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Guest Editorial

I was reminded the other day of how offended my grandmother once was by a photograph in a magazine in which a heavily pregnant woman in a pretty flowered dress stood drinking a cup of tea. What reminded me was a TV advert showing a woman sitting on a lavatory and explaining how useful she found incontinence pads which are so easily available these days. The contrast between those two images shows how far society has changed over fifty years. What my grandmother would have made of the incontinence pad advert boggles the mind.

But it's a change to be welcomed, because today all kinds of topics that were once hidden from view can be spoken about openly. Incontinence, in both men and women, is one such, as are all kinds of health issues, including cancer, dementia, loss of sight and hearing, the menopause, impotence, a whole host of conditions that people used not to talk about in public. Mental health, death, grief, terminal illness, funeral planning are also much more visible in the public domain today. Of course every individual can choose whether to share personal information, but the point I am making is that for those who do want to talk about a particular issue that is troubling them it is now possible to do so without the sense of shame and discomfort that prevailed for so long. Now, long standing taboos seem to be diminishing.

Over the years I have lost several people very close to me from cancer, and in some cases I had no idea of their illness until the end came. Afterwards I not only felt the grief of loss, but also the fact that I had not been able to offer any kind of moral support because they had chosen not to tell anyone beyond the immediate family. Their choice, of course, but when I think of the way in which Dame Deborah James dealt with the bowel cancer that eventually killed her, I am grateful to her for making her illness so public and am sure she must have saved many lives by so doing. By sharing the details of how she coped with a terminal diagnosis she made people so much more aware of how someone in her condition could still get joy out of life right to the end.

Last year I was diagnosed with that same cancer and because there had been no symptoms, by the time it was discovered it had already spread elsewhere. But I am fortunate in that both sites of the cancer were operable and

today I am undergoing chemotherapy for the second time, after two major operations. I have no words to describe the gratitude I feel towards the wonderful medical staff who have been helping me through this long unpleasant process, to fellow patients and to family and friends.

There is a lot to learn when you are diagnosed with a serious illness, and the very word 'cancer' is terrifying. Over the months I have discovered all kinds of things about the human body that I never even thought of before, and knowing more helps with the insecurity and the fear. The second cycles of chemotherapy have been much easier than the first, because now I know what to expect. The information provided by Macmillan and Cancer Research UK, to name just two is splendid, clearly written and provided both in paper format and via the internet. Similar publications are available for other health conditions and it has helped me and my children enormously just to be able to understand more about what cancer involves.

Because my children are scattered from London to Yorkshire, a first step was to make a plan so as to share the caring for Mum after the operations and during the treatment. My three daughters and sons-in-law, my son and his lovely wife all pitched in and have driven hundreds of miles taking me to and from hospital appointments, sitting with me during conversations with consultants and cooking patiently for me even when I lost my appetite. They have been a constant source of



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cheerfulness and good humour, though I know how hard it has been for them to deal with the situation.

What has also astonished me has been the support of friends, neighbours and colleagues. The nature of my job means that I work in different languages and so over the years I have acquired a vast network of contacts across the world in many countries. At the start, when the cancer was diagnosed, I sent a round robin email to quite a lot of people, who then shared that information with others. I simply explained my situation, said I didn't want to be pitied but would appreciate staying in touch. What has happened over the months has been truly humbling. Not a week has gone by without emails, texts, cards, books, flowers, gifts of all kinds, photographs, music, prayers said for me in different religions, and the cumulative effect of all this love and attention has helped me more than anyone can ever know.

What I have learned from having cancer is that for me, the best way to deal with the fear, the pain and the side effects has been to talk about it all, to share with those willing to listen. One friend commented that I didn't seem to have lost my sense of humour, so I pointed out that cancer doesn't have to mean that all fun goes out of one's life.

Susan Bassnett

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the Mystery Picture on page 27 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is David Sharpe of Cockermouth.

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

Hawes Coronation Tea Party

We hope everyone enjoyed their afternoon in the Market Hall to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. We would like to thank;

All the volunteers who made this happen, the Market Hall looked amazing!

All the local businesses who supported us with either donations of food or money.

The children's choir, you all were word perfect and sounded great.

Newcastle Building Society, who provided prizes and judged the best dressed window display, won by the Mulberry Bush, the children's crown competition won by, Isla and Theo Sumter, Zara Sharples and Harry Fothergill.

And most of all, thank you for coming and making all the hard work worthwhile!

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June Competition

All the answers are the names of TV shows which have been on recently.

1. E20 Occupiers
2. England have the ability, as do Scotland and Wales
3. Football, rugby, tennis, golf?
4. It's the outlet to put things right
5. Located in Finley Court
6. Sounds like deaths on June 24th 2023
7. Makes tarts
8. People with intellectual pretensions
9. Futile and famous
10. Equal for 24 hours
11. You may find an onion test creator in the road
12. A singular performance
13. Reverse intelligence
14. 5,4,3,2,1
15. Sounds like a northern valley for the 19th century precocious Miss Woodhouse

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May Competition Answers

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| 1. Beat; | beet |
| 2. Hare; | hair |
| 3. Fare; | fair |
| 4. Slay; | sleigh |
| 5. Vale; | veil |
| 6. Draft; | draught |
| 7. Ure; | your |
| 8. Pear; | pair |
| 9. Rime; | rhyme |
| 10. Speak; | Speke |
| 11. Straight; | strait |
| 12. Whining; | wining |
| 13. Martial; | marshal |
| 14. Bolder; | boulder |
| 15. Descent; | dissent |

Only a few correct entries this month and the winner chosen at random was Kathleen Iveson of Hawes whose nominated charity to receive £20 is Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Penhill Ladies

On **Wednesday, June 21st**, we look forward to welcoming our friends from Malham WI to join us for a talk by Dulcie Lewis "Where the Wind Blows and Other Stories".

Members will provide a delicious cold buffet supper. New members and visitors are warmly welcomed. (Visitors £5 to include refreshments.)

Penhill Ladies meet in Carperby Village Institute at **7.30pm** on the **third Wednesday in the month**. For more details phone **Shelagh** on **01969 663958**.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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Redmire:	Kevin Davis Westholme	624165
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West Witton	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934

The Bridge of Sighs – Skellgill Bridge Reborn

Finally, Skellgill has its bridge back after seven months of intriguing activity.

Over a period of years, the bridge has suffered from wear and tear and, following a partial wall collapse, NYCC sent a survey team with a view to repair or replace the bridge.

Some 18 months later, the decision had been made to not try and repair the very historic bridge, but to replace it with a modern concrete superstructure which would be faced with as much of the stone from the original bridge as possible. In due course, after an incredibly dry spring and summer, residents were informed that work would begin on the new bridge on September 12th last year for a scheduled period of 8 weeks!



Skellgill Bridge before work started

Suffice to say, the bridge was opened to grateful residents and local farmers on April 19th – almost 7 months to the day, so much for 8 weeks of scheduled works!

