

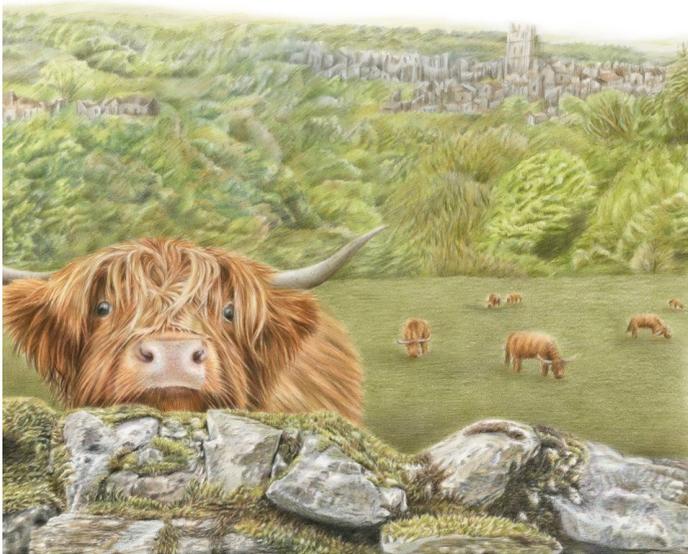
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*Stacey Moore*

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and Bishopdale,  
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## Guest Editorial

I can't have been the only person in and around Hawes who was seriously upset by the news that the lease on Mason's was likely to pass to someone who wouldn't be selling newspapers. Panic set in. I have been collecting papers in Hawes around 8.00am since deliveries came to an end a good few years ago. I have been reading a daily paper for over 60 years.

Neither of my sons buys a daily paper. One reads the Times on a screen and the other buys a paper from time to time but mostly reads the Guardian on a screen. The son in West London doesn't know where he can buy his Times since the stall outside the entrance to his nearest tube station closed when the man who had run it for years retired. There is a large M and S next to the tube station but the daily routine doesn't allow time to descend to the basement and buy a paper. Both sons enjoy reading a printed version more than a digital version but they don't think the hard copy will be available for many more years. They forecast that the paper option will go altogether in due course, perhaps with the Sunday papers surviving in printed form for longer than the dailies because more people have more time to give to them on Sundays.

This has made me wonder whether my generation of pensioners has been faced with more challenging change in the way we live our lives than, say, my parents or grandparents. I wouldn't argue that all the changes make life worse. I may be one of the last people never to have sent an email while I was working. I was molly-coddled by people sending them on my behalf and didn't need to do it by myself. I realised later that I had been discouraged from sending my own emails because my staff feared losing touch with what I was up to. Within days of retirement I discovered how brilliant a development emails had been despite being a slow and inaccurate typist.

I have been carrying round the same cheque book since June 2018 and I last wrote a cheque in December 2020. I don't miss writing cheques and I do appreciate easy access to the state of our bank accounts sitting in front of a laptop. I feel a little nostalgic for the telephone contact I had with bank staff in Leeds and Scotland before I was able to do more or less everything without speaking to anyone.

Thinking through these issues for the purpose of this article has made me realise that I am in some sort of muddled middle when it comes to

conducting life through electronic devices. I plead guilty to being part of the reason that so many bank branches continue to close by never going into one but, when it comes to newspapers, I am a passionate advocate for keeping them in printed form.

I watch as an interested but distant observer to see where the working at home/working in the office debate ends up. I am more of an old fogey on that subject than on most other issues. The Guardian son works in the office two days a week and at home three days a week. The Times son could work at home five days a week but prefers to work in the office. I confess to having worked at home but only after working five days in the office.

I wish there were a neat way of rounding off this article but on all these changes the world seems to be almost as muddled as I am. Optimistically I have some hope that papers will continue to be available in Hawes and that I will get what I want in the shop I have often visited after collecting my paper. I hope that by the time this has been printed my optimism has not been proved wrong.

**Joe Pilling**

## Merlin Magic

Dales Countryside Museum.

**Thursday, May 11th. 7.00pm to 8.00pm.**

Merlin magic is a project that aims to help conserve merlin, the UK's smallest bird of prey, which has been red-listed as a bird of conservation concern following recent declines in numbers. Scientists, gamekeepers and raptor workers have collaborated to study breeding merlin on our moorlands and to help better understand how we can guide conservation to support both merlin and other species in upland habitats.

Phil Warren, the Merlin Magic Project Officer, will provide an update on the findings of the twenty month project where we have investigated merlin nesting habits on heather moorland; assessed whether the availability of small birds, key prey during the breeding season, is limiting and deployed nest cameras to collect information on prey provisioning rates to nests.

If you would like any more information please contact **Marie Jewitt** on [mjewitt@gwct.org.uk](mailto:mjewitt@gwct.org.uk) or **01833 651936**.

## Thorlby WI

On **Tuesday, April 18th**, Thorlby WI met for a fun evening making felt flowers. Sara Baldwin Cole led the evening by showing us many of her cleverly and beautifully made felt flowers and then demonstrated how to make them with the use of a glue gun. We made Hellebores, Camellias and Anemones. Some members were very adventurous and created a flower of their own choice. Sara showed everyone different techniques and how to use different materials to decorate the flowers.

For many, it was the first time using the glue gun but will probably not be the last as they were amazed at how versatile it was. By the end of the evening everyone had made a flower and many will go on to use these skills to make more brooches, wreathes, hair clips, headbands and bouquets.

On **May 10th**, a trip to Hackfall Wood has been organised for a walk together. From the **4th to 11th May** there is a Flower Festival at St Andrew's Church in Aysgarth and all members were invited to attend. Our next meeting is on **May 16th** when we will be finding out about "Reducing, Reusing and Recycling".



### Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding on the firefighter's helmet in the picture on page 9 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Jack Facer of Collier Holme Farm, Hawes.

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

### WARD Lorna

James, Jackie & Family would like to thank everyone for their kindness, care and support since the sad loss of Lorna.

Special thanks to Keith Parlour for all his help and professional guidance. Feather and Fern for the beautiful floral tributes and The Wensleydale Pantry for a wonderful Afternoon Tea. Grateful Thanks to all who attended and donated to The Alzheimers Society.

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## May Competition

Here is a different competition. Find the pairs of differently spelled words that sound the same and have different meanings.

Example: That's correct, use your pen.

Answer: right, write

1. Overcome sugar source
2. Bigger than a rabbit on your head
3. Charge for not being dark
4. Kill going across the snow
5. Evesham? Cover your face
6. First attempt blowing through the crack
7. River belonging to you
8. Fruit couple
9. Could be a frosty poem
10. Talk about Liverpool's old airport
11. Not a bendy stretch of water
12. Grumbling done with the dining
13. Military steward
14. Less timid with the rock
15. Downhill disagreement

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

## Events at Reeth Memorial Hall

**Friday, May 5th** – Jack Rutter. Yorkshire folk singer Jack (guitar, bouzouki) combines masterful arrangements of traditional songs with contemporary covers. "Among Britain's finest traditional singers." (Folk Radio UK). Tickets £14 in advance (£16 on the door). **8.00pm start**.

### 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>Bainbridge:</b>	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
<b>Askrigg:</b>	Sykes Shop,	650535
<b>Carperry:</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

## April Competition Answers

1. Co-op
2. Waterstones
3. Hotel Chocolate
4. John Lewis
5. Lakeland
6. Dunelm
7. Waitrose
8. Primark
9. Poundland
10. Spar
11. Specsavers
12. Marks and Spencer
13. Robert Dyas
14. Halfords
15. Sainsbury's
16. Curry's

There were a few correct entries this month and the winner chosen at random was Kathryn Ellershaw of Bentham whose nominated charity to receive £20 is St. John's Hospice, Lancashire.

