt.co.uk) or book online at [www.blueboxt.co.uk](http://www.blueboxt.co.uk).



## News From Hawes Primary School

It has been a really positive start to the school year, with all the children coming into school with a positive attitude for their learning. We have been getting used to new routines and classes.

We are continuing with the one-way system into school in the morning and after school. This has worked well by cutting down on congestion and also means that the Zig-Zag lines outside school are kept clear and all children are safely dropped off at the top gate Thank you for your help with this.

In school during the period of State mourning we have held special assemblies where the children have been able to talk about the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We have also been working in classes on finding out about her life and reign and talking about our feelings at this time. We will continue with this next week after the State Funeral.

We look forward to welcoming parents, grandparents and carers, back to our Friday assemblies. Our Assembly on a Friday morning is a celebration of the learning each week and parents, grandparents and carers are able to attend. It starts at **9.10am**. The new Nursery children will not be in these assemblies until at least half term.

This term we have started a range of clubs for children across the school, including Street dance and after school Zumba and Multi-skills. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have started their annual swimming lessons at Catterick Leisure centre for 10 weeks.

Miss Caygill

## Thank You

Joan Haigh and the family of the late Garth would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness, many cards of condolence, support and lovely flowers received following their recent sad loss.

Grateful thanks to Revd Dave Clark for a lovely service and to all those who generously made donations in memory of Garth which will be shared between the Central Dales Practice and the local District Nurses, whose wonderful care helped us to keep Garth at home.

## Taylor

Margaret Taylor, Catherine and Julia

wish to thank all friends and neighbours for all the kindness and sympathy shown and for all the cards and messages of condolence following the sad loss of Doug. Also thank you for the generous donations in memory of Doug for the Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre and St. Margaret's Church Friends.



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William Aislabie and the Designed Landscape of Kirkby Hall, Kirkby Fleetham by Gail Falkingham - **Wednesday, October 19th at 2.00pm** at Middleham Key Centre.

Father and son John and William Aislabie were gentlemen landscape designers of the 18th century. The water gardens of Studley Royal are their most famous creation, along with the nearby rugged woodland landscape of Hackfall.

Less well known is the designed landscape of William's Kirkby Hall estate at Kirkby Fleetham near Northallerton, which he worked on after his father's death in 1742.

As a member of the Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) Research and Recording Group, Gail researched Kirkby Hall in the YGT Hambleton District Historic Designed Landscape Project. This talk will explore the development

of the estate through a variety of archival and documentary sources.

Gail works at the North Yorkshire County Records Office which holds an extensive range of archive material relevant to garden history. She has a background in ancient history and archaeology and a particular interest in the influence of Classicism in 18th century landscape design.

N.B. this lecture unusually is on a Wednesday and as always, visitors are invited at £3 per meeting.

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## Police Report

Incidents of note over the last Month.

Between August 22nd and 23rd - Theft of a portable sheep weighing machine with a value of approximately £500 from a property in Wensley.

August 23rd - Theft of Double axle tipping trailer from Hawes.

There was a total of 20 crimes recorded in the area from August 8th to 31st. We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified for example, domestic violence or harassment, although they are included in the totals below.

3 crimes were recorded as fraud or attempted fraud; 6 where violence was recorded; 2 criminal damage; 3 thefts; 6 other.

Throughout the period there were 11 road traffic collisions on our roads, 9 resulting in damage only and 2 resulting in injuries.

In total for the area covered by Leyburn, 136 calls were received covering live stock on the highway to the more serious incidents.

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What a fantastic start to the new academic school year, all the children who we have been preparing for the transition to start school have all settled in fantastically. We have given them all a wave over the fence when playing outside and it has been lovely to see them having fun and making new friends. We have welcomed some new starters into the setting and they have all settled in really well and formed good relationships with peers and their key worker.

Our Ducklings room theme this month has been action rhymes, and our Rainbow and Sunshines have had a construction theme. You can take a look at some of the things they have been doing on our Facebook page 'Dalesplay'.