They say timing is everything and this couldn't have happened at a more inconvenient time. Our notification that the bridge works were going to commence was only given in July/August, however we had already booked builders etc. to do a new kitchen for us back in January and you guessed it, they came to start the same week!

An entire old kitchen and rubble had to be removed, all new appliances, entire new kitchen plus numerous tradesmen and tools all had to make frequent trips from vans parked some distance away.

Lots of tea and biscuits certainly helped to lessen the blow, if not almost bankrupt us in the process.

It was certainly an interesting time in the

makeshift parking lot where our cars vied for position with our workman's vans and numerous contractors' vehicles.

The contractors who won the tender were based in the Leeds area, this meant that the core team of 2 - 3 men who did the majority of the work from day one, were travelling daily from Leeds and Halifax and enduring all the weather that a winter in Wensleydale could throw at them!

It seems hard to imagine that with a mid September starting date, there was never going to be any realistic proposition of completion before Christmas, given the likely working conditions and probable weather disruption.

In order to 'speed' things up a team of three stone specialists were subcontracted for the final 6 - 7 weeks of the build, and these poor chaps had to travel from Rotherham every day.

On a much more positive note, the temporary footbridge (which of course had to be provided as the bridge and road are also a public footpath route) has now been removed and we have road access back to our property once more.



The 'new' Skellgill Bridge

The bridge itself, whilst no longer quite as historic and quaint as it was, is, under the surface of the original stone facing, a modern, fit for purpose construction, and given some weathering over time, will blend in as naturally as its predecessor.

M.C.

Hawes Amateur Operatics Society

HAOS would love for you to be involved in our next panto 'Mother Goose'.

Please come and join us at our AGM on **Tuesday, June 20th at 7.00pm** at Hawes Market House. We have various committee roles to fill and need your help.

Heavens Above

It isn't the best time of the year for star-gazing especially during the weeks surrounding the Summer Solstice - Midsummer's Day - this year **June 21st**. The sky only gets reasonably dark around midnight so you've got to be prepared to stay up just that little bit later to sample what's on offer. If you do venture out you won't be able to miss brilliant Venus, a dazzling Evening Star blazing away in the west soon after sunset. It reaches its maximum brightness for the year on **July 9th** but soon after that drops rapidly in the sky and disappears into the twilight by the beginning of August. Try looking for it around **11.00pm** on **June 21st**, the same date as the Summer Solstice, when it pairs up with a thin crescent Moon and the Red Planet, Mars. A beautiful sight in the deep blue twilight.

If you look south you'll notice the main springtime constellations, Leo and Virgo, have drifted noticeably westwards, though Bootes the Herdsman, with its brilliant orange leader Arcturus, is still prominent high in the south-west. The Plough is high in the north-west which means the distinct 'W' of Cassiopeia (on the opposite side of the Pole star) is rather low in the north-east. Most of the south-eastern sky is filled by a set of dim constellations led by Hercules the Strongman. To his right you'll find the ancient constellation of Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown - very appropriate in the light of last month's Coronation celebrations (or over-the-top flummery depending on your point of view!). It's a distinct semi-circle of stars representing the golden crown of Princess Ariadne who according to the old Greek myths helped the hero, Theseus, find his way out of the Labyrinth on the island of Crete after he defeated the monstrous bull-headed Minotaur.

High in the south-east for the next few months you'll find the well-known Summer Triangle, a large asterism or star pattern formed by Vega, Deneb, and Altair, the brightest stars in the constellations of Lyra, Cygnus, and Aquilla the

Eagle. Cygnus, or the Northern Cross as it's sometimes called, lies in the rich star fields of the summer Milky Way - well worth sweeping with binoculars on a dark, moonless night.

June sees the start of the Noctilucent (night shining) Clouds season. At an altitude of 75-80 kilometres - almost on the edge of space - they're the highest clouds in the Earth's atmosphere shining by reflected sunlight long after other clouds have faded away into the darkness. They're probably caused by ice forming around tiny particles of interplanetary or volcanic dust. A display of these eerie silvery-blue bands and strands low over the northern horizon is a magical sight on a clear summer's night. If conditions are just right you might be lucky enough to see them spread right across the sky. The best time to look for them is around midnight late on in June and early August.

Have clear skies!

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Bainbridge WI – Getting Out and About!

Hoorah! Not that we need the excuse of good weather to get out and about, but we have been enjoying the lovely weather during May.

The Garden Group had a trip to Holden Clough Nurseries where they enjoyed not only the lovely plants but also some delicious food - this is the WI after all!

The Book Club ladies are still busy reading - hopefully in their gardens now - and the Lunch Club ladies are enjoying sampling the offerings at the many local eateries on our doorstep. May saw them going a bit European when they visited Rustique in Richmond for a bit of French cuisine. June's date and venue is yet to be decided, but we are not without options!

At our May meeting we had an entertaining talk from David Driver, broadcaster, poet and writer, from Silsden. It turned out he went to the

same school as our President so that led to some interesting chat later!

June is going to be a busy month for us (which month isn't?!). We will begin with a Recycling Craft Session at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge on **Saturday, June 10th**, between **10.00am and 1.00pm**. We will be doing our bit for the environs by creating some lovely crafted items from bits and pieces that might normally be thrown away. Why not come and join in the fun? Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £5 per person. Refreshments will be available.

On **Sunday, June 18th** we will have our usual refreshments stall on Bainbridge Village Green for the visit of the Beamish Car Rally. We will be serving homemade sandwiches, quiche and cakes as well as the usual tea/coffee and soft drinks. Come and see us from around **11.00am to 2.00pm** for the welcome return of this popular event.

Our Soup and Sweet lunches are now taking a break for the summer months. They will return in September when we intend to base them in Bainbridge on a monthly basis. Dates will be issued in due course.

Our meeting on **Thursday, June 15th** will see Sandra Gold-Wood talking to us about 'The Canary Girls' (the name given to the women who worked in the munitions factories during the war). We are looking forward to an interesting evening learning about this hazardous but essential work. Come along and join us at **7.30pm**.

As the lovely weather continues (we hope!) we will make the most of it to enjoy our events and visits. There are more gardens to visit, places to eat, routes to walk and books to read all of which are, of course, just an excuse for us to get together for a good chat!

If you would like to know more about any of these events, please contact our President **Nicola Robinson** on **01969 650801**. We love to welcome new faces to our meetings and events, so don't hold back - come and join us!



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June 11th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical at Hawes	Holy Communion	Soup and Holy Communion
June 18th	Holy Communion	Praise in the Pen Family Service	Holy Communion	
June 25th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Outreach Café Style Service	2.30 - 3.00pm Evening Prayer 3.15pm Pathfinders
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4.00pm every Sunday . For details see our website - www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services .				

Helping Out

It was amusing the other day to read the additional comment made to a blood donor poster. Underneath the invitation: 'Be a volunteer Blood Donor' some wit had written ... 'That's the best kind to be!'