## Wanted Youth Worker



2.5 hours a week. **6.15pm – 8.45pm**. £12.50 per hour (self-employed). Full training will be given. Volunteers also wanted. If interested, please contact Stella at [stel87@icloud.com](mailto:stel87@icloud.com).

Hawes Youth Club is for young people 11-19 years of age, 17-19 years young people can become young leaders. The club is on a **Wednesday evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm** term time only in the Market House. Activities last term included – art and craft, darts, games console, football/dodge ball, trips to the cinema, bodyboarding, cooking.

Come along and join in the fun. **Stella, Matt and Joanne**.



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# Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

**May 2023**



	<b>St Mary &amp; St John's, Hardraw 9.00am</b>	<b>St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am</b>	<b>St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am</b>	<b>St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2:30</b>	<b>Evening Prayer 4pm</b>
May 5th	<b>Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the long Lounge – 10am</b>				
May 7th	<b>The Gathering - Benefice 'Coronation' Family Communion St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am</b>				
May 14th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Gayle Chapel	Holy Communion	Soup Lunch from 12:30 & Family Communion at 1:30-2:00pm	Evening prayer by telephone
May 21st	Morning Prayer	Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
May 28th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Outreach café Style	2.30-3pm Afternoon Prayer 3.15 -4:15 Pathfinders	Evening prayer by telephone

## A New Era Begins

The changing landscape of Spring always brings delight as the fields fill with the sound of new life, the hills glow in an easy light and the hedgerows begin to flourish with colour. Change is taking place. As a nation we've seen a great deal of change in recent months. Last June saw us celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, September saw her funeral, October saw us with our 3rd Prime Minister in seven weeks and now we mark the Coronation of King Charles.

In a service that has barely changed in over a thousand years, in a fast moving world it can be reassuring to lean back into the arms of tradition; and tradition is there in plenty. It's an occasion rich in symbolism and deeply rooted in the Christian faith.

The Monarch makes solemn vows of service and by doing so acknowledges a position of authority but an authority which lies under the authority of Parliament, and crucially, under the authority of God. The anointing with oil marks this moment in a most particular way as the

monarch is consecrated and set apart for their duties. All of the items used in the ceremony hold particular significance and represent our new King's responsibility in upholding justice, wisdom, sincerity, mercy, duty and faithfulness. Qualities sorely needed today just as much as they were a thousand years ago and ones I hope, that we might all aspire to. The promises are then reinforced in a time of prayer where the blessing of Almighty God is sought that '.. under him (King Charles) we may be godly and quietly governed.'

In a turbulent and unpredictable world, we might I hope, join in with a heartfelt 'Amen'.

*Rev Dave*

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## Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Middleham Key Centre, Tuesday, May 16th at 2.00pm

Carving the statue of Queen Elizabeth II for York Minster  
by Richard Bossons

On November 9th 2022 King Charles III unveiled a majestic statue of the late Queen at York Minster. It is situated by the west entrance to the Minster and depicts the Queen in the robes of the Order of the Garter, the design was chosen by the Queen. The statue was commissioned by the Minster to mark the Queen's Platinum



Jubilee and was completed in August 2022 shortly before her death.

This fascinating talk will illustrate the whole process from design drawings through to lifting the statue in. Richard Bossons, the stonemason responsible for this prestigious statue will talk about the design brief and context and the practicalities of modelling in clay, then carving in stone and fixing it in place.

Richard is an expert architectural carver and stonemason and this was his first ever portrait. He has been a full time stonemason for 28 years, beginning his career at Wells in Somerset where he worked stone for the Cathedral and other buildings such as Blenheim Palace. From there he moved to Gloucester and spent three and a half years working solely on the Cathedral, before going self-employed and working all over the Cotswolds. In 2011 an opportunity came up to spend the winter working on a large lottery funded phase of work at York Minster, but within only a few weeks "He was so seduced by the work, the building and the city that he moved to York and has been there ever since."

Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is £12 for nine meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting. For more information contact Tony Keats **01969 640436**, [dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com).

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## Views sought on potential housing development sites

Land has been suggested for 600 new homes in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, with the details being published as part of a public consultation launched on March 24th. The public consultation will close on Friday, May 12th.

A 'call for housing development sites' in January 2021, prompted by a need for more permanently occupied homes in the National Park to sustain local communities, resulted in over 100 sites being put forward. Initial checks on suitability have reduced this long list to 33 sites with indicative capacities ranging from between five to 100 homes. Most of the potential development land is in the National Park's largest settlements including Hawes but sites have also been identified in other villages.



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The Member Champion for Sustainable Development at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Carl Lis said: "During the time that we've been working up a new Local Plan it has become clear that we need more people in permanently occupied homes in the National Park. New house building is part of the approach that will help sustain local communities and it is our role as the planning authority to make sure those new homes are built in suitable locations. Action on housing - particularly affordable housing - is vital for the long term viability of local communities in the National Park as it faces a significant population challenge that risks reducing demand for local services. Allocating a site for housing development means that planning permission for housing will be granted, subject to plans meeting policies on design, affordability and such like. So this is a big moment. I want to stress that this is a consultation, not a done deal and I would urge people to share their views with us on the suitability of each of the 33 potential sites."

Allocating housing development sites is part of the process of creating a new Local Plan for the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The new Plan will contain a set of planning policies that will shape development up to 2040. At the moment there are already planning permissions in the National Park for around 330 new dwellings that have yet to be developed. This means that if the proposed sites are allocated, the requirement for 850 new homes in the National Park by 2040 could be met. Additional housing will also be able to be built on smaller plots of land within housing development boundaries. Maps showing draft development boundaries have been published today and form part of the public consultation.

People are encouraged to consider the contents of the paper titled 'Consultation No. 6 – Land for housing development', alongside the background evidence documents and draft maps of more than 90 settlements that show where possible site allocations, development boundaries and important open spaces are proposed. The information can be viewed at <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/planning-policy/local-plan-2023-40/consultation-no-6-land-for-housing-development/>.

Anyone wishing to make representations is invited to submit them by email to [localplan@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:localplan@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

## News from The Wensleydale School

A round up from all our activities and successes this month.

### Music:

On **Wednesday, March, 22nd** we held our Spring Concert where we showcased what we have learnt in our music lessons and shared the fantastic musical talent in our school.

Over sixty students took part in the concert from Key Stage 3 and it was attended by over 150 people. There was a range of wonderful performances from Year 9 Samba to Year 7 Ukuleles as well as many outstanding performances from soloists, duets and small groups, many of whom it was their first performance.

We also had The Wensleydale School Choir perform which we are a part of and this was our last performance of the two numbers we were singing at The Wensleydale Tournament of Song. This really helped us prepare and build confidence in our performance. The evening finished with a cheery singalong to Don't Stop Me Now by Queen led by the school choir. The concert was a huge success and we can't wait for our next performance opportunity. Thank you to Mr Hadfield for organising the concert.

### Tournament of Song :

On **Friday, March 24th**, we competed in The Wensleydale Tournament of Song. Our choir restarted rehearsals in September 2022 after COVID and we were competing in the Choral Singing - Secondary School category against Teesdale School. As this was the first time all our members had competed in a competition as part of The Wensleydale School Choir, we all had mixed feelings of nerves and excitement.



We were up first and performed Best Day of My Life and Shut Up and Dance which we had been rehearsing since January with Mr Hadfield during our Thursday enrichment rehearsals.

The feedback was really positive and highlighted how confident we were, how well rehearsed the pieces were, with a particular comment about how in tune our harmonies were and how accurately both pieces were performed. After what seemed like a lifetime, the results were in – we were awarded first place! The hard work was worth it and had paid off! We were all over the moon and just wanted to get up and perform again. We can't wait to start our next challenge and continue improving and performing.

**Jessica Arnott & Matthew Alderson**

Potions class at Le Cateau: Mr Lundie, Mr Jolley and four of our Year 10 students, Eidur, Lottie, Connie and Hannah delivered a potions workshop to all of Year 4 at Le Cateau Community Primary School at Catterick as part of their Science week.