We have a date in the diary for our Christmas fayre which will be held at Hawes Market House on **Sunday, November 13th** from **10.00am to 3.00pm**. If you would like a stall, please contact **Sharon** on **01969 667642**. The money raised will contribute towards the cost of replacing our toilet cubicles and painting the interior of Dalesplay. Please come along and sample the homemade baking, have a go on the tombola and browse the stalls, it will be lovely to see you all.

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The section of the line has a number of problems as the condition of the track and the infrastructure is poor quality and rapidly deteriorating.

The railway was predominantly constructed on ash ballast with wooden sleepers and has some track dating back to before WWI.

The estimated cost of all the track and infrastructure work is over £1 million. The



purpose of the appeal is primarily to raise essential "pump-priming" funds that will provide crucial support for future, larger grant funding applications, although some will be used on essential track repairs.

The funds will act as a match-funding resource that can be used as vital leverage when applying for the larger, often governmental, funding opportunities necessary to reopen this section of line.

It's a standard requirement of many grant-funding bodies that applicants must provide match funding when requesting funding. This demonstrates that the applicant is fully committed to their project and is not relying 100% on the grantor. This match funding is often at least 10% of the total amount of funding being sought.

For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.justgiving.com/campaign/returntoredmire](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/returntoredmire).

### Forthcoming events.

Afternoon Tea train departs Leeming Bar on **Sunday, October 9th at 2.30pm**. Tickets £39.00, children £20.00.

Down the Herriot Line: **Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, 23rd**. A fun filled family event. Take the train from Leeming bar to Leyburn and back in the company of the Dales favourite vet.

A collection of actors will play out a number of cameos based on the 'All Creatures Great and Small' books, as the train travels through the dale they made famous. This is a very interactive event with actors in period dress and a collection of animals to pet and have your photo taken with.

Trains leave Leeming Bar at **10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm**. With numbers limited, early booking is advised to avoid disappointment. The full trip takes just under 2 hours and refreshments will be available at both Leeming and Leyburn. These services are not suitable for dogs due to the other animals involved.

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"Run from the Shadows" is the first exhibition by Julie Edwardson since her move to the Dales last Spring to open Yore Mill Gallery with her partner Steve, which fulfils a lifelong ambition. Julie had been an art teacher in the North East of England since 1987 and since leaving teaching has been a member of The Bank Art Group in North Shields having two exhibitions with the group in 2019 and 2020.



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Julie is drawn to details in the landscape, working mainly with acrylic paint and mixed media collage, taking inspiration from nature and the effects of man on the landscape. Since moving to the Dales, Julie has been intrigued by the play of light through the trees particularly falling onto man made forms. She responds to the sights and sounds of the environment and expresses the mood of the local area in gesture and colour.

Julie hopes to evoke the sounds of the Dales through these abstracted images such as the play of water over stones and the breeze through the trees. She is attracted to textures and contrasts, and the points where nature and humans collide. Julie uses mixed media collage and acrylic paint to achieve textured layered images through transparent and opaque media achieving depth and subtlety in tone and colour. Hopefully you will be able to visit the Gallery at Aysgarth Falls to enjoy these exciting new works by Julie.

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Look out for cheesy bites and themed dishes in local cafes and restaurants, demos using local produce, cookery courses, dining experiences, Yorkshire gin and ales, specially created dairy ice creams and sorbets, jams, jellies and chutneys, locally-reared meat on menus, and the chance to meet the makers.

Events will be held within businesses located around the Yorkshire Dales and a list of what's happening can be found on our website - <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/?tag=cheese-festival-events>. Details are also listed on the Yorkshire Dales Cheese Festival Facebook page.

A Cheese Festival map can be downloaded at <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2022/09/FINAL-MAP.pdf>. On it you'll find all the information on where the events will be held and information on where to discover the best places to sample, taste, experience and buy the best local produce!