As a part of the recent coronation celebrations a new initiative was launched called 'The Big Help Out'. Its aim was to celebrate our King's lifetime of public service by encouraging us all to give of our time and talents in a volunteer capacity to assist one of the 1,500 charities that signed up with the project or to help out in some other way in our local communities. It is currently estimated that over 100,000 volunteer posts remain vacant since the pandemic. Radio 2 presenter and theatre performer Elaine Page, an ambassador for the Royal Voluntary Service, said; "No matter what your level of skills or experience, everyone can have a positive impact through volunteering." Personally, I'm most grateful for the team of volunteers who help open and lock up our church buildings and keep the churchyards looking so tidy through cutting the grass during the summer months.

"We all need to keep thinking of how we can help others out" said a local farmer to me recently whilst chatting on the phone. The Apostle Paul, writing to the early church in Philippi encouraged them to do the same. 'Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others' ^{Phil.2:4}

God's call is that we love and care for each other as He loves and cares for us.

Wouldn't it be lovely if we could see a post pandemic resurgence in the spirit of volunteering? I wonder what you might be able to do?

With every blessing.

Correction

The sentence in italics on page 2 of the Central Dales Practice pull out in the previous issue of the Newsletter should read 'All staff are committed to the same patient terms of confidentiality.'

New Hosts at Corn Mill

For many years, the Corn Mill Tearoom in Bainbridge has been in the hands of the Peacock Family, but not any more. The new proprietors are Craig and Bridie, the couple who have developed The Bake-Well in Askrigg. They weren't particularly looking for an additional café but when the Corn Mill came on the market they decided to expand. Craig says they must have been slightly delusional, especially when they knew a baby was on the way. Bobby was born in March and the tearoom was opened on April 24th, so it has been a bit hectic, but so far they have had no regrets.

Craig and Bridie have been at The Bake-Well for three and a half years and are well established there. They were both at the Kings Arms in Askrigg before that, Craig as head chef, Bridie as a manager, so they have built up some experience in the catering trade. The Bake-Well has proved a popular venue, particularly as a takeaway outlet. But it's not just sandwiches and packed lunches: Full scale meals are provided by request. That is, providing customers are prepared to come and collect, because, with being so busy at the moment, there are no immediate plans to provide an outside catering service. That may change in the future, of course; we'll have to wait and see.

The Corn Mill is more of a café, although it does offer a takeaway service. It has a lot more seating, which, in fine weather, can easily be extended out front, overlooking the village green. There is a good range of cakes on display to attract customers and there are plenty of other light bites and snacks on the menu. Bridie specialises in baking, whereas Craig focuses more on the main meals. Many of the recipes are standard favourites but they do like to add a little twist of their own, maybe a little surprise.

Although the two premises differ slightly in their objectives, the aim is to provide some consistency. For example, the opening hours will be the same for both. They are open **seven days a week** (a big selling point) from **8.30am to 4.00pm (10.00am - 3.00pm on Sundays)**. Not many cafes in the dales open as early as 8.30am, so this is a real bonus. Hopefully they will be able to sustain this ambitious timetable, but they have admitted that it will be more of a challenge in winter.

Craig said that trade was fairly quiet in

Bainbridge at first. That suited the couple well because they were easing their way into a new project whilst looking after a new born baby. They said that they have been lucky with staff, when other establishments have struggled to find workers. They plan to keep three staff at each of the cafes, although they are interchangeable, as all of them are happy to work at either location. They will continue to use university and college students who are often available when the cafes are at their busiest. That sounds like a win/win situation.

Last month a group of nine of us dropped in at the Corn Mill after a walk. The café was busy so we ordered our drinks and cakes and sat outside. Even the committed beer drinkers (who rarely visit cafes) had to admit it was good. The slices of cake were all very generous and delicious and with so much choice we were thinking about what we would select next time.

And there will be a next time. We gave the place a thumbs up and reckoned we would be back. In the interim we all wish Craig and Bridie the best of luck in their new venture. Why not give it a try?

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Swaledale Festival brings glittering array of musicians and artists to Dales stages

The Swaledale Festival has started and the 2023 programme brings major international names to Dales stages along with numerous talented performers from Yorkshire. Visitors will enjoy a thrilling mix of world-class concerts, films, puppet shows, workshops, comedy, guided walks and talks in venues ranging from beautiful village churches to the historic Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond.

Festival goer and volunteer Adam Nichols says: "The Festival is now the highlight of my year. Holidays, travel, DIY etc. are planned around it. I feel as if I don't want to miss anything. Each year I am blown away by the astonishing diversity of musicianship that can open doorways into new musical genres."

Festival events remaining:

Classical gems - Four special classical music concerts will take place in the ideal acoustic of St. Andrew's Church in Grinton:

Soprano supremo Julia Doyle will guest with the world class Baroque ensemble The Herschel Players on **Friday, June 9th** in a programme of delightful French pieces by Couperin, Rameau and Marais. Doyle has performed all over the world and has been described as "a shining champion of the soprano arias" by Gramophone Magazine.

The brilliant Classic FM chart-topping guitarist Craig Ogden will return to the Festival for a performance of music by Dowland, Rodrigo and others on **Wednesday, June 7th**.

The magnificent Doric Quartet will perform works by Haydn and Berg in the Festival finale on **Saturday, June 10th**. After the interval, the eminent composer and former Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra viola player Brett Dean will join them for a performance of Beethoven's glorious String Quintet in C major.

Jazz, folk and blues - For jazz fans, the multi-award-winning vocalist Claire Martin OBE, who was named "our finest jazz singer" by The Times, will perform with Scottish guitar legend Jim Mullen, bassist Jeremy Brown and saxophonist Alex Garnett in Grinton Church on **Thursday, June 1st**. The programme will celebrate the Great American Songbook and the Quartet's shared love of the great jazz singers of the past.

Welsh trio VRi has won a host of awards including Best Album at this year's Wales Folk Awards and will be showcasing their vibrant folk songs on **Monday, June 5th** in Spennithorne and on **Tuesday, June 6th** in Muker. Their three-part vocal harmonies and stunning fiddle and cello playing result in an evocative and joyful sound.

Michael Messer's Mitra brings together a blues guitar legend, a Hindustani slide guitar maestro, and a master tabla player on **Sunday, June 4th** in Grinton. They have created an exciting and highly accessible fusion of blues and Indian classical music which is a treat for the ears.

Comedy and talks - The award-winning writer and comedian Andy Hamilton comes to The Garden Rooms in Leyburn on **Saturday, June 3rd** for an entertaining evening of comic reflection, reminiscence and revelation.

The popular and hugely respected expert from the BBC's Antiques Roadshow Ronnie Archer-Morgan will talk about some of his favourite objects, his extraordinary life, and his new book in the Reeth Lecture on **Thursday, June 1st** at Reeth Congregational Church.

Young Artists - The Festival's Young Artist's Platform showcases young people early in their careers, many of whom go on to become major stars.