### Football Match reports:

Wensleydale Under 15 girls travelled to Risedale on Monday afternoon with hopes to progress into the final of the Plate. A slow start for both teams with neither able to really settle with the ball. However late into the second half Wensleydale took the lead after a scramble in



the box and Georgia Wheeler stayed composed to pass the ball into the net from close range. Into the second half Wensleydale dominated possession but struggled to add to their tally, Risedale caught us on the break but a brilliant diving save from goalkeeper Scarlett Sugden kept the visitors ahead. Wensleydale continued their wave of attacks and patience paid off after Georgia got her second goal of the match with a lovely strike from outside the box. Final score, Risedale 0 Wensleydale 2.

On **Friday, March 24th**, years 7,8,9 and 10 boys competed in the Area 7 a side tournament at Bedale. All teams were tasked with organising themselves in terms of substitutions, team lineup and tactics, and did so magnificently. Each team was led by their captains Sid Peacock, Cohen Pickard - Sparne, Tom Hewson and Eidur Pickard - Sparne. Wensleydale were the smallest school at the event and had a very successful day with the following results;

Year 7- Tournament Champions

Year 8- 7th out of 8

Year 9- Runners Up

Year 10- 4th out of 8.

Match report by year 7 captain Sid Peacock.

On Friday year 7 went to a football tournament, we played 8 games, won 6 and drew 2. In the tournament our top goal scorer was Josh Dent, he scored 7 goals. In the end we won the whole tournament but it was very close because we only won on goal difference. We had a goal difference of 12 and they had a goal difference of 6. It was all thanks to our 7-1 win which got us our goal difference.

Year 10 Plate semi Finals:

Risedale 1 Wensleydale 2



Wensleydale had the majority of the possession in the first half hitting the post and the bar before Ryan Giles dribbled from the half way line to slide the ball past the keeper and into the bottom corner.

An uncharacteristic fumble from rookie keeper Ethan Bartlett let Risedale back into the game just before half time. Risedale fought hard in the second half but were thwarted by tight defensive play from the Wensleydale back four.

After a few off target free kicks Wensleydale kept the ball on the floor and fed Will Brice on the edge of the box who turned his marker and scored with a powerful shot going in off the underside of the bar. A well deserved win.

**Julia Polley**  
**Headteacher**

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**Holy Trinity Church, Wensley, Sunday, May 28th, 4.30pm. James Thomas.**

A recital by the former cathedral organist to celebrate the completion of a major overhaul of the excellent 1885 Isaac Abbot organ.

The programme will include music by Bach, Rheinberger, Mendelssohn and Franck. There will also be a short talk by Tom Orde-Powlett of Bolton Castle on the intriguing history of the church and its connections with his family. **Adult £15, Under 25 £3.**

**St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, Wednesday, May 31st, 7.30pm. Moray Welsh and Friends.**

In this new all-star piano quartet, the celebrated cellist Moray Welsh will be joined by pianist Martin Roscoe, violinist Fenella Humphreys and violist Simon Rowland-Jones.

Their programme will include masterworks by Mahler, Schumann and Brahms. Chamber music at its brilliant best! **Adult £22, Under 25 £3.**

This year's programme features four outstanding female vocalists as well as a top female viola player and a female violinist recently named as one of Classic FM's Rising Stars under 30.

#### **Claire Martin and Jim Mullen Quartet**

**Thursday, June 1st, 7.30pm - St. Andrew's Church, Grinton**

Multi-award winning vocalist Claire Martin OBE has been named "our finest jazz singer" by The Times. Performing with Scottish guitar legend Jim Mullen, bassist Jeremy Brown and saxophonist Alex Garnett, she will celebrate the Great American Songbook and the Quartet's shared love of the legendary jazz singers.

Expect stylish re-workings of much loved classics by Arlen, Porter and Gershwin alongside more soulful songs by Stevie Wonder and Donny Hathaway.



**Claire Martin**

#### **Trio Anima**

**Saturday, June 3rd, 4.00pm - St. Andrew's Church, Grinton**

Violist **Rosalind Ventriss** has been a frequent visitor to the Festival since first appearing here as a teenager as part of our Young Artists Platform. Now amongst the world's finest viola players, we are delighted to welcome her again, this time with two exceptional long-term colleagues - harpist Anneke Hodnett and flautist Matthew Featherstone. Their programme comprises works by Debussy, Bax and Sally Beamish.

#### **Clare Wilkinson and Jacob Heringman: The Flower of England**

**Wednesday, June 7th, 4.00pm - Holy Trinity Church, Low Row**

A special concert of lute songs performed by the outstanding mezzo-soprano Clare Wilkinson and the renowned lutenist Jacob Heringman, who lives in Richmond. The celebrated Elizabethan poet and courtier Sir Philip Sidney, who died heroically in battle at the age of 31, is celebrated in this programme of old and new settings of his poetry, along with music associated with his sister, Mary Sidney and his muse, Penelope, Lady Rich. There'll also be compositions by John Dowland, William Byrd, Thomas Morley, Clare's father Stephen Wilkinson, and the world premiere of a new song by Joshua Brown.

For tickets and information please visit [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org) – and do remember, under 25s can get a ticket to nearly all events for just £3! Office number: **01748 880018.**  
Box office: **01748 880019.**

## Friends of the Dales Events May 2023

Two events to look forward to this month. The first concerns peatlands and the second a walk from Sedbergh.

Over the last year, Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales have collaborated with Yorkshire Peat Partnership to recruit and train Eyes on the Bog volunteers to monitor peatland condition across various sites in the Dales. Eight small monitor teams are now in place, and so the charities are inviting those interested in volunteering for the scheme to come along to their next joint training event taking place **Saturday, May 13th, 10.00am – 3.00pm** near Ribbleshead Viaduct.

Healthy peatlands are vital to biodiversity, water purity and crucial for preventing the thousands of years of carbon stored in the form

of peat being released into the atmosphere. Eyes on the Bog is a IUCN programme which offers a scientifically robust, repeatable, low tech way for individuals and small groups from villages or parishes to review the condition of their own local peatlands two or three times per year.

If following the training event, people want to commit to becoming a volunteer monitor, they will be given easy to use kit enabling them to assess vegetation quality and measure the depth and fluctuations in the water table and also variations in peat quality and depth. Their findings are then fed directly into the Peat Data Hub hosted by the University of Leeds and are an important resource for assessing the effectiveness of restoration and how peatlands are changing through time.

To find out more or book a place email: [victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk](mailto:victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk) or visit: [www.friendsofthedales.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthedales.org.uk).

### Flower Festival



**4th to 11th May**

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## Prunings

It is all about colour. Take a quick spin over to Catterick and the gorse is glorious, and we all know what they say about gorse and kissing. Down the A684 the oil seed rape is emerging and the verges are filling up with dandelions. Above the understory there is blossom in profusion and for a brief spell the blackthorn is everywhere. The sunshine makes it glisten, but then too quickly the rain comes, the flowers begin to go over and all that creamy beauty is over for another year. Other trees hold their display much longer and we should thank those thoughtful planters who put in cherries and the various varieties of prunus which keep on flowering for weeks. Looking back I wish I had put in magnolia years ago as now there are so many places where they are putting on a magnificent show.

The roadsides green up according to how much sun hits them. Dog's mercury gives everywhere an acidic tinge and the unmistakable leaves of the lords and ladies fill up the spaces. Hedges are leafing up and the grass is growing strongly enough for lots of lambs to be out enjoying the sunshine. Spring really has arrived.

Looking round to see what damage the weather had done I am pleased to report that my long-suffering agapanthus are beginning to emerge and there are hellebores hiding where I had forgotten about them. One of the casualties which surprised me was a choisia which had been growing on the front wall for several years.

I was fond of it because it had a pink flower, but now it is just a mess of brown stems. I think it might be quite a job to remove it.