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Our next major project is the Community Shed which began with the proposal for a Men's Shed way back in 2019. More research and evaluations have taken place during our Covid years and the plan is now for a multi-use shed with disabled access. It seems a long time in the

planning. But as always, what's the usual saying? Watch this space!

We have a busy period from now until Christmas, with the last of the plants for sale at reduced prices, and a variety of events, including our own favourite LADS productions who always entertain. We are also part of two festivals which we are very pleased to offer in Leyburn - the Yorkshire Silent Film and the French Film Festival. See our website for more information or call in.

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**October**

- Until 31. 'Run From the Shadows' exhibition. Yore Mill Craft Shop, Aysgarth. See p.16.
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- 29 Dales Archaeology Day. Leyburn Methodist Church.
- 29 Craft Fair. 10.00am - 4.30pm. Redmire Village Hall.

**News from Dales  
Countryside Museum**

The Dales Countryside Museum and National Park Centre are open daily **10.00am to 5.00pm** until the end of October, then **10.00am to 4.00pm** in November and December.

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

**Exhibition** (included in museum admission)

**Until October 9th - Give Peat a Chance**

We are into the last two weeks of this fascinating exhibition which has brought a little of the amazing peatlands of the Yorkshire Dales to the Museum. It features the work of local artists, Andrea Hunter, Hester Cox, Bev Parker and Ann Rutherford, who have all been inspired by these fascinating landscapes.

You can discover the work taking place to restore peatlands and hear why this is so important for climate change. Find out more by watching the films, listening to people talk about peatlands and see how people cut and dried peat in the past. There is even a bog in a box which you can investigate using a magnifying glass!

**October 15th to April 19th 2023 - In Your Words**

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

Features fascinating field books, photographs and word maps linked with the communities of Muker, Askrigg, Dent, Horton-in Ribblesdale, Grassington, Pateley Bridge, Gargrave, Burton-in-Lonsdale and Soulby. Hear the voices and words of people born in the late 19th century, speaking to fieldworkers in the 1950s, as well as people living in the Dales today who have shared their words with us!

**Projects**

**In Your Words - Dialect & Heritage project**

Surveys are continuing to come in and there'll be a way of contributing your own words in our exhibition too. We are very keen to reach 10,000 completed surveys if possible so please do share the project and survey with your friends and families. It doesn't matter where

you come from; the majority of respondents so far live in the UK, but we are hearing from people all over the world – South Africa, India, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the USA and many more! We're especially keen to hear from more under 11s and over 85s and to speak to people who have returned to live in the Dales and to families who have lived here for several generations.



The survey can be completed on the project website, or you can pick one up from us.

You can also share your voice and words online at <https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/> Submissions will be used for new dialect research as well as contributing to a creative project later in the year.

There will also be a new podcast series focusing on dialect and local voices. Look out for this on our Voices from the Dales podcast which you can hear via museum website [www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk](http://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk).

If you'd like to get involved please contact our Engagement Officer Poppy Oldham at [p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk).

### Family Friendly project

It has been great seeing families having fun in the galleries and on the outside trail this summer. There's been a lot of laughter at the quilts game created by our brilliant volunteer team! Our Family Pass scheme means your child has their own pass and can start collecting their squirrel badge and first stamp as soon as they visit. We've lots of things on over the half term holiday too, so it's a great time to sign up and get a Family Pass. You can check out our events on our website [www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk](http://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk) and on our Facebook page.

### Education

If you're a teacher looking for additional resources to complement your lessons, our loan boxes are free to use. Each class in your school is also eligible to receive a free led session from our range of activities.

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how we could support you. Email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk) to get in touch. Look out for the network events run by the YDNA Learning and Engagement team, including the museum.

### Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

In September we explored Roman surveying methods and had fun using a full size Roman surveying instrument called a Groma and a Roman level called a Chorobates. There was water involved which caused some laughs! We made our own models of a Groma and looked at maps to see if we could spot Roman roads and buildings. Future meeting dates are **October 8th, November 12th and December 3rd**.