The upbeat young brass ensemble Connaught Brass is taking the chamber world by storm, and will play Handel, Fauré & Rossini on **Tuesday, June 6th** in Richmond.

The Australian mezzo-soprano Lotte Betts-Dean is well on the way to being a superstar. Her intimate duo with her virtuoso viola-playing father Brett Dean is sure to be a Swaledale Festival highlight. Their programme of songs by

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Vaughan Williams, Bliss and others is on **Friday, June 9th** in the lovely church of St. Mary, Arkengarthdale.

The outstanding violinist Mathilde Milwidsky has recently been named as one of Classic FM's Rising Stars. On **Saturday, June 10th** she will perform music by Telemann, Ravel, Elgar and Arvo Pärt in Aysgarth with the excellent young pianist Annie Yin.

Local talent - Locally - based performers this year include Swale Singers on **Thursday, June 1st** in Aysgarth; harpsichord player David Francis performing with Manchester Baroque on **Friday, June 2nd** in Richmond; Jervaulx Singers on **Monday, June 5th** in Aysgarth; the world-renowned lute virtuoso Jacob Heringman on **Wednesday, June 7th** in Low Row; Reeth Brass Band on **Wednesday, June 7th** in Arkengarthdale and Muker Silver Band on **Friday, June 9th** in Muker Public Hall.

There are also poetry walks and workshops in the landscape with Dales poet Mary-Jane Holmes, late-night astronomy on Reeth Green with Reeth Informal Astronomy Group and exhibitions by talented local artists including the exceptional painter from Gunnerside, Rachel Antill.

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Sunday, June 4th:

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- 9.30am** Holy Communion,
St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.
- 11.00am** Holy Communion,
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.
- 11.00am** Holy Communion,
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, June 11th:

- 10.30am** Holy Communion Penhill Together Service with Helen Brownridge from St. George's Crypt, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

Sunday, June 18th:

- 9.30am** Holy Communion and Baptism,
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.

Sunday, June 25th:

- 9.30am** Holy Communion,
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.
- 11.00am** Morning Prayer,
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.
- 4.00pm** Evening Prayer,
Thornton Rust.

Church Coffee Morning: Wednesday, June 7th from **10.30am to noon** at Redmire Village Hall.

Church Afternoon Tea: Wednesday, June 21st from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** at Redmire Village Hall.

Prunings

The gold in the verges is blowing away as the dandelion seeds set off to colonise another patch. Now all is white. There is a carpet of stitchwort, white dead nettle, and for the foragers a sea of wild garlic. Of course, it will be short-lived as the grass grows through and the stately “jack by the hedge” will obscure everything where it appears. Non cutting of the verges means we no longer see the diminutive birds’ foot trefoil unless you are lucky enough to spot them right at the edge. The cherry blossom is everywhere. We have so many forms and shapes in both white and pink and I was amazed to discover from a Michael Portillo programme, the Japanese cherry blossom which becomes a festival in that country, all grows on cloned trees, and being identical they all flower at the same time.

Summer visitors are arriving: the swallows came on April 25th: the swifts came on May 6th and we first heard the cuckoo on the 8th. I have been informed that there is a new “App” that can be downloaded onto a smart phone called “Merlin” which will allow you to record birdsong and then identify the singer. I gather it takes some time to download as it is big, so you would need space for it, but it is free. I think it would be worth looking at.

We acquired a lovely new bench for the patio. Hopefully in anticipation of drinking fizz in the sun, (I like to live in hope!) It’s made of “Roble” timber which claims to be from sustainable forests in Bolivia. I feel less than comfortable about how far it has travelled, but it feels like oak and looks like oak and I think will be enhanced by a generous coat of Danish oil which improves the look of everything. It took two men to get it up the front steps and we put it at the back of the patio. Big mistake! Swallows on an overhead wire promptly dropped presents

on it. We’ll need to have a rethink. I had to sand the patio table as last year I had treated it with Acacia oil. I shall not use that again as it never dried properly and this spring was a real mess when we got it out. Two coats of Danish oil and it looks half way to respectable.

Agapanthus likes to live with its roots restrained and I have three which have now survived two winters with no help. I think it might be time to give them a little more space as a reward for making it thus far. They must have filled their pots by now. Looking out of the porch window I can see buds on the cotoneaster horizontalis. Once again it has grown too big and will have to be curtailed, but I can see the little pink buds forming. In a week or two it will be alive with flying creatures and I shall hear it as I walk past. Amazing!

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

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This month, following our celebrations for the King's Coronation the children have been learning about life cycles. We have some pet caterpillars which the children are taking great care of, checking them daily to see how much they have grown and learning how they turn into butterflies. They have really enjoyed reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar story.

We have been developing our counting skills as they count the different fruits. We tasted the different fruits to help us learn how to describe

things and we have been learning to identify the different colours.

Some of the children in Sunshine's have taken part in a talk boost programme run by Joanne. They really enjoyed meeting Tiggy the lion who has helped them to develop good listening skills. The children are eager to take part in the different activities set each week and look forward to receiving the next book to share at home.



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Seeds Sown For Next Season

Young footballers have sown the seeds for a new full-sized pitch on Hawes Community Fields. Hawes United Under 12s have been playing 9-a-side football this season, but from September they will graduate to 11-a-side – and for that a bigger playing area was needed.

Last year the charity which manages the Community Fields bought land to enlarge the ‘Big Field’ and last month 141 tonnes of soil were brought in to create a level playing surface, with another 200 tonnes moved from the bunds around the tarmac area in the middle field.



Hawes Juniors sow seeds for next season

It’s the final piece in the jigsaw of a four-year, £130,000 ‘Improving Facilities Project’, which has seen the creation of a mini-pavilion called the Johnny Walker Laithe as well as the Match Hatch for serving refreshments.

Hawes Community Fields already has one pitch, which is the home of Hawes United men, but it can drain poorly, limiting its use during winter, and it is some distance from the roadside pavilion.

Hawes United Juniors Under-12s captain, Adam Whaley, speaking after their last match of the season on Saturday against a talented Spennithorne team, said: “I really like football and I’ve always wanted to play for a football team. It’s very, very good that we have a full-sized pitch to play on next season.”

Team mate George Bland added: “It’ll be a

better ground to play on when it’s all finished. It’s been right handy for people to get something to eat and watch a game this season. You feel good about yourself when you’re playing.”

Hawes United Juniors Chairman Nick Prince said: “Next year will be the first time Hawes United Juniors will have had enough players to run an 11-a-side team since the club got going again in 2017. The new pitch helps make all this possible. Big thanks to local contractor Peter Iveson who undertook the ground works and to everyone else who has supported our fundraising.”

Hawes Community Fields is run by the Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreational Association. The charity encourages use of fields for all sports as well as for recreation, such as youth club and biking activities and the annual bonfire night.

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What a wonderful concert season our 75th has been; we do hope you enjoyed it. All good things come to an end, but watch out for an announcement about our exciting next season over the summer.