There is more cutting back to do: the hypericum 'Rose of Sharon' is enormous, it really needs a serious haircut. The fuchsia 'Mrs Popple' is similar and the winter clematis which flowered so impressively is now beetling its way up the main power cable and needs attention before the whole lot pulls off the wall.

Which Gardening has an interesting test lab article on dark leaved dahlias. I was pleased to read that "Bishop of Llandaff" came out top of the survey. I usually try to find at least one as they are very beautiful and are good both for cutting and for pollinators. Most of the dark leaved specimens are single flowered but they listed one decorative in the dark leaved tests which looks really beautiful and performed well from August to November. If I can find it anywhere locally I shall have one, although the tubers are available from Sarah Raven and it would not be too late to start them off now. Last year I had several of the "Bishop" types and was quite pleased with them, but they didn't have a very high score on the "Which" tables.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

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We have had a wonderful Easter holiday filled with lots of fun Easter crafts, egg hunts and sharing stories about Easter. We have been planting seeds to grow some vegetables and we have been learning about caring for our environment. We are looking forward to celebrating King Charles' coronation and learning all about the royal family.

Over the Easter Holiday we are very grateful to Teasdale Electrical who fitted us out with new LED lighting, this will help reduce our energy costs and carbon footprint.

We are very grateful to Two Ridings community foundation and Richmondshire District Councils Community Investment Fund which have both helped us fund this project.

Dalesplay will be holding the first table top of the year in Hawes Market Hall on **Sunday, May 21st**. We will have our tombola, a range of stalls and homemade refreshments on sale, please come down and support us. The money raised will help purchase resources for the children to use in Dalesplay.

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Pete Shaw, a vice president of the 'Friends of the Settle-Carlisle line' says "The thirty years have flown by and the platform is now taken as the norm. Before that anybody heading north who wanted to alight at Ribbleshead had to stay on the train and alight further north at Dent and then catch the next southbound train! How peculiar that sounds now."



**The Coronation**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 2pm we are holding a 'Community Get Together' in the Market Hall, Hawes to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

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We are finalising the schedule as I write this and it should be available on our website at [www.askriggproduceshow.weebly.com](http://www.askriggproduceshow.weebly.com). It will also be displayed locally and delivered door to door in the parish area towards the end of May. Please take some time to have a look at the categories to see if there's something you might enjoy entering.

There's a wide range of categories from fruit and veg and floral art to home baking, tipples, eggs, art, handicrafts and more. There are plenty of interesting classes for children too. Something to keep the kids busy in the school

holidays perhaps? We have made the classes as easy to enter as possible and we have listened to feedback and altered our judging rules in order to make entering the show an even more positive and rewarding experience. We rely completely on our talented and valued exhibitors, without whom the show wouldn't happen so I would really encourage everyone to enter.

The committee are always happy to help if you have any questions about the different classes. To those who haven't entered before, I promise that it's surprisingly exciting to see a prize card next to your entry on show day. There's plenty to do up to the show and on the day itself so if you would like to help out, please get in touch by phone, **650424** or through Instagram / Facebook. We have a small but friendly and highly experienced team on the committee who do an excellent job of making this show happen. Any new members are always welcome regardless of experience.



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### Sunday, May 7th.

**9.30am** Morning Prayer, St. Mary's, Redmir.

**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, May 14th.

**10.30am** Holy Communion Benefice Service Speaker;- Revd Vera Sinton 'Spiritual Direction'. St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

### Sunday, May 21st.

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

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

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

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

### Sunday, May 28th

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

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

**4.00pm** Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

### May Mid-Week Services.

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

**Church Coffee Morning: Wednesday, May 3rd** from **10.30am to Noon** at Redmir Village Hall.

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Meetings are held the third Friday of every month. Visitors and new members always welcome. Annual Membership is just £12 or £20 for two people at the same address. For details contact **Sue Mellish on 01748 850 471** or email [susiemellish@gmail.com](mailto:susiemellish@gmail.com).

Future Meetings: **Friday, June 16th**. Jane Hatcher - Richmond Snippets.

## Spring Booster Vaccine

The last date to get the spring covid booster is June 30th 2023. The booster is available to people aged 75 years and over, those in care homes and those aged 5 years and over with a weakened immune system.

The spring booster offers an additional layer of protection to our most vulnerable residents to top up their immunity and reduce the risk of becoming seriously ill this summer.

Covid-19 is still circulating, and we have recently seen an increase in older people being hospitalised in England. Vaccination continues to provide the best protection against the virus and I would encourage everyone who is eligible to come forward.

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The rest of the season, from June to September, features six more concerts which are equally exciting, with piano recitals from Ivana Gavrić and Mark Bebbington, chamber music from the piano trio Pixels Ensemble and the world renowned Fitzwilliam String Quartet. We are also proud to invite distinguished cellist Moray Welsh with pianist Martin Roscoe for what is likely to be Moray's last recital. Finally we are joined by French horn player Ben

Goldscheider (former brass winner of BBC Young Musician of the Year and a concerto soloist at last year's BBC Proms) with acclaimed pianist and composer Huw Watkins.

Tickets prices have remained the same and are on sale at £15 (£1 for anyone in full time education) and we have a special offer of £65 for a season ticket to all 7 concerts (a saving of £40 over individual tickets). Summary details and a form for postal bookings were included in the April edition of this magazine (or can be printed from our website). Tickets can also be ordered online or by telephone **0333 666 3366** (quote date, artists and Wensleydale Concert Series).

Full details of all concerts and tickets are available at our website [www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk) and for any other enquiries please contact **Carol or Liz** on **01969 663026**.

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Askrigg Sports Day, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May

## Decorate a Crown

As part of the Coronation celebration on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May** we are running a children's competition for the best homemade crown.

This will be split into three age groups: 5 & under, 6-8 and 9-11 year-olds.

All entries should be brought to the Market Hall by 12 noon on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> with the child's name and age on the back of the crown.

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**May**

- 4 to 11 Flower Festival. St Andrews Church, Aysgarth. 9.00am to 6.00pm. See p.11.
- 4 & 5 Live Theatre at LACC. See p.25.
- 5 Concert - Jack Rutter. 8.00pm. Reeth Memorial Hall. See p.4.
- 5 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 6,7 & 8 Askrigg Coronation Events. See p.19.
- 7 Coronation 'Get Together' Market Hall, Hawes. 2.00pm. See p.14.
- 7 Decorate a Crown entries by noon. Market Hall, Hawes. See p.19.
- 10 Thoraby W.I. walk. See p.3.
- 11 Merlin Magic talk at DCM, Hawes. 7.00pm. See p.2.
- 12 & 13 Plant Fayre. Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. See p.33.
- 13 Wensleydale Concert Series. 7.30pm. St Andrew's Aysgarth. Flute and Harp. See p.18.
- 13 Carperby Concerts. 8.00pm. See p.23.
- 13 'Eyes on the Bog' training event. Ribbleshead. 10.00am. See p.11.
- 16 Local History Group. 2.00pm. Middleham Key Centre. See p.6.
- 16 Thoraby W.I. meeting. See p.3.
- 17 Penhill Ladies talk. 7.30pm. Carperby Village Institute. See p.17.
- 18 Bainbridge W.I. Meeting. Bainbridge

Village Hall. See p.21.

- 19 Leyburn u3a. AGM Meeting. LACC. See p.17.
- 21 Dalesplay Table-top Sale. Hawes Market Hall. See p.13.
- 23 Bluebox Jazz Collective. 7.00pm. Leyburn Methodist Hall. See p.24.
- 25 Friends of the Dales Walk. Sedbergh.11.30am. See p.11.
- 28 'Wallace & Gromit' Film at Tennants. 1.30pm, with Fairey Band live.
- 28 Organ Recital. Holy Trinity Church, Wensley. 4.30pm. See p.10.
- 31 Classical Music Concert. St Andrew's Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.10.