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. Please call in advance if you'd like to join in.

Email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call **01969 666210** if you'd like to find out more.

### Events and Activities Coming Up.

All events are included in the museum admission unless stated.

#### Dairy Days - Taste the Past

**Saturday, October 8th. 2.00pm - 4.30pm.**

Pop in to find out how cheese and butter were made at home in a traditional Yorkshire Dales' farmhouse. Learn the difference between rennet and whey and see a demonstration of butter making. Learn from the makers themselves (past and present!) as we share collections



from Leeds Archive of Vernacular Culture that showcase Mrs Mary E Scott of West Stonesdale's traditional ways of making butter and cheese, and will shine a light on Kit Calvert and the history of cheese making locally.

Part of the Cheese Festival - Celebrating Local Produce.

## News from DCM (continued)

### History & Treasures of the Research Room

Friday, October 21st. 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum followed by an illustrated talk by local historian Bob Ellis on the amazing collection to be explored in the Dales Countryside Museum Research Room.

Please book your place - email [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call 01969 666210.

### Art Online - Yorkshire Dales Autumn Landscape in Ink

Saturday, October 22nd. 10.30am - 12.30pm



Join artist Anji Timlin for an online ink painting workshop in which you will create a Yorkshire Dales landscape. Prior to the day, take an autumnal walk, gather objects,

photos, thoughts and experiences and use these as inspiration for your piece. Anji will demonstrate techniques using Indian and acrylic inks to help you create a fantastic autumnal Dales landscape.

Details of materials and equipment to be confirmed when booking. Booking essential. £10.

### Partial Eclipse of the Sun

Tuesday, October 25th. 10.00am - 11.00am.

Come and view the partial eclipse of the sun with expert Neill Sanders, from Go Stargazing. If the weather is bad, we will be inside and there will be a presentation to learn more about an eclipse and partial eclipse.

11.00am - noon. You can then decorate your own eclipse biscuit!

Participants will receive a voucher for 10% off The Firebox Halloween themed menu!

Booking advised - call 01969 666210 or email [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

### Sun and Moon Beginners Halloween Ride

Tuesday, October 25th. 1.00pm - 2.00pm.

In celebration of the partial eclipse of the sun Stage1Cycles are hosting a halloween sun and moon mini bike trail. This 'find the moon and stars' ride is suitable for beginners and is in a traffic free area. Ideal for balance bikes and beginners learning to pedal and improving bike handling skills. Safe fancy dress is encouraged and lovely cupcakes will reward all riders. Bikes are available to loan. Part of the YDNPA Dark Skies Fringe Festival.

Parents will be asked to accompany children, and wellies may be helpful.

£5 - Please book your space and bike with Stage1Cycles. Telephone: 01969 666873. Email: [ride@stage1cycles.co.uk](mailto:ride@stage1cycles.co.uk).

### Lantern Making and Dark Skies Parade

Wednesday, October 26th. 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

Come along and make a Dark Skies lantern, join our parade round the museum trail and warm up with a hot chocolate at the Firebox Café afterwards!

£5 per child. Booking essential - please email [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call 01969 666210.

### In the Kitchen – Preserving

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### Witches House Halloween Ride.

**Friday, October 28th. 3.00pm - 5.30pm.**

Stage1Cycles Halloween ride for older children. Two ability groups will be tackling Stags Fell from different start points. Suitable for the Sunday morning group and Saturday evening regulars but open to new riders. We will go in search of the witches house and be rewarded with hot chocolate and cake. Safe Halloween outfits and lights are welcome. Part of the YDNPA Dark Skies Fringe Festival.

£5 - Please book your space with Stage1Cycles. Telephone: **01969 666873** Email: [ride@stage1cycles.co.uk](mailto:ride@stage1cycles.co.uk).