In the meantime, don't miss this superb Swaledale Festival concert featuring Richmond-based star performer Susanna Pell - The Herschel Players with Julia Doyle: Cantates Françaises on **Friday, June 9th, 7.30pm to 9.30pm**, at St Andrew's Church, Grinton.

The world class Baroque ensemble, with special guest soprano Julia Doyle, performs a programme of French works by Couperin, Rameau, Monteclair, Marais and Clerambault.

For further information and tickets visit <https://www.swalefest.org/Whats-On/Programme/EventId/5510/e/the-herschel-players-with-julia-doyle-cantates-francoises-9-jun-2023>.

And there's another outstanding concert to note - Devastation, Romance and Hope on **Saturday, July 8th at 7.30pm**, at the Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond.

Philippa Mo, described as "an international sensation" (Weekender), and Albert Lau, a Steinway Artist, have both given memorable solo recitals at The Georgian Theatre Royal. They now join forces for the first time in a virtuoso and highly charged programme which includes, Edward Elgar - Violin Sonata in E minor Op.82, Ottorino Respighi - Violin Sonata in B minor and some delightful salon pieces of the same era.

Further information and tickets visit https://georgiantheatroyal.savoyssystems.co.uk/GeorgianTheatreRoyal.dll/Booking?Booking=TSelectItems.waSelectItemsPrompt.TcsWebMenuItem_0.TcsWebTab_0.TcsPerformance_1369103.TcsSection_1012284.



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We are writing this looking out at glorious sunshine and our pupils thoroughly enjoying the rounders and cricket seasons being here again! We are having a wonderful time being involved with a variety of cluster sports competitions, we narrowly won the clusters rounders by half a rounder!

Our Swallows (Y2) and Kingfishers (Y3) have enjoyed their history trips to The Dales Countryside Museum. The Swallows were lead miners for the day and the Kingfishers enjoyed embedding their learning about Anglo Saxons.



As mentioned last month, our KS2 are busy practising their brass instruments in preparation for playing at our leavers' service, **Friday, July 21st** in St Oswalds, Askrigg. This will be their first concert!

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June and July always give us a brilliant opportunity to do much of our learning outside of the classroom. With geography and history trips planned up and down the Dale, including our Y1's walking up Addleborough!

We also have a very exciting trip to Bradford where our pupils will visit a Mosque, Hindu Temple and the Bombay Stores, this will be an amazing experience. We are so thankful for our PTFA whose fundraising efforts are amazing. Keep an eye out in July's edition for a report from our pupils on this trip.



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To help bridge the gap in access to Health and Social Care, the Upper Dales Community Partnership, The Little White Bus, and A Good Life project have introduced The Little White Car. This is a 6-month project to examine the viability of a community healthcare car in Upper Wensleydale.

This service is open to any eligible resident who lives between Garsdale Station, Hawes, Aysgarth, West Burton and the surrounding villages. The goal is to provide affordable transport to allow easy access to medical and social care appointments, not currently served by public transport or other viable patient transport services.

The service will run on weekdays between **8.30am and 6.00pm** and the car will be driven by trained volunteers. The car can take patients to medical appointments at hospitals in Richmond, Northallerton, Middlesbrough, and some hospitals in Cumbria too. Transport to other social care appointments can be arranged on discussion too.

There will be a charge for each journey, but passengers receiving certain qualifying benefits may be able to travel for free, or reduced cost. Return Prices are as follows from any location served by The Little White Car:

Friary, Richmond - £15

Friarage, Northallerton - £25

James Cook, Middlesbrough - £35

The project launched on April 25th, and bookings and enquiries can be made by calling **01969 667400**. Little White Car needs 7 days' notice to arrange any booking. All bookings will be run on a first come, first served basis.

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Other highlights in May were the two one act plays by LADS, as always very enjoyable, one a compassionate drama about dogs which brought a tear to the eye of the sentimental and the second a very funny look at the problems of an amateur dramatic group. As this newsletter is written, tickets are selling well for our live

music, Alex Hamilton, so I hope you have already bought yours!

Forthcoming films and events to look forward to are a free Fun Dance session on **Thursday, June 22nd** and the Whitney Houston film 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody' on **Friday, June 23rd**, both part of the Wensleydale Community Arts Festival. We also have another opportunity to see 'Fleabag' and live music from Matt Jones-Green on **Saturday, July 8th**.

More information can be seen on our website. If you wish to receive our newsletters recording progress on the Leyburn & District Community Shed, contact us to be put on the email distribution list.

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Our next concert is on **Friday, June 23rd** at **7.30pm** and features the Fitzwilliam String Quartet playing music by Brahms, Tchaikovsky and Beethoven. The Fitzwilliam Quartet has a



long and illustrious history, having performed around the world to great acclaim. The quartet has been in continuous existence for 54 years and became famous early

in their career for their close association with the composers Dmitri Shostakovich and Benjamin Britten.

This concert is being performed in memory of Thornton Rust resident Michael Parr (with thanks to his widow Christine for her generous

sponsorship). Michael was one of our regular and most enthusiastic audience members and is greatly missed.

Saturday, July 8th - Ivana Gavric, piano - Ivana is performing music by Janáček, Grieg, Rachmaninoff and works written for her by Cheryl Frances-Hoad.

Saturday, July 22nd - Pixels Ensemble - Piano, violin and cello - Piano trios by Schubert, Mendelssohn and Schumann.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call **Carol Haynes or Elizabeth Sowter** on **01969 663026**. Telephone ticket sales are handled by Ticketsource on **0333 666 3366** (see the website for details of postal and online sales). Tickets: £15 or £1 (for under 18s and full-time students).

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June

- Until 10th Swaledale Festival. Various events. See p.10.
- 2 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 10 Bainbridge WI Recycling Craft Session. Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. 10.00am. See p.7.
- 10 Treasure Hunt. Newbiggin. 6.00pm. See p.29.
- 10 BBQ. Thoraby. 7.00pm. See p.29.
- 12 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.7.
- 16 u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.26.
- 18 Songs of Praise. Hawes Junction Chapel. 2.30pm. See p.30.
- 20 Hawes Amateur Operatics Society AGM. Hawes Market House. 7.00pm.
- 21 - 25 Wensleydale Community Arts Festival. Various events. See p.23.
- 21 Penhill Ladies Meeting. Carperby Village Institute. 7.30pm. See p.4.
- 22 Fun Dance Session. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.18 and 23.
- 23 Fitzwilliam String Quartet concert. St Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30p. See p.19.
- 25 Carperby Open Gardens. 11.00am. See p.29.
- 29 Hoth Brothers Band Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p.32.