**June**

- 1 Jazz Concert. St Andrew's Grinton. 7.30pm. See p.10.
- 3 Classical Music Concert. St. Andrew's Grinton. 4.00pm. See p.10.

**Why Not Go West . . . Some do**

There are some excellent golf courses in easy reach of Upper Wensleydale – Catterick, Richmond and Bedale for example. Possibly less obvious to some is that over the watershed and down the A684 through Garsdale and then on to the Dent Road is a true "little gem", Sedbergh Golf Club.

A number of Hawes residents do make the half hour drive to golf at Sedbergh. To prove the point, an early season trophy competition held annually by the seniors' section in memory of former Upper Wensleydale resident John Lambert was won this year, convincingly by four clear stableford points, by Hawes local, Alan Moore.

In addition, £160 was raised for the British Heart Foundation in memory of John by the competitors many of whom had played golf with John over many years. He is remembered fondly.

**Wensleydale Tournament of Song  
2024**

We are happy to announce that the dates for next year's Tournament are from **March 11th to March 22nd**.

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## News from the Vets

It's been a very busy last couple of months here at Bainbridge Vets with lambing and calving season. Things have started to slow down on the lambing/ calving front but now it's time for people to plan for their summer holidays we're starting to get busy with AHCs for pets to travel to the EU. These need to be completed no more than 10 days prior to travel. We ask that you let us know as soon as you want one and then we have the maximum time to get each one organised. For more information please just phone reception on **01969 650263**.

## Bainbridge W.I.

It's that time of year again - annual subscriptions are due and we are really excited to welcome new members to Bainbridge W.I. We now have over forty members which is great and makes for some lively meetings and events.

In April we welcomed David Mason from The Woodland Trust to our monthly meeting for a really interesting and informative talk about our native woodlands and trees. We learned about some wonderful natural woods in our area, the biggest of which is at Snaizeholme which will soon be one of the largest natural woodlands in the country! David told us how we could get involved in tree planting with various offers available through the Woodland Trust and, as we all know, every tree helps to offset the effects of climate change.

We hosted our annual Community Lunch at Bainbridge Village Hall at the beginning of April when the older members of our parish are invited to enjoy a delicious homemade meal, served by our members. It seems to have gone down very well and everyone had a wonderful time and some delicious food! Our Soup and Sweet lunches will now take a break for the summer months and return again in the autumn - watch out for dates in due course.

Our Clubs continue with the Book Club reading and analysing their latest book - 'Cleopatra and Frankenstein!' The Garden Club members have met with the keen gardeners from Sycamore Hall and hope to be able to collaborate in the future. The Walking Group have had a frustrating time in April with their walk being postponed three times due to bad weather! Hopefully by the time you read this they will finally have enjoyed a lovely walk in the Castle Bolton area, with refreshments at the Castle.

Our May meeting will be held at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday, May 18th** when David Driver, writer, poet and broadcaster is coming to entertain us. Do join us!

We have a full programme of monthly meetings, clubs, outings and activities throughout the year so if you have been considering joining us, don't hold off any longer - the time is now! Subscriptions are just £39 for the coming year and we have lots planned to interest everyone. For further details, contact our President, **Nicola Robinson on 650801**.

## A New Look for an Old Favourite

After a three month closure, Aysgarth Falls Hotel has now re-opened following refurbishment by owners, The Brook Group from Barnsley.

The refurbishment is the first part of the company's planned re-development of the business to make it a destination venue in the Dales. All eleven bedrooms in the hotel have been re-decorated in a contemporary style with smart new bathrooms. All the bedrooms are now named after local villages which is a nice touch and so much better than room numbers.

The restaurant is now more formal with glass doors separating it from the rest of the hotel. The restaurant has been called 'Palmers' to link to its past (locals still call the hotel 'Palmer' after its previous name of the Palmer Flat Hotel - so called as it is believed to be on the site of a medieval hospice where pilgrims returning from the Holy Lands were treated for their injuries. It is believed that these pilgrims often carried palm leaves with them as mementoes and this has led to the restaurant carrying the palm leaf as its logo).

The restaurant offers a formal dining option with dishes created by local, Tristan Prudden, Executive Chef at the hotel. An ideal venue for a special celebration, or just a treat! The bar and middle room have also been refurbished although this has divided opinion amongst locals - a good reason to call in yourself to decide what you think. Gone are the tables and

chairs, to be replaced with banquette seating and upholstered chairs for a more relaxed feel. A different menu is available in these areas, with food now served all day.

The next phase of the re-development is due to be conversion of the old garages into a deli/ cafe bar and there is currently a planning application in for the conversion of the existing camp site at the rear of the hotel into intimate permanent pods, along with a car parking area. Hopefully, the work will continue throughout the year to make this already popular hotel/pub a real feature of Wensleydale.

Why not call in yourself to see the new surroundings and try the wonderful food offering? **K.P.**



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On Saturday, May 13th Carperby Concerts welcomes The Sandy Denny Project, a six piece group who share an impressive folk-rock pedigree. Sally Barker, PJ Wright, Marion Fleetwood, Anna Ryder and drummer Mark Stevens have all graced the Carperby stage in different guises. Bass player Mat Davies from folk-rock legends Little Johnny England completes the band. A homage to the life and works of one of Britain's best loved Folk Singers, The Sandy Denny Project are dedicated to preserving and extending Sandy's legacy. Their mission is to bring the work of Sandy Denny to the world; not slavishly reproduced but with respect and, in some cases, re-imagined.



After briefly working with the Strawbs, Sandy Denny joined Fairport Convention in 1968 and formed Fotheringay in 1970. Between 1971 and 1977, she released four solo albums and sang with Robert Plant on "The Battle of Evermore" for Led Zeppelin IV. She is regarded as one of the most influential and best loved English folk rock singer-songwriters of the last 50 years. Her best known composition "Who Knows Where the Time Goes?" has been recorded by many, among them Judy Collins, Eva Cassidy, Nina Simone, 10,000 Maniacs and Cat Power. Her recorded

work has been the subject of numerous reissues, along with a wealth of previously unreleased material which has appeared over the 40+ years since her tragic death in 1978.

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## Blueboxt – May Update

Feedback...

March and April are often a time for gathering feedback, report writing for funders and hearing the outcome of new funding applications. Against a backdrop of international aid requests, the cost-of-living crisis, and the continuing loss of the arts from the curriculum, it is more challenging than ever as available funds to support community and developmental projects are squeezed even further. The feedback we have received so far this year has been very welcome and a much-needed boost to keep the team moving forward.

For BlueBoxt, we are reliant on our dedicated volunteers, donors, and supporters to help see us through the coming months. There are lots of simple and cost-effective ways to show your support too, from attending a coffee morning or an event, to buying a prize draw ticket or pledging to donate on a regular basis.

One of our aims is to ensure we continue providing activities and events which are accessible to all and bring our communities together through a celebration of volunteering and the Arts.

### Coffee Mornings and Fund-raising.

We will be hosting coffee mornings at Richmond Town Hall on **Thursday, May 25th** and **August 31st** and Leyburn Methodist Hall on **Friday, September 15th**. There will be books, cakes, tombola, raffle and of course a friendly welcome and plenty of chat over a cuppa. Donations welcome. Simon Eastwood will again be Quiz Master on **Friday, September 29th** at The Aysgarth Falls Café and Gift Shop.

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival - **Wednesday 21st to Sunday 25th June.**

Full details for our first Community Arts

Festival will be available on [www.wensleydale.org](http://www.wensleydale.org) and in the printed programme. Leyburn will be the focal point for the festival starting on **Wednesday 21st** with a Make Music Day celebration concert at St. Matthews Church, **Thursday 22nd** will celebrate poetry and creative writing at the Methodist Church and dance at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. From **Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th** there will be exhibitions, talks, poetry, music, dance, drama, crafts, refreshments and more to enjoy.