### Hands-on History – Animal Bones

**Friday, October 28th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.**

Let's get hands-on with history! Drop-in themed activities for families. We will look at animal bones and discover what they can tell us about animals in the past.

Participants receive a 10% discount voucher for the Firebox café.

### In the Footsteps of Nuns: Marrick Priory 1154 to Present Day

**Friday, November 18th. 7.30pm - 9.00pm.**

An illustrated talk by Sandy Carter, the development officer of Marrick Priory, about the history of the priory. Part of the Friends of the

Museum annual lecture programme.

Free - donations welcome. Please reserve a seat by emailing [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or calling **01969 666210**.

### Meet Mother Christmas

**Saturday, November 26th. 10.30am - 3.30pm.**

Come and meet Mother Christmas who will have a gift for you in her workshop, write a letter to Santa and post it on our twinkly trail.

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<b>October 2nd</b>		The Gathering - Harvest Celebration		
<b>October 9th</b>	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer Ecumenical Service	Holy Communion	Harvest Soup Lunch from <b>12.30 - 1.00pm.</b> <b>1.30pm</b> Sing and Share Bread and Produce Auction
<b>October 16th</b>	Harvest Festival Celebration <b>3.00pm</b> followed by Bring and Share Tea	Family Harvest Service Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer	
<b>October 23rd</b>	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Harvest Celebration <b>Lowlands Farm</b>	<b>3.15pm</b> Pathfinders
<b>October 30th</b>	Songs of Praise	Songs of Praise	Forest Church	
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at <b>4.00pm</b> every <b>Sunday</b> . For details see our website - <a href="http://www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services">www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services</a> .				

### Seasons of Change

For me, October doesn't just mark a changing of the seasons, it also seems to mark a changing of mood as the landscape changes in sight and scent '... *over purpling vines, the low sun fainter shines.*' JG Whittier. Different colours bring a different beauty to the world around us as we look forward to the autumn and remember with thanksgiving the harvest collected in and celebrated. But changing seasons elsewhere in the world have not brought celebration, instead they have wrought destruction and loss, heartache and change.

September brought momentous change to our nation and its future with the death of Her Majesty the Queen. The days of national mourning, the crowds, flowers and tributes and the ceremony of her funeral have marked a changing for us all as clear as the one we see around us. For many this change brings a sense of vulnerability and uncertainty, whilst

others will see beyond the sense of loss, the opportunity for something new that change always provides.

We have change within our constitutional monarchy, change within our government, and change within our finances as we deal with the rising cost of living. A friend of mine described it like this; 'I feel like someone has changed the wallpaper without telling me'. Change can be difficult to manage and navigate as we wander down its path and we all deal and cope with it in different ways and so it's good to remind ourselves that God's Kingdom and love for us remains steadfast and unchanging throughout the generations. Ps.145:13

I have a sense that this autumn, perhaps more than any other, we would do well to look to that love afresh and ensure that our compassion for one another in these unusual days is a feature that does not change.

*Rev Dave*

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**Coverdale WWI  
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The Roll of Honour in Carlton Memorial Hall commemorates local men who served in the First World War; but who were the people behind the names, and what became of them?

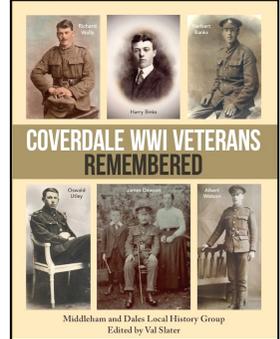
As time passes and memories fade, we are in danger of forgetting these men who left a peaceful life in the dale often to encounter the horrors of war. The vast majority returned to pick up their lives as best they could – rarely speaking about their experiences. What happened to them next?

The exhibition reflects research by Val Slater and her colleagues Jane Simpson and the late Isobel Jenkins of the Middleham and the Dales Local History Group into the lives of these men. It will also be illustrated by local historical

photographs collected by Chris Hogg.