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Our latest exhibition, **Within These Walls – Hay time in the Yorkshire Dales (until September 17th)** is now open. At our Meet the Artist event visitors chatted with artist and printmaker Hester Cox and we were particularly thrilled that Mr and Mrs Marley from Ireland were able to come along. They have shared photos of their ancestors and other Irish workers from Glenhest, who travelled to work in the Dales at hay time until the middle of the last century. The exhibition celebrates the history of hay time and Hester's stunning installation, beautiful lino cuts and collagraph work reflect her passion for these important hay meadow habitats. Visitors are enjoying listening to the oral history clips of local people talking about hay time and seeing the archives and artefacts linked with hay time activity. Look out for our meadow events including a lino cut workshop with Hester.



Our volunteer team have been adding features, games and play prompts to the outdoor trail and have also created a small meadow area on the platform which will complement our hay time exhibition. Tees-Swale Community Engagement trainee, Hermione, has added activities which helped families connect with nature and celebrate National Bee Day on May 20th.

The Dialect and Heritage 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 at <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/>

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 and are adding more activities round the museum and the outdoor trail. Events are listed below, but keep an eye on our website! www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk and Facebook page.

Local school children have been creating their own wild creatures from recycled materials and we also held a family activity day – a very wet one as it turned out! - as part of our Wild Escape – Wonderfully Wild Dales. You can have a go too. Come along and draw your own creature, inspired by animals you can see at the Museum in our displays and on objects, and submit it for inclusion in the National Wild Escape Picture being created by the Art Fund.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

In May we explored Askrigg in the 1900s through the 1901 census. In June we will be taking part in a survey at Hudswell Village. We meet once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00 to Noon**. Please call **01969 666210** if you'd like to join in or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk Young people age 8 – 17 are welcome to come along to try a session.

What's on in June..

Events are included in Museum admission unless otherwise stated

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, take them for a walk along the lake and after a lovely lunch back at the Museum, make your own felt picture using fleece and alpaca fibre. Materials and light lunch included. £50. Booking essential.

Flora and Fauna Walk

Tuesday, June 6th. 11.30am – 3.00pm.

Join Dales Volunteers for a 4 mile walk from the Museum exploring plants, waterfalls and (fingers crossed) red squirrels. £5.

Make Your Own Nuno Felt Scarf

Sunday, June 11th. 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

Using the Dales landscape as inspiration for this afternoon workshop. You will create a silk and wool scarf using wet felting and nuno felting processes. All materials included in the cost of the workshop. £50.

Dementia and Family History Talk

Sunday, June 18th. 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

Judy Rhodes explores meaningful memories in her talk on dementia and family history. £5

Hawes Town Trail

Tuesday, June 20th. 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

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

Local and Family History Talk

Sunday, July 9th. 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

Talk by Judy Rhodes exploring how local and family history go hand in hand. £5.

Woolly Wander Experience

Thursday, July 13th. 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Visit the Alpacas at Semerwater, take them for a walk along the lake and after a lovely lunch back at the Museum, make your own felt picture using fleece and alpaca fibre. Materials and light lunch included. £50. Booking essential.

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Blueboxt – June Update

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival

Leyburn will be the focal point for the first Wensleydale Community Arts Festival which takes place from **Wednesday 21st to Sunday, June 25th**.

Full details are available on our website www.wensleydale.org or pick up a printed programme in town. Entry is FREE (with a suggested donation to help defray costs). Refreshments will be available at the main venues. If you are interested in performing, demonstrating and sharing your skills, or volunteering during the festival celebrations you can email us on info@wensleydale.org or contact **Judith Clark on 07882 331421** or **Colin Bailey on 07711 211169**. Here is just a snapshot of the many events and performances taking place.

Music and Drama – St. Matthew’s Church

The festival opens on **Wednesday, June 21st** with a Make Music Day celebration concert at St. Matthews Church (**7.00pm**) with performances from Liffy, Wensleydale School and the Colin Bailey Band. **Thursday 22nd** features performances from Spennithorne and Middleham Primary School (**2.00pm**) and an early evening concert opens with Kim Ralls (**6.00pm**). **Friday, June 23rd** performances include Patrick Green (**5.45pm**), Elizabeth Carter and Michael Yare (**6.30pm**) and an evening with the Richmond Hillbillies (**7.30pm**).

Saturday, June 24th is our Family Fun Day (**from noon**) when we hope the weather will be kind and allow us to be outdoors in the grounds of St. Matthews with a range of activities and fund-raising stalls (indoors if wet). Take part in a Teddy bear’s picnic or enjoy Strawberries and Cream while listening to Leyburn Band (**3.30pm**). Evening performances include ‘Whispering Strings’ with The Richmond Quartet (**6.30pm**), Wendy Arrowsmith (**7.00pm**), Drama with LADS (Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society, **7.30pm**), and

BlueBoxt young performers with Colin Bailey and Michael Yare end the evening with popular music (**8.30pm**). The Dales Pop Choir bring our Festival to a close with an afternoon concert on **Sunday, June 25th at 2.00pm**.

Dance and Cinema – Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

There will be a Fun Dance on **Thursday, June 22nd (6.30pm)** where you can take part in participatory dances such as line dancing, country dancing or just relax and enjoy a sequence dance demonstration.

Film Night on **Friday, June 23rd (6.00pm)** will show ‘I Wanna Dance With Somebody’ - celebrating the life and music of Whitney Houston. (Usual cinema charges apply £6 | £5 for seniors). On **Saturday, June 24th**, Dales Dance will present an afternoon of Maypole Dancing in the Community Garden (indoors if wet).

Poetry, Talks, Storytelling and Exhibitions – Leyburn Methodist Church and Hall, Leyburn Library and Wonky Tree Bookshop.

The exhibition of local Art, Photography and Crafts will be open **10.00am – 4.00pm on Friday, June 23rd and Saturday 24th, and 2.00pm – 4.00pm on Sunday, June 25th**. On Friday morning pop in for a cuppa and a chat and a special treat - Organists Ruth Biker and Geoff Hirst will be playing a selection of their favourite pieces.

In the afternoon there will be story time with the Wonky Tree Bookshop (**2.00pm**) and poetry and prose with Donovan Leaman (**3.00pm**). On **Saturday 24th**, it’s Storytime at the Library (**10.30am**), Poetry with Patrick Green (Wonky Tree, **2.30pm**), talks and demonstrations including local Artists Lynn Ward and Maxine Ahmed.

Colouring and Writing Competition

Information about our competition has been circulated to local primary schools and is available on the website (closing date **Monday, June 19th**). Entries will be on display in St. Matthew’s and the winners will be announced on **Saturday, June 24th** at the Family Fun Day. See www.wensleydale.org.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the initiative and given their time so far. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the Arts in our local communities.



Partnerships – The Way Forward For Upper Dales Community Land Trust

The former Methodist Chapel in Bainbridge recently hosted a significant gathering of people who will all play an essential role in the Upper Dales Community Land Trust's ongoing journey towards the creation of affordable housing for local people living and working in the remote Upper Dales.

Back in 2022, the volunteer-led Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) were delighted when they were awarded funding in excess of £340,000 from the then Richmondshire District Council. This funding enabled them to buy the former Methodist Chapel in Bainbridge for a planned conversion into two 2-bedroomed affordable housing units.