Leyburn Band will play on **Saturday 26th** when we hope the weather will be kind and allow us to be outdoors in the grounds of St. Matthew's with a range of activities and fund-raising stalls (indoors if wet). If you are interested in performing, demonstrating, sharing your skills, or helping volunteer during the festival celebrations, please contact us.

### Leyburn Jazz Festival.

This year's festival will run from **Thursday, 19th to Sunday, 22nd October** and promises to be another great line-up of top-class musicians including the fabulous Jacqui Dankworth as well as festival favourites, Hot Club Du Nord and Alligator Gumbo. Visit the festival website to keep up to date at [leyburnjazz.co.uk](http://leyburnjazz.co.uk).

### Fancy trying something new?

Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir and Leyburn Jazz Collective are two initiatives we will be hosting taster sessions for over the coming weeks. This is in response to enquiries for activities open to all members of the local community to take part in and enjoy. We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in taking part. Sessions will be relaxed, informal and a great way to meet people who share an interest in music and the Arts.

The first session will focus on jazz standards and take place on **Tuesday, 23rd May, 7.00pm – 9.30pm** at Leyburn Methodist Hall. A small contribution towards the cost of the hall would be appreciated. We hope to have more news on the first Gospel Choir session in next month's update.

To book your **FREE** place or find out more information 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).

## Against the Odds

Last Autumn the Green Dragon Domino team in Hardraw was faced with a difficult decision. With their local pub closed with no sign of a reopening the choice was to disband the team or seek an alternative host pub for the 2022-23 season. That is when Angus McCarthy, the landlord of the Fountain Hotel in Hawes stepped in with a generous offer to provide a base for the team. So rebranding themselves as the Fountain GD team they joined the other 10 teams for the season.

With only one team member actually living in Hawes it meant that every match for the team was essentially an away match but their perseverance paid off and at the end of March they became champions for the 2022-23 season and were presented with their trophies at the Fountain on April 6th.



The Fountain GD team (from l to r), Terry Billingham, Andrew Keiley, Derek Rudland, Tony Lambert, Helen Wood, Barry Cruickshanks, Stewart Hunter, Tony Hutchinson.

## Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

**Thursday, May 4th 7.30pm and Friday, May 5th 7.30pm.**

Live Theatre. Leyburn Amateur Dramatics Society (LADS ) present two one-act plays. £10 (£5 for our volunteers).

Last Tango in Little Grimley, a chaotic and hilarious build-up to an evening of home-grown drama.

A Dog's Life, compassionate drama about four dogs in an animal shelter.

As always, see the website for further information about our full range of events. [What's On \(leyburnartscentre.com\).](http://What's On (leyburnartscentre.com).)

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The event will last around 45 minutes, during which time we'll cover a range of topics including who we are, what we're doing in your community and saving for the future. There'll be colleagues from Newcastle Building Society and Newcastle Financial Advisers\* at the event who'll be happy to discuss how they can help you achieve your own financial goals.

There'll also be light refreshments available from **11.00am**, so you can relax, grab a bite to eat and drink, chat with our friendly experts and find out more about your local community Building Society all at the same time! So don't miss out on this opportunity to find out more, we look forward to meeting you.

The BIG talk starts at **11.30am on Wednesday, May 10th** at The Market House, Hawes Market Place, DL8 3QN –doors will be open from **11.00am** for refreshments. Spaces are limited so please book a space to confirm your place. You can do this by popping in to the Upper Wensleydale Community Office, Hawes, DL8 3RA or calling **01969 600333**.

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### Mystery Picture

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March arrived in Askrigg and brought with it a big red circus tent. Signs had been spotted for a while, notifying us of an upcoming film, which was to be shot in our beautiful village. An array of people descended on us from every corner of the world, filling our holiday cottages and hotels with new faces, languages and cultures. Their goal was to create a feature film called HIGH WIRE, which stars Isabella Wei as Go-Wing. Her Father wants more for her than the rural Chinese take-away she helps him run, but she dreams of the circus.

In typical Wensleydale fashion the weather quickly became an issue. Just as the lambs started to flood the fields so did the rain and then the snow! Many people had not seen anything like it before, one minute there was beautiful blue sky and vibrant green hills, allowing the directors to think they would be able to shoot a summer BBQ scene and then before they knew it.... total white out. We British may BBQ in the rain, but even us hardy northerners wouldn't attempt one in the snow!

Cast and crew used to warmer climates struggled in the tent. Ice started to form inside the roof of the tent, the heaters needed to be on. Actors and acrobats kept huddled under fleece

blankets and hot water bottles ready to be stripped of these in time for 'ACTION' The loud diesel heaters bellowed warm air into the tent but proved impossible to work with when it came to sound recording. Helen Dalton and I would race out to turn them on and off again and again.

Rather than trotting up and down hills, we had set our head torches aside to become runners for the film. We did manage to maintain a very healthy step count throughout, by striding up and down the village with water and food for the drinks and snack stations. We always tried to be in the right place at the right time, but you could guarantee the second we weren't we would be called and pulled in several directions. Lots of other familiar faces helped by being Extras, drivers and caterers. Timings would be changed and waiting around was frustrating but, most were happy to be involved and interested in the bigger picture. We all took away an amazing insight into an industry we knew nothing about. So many different people with different roles, somehow managing to work together for long periods of time, with (mostly!) smiles on their faces. Hopefully by the end of the year we will be able to go and spot the scenery we know so well on the big screen!

**Alison Champion**



Cast, Crew, Extras and Volunteers for the film 'High Wire'

## Hawes School News

Class 2 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood in Hexham

At the end of March Class 2 went away on our very first residential to Dukeshouse Wood in Hexham. We stayed there for three days and got involved in some fantastic activities. On our first day, we had to complete an obstacle course, we



needed to use teamwork to make sure that everyone got round. On the second day, we challenged our fear of heights and completed a zip wire. We got into our harnesses and helmets and flew down the zip wire. That night we had a campfire under the stars where we enjoyed a hot chocolate and song or two from our camp leader, Will. On the third and final day, we found ourselves testing out our bush craft skill of lighting a fire. We finally managed to get the fire going after a lot of perseverance and sheltering our flames from the wind.

Overall, we had an amazing time at Dukeshouse and we would definitely recommend going on a residential. We came back with very strong friendships and we learnt a lot about our own resilience and courage whilst being away from home.

A Huge Thank you to Hawes Tolls Trustees and Hawes PTFA who helped to fund this trip.

**Miss Thistlethwaite**  
**Class 2, Hawes Primary School.**

### Mental Health Awareness

Our School is supporting Mental Health Awareness week from **May 15th to 21st**. This year's theme is 'Anxiety'.

Every lunchtime, during the week, pupils will be going on a walk over Bealah Bank in Hawes. We will be walking to improve our mental health well-being. On **Thursday, May 20th** we are holding a non-uniform day. Everyone will come to school dressed in an item of green clothing and will be asked to donate £1. All

money donated will be given to Mental Health Awareness.

After morning assembly on **Friday, May 21st**, Year 6 pupils are holding a coffee morning in the school canteen for parents, friends and families. We hope to see and talk to you there!

Please keep up to date with our school news via our website <http://www.hawesprimary.co.uk> or contact school via email – [hawes@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:hawes@ycatschools.co.uk). We also have a school Facebook page where you can view our learning in school.




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On average, the respondents said they would spend eight to ten minutes sharing these reviews. Online review forums and product websites are the most likely ways people would share their views. Yet when asked if they would provide feedback after visiting their doctor, nurse or another healthcare professional - just one in ten (11%) people said yes.

Patient feedback can enable the NHS to spot issues and identify where services may need more resource or other support. It can also help address inequalities in access to care, the extent of which has been laid bare by the pandemic.

With NHS and social care services under pressure, Healthwatch is calling on more people to tell the NHS when they are doing a good job and when services can be improved.