Back by popular request, the original exhibition held in 2018 attracted over 200 visitors from all over the country including children of some of the men featured in the displays and relatives and descendants of others. This time there are even more veterans' profiles and a book for sale, edited by Val, 'Coverdale WWI Veterans Remembered', produced with help from family members.

As Val says 'It's a privileged to bring you their stories'.



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## Wensleydale School News

At Wensleydale we have had a very busy summer, as we have been fortunate to have another North Yorkshire Capital project going on. Some original staff toilets have now been replaced and refurbished, along with additional entrance ramps, doors and a garden for our students with additional needs. There have been some teething problems, but we are delighted with the new facilities.

More work has also been completed on the playing fields. The Leyburn football clubs have been refurbishing the old pavilion and it now has toilets, a small kitchen facility, new roof, patio and a beautiful bench in memory of Tracey Webb. Tracey was a passionate football supporter and now our community has a superb new facility to make sure football clubs can use the area whatever the weather. In addition we are very grateful to Joe Willis for securing additional funding to help us replace and improve the football pitches, which had been damaged in recent years. Our thanks to everyone involved in improving our school facilities.

As the Head, I was asked by Middleham Town Council to attend a meeting with the Police Commissioner for North Yorkshire, to discuss police and community actions and reactions to crime in our area. The meeting was very successful and over the coming months we will be working together to raise awareness across all sectors of our community about the role of policing, as well as raising awareness of other issues. I am really

pleased that our school will be a part of such an important community project.

In school we have once again welcomed our new Year 7s, who are settling in and finding their way around, as well as welcoming back all our 'old' students. We have made further tweaks to our school day and routines. The most important change is the introduction of the 'Quality audience'. In the summer Mr Barnett undertook a six week secondment to a group of schools based in and around Bristol. This work was, in part, to help us further develop our teaching strategy and improve learning behaviours, as well as allowing Mr Barnett to share some of our processes with other schools. Working with the Greenshaw Learning Trust, Mr Barnett brought back this concept of Quality audience. In essence the idea is that we introduce focused silent working time in each and every lesson, to allow students the opportunity to really think and stretch themselves in written work. This may seem like a simple thing to do, but it has already had a huge impact and students are reporting real improvements in engagement and pace of learning.

Finally, The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form community is deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Her lifetime of service is an inspiration to us all. We offer our sincere condolences to the Royal Family. Rest in peace Your Majesty.

**Julia Polley Headteacher**  
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## Prunings

The heather this year didn't quite make it for the "glorious 12th" but it was wonderful a few days later. I went to my favourite place to view it when the sun was quite high in the afternoon. For me the ideal spot is on the road over from West Witton to Melmerby just after it drops down from the summit. From there the view westward up as far as Great Whernside is spectacular and the heather on the lower slopes of Penhill forms an undulating blanket, while across the valley, Witton Fell is clothed in purple. It is a view not to be missed.

The climbing roses are in need of serious attention. My favourite; "Compassion" has been a joy, but recently it produced a cluster of gorgeous blooms towards the top on the bedroom window, - not ideal. We should not have let it shoot so far, and it will certainly not get chance next year, along with its equally leggy neighbours.

There is some controversy in the air about the banning of peat-based products, particularly compost by 2024. More information in Garden News September 10th issue. The public are apparently in favour of the ban, but the Horticultural Trades Association is concerned that there is not enough time for compost manufacturers to find available and consistent supplies of raw materials for new products and that there will not have been sufficient trialling and testing. We as gardeners have been aware that this was coming for a long time. What on earth have the manufacturers been playing at in the meanwhile? We can all make our own compost at virtually no cost. In addition, I am pleased to report that at least 2 outlets in Leyburn had peat free compost this summer, and if you really want to be eco-friendly, pay a visit to the Leyburn Recycling Centre. They usually have their own compost on sale, it's made from local recycled green waste, contains no peat and doesn't have to travel many miles.