However, although they now had a property they still required additional financial support to complete the renovations, and they were short of specific housing expertise to manage the ongoing build and maintenance of their project.

Happily, they were introduced to North Star - a north-east based housing association whose purpose is to provide affordable housing, invest in their communities and develop new homes across the Tees Valley, North Yorkshire and County Durham. North Star had been looking to extend their housing network into this remote part of the Yorkshire Dales, and so were very pleased to find out about the premises the UDCLT had already purchased at Bainbridge, and the Trust's ongoing build ambitions.

As a small community land trust, the UDCLT isn't a registered housing provider and therefore is not able to apply directly for financial support from Homes England, the non-departmental public body that funds new affordable housing in England. However North Star is a registered provider and they were able to approach Homes England on behalf of the Trust. All involved were thrilled when Homes England confirmed they were awarding a grant towards the Bainbridge project.

Hence the recent gathering - Stephen Stubbs, Chair of the UDCLT, North Star's Sarah Fawcett (Head of Development) and Richard Panter, Growth Manager at Homes England, along with volunteers from the Trust - all came together to celebrate new partnerships and to see the former Chapel prior to its transformation.

At the meeting Sarah explained her organisation's role in this project: "The heart of North Star is very much about working in communities and not imposing ourselves upon them. We just felt that this was an opportunity for us to partner with an organisation in a rural area we've not currently got a connection with. There's obviously a housing need, and the UDCLT has skills, expertise, passion and interest; it feels like this could be the start of a partnership relationship that we'd love to explore to meet additional housing needs in the area."

Homes England's Richard Panter, who was keen to see the building and community 'before' the works start, confirmed the importance of alliances: "When North Star and the UDCLT teamed up it was a beautiful moment. We rely on organisations such as North Star to hear about opportunities for us to provide financial awards in areas where we've not to date been able to reach. This project involves a community land trust promoting community-led rural housing, and in a location where we know we haven't delivered a lot. We also know there's very high need and big affordability issues."

Richard went on: "The fact that the local authority had already invested in terms of the land means there's real commitment and real partnership there and it looks like a deliverable scheme; lots of heavy lifting had been done before I got involved and North Star brought it to us."

Sarah agreed: "It's extremely helpful that HE can provide financial support and I think it's been exceptionally helpful that Richmondshire District Council have been so supportive financially because these things are expensive to do. North Star is prepared to put money and expertise into these projects, but we do need other people to contribute to the costs as well."



Richard Panter (Homes England), Stephen Stubbs (UDCLT Chair), Sarah Fawcett (North Star) outside the chapel

Stephen Stubbs summed up what these alliances mean for the UDCLT: "The Trust volunteers all have jobs so we don't have the capacity to organise the build of these properties and then manage them in the long term. We do have in-depth knowledge of the rural communities and insight into the area's affordable housing need so we see ourselves as facilitating the creation of affordable housing in these deeply rural areas by teaming up with partners such as RDC, North Star and Homes England."

The Trust is hoping that building work on the Chapel will commence this Autumn. The UDCLT has a number of future affordable housing projects in the pipeline. Anyone wanting more information or interested in supporting the UDCLT should email UDCLTrust@gmail.com or visit www.udclt.co.uk.

News From Bainbridge Vets

We are encouraging clients to sign up to the government health and welfare pathways for farm animals if they haven't done so already.

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The principles of nature positive verge management are simple. Cut verges or other village grassland no later than April and clear cuttings away to prevent the build-up of thatch, which increases soil nitrogen levels and can



encourage docks, nettles and thistles to take hold. Do not cut the grass between May and August (inclusive) to allow plants to flower and set seed. If cutting

can't be avoided, consider mowing paths or narrow edge strips but leave some areas uncut as a wildlife refuge. This can also help to address concerns about untidiness and safety. Remove invasive weeds (nettles, thistles, docks) by chopping down/uprooting, not spraying. Do a second cut in September, clearing all cuttings away. In other words, cut less, cut later, takeaway!

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Do let us know if we inspire a change of approach, and please send any photos of any botanically rich verges and grassland you encourage!

For all questions, comments and feedback email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Leyburn & District u3a Group

The next meeting is on **Friday, June 16th** called Richmond Snippets given by Jane Hatcher.

Doors open at **10.00am** at the Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn.

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 850471** or email susiemellish@gmail.com.

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... For our refurbishment project - hoorah! May saw the new kitchens finished off along with all the decorating - it's been a bit smelly! The trickiest bit by far for everyone living and working here, is the replacement of all the flooring and that is about to begin. However, once we have survived all that upheaval we will be rewarded with the new furniture and soft furnishings, which we are really looking forward to. Meanwhile, the car park is about to undergo its own much-needed refreshment and installation of electric car charging points (which will be available for public use). Assuming all this goes to plan, we hope to have an official re-launch in July so that everyone can come and see the wonderful facilities.

We began May with a Tea Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Unfortunately, our new cinema wasn't quite ready in time to use the big screen, but nevertheless we enjoyed watching proceedings on our old TV and then followed that with tea and a toast to the new King. Karen took the opportunity to gather residents' memories of the last Coronation in 1953 which proved interesting. Finding someone who had a television to watch it on seemed the most remembered thing!

Now that the weather has improved and we have been able to enjoy the sunshine and a bit of warmth, things are hotting up in the greenhouse - literally! Brian and Doreen have been busy tidying it up and have now planted their fledgling plants ready for the growing season. Apparently, there is no element of competition but it will still be interesting to see who reaps the biggest crops!! We are looking forward to the fruits of their labours.

Meanwhile, we have a wonderful group of ladies who have now adopted their own piece of the gardens and have been busy weeding and tending to the plants. It is fabulous to see the

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improvements and also lovely that they can get out and enjoy the grounds when the weather is good. When the car park is finished, we hope to purchase some new garden furniture to be able to make better use of this outside space, so we need the good weather to continue for a while yet!

Our regular weekly activities continue and we would love you to come and join us for any of these. More details can be obtained from **Nicky Cooper**, Housing Manager, on **0370-102-4055**.

Don't forget too that we have a range of facilities open to the local community. These include 'Mabel & Maisy's Mini Emporium' for gifts, toiletries etc; Sycamore Country Store for your everyday groceries etc. and treats; Sonja's Hair Salon; Sycamore Restaurant; North Yorkshire Library and the Post Office.

Please come and visit us and make use of our community facilities. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Wensleydale Explorer bus 855 will provide improved connections with trains on the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle line at Garsdale, as well as links to and from villages down the dale as far as Castle Bolton. It will run **every Sunday until October 22nd** between Garsdale Station, Hawes, Bainbridge, Askrigg, Carperby and Castle Bolton, as follows:

From Hawes Market Place to Garsdale Station at **10.10am, 4.00pm, 5.30pm and 6.10pm.**

From Garsdale Station to Hawes at **10.45am, 4.30pm, 5.55pm and 6.35pm.**

From Hawes Dales Museum to Castle Bolton at **11.10am and 2.50pm.**

From Castle Bolton to Hawes at **11.40am and 3.30pm.**

Wensleydale Explorer 855 will be operated by Little White Bus as part of the DalesBus network managed by Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company with financial support from Upper Dales Community Partnership, the Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line, Bolton Castle, Friends of the Dales and other local supporters.