Healthwatch North Yorkshire CEO Ashley Green said: "Here in North Yorkshire last year, 2,700 people shared their experiences of health and social care with us. That's great but we would like that number to be even higher so that we can tell local service leaders what things are working well and highlight where there needs to be improvement.

"We are always looking for people to share their views with us, which they can do at [www.healthwatchnorthyorkshire.co.uk/have-your-say](http://www.healthwatchnorthyorkshire.co.uk/have-your-say) or [admin@hwny.co.uk](mailto:admin@hwny.co.uk) or by contacting our team on **01423 788128**."

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## Notes from Thorney Mire

### Late Spring

The latest report from the ongoing red squirrel survey in our woodland is favourable. There is still a lot of red squirrel activity and in our neighbouring woodland, one adult and four young have been seen together. One squirrel ventured from the wood and came to investigate the bird feeders in the courtyard. No grey squirrels have been found in our wood but about two miles west of here, three grey squirrels have been found and disposed of. We have had a visit from a stoat in the front garden. Identifiable by the black tip to its tail which distinguishes it from the weasel. The weasel is smaller in size and its tail is shorter than that of the stoat. Another way to tell the difference between the two is, the stoat when it moves, arches its back and moves with a bounding gait whereas the weasel is quicker and moves flatter to the ground.

I look for coltsfoot coming every year and saw the first ones on February 21st on the verge along the lane. I also look each spring for the small patches of primroses that hide beneath the trees, by the wall near the top of the lane. You have to search for them and they never seem to spread. I saw and heard the first curlew on February 26th. I never believe they are here until I actually see them as there are some good imitators in the bird world.

Every year follows the same pattern along the lane, coltsfoot, primroses, curlews, noisy rooks and jackdaws nesting in the top wood, next should be lapwings, but this year the pattern has been broken. I have seen lapwings in their usual nesting grounds along Bands Lane, but this year, although we've seen lapwings flying by, none have returned to their nesting sites in the fields which border our lane. Every year four lapwings return to the same area, once there were only three and one year six, but this year none.

On a damp, overcast morning in March I went in the courtyard to tidy up a small bush. There seemed to be a strange atmosphere but I couldn't decide why. It was so eerily quiet. There was no traffic about, but it wasn't that and then I realised what it was, there was no bird song. No chirping, no tweeting even the normally vociferous rooks and jackdaws were silent. There is normally so much background

noise from the birds that it becomes part of the way of life so that you don't notice it until it's not there. A bit like living on a main road when visitors say they can hear the traffic noise and you say, "What noise?"

The results of the R.S.P.B. bird count have been published. Over half a million people took part. The house sparrow came in first. The report states that ten million pairs have disappeared since the 1960s but the numbers have remained stable over the last twenty years. We very rarely see house sparrows in the garden, and starlings, which came in third, only visit us occasionally. What we do have are two collared doves. Collared doves did not come to the U.K. until the 1950s. They are good colonisers having come here from Asia and have now reached America. I call ours Darby and Joan, as they are always together, and where one goes the other follows. They are not the most active of birds, not fluttering about using energy looking for food, nor constantly on the alert. They will sit for hours on the garden wall watching the world go by, not that much of the world passes by our garden. They are monogamous and re-affirm their bond by a bit of neck rubbing and pecking.

This year they have produced two young. They like to build their simple nest of twigs in the lower part of our large conifer tree, goldfinches nesting in the upper half, a coexistence that seems to work. The first baby appeared about a week ago which now seems totally abandoned by its parents. It's inherited its parents genes for watching the world go by, sitting on the garden wall or using the hanging basket as a hammock and watching me garden. We never saw this one being fed by its parents. It just appeared one day, almost fully grown and left to its own devices. Then this morning, I looked up from typing this and sitting on the window sill was a second baby dove, smaller than the first one. Its mother joined it and gave me a demonstration on good parenting as it regurgitated some food and the baby put its beak inside the adult's beak to feed. The parent flew onto the garden table, regurgitated some more food, returned and repeated the process about four times.

Having typed up this article I shall now go and prepare my lunch and feel thankful that I am not a bird.

**Sylvia Turner**

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## Heavens Above

Venus steals the show again this month, blazing away in the west soon after sunset. It doesn't set until after midnight so later on in the evening we get to see it in a properly dark sky – a dazzling sight especially with binoculars. Look out for it on the nights of May 23rd and 24th when it's joined by a slender crescent Moon with the planet Mars off to the pair's upper left.

Venus gets even brighter during the next couple of months reaching maximum brilliance (a whopping magnitude 4.5) on July 7th. It's so bright it can even cast shadows on a really dark, moonless night. No wonder it's often mistaken for some kind of UFO.

There's quite a good meteor shower in the early hours of May 7th – the annual Eta Aquarids produced by tiny particles of dust left behind by Halley's Comet. They're predicted to be unusually prolific this year so it's a real shame that strong moonlight will badly affect the view.

If you look high in the south on a clear May night you can't possibly miss Arcturus. It's the brightest star in the northern hemisphere and the fourth brightest in the entire sky. Its name comes from the old Greek and means the 'Guardian of the Bear' as it appears to shepherd the constellations of Ursa Major and Minor – the Great and Little Bears – around the sky.

If you look carefully you'll notice Arcturus has a distinct pale orange hue, largely because it's a red giant star like Betelgeux in the constellation of Orion. It's much bigger than our own Sun with a diameter of roughly twenty million miles. As a result it shines well over a hundred times brighter than the Sun despite being only 1.5 times as massive. Even so it's still a puny object compared to Betelgeux – a red supergiant which is almost 1000 times wider than the Sun.

Arcturus is the main star in the large but faint kite-shaped constellation of Boote the Herdsman and marks the kite's sharply-angled bottom corner. In the old Greek myths Bootes (pronounced Bo-Oh-Tease) was placed in the sky as a reward for inventing the plough. I think I would have preferred an endless supply of Bounty Bars.

Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

## Leyburn Arts & Community Centre

The Centre is now a Community Anchor Organisation which is being developed from the experience of our being the Community Support Organisation Hub during the Covid years. Requests for help will be signposted to the relevant specialist organisation. There will also be regular drop-in sessions to get advice, help and support.

Forthcoming events are 'The Hamilton Band' on **Saturday, May 27th** and the National Theatre Live screening on **Thursday, 18th May** of 'Best of Enemies.' **On Friday and Saturday 12th and 13th** we are holding our annual Plant Fayre with the usual wide range of plants for which we ask for donations towards our fundraising for the Centre. We welcome back LADS at the beginning of May - our local amateur dramatics are always good entertainment!

The Community Shed is progressing. Soon will be seen the first work on the site. Come and have a look and find out more, pick up the flyer, become a volunteer, or book for our free Shed Open Day in September.



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New Class starting – Walking for Wellness.  
**Thursdays, May 4th and 18th; June 1st, 8th and 22nd; July 6th.**

Nordic walking poles can be provided or bring your own. **9.00am-10.30am.** Cost £7 each session or £35 for the six week course.

We are excited to introduce a Nordic walking class, to introduce Nordic Poles for stability, to extend walking and increase the workout you get from a walk. Some strength exercises to build muscle for everyday activities and to keep you active.

Tennis Membership now available for the season **April – October 2023.** Memberships are: Individual £60; Family £80; one off daily use £5 adults/£3 children.

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**Fitness classes** - via zoom or live class as indicated: Booking is essential for all classes.

Fit for Life - **Mondays (zoom) 9.15-10.15am.** Building and Maintaining Strength to live life your way.

Tennis – Mondays **6.00pm.** Live social tennis weather permitting. Cost £3.

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## BAWB Schools News

The BAWB Federation had a busy end to term with a visit from Colin Daley, Aurora Planetarium. Our Years 4,5 and 6 experienced visiting planets and stars within our solar system, life beyond our solar system and a tour of the international Space Centre.

We were able to host two sessions after school for our families to visit. These went down really well with all involved.