In the late summer sunshine the Rudbeckia

Goldsturm has been a picture. I welcome it every year as it is brilliantly cheerful and flowers for so long. Dahlias have also put on a lovely show and especially impressive are the single flowered types. I have 2 "Bishops", Lincoln and Oxford, which have survived outside from last year. Bees and beasties have a much better chance of feeding from single flowered types.

In this strange year the Aralia has flowered profusely. Most years it struggles to produce flowers before the leaves are turning. It must have been the heat level that changed its behaviour and I wonder if it will set seed. Who knows?

One of the apple trees has produced an enormous crop. I am sometimes asked how you know they are ready. Well, when they start falling off, they are definitely ready, but before that happens test them. Hold the apple firmly and give it a little twist. If it comes away easily, they are ready. If you have to pull hard leave them a bit longer.

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## Applications Invited For Churchill Fellowship Funding

A new round of funding has been announced by the Churchill Fellowship (CF), the first such funding since before the global lockdown. This year there are 12 themes, including climate change, rural communities, tech for all and education in schools. Applications must be submitted via the CF website by **5.00pm on Tuesday, November 22nd**.

"This life-changing opportunity is open to all UK residents aged 18 or above, regardless of background, qualifications or age," says Julia Weston, chief executive of the Churchill Fellowship, "We are looking for people with the passion and potential to make a real difference to their community or professional sector - and we assess on future possibilities, not past achievements. We will fund successful applicants (about 150 each year) to spend up to two months learning from

the innovators in their chosen field anywhere in the world, in person or online, and then help them to share their ideas and inspire change across the UK." The online option - in whole or in conjunction with travel abroad - was developed through a successful pilot during the pandemic.

The full list of themes for applications includes the four above, plus arts and communities; palliative and end of life care; caring for our natural environment; children and young people with experience of care; resilient economies and communities; suicide prevention, intervention and postvention; physical activity for healthier lives; and an Open theme. More information and application FAQs are given on the website [www.churchillfellowship.org](http://www.churchillfellowship.org).

## Wensleydale Tournament Syllabus 2023

The Wensleydale Tournament of Music and Speech 2023 Syllabus is now available, free of charge, from the following outlets: Hewson's of Leyburn, The Community Office in Hawes, the village shop in Askrigg, Leyburn library, Bedale library and Richmond library. It can also be downloaded from our website [www.wensleydaletos.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaletos.co.uk).

If you are new to the Tournament or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jacky Wilson at [secretary.wts@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.wts@outlook.com) or on 07423 532544.

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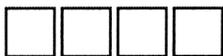
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## Heavens Above

There's an eclipse of the Sun this month on **October 25th**, but don't get too excited, it's only a partial one, with just 15% of the solar disc obscured by the Moon. From the UK it begins at **10.00am** and ends around **12.45pm** with maximum eclipse occurring just before **11.00am**. The usual word of warning – if you plan to view the eclipse **do not look directly at the Sun** especially with binoculars or a telescope. You could seriously damage your eye sight if you do. Without access to specialised equipment the only safe way to view the Sun is by projecting its image onto a shaded piece of white card via the eyepiece of a telescope or one side of a set of binoculars.

This month's always a pretty good one for shooting stars starting with the maximum of the Draconids shower on **October 7th**. It's not a very prolific display – you might spot 10 or so meteors an hour – but still worth taking a look at. Later on in the month, on the night of **October 21st/22nd**, the annual Orionid meteor shower reaches its peak. These swift, bright meteors are produced by debris shed by Halley's comet and can reach rates of 15 an hour in a good year. The Moon doesn't rise until **3.30am** on the **22nd** so it should be a good show provided those clouds don't get in the way.

From the end of October until well on into November, we could be treated to some really spectacular meteors when the Earth passes through a much denser than normal stream of space junk left behind by Encke's comet. With a

bit of luck, you could spot some really spectacular multi-coloured 'fireballs' which can rival Venus in brightness. Best time to look is on the night of **November 4th/5th** when the shower reaches its peak.