Northern DalesBus 832 will again provide a Summer Sunday service to Ribbleshead, Ingletton and Kirkby Lonsdale. It will run every **Sunday until October 22nd**, and also on **August Bank Holiday Monday**, leaving Hawes Market Hall at **12.35pm**, and returning from Kirkby Lonsdale Booths at **3.30pm**. This service is operated by Arriva North East, with support from Friends of the Dales and the Jack Brunton Charitable Trust.

There's no need to book to travel on these services, so you can simply turn up and go. Local bus fares are capped at just £2 for each journey all summer as part of a national initiative which includes these Sunday buses. Concessionary bus passes are valid for free travel on Wensleydale Explorer bus 855, but not on Northern DalesBus 832.

Details of local buses are available from Hawes National Park Centre, Hawes Community Office, Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre and at www.dalesbus.org/hawes.

Visiting the Snaizeholme Red Squirrel Trail

The Little White Bus from Hawes Dales Museum to the Red Squirrel Trail at Snaizeholme is now available to book daily throughout the summer. Bookings for this service should be made in advance at: www.littlewhitebus.co.uk/red-squirrels/.

Train news - An extra stopping train at Garsdale station!

An extra Carlisle to Leeds train now stops at Garsdale station at **2.40pm Monday to Saturday** inclusive to pick up and set down passengers. (This train did not stop at Garsdale on the previous timetable).

Printed copies of the full 7 day rail timetable and the Hawes to Garsdale shuttle bus to the station are available in Hawes at the Community Office and Dales Countryside Museum, and also elsewhere in Upper Wensleydale. See www.northernrailway.co.uk for online train times (Route N7).

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Mystery Picture

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Bow Bridge

Last month's Mystery Picture, Bow Bridge over Grange Gill Beck is a grade II listed building. An extract from the English Heritage Inspectors report said:

"Bow Bridge is thought to date to the 13th century and was built to service the

Wensleydale estates of Jervaulx Abbey. The bridge is located north east of the presumed site of Fors Abbey which was the original foundation before the monks moved it to Jervaulx in 1156.

The site of Fors Abbey was occupied after by a grange of Jervaulx known to have existed until the mid-16th century. The bridge provided access from the grange to the extensive Jervaulx estates in upper Wensleydale and also lay on a significant medieval route carrying traffic along the northern side of Wensleydale and over the Dales to the west. It continued to serve as part of the road network through the post-medieval period and in the late 18th century was widened on the southern side in order to carry the Richmond to Lancaster turnpike. The bridge was replaced in 1899 by a new bridge built thirty metres downstream when the road was widened and straightened."

"Bow Bridge is a good example of a surviving medieval pack horse bridge which retains a range of structural features. Its importance is emphasised by the historic link with the Jervaulx Abbey estates and by its later widening as part of the 18th century turnpike network.

Taken as whole the bridge makes a significant contribution to the study of transport and communications in the Yorkshire Dales in the medieval and post-medieval periods."



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Thorlby WI

On Tuesday, May 16th, Thorlby WI were given a talk by Ian Clare titled “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”. He is one of many volunteers for the North Yorkshire Rotters who support the Waste Resource Action Programme (WRAP).

They give advice on how to reduce household waste which will also combat climate change. Some of the advice included planning a weekly menu and shopping only for the items you need, measure food portions accurately, freeze food that is still 24 hours before the “use by” date rather than throw it away, home composting and how to avoid clothes waste. Useful websites included www.loveyourclothes.org.uk, www.recycle-now.com, www.lovefoodhatwaste.com and www.recycleourelectrical.org.uk.

At the end of the talk members were encouraged to have a look at the many leaflets and ideas that were displayed e.g. food measures, compost bin special offers by North Yorkshire Council, and recipes.

We have local fashion shows and treasure hunts to look forward to over the next few weeks.

Events in Reeth Memorial Hall

Thursday, June 29th – The Hoth Brothers Band - Don't let the name fool you! This US band are Boris McCutcheon, Bard Edrington V and Sarah Ferrell, on vocals, guitar, banjo and mandolin. 2020 New Mexico Music awards ‘Best of the year.’ Tickets £15 (£17 door)

Friday, July 28th – Tom Leary and Eric Sedge - North-east virtuoso fiddler, Tom, has played with Lindisfarne and Feast of Fiddles. He is a member of the Gary Fletcher Band, Silverblues and The Joe Brown band.

Singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist Eric found success with The Broadside Boys and more recently launched his solo career, including playing at Cropredy. Tickets £15 (£17 door).

Tickets are available from Reeth P.O. or phone **John Little (01748 884759)** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk.

Tickets are half price for under 16s. Doors open **7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.**

Hawes In Bloom

The delivery of the usual bedding plants is scheduled to take place at the end of May (as normal) and the Hawes In Bloom team will be placing containers around town during the following days.

This year there will also be more of the large permanent planters augmenting those we placed last year for the first time. We have been fortunate to obtain some additional funding for these from the Locality Budget. Our Parish Council have also once again supported our scheme as have other local clubs and organisations.

I am really pleased with the many positive comments that I have received regarding the first lot of large all year-round planters.

Once again, I would like to thank my cheerful band of volunteers and hope that everyone enjoys our continuing efforts.

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Afoot in Two Dales Challenge Walk

The Irregulars is a local group within the Long Distance Walkers Association (LDWA) for people with the common interest of walking long distances in rural, mountainous or moorland areas.

The group is currently organising a 50 mile/5,500ft circuit of the Yorkshire Dales for experienced walkers and runners, entitled Afoot In Two Dales (AKA The Yorkshire 50), to be held over the weekend of **July 15th and 16th**. This is a circular walk on footpaths, bridleways and quiet roads through Swaledale and Wensleydale offering some of the best walking that the Yorkshire countryside has to offer.

After starting at Harmby Village Hall, participants make their way to checkpoints at Castle Bolton, Haverdale, Muker, Hardraw, Bainbridge, Thoraby and The Gallops, where they are given refreshments, eventually

returning to Harmby for a cooked meal. They will be setting off from Harmby at **8.30am on Saturday, July 15th** and have 22 hours to complete the route.

We charge an entry fee to cover the cost of e.g. hiring several village halls, provision of food and drink, transportation for anyone dropping out through injury or fatigue and first aid at the finish. After the event our intention is to use any surplus funds to make a donation to the Swaledale Mountain Rescue as we did last year. We anticipate around 150 people entering the event and over 100 have already signed up.

The event is held with kind permission of the walk's originator Jill King, and the Cleveland LDWA Group, and is available as an 'Anytime Challenge' walk that could be completed over two to three days.

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