We started our new term by welcoming visitors from Ofsted into our three schools. It was a great opportunity to show off our lovely, caring learning environments. Our pupils talked confidently to the inspectors and we were very proud.

We have had some amazing spring showers in Wensleydale but this hasn't stopped play. Rain water is great in our mud kitchen in our EYFS setting.

All our KS2 pupils learn a brass instrument, they are thoroughly enjoying the challenge and learning to read music.



Warmer weather is coming our way and we are gearing up for a term of trips to bring our learning outside of the classroom. We are looking forward to telling you about these in the next editions of the Newsletter.

## Sycamore Hall News

The weather is improving and we now have our garden benches outside so that we can enjoy the nice days when they do come. We have some enthusiastic residents keen to get out into the garden to make that look nice for everyone to enjoy.

Brian is also busy cleaning the greenhouse ready for the seeds being planted for the growing season. Hopefully with some good weather and some tender loving care, we will reap the rewards later in the year when we may be able to eat and indeed sell some of our produce.

The refurbishment is progressing in the way that most projects do, with the odd delay waiting for contractors or supplies to turn up. We now have lovely new kitchens in our guest rooms and also in the day room and residents lounge.

The decorators are busy with their rollers and brushes and we are hoping it won't be too long before we are in a position to have the new flooring laid and the furniture delivered. It is all very exciting, if a little disruptive whilst the work is ongoing.

Once the project is complete, we look forward to welcoming everyone to come along and see our wonderful new facilities - watch out for details in due course.

Meanwhile, our regular activities continue although not always in their usual venue, depending on where work is being carried out. We welcome you to join us for any of these weekly activities, particularly our Coffee Mornings on **Thursdays at 10.30am**.

We are now looking forward to celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III on May 6th when we intend to watch the proceedings in our new cinema and follow this with a street party / afternoon tea - do join us to mark this historic event.

Our businesses continue to open, offering a wide range of facilities and shopping opportunities - call in and see us.

For further details of the availability of flats, facilities or events please **contact Nicky Cooper, Manager on 03701 024055**.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

**K.P.**

## News from Dales Countryside Museum

**Daily 10.00am to 5.00pm Feb to Oct, 10.00am to 4.00pm Nov & Dec.** Closed Christmas Eve to Boxing Day and January. Last entry one hour before closing. Contact **01969 666210** or [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

We're putting the final touches to our next exhibition, **Within These Walls – Hay time in the Yorkshire Dales (until September 17th)** in conjunction with artist and printmaker Hester Cox. The exhibition celebrates the history and importance of hay meadow habitats. Hester has created a stunning installation which hangs alongside beautiful lino cuts and collagraph work. Previously unseen photos of hay time, kindly loaned by various people, are also on show, next to hay time objects and archives from the collection and fabulous oral history clips.

Calling all knitters! There are still places available on our **Dales Glove Study Day on May 20th**. Dales gloves, knitted with complex designs and the owner's initials and date around the wrist, are unique to Yorkshire and we're thrilled to be working with knitting writer and researcher Angharad Thomas. If you're interested in the history and practicalities of Dales knitting, do book on and come along to hear and meet Angharad, together with knitting designers and historians, Penelope Hemingway and Ann Kingstone. For knitters, textile enthusiasts and Dales fans, this study day brings together three experts on Dales gloves to share their knowledge and expertise. It will be an opportunity to look at the knitting collections in the museum at close hand, to hear presentations and take part in a choice of workshops. Lunch is included and the day will conclude with a launch of Angharad's new book, 'A knitters guide to gloves'.

Although our wonderful exhibition **In Your Words** came to an end this month, we have moved a lot of the material into our permanent galleries so there will still be the chance to listen to local voices talking about work, leisure, cheese making, food and crafting when you visit the Museum. The project is continuing and you can add your own words to the collection held at Leeds University by filling in a survey from the Museum or by going online when you get home <https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/> Our Voices from the Dales podcasts explore various

themes, including dialect, and can be found via the museum website or via any podcast app on your smartphone or tablet. <https://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk/explore/explore-the-museum/voices-from-the-dales-podcast/>.

### Scurry Club for children

Children are making the most of their Scurry Club passes. If you're looking for things to do in the school holidays or at weekends, why not pick up a Scurry Club pass for your child (£10). They can start collecting their squirrel badge and first stamp as soon as they visit. Each Scurry club pass allows entry for the named child and an adult carer for a year. We've put together lots of family friendly, fun events for 2023, so keep an eye on our website! [www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk](https://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk) and Facebook page.

### Wild Escape – Wonderfully Wild Dales

School children from Hawes and Mowbray schools continue to find out about the special areas and species of the Yorkshire Dales, the impact of climate change and the small steps that can be taken help reduce a family's carbon footprint so that we can help safeguard these special aspects of the Yorkshire Dales for future generations. They have made some wonderful creatures that have been photographed and submitted for inclusion in the National Wild Escape Picture being created by the Art Fund.

### Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00am - noon**. In May we will be exploring Askrigg in the 1900s. 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 or email [dem@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dem@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call **01969 666210**.

### What's On In May ...

Events are included in Museum admission unless otherwise stated.

**Merlin Magic – helping conserve the UK's smallest bird of prey.**

**Thursday, 11th May. 7.00pm –8.00pm**

Phil Warren the Merlin Magic project officer will provide an update on the 20 month project

which has investigated Merlin nesting habitats on heather moorland, using nest cameras to collect information.

### **Tracing past lives performance.**

**Saturday, May 13th. 11.00am - Noon and 1.00pm - 2.00pm.**

Through this performance, artist and writer Brigid Black will explore the deep time history of caves in the Yorkshire Dales. Brigid will be presenting some of her research into the archaeology and palaeontology of Victoria, Jubilee and Attermire caves in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The performance will take the form of a contemporary ritual, remembering the beings who inhabit the underground and a time when caves were inhabited by hyenas, brown bears, wolves and later, by humans. It will consider how we can relate to these traces of past lives now and in the future in a time of climate warming and the extinction of many species.

### **Barns, Walls & Bridges.**

**Tuesday, May 16th. 1.30pm - 4.00pm**

Join Dales Volunteers for a 4 mile walk to discover the important features of Wensleydale, its local industry and agriculture.

Booking essential £5. No dogs allowed.

### **Godfrey Wilson. 'Ripon Cathedral - The Story.**

**Friday, May 19th. 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum - Evening Lecture. Donation. Please book to reserve a seat.

### **Dales glove study day.**

**Saturday, May 20th. 10.00am - 4.00pm**

A study day bringing together three experts on Dales gloves to share their knowledge and expertise. Knitting writer and researcher Angharad Thomas will be joined by knitting designers and historians Ann Kingstone and Penelope Hemingway.

£50 includes lunch. Booking essential

### **Drystone Walling Demonstration.**

**Tuesday, May 30th. 11.00am - 3.00pm.**

Join Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling and explain the construction of this iconic feature of the National Park landscape.

### **Make a lapwing nest picture .**

**Thursday, June 1st 1.00pm - 4.00pm**

Family activity where you can create your own lapwing nest picture with printed eggs.

### **Woolly Wander Experience.**

**Sunday, June 4th 10.00am - 3.00pm**

Visit the Alpacas at Semerwater and learn to make felt with their wool at the museum. Materials and light lunch included. £50, lunch included. Booking essential.

## **Looking For A Volunteer**

For the past few years I have had the privilege of being the Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Askrigg and Bainbridge area.

This has been really enjoyable and rewarding, but unfortunately due to ill-health, I now have to relinquish this role. Consequently, I am looking for a willing volunteer who may be interested in taking over the role this year. It is not an onerous task and briefly, involves the following:-

Ordering resources for the annual campaign (usually in the summer).

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If you think you may be interested in taking over this role for the 2023 Appeal, please get in touch to discuss it further on **650706**. Thank you.

**Karen Prudden**  
**Poppy Appeal Organiser**  
**Askrigg & Bainbridge Area**

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