On the planetary front, Jupiter is still a brilliant object reasonably high in the south by **11.00pm**. Saturn lies well to its right in the south-west. Mars, getting brighter all the time, follows on behind Jupiter rising just after **8.30pm** amongst the stars of Taurus the Bull. Venus is lost in the Sun's glare at present but little Mercury, the innermost planet, puts on its best morning show of the year. You'll find it just before dawn low on the eastern horizon from the middle of October onwards.

Finally this month, British Summer Time comes to an end at **2.00am on October 30th** - don't forget to put your clocks back an hour.

Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

## Hawes Methodist Cemetery

We are unable to accept further reservations for normal burial plots. Space restrictions and poor ground quality are the main reasons. Anyone who wishes to reserve a plot in the future should contact **Karen Prudden (01969 650706)** the Hawes Parish Council Clerk who administers the new parish cemetery adjacent to ours.

We are, however, still able to accept reservations for the burial of ashes as the space required is relatively small and headstones can be erected. Alternatively commemorative plaques can still be affixed to the memorial panel in the Garden of Remembrance.

If you have any queries regarding the Hawes Methodist Cemetery please contact **Julie Greenslade, 07817 711227**.

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We would like to open the opportunity to you to get involved in the Communitree project. All you need to do is identify some land in which the trees can be planted via a short application. Following this, we will come and meet you on site to discuss the plan in more detail, and we hope to have the trees ready for you to plant in December.

If you would like to get involved, please show your expression of interest by filling out the application which can be found at [www.richmondshire.gov.uk/news/latest-news/community-tree-planting/](http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/news/latest-news/community-tree-planting/) The deadline for applications is **Friday, October 14th**.

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**Noon to 1.30pm** on the 3rd Thursday of September to April. £5 per person.

Next meetings on **October 20th** and **November 15th**.

## Events in Reeth Memorial Hall

**Saturday, October 8th – John Tams.** Sold out but you can still join the waiting list for returns.

**Friday, October 14th – Andy Irvine** is one of the great Irish singers, musician 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)

**Saturday, November 12th** – *cua* on their 'Oh Sun Shine Down' tour. *Cua* blend guitars, fiddle, bouzouki, percussion and 3 part harmony arrangements. "If *cua* are not on your radar, then they should be" (Folk Radio UK). Tickets £15 (£17 door).

Tickets are available from Reeth PO or phone **John Little (01748-884759)**, or visit [www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk).

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## Poppy Appeal 2022

I am the volunteer Poppy Appeal organiser for the Leyburn area. Currently poppies are left in local businesses but we have no house-to-house collector volunteers in either West Witton or Wensley. Previous volunteers have done a great job but have now retired from the role.

It would be lovely to know if any of the local residents would be willing to volunteer to assist in this and following years' Poppy Appeals.

I can be contacted on **01969 625508** for further information.

**Kathleen Boon**  
Poppy Appeal Organiser

## Stalling Busk Domino Drive

**Tuesday, October 25th**  
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Part of the estimated 12,000 strong English force that had landed in Normandy in August 1415 were half a dozen ‘lances’ or men at arms, and about 40 archers under the command of Richard, Lord Scrope from Bolton Castle. They were involved at the siege of Harfleur in September and then on October 25th were participants in one of the most famous victories in English history, the Battle of Agincourt.

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### HOW TO ENTER

Your story must be type written and between 300 and 500 words long. Email your entry to [uwlninput@gmail.com](mailto:uwlninput@gmail.com) to reach us by midnight on **Friday, November 11th 2022.** Ensure your name, year group, and the name of your school is sent in with your entry.

### RULES

Your story must be between 300 and 500 words long.

Only one entry per person. The story must be your own original work and you must have your parent/guardian's permission to enter.

Entrants must be in years 3-6 at the time of entering, attending a Primary School and resident in the UWNL area (see Newsletter front cover for area).

The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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